

## Woods Hole Sea Grant: Town of Orleans

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### Private Organizations

Town of Orleans: Private Organizations

Friends of Meeting House Pond (The)  
League of Women Voters Cape Cod Area  
Orleans Conservation Trust  
Orleans Historical Society  
Orleans Pond Coalition  
Pleasant Bay Marine Ecology Project

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THE FRIENDS OF MEETING HOUSE POND, INC.

P.O. Box 955  
East Orleans, MA 02643  
PHONE: (508) 240-3426

FAX: Not available.

E-MAIL: Not available.

WWW: Not available.

CONTACTS:

Paul Niles, Chair  
Thomas Dewing, Clerk

HOURS: No office hours.

A non-profit association of persons who share common concerns for Meeting House Pond and The River linking it to Pleasant Bay. Now in its 14th year, the association remains committed to protecting, preserving, and improving the Pond. The association offers two annual meetings for the public and an annual regatta for paddle craft and small sailing vessels.

PUBLICATIONS: Newsletter (twice a year) for members and interested persons.

OTHER INFORMATION: Annual membership: \$20 Family, \$10 Individual. Over 300 current members.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: In cooperation with the Orleans Water Quality Task Force, the Friends support a Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program for assessing the condition of Orleans marine waters throughout the year. The association has underwritten the operation of the Orleans-Eastham marine water quality laboratory. Annual regatta or "small boat program" (early summer).

KEYWORDS: Boating, Coastal Management and Planning, Coastal Ponds, Coastal Recreation, Commercial Fisheries, Conservation, Education Services For General Public, Educational and Continuing Education For Adults, Legislation, Public, Recreational Fisheries, Regatta, Regulatory Enforcement and Information, Shellfisheries, Waste Disposal And Treatment, Water Quality, Water Pollution, Water Resources, Wetlands

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CAPE COD AREA (LWVCCA)

P.O. Box 2347  
Orleans, MA 02653  
PHONE: (508) 945-0511

FAX: Not available.

E-MAIL: Not available.

WWW: <http://www.lwv.org/>

CONTACTS:

Joan Bernstein, President

HOURS: No office hours

The League of Women Voters of the United States was organized in 1920 after the enactment of Women's Suffrage. The Massachusetts League was formed in the same year, and in 1959 the local League began in Orleans and later expanded to become the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area. Membership is open to all men and women of voting age. The League is non-artisan and non-profit.

PUBLICATIONS: "Bulletin," "Water, Water Everywhere," "Directory of Elected Officials," and "Free or Low-Cost Health Services on Cape Cod" (in English and Portuguese).

FEES: Annual membership: \$50/Individual, \$25/additional household member

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:**

- Voter services - registration, information, candidate forums.
- Public forums on issues such as Healthcare, Wind Energy, Emergency Preparedness.
- Legislative contact - programs, lobbying.
- See website for more information.

KEYWORDS: Public, Cape Cod Area

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**ORLEANS CONSERVATION TRUST (OCT)**

P.O. Box 1078

E. Orleans, MA 02643

PHONE: (508) 255-1081 or OCT office (508) 255-0183

FAX: Not available.

E-MAIL: [oct@cape.com](mailto:oct@cape.com)

WWW: Not available.

**CONTACTS:**

David Shactman, President

Vince Ollivier, Consultant

HOURS: By appointment.

A private nonprofit land trust accepting land donations and gifts to preserve open space land in the Town of Orleans. Owns and maintains over 526 acres of conservation land. A member of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, Inc, and the Land Trust Alliance.

PUBLICATIONS: Orleans Conservation Trust newsletters published periodically. Brochures available.

FEES: Annual membership by donation; appreciates securities or land donation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Workshops and speakers on conservation-related matters. The OCT assists landowners, neighborhoods in conservation goals, fund raising, and protection of community character through open space protection.

