

The Town Crier

Town of Osborn - Winter 2025



Every Tuesday 6-8 PM
1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month.
Stop in anytime you see someone in
the office, or call to make an
appointment. We are here for you!

Let's Talk



Trash

As our contract comes to end with Harris Disposal, Union River Solid Waste has entered into a new contract with Cassella Waste Systems. Starting on **Monday, February 3rd**, the new route will start at the Amherst/Clifton line and proceed from there. Cassella will only collect from the **RIGHT SIDE** of the truck. If your home or garbage is on their left, they will pick it up after they turn and start back, only collecting from their **RIGHT SIDE**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the town office.

Nomination papers for the positions of Selectboard Member, School Board Member, School Trustee Member, and Building Committee member will be available starting March 3rd and will be due to the clerk by April 11th. All positions are a 3 year term. Town election will be held on June 10th. Town meeting will be on June 11th.



is your dog licensed?



Your 2024 dog license is now expired. Late fees for dog licensing starts on February 1st. If your dog is unlicensed, you must come into the office by Jan 31st to avoid a late fee, as licensing is not available on-line after December 31.



Remember!

2nd half of 2024 property tax bills are due on March 15th. 2025 tax bills will be out in late August. Homestead Exemption applications and other exemption forms are due by April 1st and can be picked up at the town office or found on-line at:
<https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-relief-programs/property-tax-exemptions>



Selectboard Meeting – January 28th @ 6:00
School Board Meetings – January 29th, February 26th, March 26th, April 30th, and May 28th @ 6:30 pm
Lunch – 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
Budget Meetings start in February. Meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend and become involved.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1.) Which US President was a huge fan of hot chocolate?
- 2.) What animal freezes solid in the winter, and then thaws when it warms back up?
- 3.) How much warmer can the inside of an igloo be compared to the outside air?



What's the most popular breakfast in winter?
Frosted Flakes!

What do trees say after a very long winter? That's a re-leaf.



Maine Crisis Hot line: 1-888-568-1112 Child Abuse: 1-800-452-1999 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse: 1-800-624-8404
Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

- 1.) Thomas Jefferson
- 2.) A Wood Frog
- 3.) 70 degrees warmer

Energy Crisis Intervention Program

The Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) provides an \$800 maximum benefit (supplemental to HEAP) with an approved application for fuel, electric, or furnace repair.

Eligibility

- Must be eligible for HEAP
- Household must have:
 - Below 1/4 tank of oil or kerosene
 - 7 days or less supply of wood or wood pellets
 - 25% or below of LP gas
 - Electricity soon to be disconnected

Main Office

248 Bucksport Road
Ellsworth, ME 04605

For a complete listing of DCP program sites, visit our website.



www.downeastcommunitypartners.org

EMBARK



Energy Services

Begin Your Journey to Lifespan Opportunities in Hancock and Washington Counties

Apply for Energy Services Programs

To apply for any Energy Services programs, contact us by phone to schedule an appointment.

Contact Us

207-610-5914

heap@dcpcap.org



We're Here to Help You Stay Warm.

At Downeast Community Partners, we understand the challenges of winter in rural Maine. We know the costs of heating a home and keeping the lights on are high, and we know the winter months are long. We know because we live here, too. As such, DCP's Energy Services exist to provide the essential heating and electricity assistance our neighbors throughout Hancock and Washington counties need. Whatever the cause of your need to contact us, it is our privilege to assist you. And wherever your journey may take you, we're here to help you stay warm.

Home Energy Assistance Program

DCP administers the federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) which pays a portion of home heating costs.

- HEAP eligibility is based on a percentage of federal poverty levels
- Because the income guidelines change yearly, individuals in need of this program must apply each year.

The Heating and Warmth Fund

The Heating And Warmth (THAW) fund is entirely donor-supported and was created to assist Hancock and Washington County residents who are program eligible for emergent heating assistance.

THAW fund recipients receive a 100-gallon delivery of heating fuel or equivalent.

Applicants may apply to receive a THAW fund benefit once per year.

Utility Bill Assistance

Low Income Assistance Program

The Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP) is a one-time electric benefit funded by the utility company.

Eligibility

LIAP applicants must be eligible for HEAP.

Application Process

The LIAP application is completed at the same time as the HEAP application.

Utility Bill Assistance cont.

Arrearage Management Program

The Arrearage Management Program (AMP) helps to pay overdue utility bills.

Eligibility

AMP applicants must:

- Be eligible for HEAP
- Have a utility bill balance more than \$500 and older than 90 days

Application Process

The AMP application is completed at the same time as the HEAP application.

Electric Bill Credit

DCP's Whole Family Coaching Program offers training to HEAP participants, which provides a \$60 electric bill credit per training unit completed, up to \$300.

Eligibility

Applicants must be HEAP participants.

Application Process

Call 207-478-4276 for more information.