



Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting
February 5, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Town Council Workshop
February 12, 2018
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

Need a break from the cold? Check out some of these events at the **Freeport Community Library**



Midday movie – Won't You Be My Neighbor? (2018). Thursday, February 28th. PG-13. 94 minutes.

A documentary of Mr. Rogers, a man who made generations of children feel safe and loved. All films begin at 1:00 PM and are close-captioned.

February Fun For Kids – Vacation week is full of fun things to do (2/19-2/22)!

Tuesday: Maker Cart, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Ages 4 & Up
Wednesday: LEGO Club, 3:45 – 4:45 PM, Ages 5-11
Thursday: Crafting Stories, 10:30 – 1:00 AM, Ages 3-6
Friday: Lunchtime Movie, 12:00 – 2:00 PM, *How to Train Your Dragon* (2010). Bring your own lunch and enjoy it in the Library Meeting Room while you watch the movie. This is a family event.

18th Annual Chocolate Bash, Wed., February 6th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Join the Library for this special annual chocolate extravaganza! Taste the chocolate goodies, enter the raffle to win chocolate desserts, and enjoy live music by the Cul-de-Sax. All proceeds will benefit the library.

For more on these and other great Library programs, go to <http://www.freeportlibrary.com>

Town Manager's Report
January 22, 2019

I'm proud to announce that Freeport has once again received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)'s "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for Fiscal Year 2019. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by the Town. This is the seventh consecutive fiscal year that the Town has been honored with this award. Last year, only three governments in Maine received this award. Along with Freeport, the other two recipients were the Town of Rockport and the Portland Water District.

While all of the Town Department Heads participate to some extent in the creation of this document, the bulk of the work is performed by Finance Director Jessica Maloy. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jessica for her hard work and continued success is this program on a yearly basis

The Public Works Department has regularly made available to Freeport residents two (2) 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm on an "honor" system, at a pile located adjacent to the "Silver Bullet" on Hunter Road. Due to observed abuse of this privilege, the Public Works Department is considering restricting access to the resident sand pile to times when Public Works Department employees are present at the office to monitor access to the pile. Restricted access is being considered as an alternative to completely eliminating this popular program.

The Public Works Department will be conducting their first snow removal operation of the year in the Downtown area beginning on Thursday, January 24th at midnight, and running through 7:00 AM on Friday January 25th. Please take caution as heavy equipment will be in use in that area during that time period. Our thanks go out to the road crews who worked long hours over the past three days to battle the snow and sleet. Storm cleanup has been particularly difficult for this storm due to extremely cold temperatures, and we appreciate the patience of the public as we continue to clean up from this storm.

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Town Council 2019 Schedule

January 8	Regular Meeting
January 22	Regular Meeting
February 5	Regular Meeting
February 12	Council Workshop
February 26	Regular Meeting
March (TBD)	Tri Town & RSU 5
March 5	Regular Meeting
March 12	Council Workshop
March 19	Regular Meeting
March 26	Council Workshop (if needed)
April 2	Regular Meeting
April 23	Regular/District 3 & 4 Workshop
May 7	Regular Meeting
May 21	Regular Meeting
June 4	Regular Meeting
June 18	Regular Meeting
July 2	Regular Meeting
July 16	Regular Meeting
August 6	Regular Meeting
August TBD	Annual Joint Meeting w/ Bustins
Sept 3	Regular Meeting
Sept 17	Regular /District 1 & 2 Workshop
Oct 1	Regular Meeting
Oct 15	Regular Meeting
Nov 12	Organizational Meeting
Dec 3	Regular Meeting
Dec 17	Regular Meeting

Town Manager Report

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Congratulations are also due to the Sustainability Advisory Board, who had a very successful kickoff to their sustainability lecture series at the Community Center last week. Kevin Roche from ecomaine gave a great talk on global issues facing the recycling markets. Please stay tuned for future talks, which will be held on a monthly basis for the first six months of this year.

Winter Safety Tips from Freeport Public Safety

Around the House:

- Clear roofs of excessive snow and ice buildup.
- Keep all chimneys and vents clear to prevent carbon monoxide from backing up into the building.
- Keep exits clear of snow so that occupants can leave safely in the event of a fire or emergency.
- Check on smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, including batteries. Do not thaw pipes with an open flame.

On the Road:

- **Slow Down:** Driving too fast on wintry roads is the leading cause of crashes.
- Travel at a safe distance of at least 3 car lengths, leaving plenty of room to stop.
- Do not crowd slow moving maintenance and emergency vehicles.
- Do not use cruise control while driving in a storm.
- Do not overestimate the capabilities of your four-wheel drive vehicle.
- Clear all snow and ice from the vehicle prior to travel (Don't forget the roof!).
- Be aware of black ice on what appears to be bare pavement.

AARP - Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Assistance is for low-moderate income households, with special attention to those 60 years and older

Wednesday Mornings February 6th - April 10th
Freeport Community Center

Beginning February 6th AARP Tax Assistance Appointments will be available in Freeport on Wednesdays between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. If you would like an appointment scheduled for you, please call 865-4743 x100 and leave a message. Please note that an AARP volunteer schedules appointments and will not begin scheduling appointments until Thursday, January 24th. The AARP volunteer works just once a week, so please be aware that your call may take up to a week to be returned.

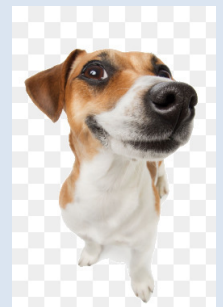
Public Peddler Licenses

Freeport residents interested in submitting an application for any available public peddler locations may do so from January 16th to January 23rd. At the first Town Council meeting in February, available public peddler licenses will be issued by lottery. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office here at Town Hall for more information on Public Peddler locations.

REMINDER FOR DOG OWNERS!

All dog licenses expire December 31st of each year.

You need to renew your dog license no later than January 31st of each year, or a late fee of \$25.00 per dog will be charged. Freeport Residents may license their dogs at the Clerk's Office. Spay/Neuter: \$6.00, Intact Male/Female:\$11.00.



Please call the Clerk's Office with any questions: 207-865-4743, EXT. 122 OR 123.