



April 4, 2017 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Town Council District 3 & 4 Workshop

April 25, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Freeport Community Center

Followed by the Regularly Scheduled Town Council Meeting

A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at:

www.freeportmaine.com



DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH 2017



April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

There's a lot that competes for our attention when we drive –beeping phones, spilling coffee, other passengers and GPS rerouting – to name a few. The Freeport Police Department would like to remind drivers that the best way to be ready for the unexpected is to minimize distractions that you can control. Pledge to be an attentive driver by: turning off your cell phone, sending and reading text & email messages before you start driving, don't call or text friends or family if you know they are driving, and put your destination into your GPS before you set out. Social media can wait – No update, tweet or video is worth a life. **Just Drive!**

Now is the time to check your property for Browntail Moth Caterpillar webs!

On the homepage of the Town's website you can find information on how to recognize, treat and manage the browntail moth caterpillar. You will also find links to the Maine Forest Service website and a video showing how to clip browntail moth caterpillar webs.

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Town Manager's Report April 4, 2017

Welcome to New Public Works Department Employee

The Town is happy to welcome Alan Walsh of Brunswick as a new employee of the Public Works Department. Alan was hired as an equipment operator/plow driver. He most recently worked as a plow operator on I-295 with the Maine Department of Transportation, and plowed the Freeport to Portland stretch of the highway. Alan thought he had the summer to learn Freeport's local plow routes, but Mother Nature had other ideas this year. Welcome aboard Alan!

Codes Enforcement Officer's Pending Retirement

Codes Enforcement Officer Fred Reeder has announced that his last day of work before retirement will be May 4th, 2017. Over his nearly 31 years of employment with the Town of Freeport, Fred has witnessed many changes as he performed the inspections on the majority of construction that occurred over these years. Please join me in congratulating Fred over the next month if you see him around Town.

We are currently in the process of reviewing candidates for Fred's replacement. I hope to have a recommendation for appointment for the Town Council's consideration at either the April 25th or May 2nd Council meeting.

It's Spring! (maybe?)

Even though 3 of the last 5 days have seen precipitation in the solid form here in the beautiful summer paradise of coastal Maine, our Public Works Department is preparing for spring! We are expecting a flurry of activity over the next few weeks, including street sweeping beginning next week, and street painting to begin the week after. We currently expect to lift road postings on April 14th, unless the current forecast flakes out on us. As always, please check with Public Works Department for an up to date report on road postings and requirements.

Meeting Notice:

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 1:00pm at the Public Works Facility for contractors and business owners to discuss the business owners' and the Town's responsibility for sidewalk plowing and snow removal. This meeting is designed to discuss any concerns people may have and to discuss some issues we had this past winter. We would also like to hear any suggestions to improve the plowing of the sidewalks and snow removal.

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Upcoming Library Events

There is always a lot happening at the Freeport Community Library!

For Adults:

- **April 12 – “Grow your Own Organic Garden” Workshop with Dave Colson
- * Author Talks with Mark Evans, Kristin Krause Nam, Mark Peterson & Caitlin Shetterly

For Children:

- *April 11 – Earth Day Garden
- *May 16 – Henna Tattoos for Teens



For Everyone!

- Edible Book Festival** – April 28
- Annual Book Sale** - May 6 through May 11

For details on these events and many more, go to: www.freeportlibrary.com



April 22, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Deering High School, Portland

Our community – health, economy, way of life – depends on clean water. Polluted runoff threatens the health of Maine’s lakes, streams, rivers and bays. Runoff happens after any rain storm, and in Maine we see a lot of runoff in the springtime when the snow melts.

The annual *Urban Runoff* 5K Race and Walk raises awareness of water pollution and raises money to support [clean water education](#) in greater Portland (which includes Freeport) and Saco areas.

The race is followed by the City of Portland’s [Green Neighbor Family Fest](#), where families and community members enjoy hands-on activities about water, live entertainment, and have an all-around good time!

Join us – help preserve our communities, health, and Maine way of life by keeping our water clean!

FMI: <https://urbanrunoff5k.com/>



FREEPORT DAY At the NORDICA THEATRE!

Wednesday, April 26th.



Residents of Freeport are welcome to view a movie absolutely free! Donations for Project Graduation will be collected. *Proof of residency is required.*

Annual Orientation for Board & Committee Chairs & Vice-Chairs

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017
6:00 p.m. -7:15 p.m.
Town Council Chambers

All Board and Committee members are encouraged to attend this session. The Town’s Attorney, Phil Saucier, will present information on the Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) and the Public Notice & Meeting Process. The Town Manager and Town Clerk will review administrative duties of Committee Chairs and staff persons.

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Schedule

Tuesday, April 25, 2017	Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, May 02, 2017	Presentation of Operating, Capital & TIF Budgets
Wednesday, May 10, 2017	5:00 – 6:00 PM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Thursday, May 11, 2017	7:30 – 8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Tuesday, May 16, 2017	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 6, 2017	Public Hearing on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 20, 2017	Target Date for Budget Adoption – Capital, TIF, & Operating Budgets



**Patriots’ Day,
Monday,
April 17th**

**Municipal
Offices will
be closed.**