



January 07, 2020 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting
January 21, 2020
6:30 p.m.

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 a book & some of these events at the **Freeport Community Library**



Midday movie – Peanut Butter Falcon (2019)
Thursday, January 9th. PG-13. 97 minutes.
A young man (Zach Gottsagen) with Down syndrome teams up with a scruffy outlaw (Shia LaBeouf) to travel across the Southeast. All midday films begin at 1:00 PM and are close-captioned.

Night Bright Mini Golf – Wednesday, January 15th, Teens (grades 6-8) drop-in only: 4:00 – 4:30 PM, Ages 5 and up sign-up or drop-in: 4:30 – 6:00 PM. (kids 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.) 9 tee times available. Teams of up to four can sign up for a tee time or drop in the day of if space allows.

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



Arbor & Land Management Issues Public Information Session

Tuesday, January 28th, 2020
5:00 – 6:00 PM, Town Council Chambers

Mike Hughes, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, will begin holding quarterly seminars on Arbor & Land Management Issues. The Winter Session will cover the latest information on insect pests – in particular the **Browntail Moth**, **Hemlock Wooly Adelgid** and **Emerald Ash Borer**. The presentation will cover life-cycles, identifying characteristics, control possibilities, and outlook.



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Sustainability Lecture – 01/13/20

This year's sustainability lecture series will kick off on 01/13/20, from 6:30 – 7:30PM at the Freeport Community Center, 53 Depot Street. The presenter for January's lecture will be Cassandra Rose, the Climate Council Coordinator with the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. The talk will cover how climate change is affecting Maine, introduce Maine's new Climate council, and give Freeport residents tips on how they can engage with climate policy in the State. (More details can be found on the next page)

Current Career Opportunities with the Town of Freeport

The Town is currently hiring for several positions:

- Assistant/Long Range Planner (full time)
- Counter Clerk (full time)
- Police Officer (full time)
- Public Works Laborer (seasonal-winter)

Detailed job postings for each of these positions can be found on the Town's website at:

<https://www.freeportmaine.com/employment-rfps/>

I would also like to recognize that one of these openings is due to the retirement last week of Finance Department employee Diane Hutchinson, who had 22 and a half years of service with the Town of Freeport. We are deeply appreciative of Diane's long career of service to the residents of Freeport. While all of the employees at the Town Hall will miss having her around, we wish her the best in her retirement!

Recycling & the Holidays

Is It Recyclable?

YES: Gift wrap, Gift bags, Tissue paper, Greeting cards, Corrugated Cardboard, Gift wrap (not foil), 1-7 Plastic, Glass
NO: Foil gift wrap, Ribbon, Bows, Tinsel, Packing Peanuts, Ceramic Dishes, Styrofoam

Christmas Trees & Wreaths:

Christmas trees are free to dispose of in the brush pile. Evergreen wreaths, because of the wire used to make them, cannot go in the brush pile. They are still free but go in the bulky waste dumpster.

For more details, call 865-3740 or go to www.freeportmaine.com





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Town Council 2020 Schedule

January 21	Regular Meeting
February 4	Regular Meeting
February 11	Council Workshop
February 25	Regular Meeting
March (TBD)	Tri Town & RSU 5
March 3	Regular Meeting
March 10	Council Workshop
March 17	Regular Meeting
April 7	Regular Meeting
April 28	Regular/District Workshop
May 5	Regular Meeting
May 19	Regular Meeting
June 2	Regular Meeting
June 16	Regular Meeting
July 7	Regular Meeting
July 21	Regular Meeting
August 4	Regular Meeting
August TBD	Annual Joint Meeting w/ Bustins
Sept 1	Regular Meeting
Sept 15	Regular /District Workshop
Oct 6	Regular Meeting
Oct 20	Regular Meeting
Nov 10	Organizational Meeting
Dec 1	Regular Meeting
Dec 15	Regular Meeting

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 February 4th Town Council meeting, available public peddler licenses will be issued by lottery. Please contact the Clerk's Office for more information on Peddler carts.

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&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.
- Complete a safety check of your vehicle to include tires (for good traction) and lights (for good visibility).

Freeport Sustainability Series Presents: An update from the Governor's Climate Council How Maine is Leading the Charge Against Climate Change

Monday, January 13th, 6:30-7:30 pm
Freeport Community Center - 53 Depot St.

This event will cover how climate change is affecting Maine, introduce Maine's new Climate Council, and give Freeport residents tips on how they can engage with climate policy in the State.

Our speaker Cassaundra Rose is the Climate Council Coordinator with the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. As a Senior Science Analyst, Cassaundra has managed a policy and communications program for the American Geosciences Institute. Cassaundra has more than ten years of academic climate research experience.

Daniel Kleban of Maine Beer Co., and a member of the Maine Climate Council, and Naomi Beal, Executive Director of passivhausMAINE and member of the Council's Buildings, Infrastructure, and Housing working group, will also give remarks.

Complimentary local food and beer from Maine Beer Company will be provided.

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. You may register at the Freeport Town Hall or online at: www.doglicensing.com.

There will be a **Rabies Clinic** at Town Hall on Saturday January 18th from 9-12 pm. People will also be able to license their dogs during the Clinic.

FMI call the Clerk's Office at 207-865-4743, EXT. 122 or 123.



A Big Thank You to one of our Residents from the Public Works Dept.!!

In the middle of the Dec. 30th snowstorm, Mr. Peter Hoover took it upon himself to dust the snow off and pick up all the recyclable materials left by other people outside the silver bullet on Hunter Rd. in front of the Public Works Facility. Thank you very much for your generous and kind gesture, Mr. Hoover.