KEYWORDS: Coastal Management And Planning, Coastal Ponds, Coastal Recreation, Conservation, Educational Services For General Public, Land Conservation, Land Trusts, Natural Habitats Orleans, Ports And Harbors, Wetlands, Wildlife

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**ORLEANS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Corner of River Road and Main Street

P.O. Box 353

Orleans, MA 02653

PHONE: (508) 240-1329

FAX: Not available.

E-MAIL: [contact@orleanshistoricalsociety.org](mailto:contact@orleanshistoricalsociety.org)

WWW: <http://orleanshistoricalsociety.org/>

CONTACT: Tamsen Cornell

HOURS:

-Summer: July 1 through August 31, 2005: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Additional hours upon request.  
-Winter: By appointment.

The objectives of the society include historical exhibitions and recreation.

PUBLICATIONS: Call for information.

OTHER INFORMATION: Not available.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: "Orleans — Main Street through the Years" - Photographs by Cape Cod View Finders Club. History of Coast Guard Rescue Boat CG 36500.

KEYWORDS: Boating, Chatham, marine research, maritime history, Orleans

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ORLEANS POND COALITION

P.O. Box 2485

Orleans, MA 02653

PHONE: (508) 237-0960

FAX: Not available.

E-MAIL: [turtledock@cape.com](mailto:turtledock@cape.com)

WWW: [www.orleanspondcoalition.org](http://www.orleanspondcoalition.org)

CONTACT: Judith Bruce

HOURS: Call for information (up to 9:00 p.m.)

The goal of the Orleans Pond Coalition is to protect and promote the health of all Orleans fresh and saltwater bodies.

PUBLICATIONS: "Ponderings" (spring and fall newsletters)

FEES: Membership, \$10/family

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Annual Meeting

KEYWORDS: Orleans, Cape Cod, water quality, conservation, natural habitats, wetlands, ponds, lakes, embayments

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PLEASANT BAY MARINE ECOLOGY PROJECT

P.O. Box 189

South Orleans, MA 02662

PHONE: (508) 255-4614

FAX: Not available.

E-MAIL: Not available.

WWW: Not available.

CONTACTS:

George Buckley, Director

Zachary Zevitas

HOURS: 9:00-5:00 M-F Spring-Fall

The Pleasant Bay Marine Ecology Project studies natural ecosystems of Pleasant Bay through field research and educates citizens on the importance of those systems, particularly in bay and salt marsh ecology, horseshoe crabs, and coastal ecosystems.

PUBLICATIONS: No publications.

FEES: Annual membership: \$10 Individual.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Provide slide lectures, environmental consultation, courses and workshops concerning the marine environment

KEYWORDS: .Biology, Educational Services For General Public, Marine Research, Natural Habitats, Orleans, Water Resources, Wetlands

## Town Departments

Town of Orleans: Town Departments

Conservation Commission  
Board of Health  
Open Space Committee  
Shellfish Department

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Town of Orleans  
Conservation Commission  
Town Hall, 19 School Road  
Orleans, MA 02653

PHONE: (508) 240-3700, Ext. 425

FAX: (508) 240-3388

E-MAIL: Not available.

WWW: <http://www.town.orleans.ma.us/>

### CONTACTS:

Jennifer Wood, Conservation Administrator  
Leslie Derrick, Secretary

HOURS: 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday

The Conservation Commission is composed of ten appointed volunteers including three associate members whose primary responsibilities are to administer and enforce the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the local protection bylaw and regulations, to manage open space properties and to provide information on conservation issues to the public.

KEYWORDS: Conservation, Land Conservation, Wetlands, Coastal Management and Planning, Coastal Ponds, Erosion, Regulatory Enforcement and Information, Water Quality, Water Pollution, Water Resources, Orleans, Natural Habitats

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Town of Orleans  
Board of Health  
19 School Road  
Orleans, MA 02653

PHONE: (508) 240-3700, Ext. 450

FAX: (508) 240-3746

E-MAIL: Not available.

