



MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

February 8, 2024

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 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

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE!!

- ◇ Kyle Burt—Freeport Police Officer—Kyle is currently attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

March 5, 2024

Presidential Primary Election

Freeport High School Gym

7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Voter Enrollment Status	Ballot Options
Unenrolled	May select either a Democratic or Republican ballot
Democratic	Must receive Democratic ballot
Green Independent	No ballot selection - Party not participating in Primary
Libertarian	No ballot selection - Party not participating in Primary
No Labels	No ballot selection - Party not participating in Primary
Republican	Must receive Republican ballot

The **last day to unenroll or change parties** in order for those changes to be in effect for the March 5th Primary is Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Questions? Call or visit the Town Clerk's office.

Online Services Available

Go to <https://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

Please Participate in Freeport Community Library's Building Use Survey!

Your feedback will help us better understand how the community utilizes the library building and what we should consider when planning for future renovations. Your input is invaluable in improving our services and we thank you for taking the time to participate in our survey. Get started at <https://freeportlibrary.com/fcl-survey/> or if you prefer to fill out a printed survey form, copies are available in our lobby.



Freeport Community Services



For the past 20 years at Freeze Out, we have been "Freezin' for a Reason." This year, we'll be standing outside at different locations in Freeport and Pownal to **raise funds & awareness about food security.**

Freeze Out will take place **Saturday, Feb. 24, from 10am to 2pm.**

Come together at Freeport Community Services' Bradley Room for a **Free Community Lunch from 12-1pm** in celebration of Freeze Out during our Feb. 24 fundraiser! We will be serving chili to warm us all.

Our goal is to raise **\$20,000** for FCS' food programs.

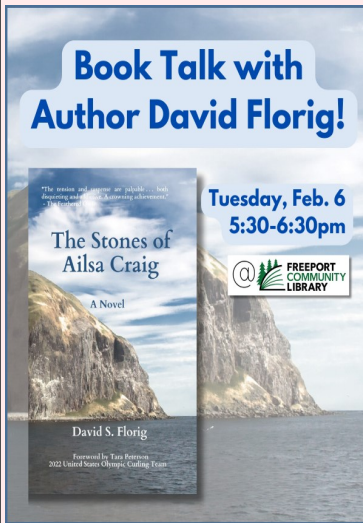
For more information about Freeport Community Services or to see what other programs and events they offer check out their website at:

<https://fcsmaine.org/>

FY 2025 Budget Schedule

Thursday, February 22, 2024	Manager Transmits 5-Year Capital Program to Council
Tuesday, February 27, 2024	Manager & Finance Director Present 5-Year Capital Program During Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2024	Council Sets Public Hearing for April 4
Tuesday, March 19, 2024	Council Workshop on 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, April 2, 2024	Public Hearing on Capital Program
Thursday, April 18, 2024	Manager Transmits Operating, Capital and TIF Budget to Council
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Manager and Finance Director Present Operating, Capital and TIF Budget
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Council Workshop on Budget and Council Sets Public Hearing for June 4
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	7:30-8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q&A Session
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital, and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 4, 2024	Public Hearing on Operating, Capital, and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 18, 2024	Target Date for Budget Adoption-Capital, TIF, and Operating Budgets/Appropriation Made

Freeport Community Library Adult Events



Please join us for a talk with David Florig on his debut novel, *The Stones of Ailsa Craig*, that has Olympic curlers and mystery readers raving. Set in present-day Belfast, Maine and 1880s Scotland, the novel is a dark look into one man's loss, loneliness, and obsession with vengeance and justice. Books will be available for purchase for interested parties. David Florig is the past-president of the Pine Tree Curling Club in Portland, Maine, as well as a member of the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance.

Freeport Community Library Youth Events

Giant Candyland

Come play Candyland during February vacation as the Freeport Community Library transforms into a game board and your body becomes the playing piece! Check in at the Youth Services desk for a spinner and then skip along the colored squares to wander through the giant game board. Play from February 20 to February 24, anytime from 10 a.m. to 30 minutes before close.



This event is for all ages and is free and open to the public. The library thanks L.L.Bean for sponsoring this program.

Register for Free Trees for Earth Day



Plant a tree and help the earth! The Freeport Community Library (FCL) is celebrating Earth Day this spring by participating in the Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids across the U.S. every Earth Day. To get one, parents can register online by March 15.

The tree (6-12 inches in size) will be delivered during Earth Week (April 22-29) to the library where it can be picked up. Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.

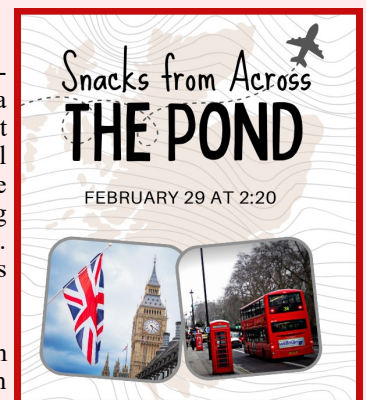
To register, visit FCL's Dedicated Parent Registration page on the Neighborhood Forest website, <http://tinyurl.com/2s4yz5fv> or find the library in the drop down menu on the school search page on <https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/school-search/>.

This program is open to kids who are Freeport residents or FCL cardholders.

Snacks from Across the Pond

Taste treats from the United Kingdom! Teens can get snacks in a grab-and-go bag from the Freeport Community Library. The bags will be available for pick up at the Youth Services desk starting Thursday, February 29 at 2:20 p.m. and will be available while supplies last.

This grab-and-go is free and open to the public, for grades 6 through 12.



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.

From the Tree Task Force: Now is the time to monitor for Brown Tail Moth Infestation!

What can you do now to reduce browntail moth next year?

Young browntail caterpillars create their winter webs in the summer and early fall by combining leaves together with white silk. During the winter, browntail caterpillars are dormant and rest inside their webs where they are protected from the harsh weather. These webs are usually at the tips of branches of their favorite host trees: oak, fruit trees (including ornamental varieties), black cherry, elm, birch, shadbush, roses, and others.

For the full publication, click [here](#) to go to the Maine.gov page.

KNOCK OUT BROWNTAIL

maine.gov/dacf/knockoutbtm

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All Planning Department related Board and Committee agendas and minutes– contact cpelletier@freeportmaine.com

The Municipal Bulletin – contact cweeman@freeportmaine.com

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



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