

The Town Crier

Fall 2023



From the Desk of the Clerk



OFFICE HOURS
Tuesdays 6-8 pm
1st & 3rd Saturdays 9-11 am
By appointment and anytime you find our office staff in the office. We are here for you!

Selectboard meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise posted. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend! The next meeting will be on November 28th @ 6:00 pm

Minutes to meetings can be found on our web-site at www.osbornmaine.org and posted at the town office for public viewing.

Dog registration is now open. You may come to the town office to register your furry friend(s) or on-line at Maine.gov. The yearly renewal deadline is December 31st. After January 31st, a \$25.00 penalty per dog will be imposed, in addition to the renewal fee.



Dumpster Mania! Citizens of Osborn!

It seems that everyone loves our refuse storage device aka dumpster(s)! We continue to have numerous instances of massive overfilling. A reminder: The dumpster(s) are provided for the use of our Spectacle Pond campers and residents ONLY, as they do not have the luxury of road side pick-up. Route 179 residents are requested to set their trash road side every Friday morning for individual pick-up. Harris Disposal would also like us to pass along that construction debris and out of town trash is not included in our dumpster or road side pick-up contracts.

Your Selectboard and John Harris thanks you for your cooperation.

NOTICE: The dumpster is posted Osborn residents only and the dumpster(s) is monitored by camera.

Downeast Community Partners

At Home Support for Aging in Place
Breakthrough Youth
Care Fund
Child Care
Early Head Start
Elder Services Navigator
Everybody Eats!
Family Development Accounts
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Fuel Assistance
Head Start
Helping Hands Garage
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Maternal and Child Health
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Weatherization
Whole Family Coaching

Here when you need us.



You can call us at 207-664-2424
Stop in at 248 Bucksport Road Ellsworth, ME 04605



Check out our website at
www.downeastcommunitypartners.org



Happy Fall everyone from your Volunteer Fire Department. We would like to take this opportunity to share some tips on how to avoid a house or barn fire.

First tip: make sure your chimney is clean. Have it professionally cleaned and inspected yearly or do it yourself (if you have the equipment). If you are burning wood also regularly use a product designed to help prevent creosote buildup.

Second tip: Extension cord

- Inspect the cord for damage, if it is frayed or damaged in any way do not use.
- Never remove the grounding pin in an attempt to use a 3 prong cord in a two prong outlet.
- Do not plug multiple appliances into one cord.
- Never use indoor extension cords outdoors
- Don't overload a power strip or plug multiple cords together.
- Don't run extension cords under rugs or furniture.
- Never tape extension cords to floors or attach them to surfaces with staples or nails.
- Don't bend or coil cords when in use.
- Do not use extension cords with space heaters.
- Keep children and pets away from plugged in cords. If you have young children in the house you can cover unused outlets with childproof covers.
- Stop using cords that feel hot to the touch.
- Make sure that the cord you choose is heavy duty enough for the application.

Third tip: Make sure you check fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. Replace smoke detector batteries once or twice a year unless you have a ten year smoke alarm.

Last tip: Be careful with Christmas tree lights.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and stay safe.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT
FAIR
DECEMBER 2, 2023**


AIRLINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
GREAT POND RD. AURORA
9: AM TILL 2: PM

FOOD TABLE AND LUNCH AVAILABLE

VENDOR TABLES STILL AVAILABLE
CALL 584-5642



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**The 8th Grade Christmas Basket
Is getting full !**

**Buy your tickets today to enter to win a basket of
"goodies" totaling over \$200!!!**

**Tickets go on sale next week, November 6th
\$10 per ticket -or- 3 for \$20
Drawing December 14th!!!**

Items donated to date include:

- Gift certificate to the Amherst General Store for 1-large pizza with 2 toppings.
- Christmas Tree donated by the Christmas Tree Farm
- Christmas Wreath and Centerpiece from Kenona Farms
- Two pair of Alpaca socks from the Peruvian Link
- \$75 Gift Card to the Rock and Art Shop
- Holiday Cards created by local artist, Joni Archer
- Package of hand crafted specialty sausages from Hoof and Hammer Farm
- Custom created spices from Gryffon Ridge Spices
- Gift Certificate from Bar Harbor Cellars - Winery
- Fleece blanket from Whistle Pig Farm
- Plush stuffed animal

More items are being donated weekly!

Firewood Fact Sheet

Firewood must be sold in either a Standard Cord, Cubic Foot, or Loose Thrown Cord as stated in 10 MRSA § 2302: Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings: [1973, c. 91, § 1 (rpr).]

1. Cord;

A. A standard cord is a unit of measure of wood products 4 feet wide, 4 feet high and 8 feet long, or its equivalent, containing 128 cubic feet when the wood is ranked and well stowed. Any voids that will accommodate a stick, log or bolt of average dimensions to those in that pile shall be deducted from the measured volume. [1979, c. 659, § 1 (rpr).]

A-2. Fuel wood, when sold loose and not ranked and well stowed, shall be sold by the cubic foot or loose cord, unless other arrangements are made between the buyer and seller. When sold by the loose cord, the wood in any cord shall average either 12 inches, 16 inches or 24 inches in length. When so sold, the volume of the cords shall be: A cord of 12 or 16 inches in length shall mean the amount of wood, bark and air contained in a space of 180 cubic feet; and a cord of wood 24 inches in length shall mean the amount of wood, bark and air contained in a space of 195 cubic feet. [1981, c. 219 (amd).]

When firewood is delivered it must be accompanied by a delivery ticket stating the following information as required in 10 MRSA § 2624: Sale from bulk

Whenever the quantity is determined by the seller, bulk sales in excess of \$20 and all bulk deliveries of heating fuel shall be accompanied by a delivery ticket containing the following information: [1973, c. 91, § 10 (new).]

1. Name and address. The name and address of the vendor and purchaser; [1973, c. 91, § 10 (new).]

2. Date. The date delivered; [1973, c. 91, § 10 (new).]

3. Quantity. The quantity delivered and the quantity upon which the price is based, if this differs from the delivered quantity; [1973, c. 91, § 10 (new).] * see note

4. Identity. The identity in the most descriptive terms commercially practicable, including any quality representation made in connection with the sale; [1973, c. 91, § 10 (new).]

- *note: The delivery ticket must always indicate when fuel wood is sold by the loose thrown cord.*

If you believe you have not received the correct measure when purchasing firewood please contact:

Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Division of Quality Assurance and Regulations

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