

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

July 3, 2024

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Town Council Chambers & ZOOM
6:00 p.m.

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

Words from your new Library Director, Wynter Giddings:

I am very happy to be part of the Town of Freeport team and leading Freeport's fantastic library. I have spent time in this library over the past 4 years and I knew this would be a great fit. I'm coming from close by, as my most recent position was Manager of Adult Services & Technology at Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick, where I started in 2018. Prior to that, I worked as the Systems Librarian at Lithgow Public Library in Augusta. I look forward to getting to know community members, volunteers, trustees, friends of the library, and town councilors. The library and town staff have made me feel very welcome during my first two weeks. I encourage you to stop by and say hello the next time you are in the library. I am always eager to ideas on how your library can best serve your needs! My goal is for the library to have something for everyone and to be a welcoming place for all. If there are books or programs you would like to see at your library, I am always open to your suggestions and feedback.

Nomination Papers are **available Monday, July 29, 2024**, for the following elected official seats:

- ◆ Town Councilor-At-Large
- ◆ Town Councilor-District 4
- ◆ RSU Board of Directors (2 seats)
- ◆ Sewer District-3 seats
- ◆ Water District-1 seat -Candidate must reside in the Water District (outside South Freeport Water District) and collect signatures of voters in the Freeport Water District.

All open seats are for 3-year terms.

Nomination papers are due back to the Clerk's Office by the close of business on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024**.

Online Services Available

Go to [https://www.freeportmaine.com/online-payments](http://www.freeportmaine.com/online-payments) for:

- Alarm Applications
- Automobile, Boat & Snowmobile Re-registrations
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Burn Permits
- Property Tax Payments & Viewing Property Information
- Parking Ticket Payments

Employment Changes

- * Caroline Pelletier is now the Assistant Town Manager
- * Brett Richardson is now the Development Director

Congratulations!!



Community Visioning Survey

DEADLINE
EXTENDED TO
7/15/24

bit.ly/freeport-vision

Help us shape the vision for the Future of Freeport as we update our Comprehensive Plan. The new plan will be used as a guiding document for the community's land use, public policy, and investment decisions. For more information visit the project website at www.futurefreeport.com

Looking for a significant way to become involved in your community?

We have current vacancies to fill unexpired terms on the following Boards/Committees:

- Board of Appeals (1-vacancy that expires Sept 2025)
- Board of Assessment Review (1-vacancy that expires Sept 2026)
- Coastal Waters Commission (1-vacancy that expires March 2027)
- Complete Streets Committee (1-vacancy that expires Sept 2024)
- Police Advisory Committee (1-vacancy that expires Sept 2024 and 2 Student Vacancies)

*****Town Office & Community Library Closure*****

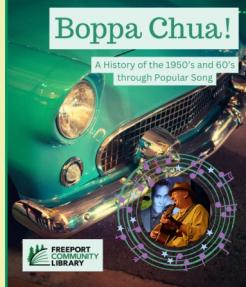
On **Tuesday, July 9th**, Town Hall and the Library will be closed from 12:00 PM—2:00 PM so all staff can attend training.

Regular business hours will apply before 12 & after 2.



FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY—ADULT EVENTS

Boppa Chua! A History of the 1950's & 60's through Popular Song



Wednesday, July 17 from 5:30-6:30PM

Marc Black, NY Blues Hall of Fame inductee, will be your guide for a trip through those memorable and colorful decades, joyfully woven together in song. This two person show is a multi-media and multi-dimensional presentation in song, storytelling and plenty of laughter!

ScheckMate: Passion & Nostalgia

Tuesday, July 30 from 3:00-4:00PM

ScheckMate is Raffael Scheck on Baroque and Romantic Cello & Timothy Burris on Theorbo and Romantic Guitar. The program Passion & Nostalgia features pieces that express deep passion, sometimes inward-looking and soft, and sometimes exuberant and powerful.



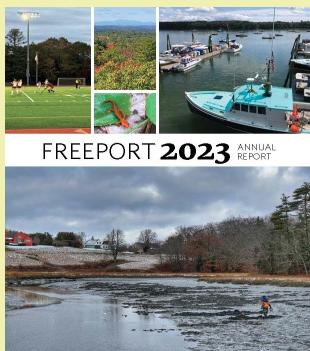
July Spice Club: Filé Powder

Thursday, July 11 at 10:00AM



Adults are welcome to pick up this month's featured spice, filé powder. A necessary ingredient for Cajun and Creole cuisine, filé powder is essential for making many types of gumbo. It has a slight aroma of eucalyptus and the flavor is reminiscent of savory and thyme. Each kit contains a free sample of the spice, background information and recipe suggestions.

We are looking for photos for the next Annual Report.



Town Staff is working on the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024. We are seeking scenic photos of Freeport. If you would like to submit a photograph for consideration in the next annual report, please email your photograph(s) to: cwlfe@freeportmaine.com or submit them via the [Town website](#).

Interested in receiving Town information?

Go to the *Notify me* section of the Town website:

<https://www.freeportmaine.com/list.aspx> to sign up for various notifications.

Freeport Community Library Monthly Newsletter- subscribe by going to www.freeportlibrary.com and click on "Newsletter" in the header.

FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY—YOUTH EVENTS

Bracelets (FCL's Version): A Make It or Take It Craft

Wednesday, July 10, 10 a.m., Kids ages 6+/Incoming 1st graders

Choose from tons of fun beads at the bead bar to make two initial bracelets. Make it at the library independently or take it home. Starting Wednesday, stop by the Youth Services desk to pick out the beads. You'll get 6-8 letter beads and various other beads, enough to make a bracelet to keep and a bracelet to gift!

This event is free and open to the public and will be available while supplies last. Kits can be picked up during regular library hours.

DIY H2O Bottle Holder: A Grab-and-Go Craft

Thursday, July 25, 10 a.m., Kids ages 8+/Incoming 3rd graders

Get a free water bottle and make a holder by knotting colorful string. Macramé your way to hands-free water bottle living! Grab-and-go kits will be available at the Youth Services desk at Freeport Community Library.

This grab-and-go craft is free and open the public and will be available while supplies last during regular library hours.

Monster Tic-Tac-Toe: A Grab-and-Go Craft

Monday, July 1, 10 a.m., Kids ages 5+/Incoming Kindergarteners Craft a travel-friendly magnetic game board with little wooly monsters as the game pieces! Grab-and-go kits will be available at the Youth Services desk at Freeport Community Library.

Kits can be picked up during regular library hours while supplies last.

Paws & Read with Therapy Dogs

Ongoing Mondays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Paws and read to one of our therapy dogs, or just sit and spend time with them.

Sign up for a 15-minute session by calling, stopping by the Youth Services desk, booking a slot online at <https://www.timetosignup.com/fclsignups/>, or you can drop by on the day of the program in case of an opening.

This program is for kids of all ages and is free and open the public.

Storytime for Toddlers

Ongoing Mondays and Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., Kids ages 0-4

Storytime continues at Freeport Community Library (FCL). During nice weather, meet outside the library by the parking lot and during inclement weather, meet in the Little Room. When indoors, storytime capacity is 40 people.

Come share stories, songs, and rhymes! Each Monday and Thursday has different programs. Storytime runs about 15 minutes and is designed for toddlers, but all are welcome. Please check the events calendar on the FCL website for cancelations or closures. In the case of cancelation, Story Kits will be offered for in-library use at the Youth Services desk.

For questions or directions to the Library, visit www.freeportlibrary.com, call 865-3307, or stop by the library at 10 Library Drive, Freeport ME 04032.