WWW: <http://www.town.orleans.ma.us/>

### CONTACTS:

Robert Canning, Health Agent

Erika Woods, Assistant Health Agent

HOURS: 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday

The Board of Health enforces the Massachusetts General Laws, the state Sanitary Code, the state Environmental Code, and local health regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the location, construction and repair of septic systems, solid waste disposal, bathing water quality, private water supplies, private wells, non-community public water supplies, body art and massage therapy. The board conducts surface water sampling, and participates on committees dealing with storm water drainage and surface water quality issues.

KEYWORDS: Coastal Recreation, Health, Regulatory Enforcement And Information, Water Quality, Water Pollution, Water Resources

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Town of Orleans  
Open Space Committee  
Town Hall, 19 School Road  
Orleans, MA 02653

PHONE: (508) 240-3700, ext. 415

FAX: (508) 240-3388

E-MAIL: Not available.

WWW: <http://www.town.orleans.ma.us/>

CONTACT: Alan McClennen, Jr., Chairman

HOURS: No office hours.

The Open Space Committee recommends specific parcels of land to the Town for acquisition either in fee, easements or through Conservation Restrictions. Maintains a list of parcels suitable for acquisition based on specific criteria such as scenic qualities, ability to protect natural resources, etc.

KEYWORDS: Agriculture, Aquaculture, Birds, Coastal Ponds, Coastal Recreation, Commercial Fisheries, Conservation, Land Conservation, Land Trusts, Natural Habitats, Orleans, Public, Recreational Fisheries, Shellfisheries, Sportfishing, Water Quality, Water Pollution, Water Resources

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Shellfish Department  
Town Hall, 19 School Road  
Orleans, MA 02653

PHONE: (508) 240-3755

FAX: (508) 240-3388

E-MAIL: [toharbor@town.orleans.ma.us](mailto:toharbor@town.orleans.ma.us)

WWW: <http://www.town.orleans.ma.us/>

CONTACT: Dawson L. Farber, Shellfish Constable

HOURS: 8:00-4:00 Monday-Friday

Massachusetts General Laws requires coastal communities to have Shellfish Constables who are trained and experienced in shellfish management. The Shellfish Department is responsible for managing shellfish resources within the town including the development of recommendations for regulation, propagation, and enforcement of town and state regulations pertaining to shellfish. The Shellfish Department is involved in water quality issues to protect shellfish resources. Shellfish licenses available.

PUBLICATIONS: "Scallops in Pleasant Bay: A Question of Large Seed."

KEYWORDS: Biology, Coastal Management And Planning, Coastal Ponds, Commercial Fisheries, Lobster Fisheries, Oil Spills, Orleans, Recreational Fisheries, Red Tide, Regulatory Enforcement And Information, Shellfisheries, Water Quality, Water Pollution, Water Resources

## Schools

Town of Orleans: Schools

Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School  
Nauset Regional Middle School  
Orleans Elementary School

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Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School (Public)  
225 Route 6A at Bayberry Square, Orleans, MA 02653  
(508) 240-2800  
(508) 240-3583-FAX  
E-MAIL: Paul\_Niles@lighthouse.chtr.k12.ma.us  
WWW: <http://www.lighthouse.chtr.k12.ma.us/>  
Executive Director: Kathy McNamara  
Librarian: David Agnew  
Science Dept. Coord.: Paul Niles

Nauset Regional Middle School (Public)  
RR #3, Route 28, Orleans, MA 02653  
(508) 255-0016  
(508) 240-1105-FAX  
E-MAIL: johnsonl@nausetschools.org  
WWW: <http://www.nausetschools.org/>  
Principal: Gregory Baecker  
Librarian: Sarah Kruger  
Science Dept. Coord.: Linda Johnson

Orleans Elementary School (Public)  
Eldredge Parkway, Orleans, MA 02653  
(508) 255-0380  
FAX: Not available.  
E-MAIL: Not available.  
WWW: <http://www.nausetschools.org/>  
Principal: Lester P. Albee  
Librarian: Joanne Dobson  
Science Dept. Coord.:

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