

## TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN



#### **Upcoming Town Council Meetings:**

Town Council Workshop with RSU#5 Board May 11th, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Freeport Community Center

Town Council Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 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



Public Works Open House Saturday, May 16th 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 7 Hunter Road

This is the first year the Town of Freeport is participating in the National Public Works Week with an Open House. The Department

plans to showcase their public works professionals and some of the equipment used regularly. The Open House will provide an opportunity for residents, including students, to come face-toface with the people and equipment essential to protecting the health and safety of Freeport residents and learn more about public works and related environmental issues in an informal setting.

# Let's Spruce up the Park!

Leon Gorman Park Spring Clean-up Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9AM - noon



SPRING is here! So it's time to spruce up Leon Gorman Park. We'll be planting flowers, spreading bark mulch, adding more stone to the pavilion and campfire pits, fixing some erosion problems and more. Collecting trail data is also needed if anyone has a GPS. The Town will provide the tools and the snacks. Come for some or all of the time, whatever you can do is a big help.

Meet at the pavilion next to the former skating pond. Parking is available on the School Street entrance.

RSVP (helpful but not necessary) Donna Larson at dlarson@freeportmaine.com

## Town Manager's Report May 5th, 2015

The Maine Law Enforcement community collected

23,500 pounds of unused and unwanted drugs on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> during the semi-annual drug take back day. In Freeport, we collected 295 pounds of unused drugs. Freeport Police



Officer/SRO Mike McManus is shown above with the boxes of drugs that were collected in Freeport.

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The public input phase of trail planning work to create a management plan for the Hedgehog Mountain trail system has begun. The Town invited the public to join guided walking meetings on the trails in the Hedgehog Mountain area last Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event introduced the Hedgehog Mountain area trails to people, and guides provided several questions to help the walkers evaluate the trail system. About 15 people participated in the walks and came back from the guided tours with many comments and suggestions. The next step is to document those comments and suggestions, and then work with various involved groups such as the Conservation Commission and National Park Service to decide how to implement those suggestions moving forward.

I'm sad to announce that Town Clerk Tracey Stevens will be leaving us on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Tracey has accepted a job with the Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida, and will be relocating to that area at the end of the month, in order to be closer to family. Tracey has done an outstanding job during her time here in Freeport, and has tackled many projects such as

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#### **Spring Cleanup**

The Month Of June Wed – Fri 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Freeport residents will once again have the whole month of June to bring one free load of waste to the Recycling Center using the Cleanup Coupon contained in the Town mailer that residents will be receiving in their mailboxes this month. Residents will also be required to have a 2015 facility sticker (\$6.00) which can be purchased at the Recycling Center the day of disposal or can be purchased ahead of time. As in years past, some material will have fees associated with them, so please review your flyer for the list of acceptable items and fees (which is also available on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com).

#### **Freeport Community Library News**

The Second Annual Edible Book Festival received many clever and imaginative entries this year as evidenced by "A Farewell To Arms". pictured at right, which received the award of Funniest (adult) and "The Maze Runner", pictured below, which received the award for Most





Bookish (child). If you want to view other entries, go to the Library's facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/media/set/ ?set=a.10155454673225035.1073741 901.185665615034&type=1

For other Library events visit www.freeportmaine.com.

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responsibility for the Town Council Agenda organization process. Tracey was also named "Clerk of the Year" by the Maine Town and City Clerks Association last year. She will be truly missed and hard to replace.

#### **Town Council Annual District Workshops** 2015 Schedule

The Freeport Town Council is once again holding one regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting in each of the Town's Voting Districts. These meetings provide residents with an opportunity to meet their Town Councilors more informally and discuss issues related to their specific district. District Town Council meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please Note: After each District Workshop adjourns, the Town Council will reconvene at the Town Hall for their regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting.

District 1—June 16th, Freeport Community Library

District 2—August 4th, Mallet Barn

District 3—September 15<sup>th</sup>, South Freeport Church

District 4—October 6th, Merriconeag School

#### **Memorial Day** Monday, May 25th



The parade and events this year will take place on Monday, May 25th, starting with the parade at 9:30 a.m. If you, your organization or any civic group you know of would like to participate in the parade and events, or help in the planning, please contact Gloria DeGrandpre at GloriaD556@aol.com or 207-232-6648.

#### Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Schedule

Thursday, May 14, 2015 Tuesday, May 19, 2015 Tuesday, June 2, 2015 Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 5:00 – 6:00 PM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session 7:30 – 8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets

Public Hearing on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets

Target Date for Budget Adoption - Capital, TIF, and Operating Budgets