

The Town Crier

Town of Osborn-Autumn 2025

Office Hours: Every Tuesday night 6-8 PM
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
And by appointment

Feel free to stop in when you see someone in the office



Upcoming Meetings

School Board Meetings

October 29, 2025

January 28, 2026

Selectboard Meeting

October 28, 2025

All meeting are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend.



State of Maine
Notice of Referendum Election
All Counties except Somerset & Washington
Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Municipality: Town of Osborn Voting District: 1-1
 Voting Place Name: Emery L. Jordan Voting Place Location: 197 Moose Hill Rd
 Polls Open at: 10:00 A.M. Polls Close at: 8:00 P.M.

Election Day Absentee Ballot Processing (check all that apply):
 Processed by: Municipal Clerk (Centrally) Warden (At polls)

Times of Absentee Ballot Processing on Election Day:
 During Election Day (11/4/2025) Processing Time(s): _____
 Only after 8 P.M. on Election Day (11/4/2025)

Questions to be Voted On:
 Question 1: Citizen Initiative
 Question 2: Citizen Initiative

A True Copy
 Attested: Christina M. D. Date: 10/14/25
 (Signature of Municipal Clerk)



- Top 3 reasons to license your dog:**
1. To control/prevent the spread of rabies
 2. More easily identify your dog if lost.
 3. It's Maine State Law

Absentee Ballots are now available at the office
 Have questions regarding the referendum questions,
[MaineCitizensGuide2025.pdf](#)

You may register your dog at the town office between October 15 and December 31. Late fees start February 1, 2026.
 Dogs may be registered on on-line starting 10/15/25
https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/doglicense/index.shtml
 You will need a current rabies certificate.



Caramel Apple Bark Recipe:
https://hips.hearstapps.com/hmg-prod/images/caramel-apple-bark-third-67044d7402283.jpg?crop=1xw:1xh:center,top&resize=980:*

Need help with heat or utilities this winter? Contact Downeast Community Partners to see if you qualify for assistance.

<https://www.downeastcommunitypartners.org/services/house-and-home/info.php/Heating-Assistance-2/>
<https://www.downeastcommunitypartners.org/services/house-and-home/info.php/THAW-Fund-4/>
<https://www.downeastcommunitypartners.org/services/house-and-home/info.php/Utility-Bill-Assistance-5/>

Join us every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:00 for a potluck lunch and bingo at the Emery L. Jordan Community Building!
 The first lunch of the season is on 10/8/25.

How do you fix a broken jack-o-lantern? Use a pumpkin patch
 Why didn't the scarecrow eat dinner? He was already stuffed.
 What do you call a small pepper in late autumn? A little chili.

As of October 2, 2025, the fire danger in Maine is **HIGH across all of the state**. This elevated risk has been in place for several weeks due to persistent dry conditions. The online burn permit system is not issuing permits due to this danger. The Maine Forest Service (MFS) updates the fire danger daily.

Key safety precautions

Because of the ongoing high fire risk, the MFS and Forest Rangers strongly advise the public to take these precautions:

No open burning: The online system for burn permits is offline, and all open burning should be avoided.

•**Call 9-1-1 to report fires:** Report any signs of wildfire or smoke immediately to allow for a quick response.

•**Use caution with outdoor fires:** Be extremely careful with any campfires, as many recent fires have been caused by campfire-related incidents. Always ensure a fire is completely extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving it.

•**Check local regulations:** Before conducting any burning, consult with local fire departments or town wardens about specific municipal regulations.

•**Be aware of sparks:** Take precautions with any equipment or activities that could produce a spark, as forest fuels are still very dry.

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.