



Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

August 22nd,

**Annual Joint Meeting with Bustins Island
Boat leaves the Town Dock at 5:00 p.m.**

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September 5, 2017

**Regular Town Council Meeting
6:30 p.m., Town Council Chambers**

*A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available
on the Town's website at: www.freeportmaine.com*

TOWN OF FREEPORT

****NOMINATION PAPERS****

NOW AVAILABLE

**FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 MUNICIPAL
ELECTION**

NOMINATION PAPERS are now available in the Town Clerk's Office for persons interested in seeking the following offices in the Town of Freeport: Councilor At-Large, Councilor District 2, Councilor District 3, RSU #5 Board of Directors, Sewer District Trustees and Water District Trustee. Nomination Papers are due back to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

For more information, go to the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com or call Freeport Town Clerk Christine Wolfe at 865-4743, Ext. 123 or email cwolfe@freeportmaine.com

**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
BROWNTAIL MOTH CATERPILLARS**

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Town Council Chambers

The Maine Forest Service projects high levels of browntail moth caterpillars will continue in Freeport through 2018.

This will be a general information presentation focusing on:

- how to identify browntail moth caterpillars and overwintering webs;
- how to prepare and control for browntail moth caterpillars;
- precautions residents in affected areas should take.

*Presenters: **Lynne Holland**, Community Education Assistant, University of Maine Cooperative Extension and **Rebecca Miller**, RN, MPH, Maine Health Educator, Northern New England Poison Center.*

**Town Manager's Report
August 1, 2017**

Neighborhood Meeting – Snow Road, Elm Street & Justin's Way Sidewalk Project

There will be a neighbourhood meeting for the Snow Road/Elm Street/Justin's Way sidewalk project on Thursday, August 3rd at 6PM in the Council Chambers. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have questions, you can contact Town Engineer Adam Bliss at 865-4743 x106.

Transition to Single Sort Recycling at Recycling Facility

Construction of the concrete pad for the new single sort recycling compactor at the Recycling Facility is currently underway. We are expecting to begin implementation of single sort recycling in mid September. As the time for the switchover approaches, watch for signage directing the new traffic flow at the Recycling Facility.

Increased subsidy money from State for education funding

The biennial State budget that was recently passed at the beginning of July included an increase of \$111,272 in additional local subsidy money for Freeport's portion of the RSU#5 tax assessment. RSU#5 officials have informed us that this money will be used to offset the current year school tax assessment. This will result in a decrease of approximately \$0.08 on the 2017 tax rate.

Road Construction Update

The Town Manager requested Earl Gibson, Public Works Superintendent, to give a brief update on the various road construction projects currently underway. His report can be viewed online at: <https://fctv3.viebit.com/>

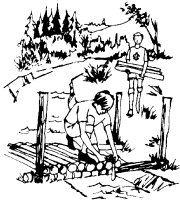
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**Town Council District 1 & 2 Workshop
September 19th, 2017
Freeport Community Center
6:30 p.m.**

District Workshops provide residents with an opportunity to meet their Town Councilors informally and discuss issues related to their specific districts. District Town Council meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and greet session and an open discussion related to District issues. The regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will follow the workshop.



TOWN OF FREEPORT - MUNICIPAL BULLETIN



Be a Friend of Open Space

The Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to help with work needed on the trails at Florida Lake.

Specifically, volunteers are now needed to help build bog bridges and signs to install at Florida Lake, with more projects to follow. The Town has all the materials needed to complete the project, we just need your help to make it happen!

To be a part of this project please contact Donna Larson at dlarson@freeportmaine.com

Winslow Memorial Park Summer Concert Series Continues Through August



AUGUST 3rd, 6:30 p.m.- ED AND THE DESJARDINIARES.

AUGUST 10th, 6:30 p.m. - RONDA DALE BAND
Original songs and cover adventures in jazz and rootsy Americana, including vintage country, blues, r&b and any good song throughout the ages!

AUGUST 17th- CORMACK MCCARTHY BAND
Led by an amazing singer songwriter combining an acoustic mix of folk, country, blues and Americana!

AUGUST 24th – STEVIE JONES BAND
Soulful Americana at its finest!

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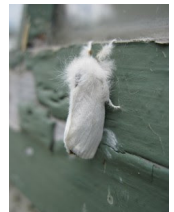
Browntail Moth Update

It's come to our attention recently that local property owners who are trying to arrange pesticide application on their properties for browntail moth caterpillars are having trouble finding licensed applicators for next season. In investigating the possibility of a Town-wide "preferred provider" discount with local licensed tree services, we were made aware that three local tree services are already offering neighborhood discounts or contracts to groups of residents who organize to coordinate treatment. These companies are Hughes Arbor & Land Management (Freeport), Lucas Tree Experts (Portland), and Bartlett Tree Experts (Scarborough). The Town does not endorse one specific company, but suggests that you contact several companies to receive quotes and determine whether they currently offer a discounted rate or contract for your neighborhood. A comprehensive list of all licensed companies statewide is available on the Maine Forest Service's website at:

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_pesticide_applicator_info.htm

Maine Forest Service Browntail Moth Flight Survey

Have you seen fat, fuzzy white moths around your lights over the past three weeks? If so they may be Browntail Moths (they have brown bodies). The Maine Forest Service (MFS), Maine Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation, would like your help in tracking the moth flight. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mebrowntail> to fill out a survey on where and how many moths you saw. Over the past three decades the browntail has been a problem along the midcoast and islands of Maine. The population is now spreading further inland. Many people in these recently colonized areas are unaware of the impact browntail can have on them or their trees. Knowing where moths have been seen in large numbers can help the MFS give people a heads-up as to what they may have to deal with next spring. Controlling the moths is not practical. If you are seeing large numbers of white moths, learn about what you can do if the caterpillars end up in your yard. For more info: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_info.htm, call the Maine Forest Service at 287-2431 or your local Extension office.



Express Bus Service will soon be EXPANDING!
Portland, Falmouth, Yarmouth, Freeport and **Brunswick**

The Metro Breez Express Bus Service will be expanding it's run to Brunswick. The expanded service will include more trips per day, route changes and schedule changes. Details will be finalized on the Metro website as we get closer to the start-up date of August 24th. **Please note: all BREEZ bus service will be free to the public on August 24th, 25th and 26th!**

For more information on the updated schedule and route map go to: <http://gpmetrobus.net/>