



February 4, 2020 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Town Council Workshop
February 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Regular Town Council Meeting
❖ February 25, 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



Annual Chocolate Bash *Freeport Community Library* Wed., Feb 5, 8th, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Freeport Community Library's Annual Chocolate Bash will take place on Wednesday, February 5th from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. You can taste test the chocolate goodies, enter the raffle to win chocolate desserts, and enjoy live music by the Cul-de-Sax. Chocolates are priced at \$2 a plate and all proceeds will benefit the library.

7th Annual Ice Out Plunge!

Once again, several members of the Freeport Police Department will be participating in the annual "Ice Out Plunge" to benefit the Maine Special Olympics! This event takes place on 3/14/20 in the icy waters of Maranacook Lake in Winthrop. Our officers will be plunging into the frigid water to support the Special Olympics and athletes.

Pictured from left to right, are Officers Marshall, Kavanaugh and Norris taking the plunge in 2018 and who all plan to take the plunge again this year.



For more information, go to the Police Department's facebook page or to donate go to:

<https://www.firstgiving.com/team/398139>

Town Manager's Report February 4, 2020

Congratulations to Freeport Police Department Officers Gabbard and Norris

On January 25, the Maine Association of Police (MAP) presented Freeport Officers with the following awards:

The MAP Meritorious Service Award was awarded to Officer Thomas Gabbard for his actions to protect a potentially suicidal subject.

The MAP Lifesaving Award was presented to Officer Keith Norris for his actions in saving the life of a citizen suffering a seizure in July of last year.

We are immensely proud of our Officers, who are regularly recognized by their peers for their courage and dedication to protecting our citizens and community.

Welcome to Freeport Police Department Officer George Savidge

The Town of Freeport is happy to announce that Officer George Savidge was recently sworn to duty in Freeport.

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The Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board
presents



BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Fresh Perspectives and Ideas
from
Our Neighbors

A Panel Discussion
with
Falmouth • Portland • South Portland
SUSTAINABILITY OFFICERS

Monday, February 10

6:30 - 7:30pm

Freeport Community Center - 53 Depot Street

Complimentary food will be provided along with beer from Maine Beer Company.



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2020 Freeport Town Council Goals (*corrected*)

1. The Council will pursue solutions related to the reduction of carbon emissions relative to historic levels and the reduction of waste, while considering the costs of such solutions for the Town of Freeport.
2. The Council will explore infrastructure and policy opportunities that will promote active lifestyles for Freeport's residents and visitors.
3. The Council will explore and undertake two initiatives to facilitate aging in place.
4. The Council will create an Aging Calendar for items and issues brought before Council until their resolution, including referrals out to committees, commissions, and boards.
5. The Council will coordinate with Freeport Economic Development Corporation (FEDC), other committees, and other local partners to identify and undertake efforts to encourage the continued vitality of the downtown district.
6. All committees, commissions and boards will have a Councilor visitation during the year.

Freeport Community Services' "Freeze Out" Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 9am - 3pm

Freezin' volunteers will be outside various locations around town to collect donations for the Carol Kaplan Fuel Fund and gather non-perishable food and personal care items for the FCS Food Pantry. From 9am-1pm volunteers will be at Shaw's Supermarket for the "Stuff the Bus" event. *OR* you can drop off your donations at the Freeze Out box here at Town Hall during regular business hours. For more information or to volunteer contact FCS at 865-3985.

The US Census Bureau is hiring for 2020 Census Jobs and they need census takers from Freeport!

This important work has paid training days and flexible work hours. Census takers are being hired to knock on doors to collect census data, and also for office work, delivering forms, updating maps, and quality control work. Census takers in Maine will be paid \$20.00/hour, plus \$0.58/mile for work-related travel.

Just visit [//www.2020census.gov/jobs](https://www.2020census.gov/jobs) for more information and to apply online

Don't forget to check to see if the State of Maine is holding any **unclaimed property** you are entitled to:

www.maineunclaimedproperty.gov

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George is a veteran officer who comes to us from another area department, and we hope you'll join us in welcoming him as an employee of the Town. George is pictured here with Chief Nourse, Officer Gabbard, and Marine Resource Officer/Harbormaster Tetreau.



Information on coronavirus 2019-nCoV available on Town website

The Town continues to monitor information being distributed by the CDC regarding the 2019-nCoV virus which has received extensive news coverage. At this time there is little to no virus activity in our immediate geographical area, but this could change very quickly. Information is available on the Town website.

Sale of former Ambulance "Rescue 4"

The Town is proposing to sell the former ambulance Rescue 4 to Autotronics of Bangor Maine for \$14,000. This vehicle has been listed for sale several times by the Town, as far back as 2018, but several previous sales have fallen through for unrelated reasons. Council approval of the sale is not required, but Town policy requires that the Town Manager notify the Council of any proposed sale.

Valentine's Day tip from Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board



Surprisingly, the cut flower industry is environmentally high-impact. The crop is typically exempt from regulations on pesticide use. And most cut flowers come from South America (200 million roses annually for the U.S. Valentine's market) with significant environmental cost from refrigeration and transportation.

So consider giving something other than cut flowers. Or buy a locally grown plant. If you do buy cut flowers, look for 'green labels' like Rainforest Alliance, Veriflora or BloomCheck certification. These growers are considered to be environmentally responsible.