



December 1, 2015 - *News for You*

TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN



Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

December 15, 2015
Regular Town Council Meeting
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

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Residents of Freeport Can Now Obtain License Plates at Town Hall!

The Town of Freeport is now processing new vehicle registrations and transfers during regular business hours!



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2016 Dog Licenses Now Available!

Dogs six months and older are required to be licensed by law. You may register at the Freeport Town Hall or online at: www.doglicensing.com. All dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. You must renew your dog license no later than January 31st of each year, or a late fee of \$25.00 per dog will be charged.

Rabies Clinic: Saturday, January 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Freeport Town Hall

Dogs and Cats are invited!
 Rabies Vaccine \$15.00 per animal.
 Freeport Residents may also license their dogs during the clinic. Female/
 Male- \$11.00, if Spayed/Neutered- \$6.00.



Questions? Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 865-4743, ext. 122 or 123.

Town Manager's Report December 1, 2015

Freeport's Finance Department is proud to announce that we are now issuing motor vehicle plates. The Town has received temporary authorization from the Secretary of State to issue plates, which will be upgraded to full authorization after the

successful completion of a six month probationary period. This authorization required training of staff, as well as inspection



Gail Pinard & Diane Hutchinson
 Finance Department

and review by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of our existing registration agent status, which was successfully completed in October. The Finance Department began issuing plates to the general public on November 1st. This means that for most new registrations, residents will no longer be required to make the trek to the BMV office in Topsham to complete their registration. Congrats to the finance department on their successful completion of this certification!

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HOLIDAY HOURS: All Town offices, including the Library and Recycling Center, will close at 2PM on December 24th. The Town Hall will be closed from 12-1PM only on December 17th, so that employees can attend a holiday luncheon at the Public Safety Building.

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After hearing interest from Town residents, Town Planner Donna Larson is currently investigating the feasibility of a second joint purchasing program, modeled on last year's highly successful "Solarize Freeport" program, for purchases of alternative heating systems

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Winter Reminders from the Public Works Department

The Public Works Department would like to pass on a few reminders to the Freeport residents for the upcoming winter season:

- Freeport residents are allowed **two (2) 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm**. Sand is located adjacent to the silver recycling bullet on Hunter Road in front of the Public Works Facility.
- No parking is allowed on public streets nor in turnarounds during winter storm events – please keep streets and turnarounds clear of vehicles (including trailers, campers, etc.) during a storm. The **winter parking ban is now in effect**, from 11:00pm-7:00am, and will continue until April 15.
- For residents who park vehicles in driveways, **please keep sidewalks clear** so sidewalk machines are not restricted in doing their job.
- On a final note, **please do not push snow into sidewalks or public streets** as this is not only against Maine state law, it is also costly and time-consuming for the Public Works Department to send vehicles and manpower out to go back to clean up a street or sidewalk.

For any residents who have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 865-4461. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Nominations still being accepted for the 2015 Citizen of the Year

Each year the Freeport Town Council presents a Citizen of the Year Award to honor those who have contributed significantly to the quality of the Town.

Nomination forms are available at the Town Office, the Freeport Community Library and can be found on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com. Deadline for nominations for the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award is December 10, 2015.



Food for Fines at the Library!

During the entire month of December, overdue charges will be eliminated from your account in exchange for donations of non-perishable food items that are comparable in value to your fines.

Let the Library staff know when you bring the non-perishable items in to be sure the donations are applied to your account. All proceeds collected will go to the Food Pantry at Freeport Community Services – a clean slate for you and a full plate for a neighbour!

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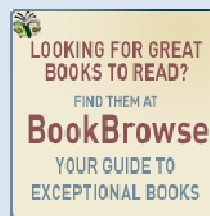
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such as heat pumps and pellet furnaces. Utilizing the existing model from "Solarize" will help to reduce staff time and effort required even further for such an effort. Interest from the community is currently being gauged, to see whether such a program would be feasible. Any residents who are interested in learning more should contact Donna at 865-4743 x103.

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Lastly, it's with sadness that I inform the public that Library Director Beth Edmonds has formally announced her retirement, planned for February of 2016. Beth has been a Town employee since 1981, and has held the position of Library Director since 2005. It's with great respect that I ask you to join me in congratulating Beth on her lengthy and distinguished tenure with the Town.

Freeport Community Library News...



The Freeport Community Library (FCL) has subscribed to **BookBrowse.com**, a website with in-depth reviews, recommended reading lists, an email newsletter and more.

This means FCL patrons now have free access to BookBrowse.com whether they are inside the library (no login necessary) or at home (login with your 14 digit library card barcode). Just click on the BookBrowse.com image on the home page of FCL's website or visit www.bookbrowse.com/fcl to start learning about great books!

FMI: <http://www.freeportlibrary.com/> or 865-3307

New Year's Fireworks

Thursday, December 31st

The New Year's Eve Fireworks will begin as close to 6:00 p.m. as possible.

