

February 2, 2016 - News for You

TOWN OF FREEPORT



Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Town Council Workshop Tuesday, February 9, 2016 6:30 p.m. **Town Council Chambers**

Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 6:30 p.m. Town Council Chambers

A full listing of upcoming Town Board and Committee meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at: www.freeportmaine.com



15th Annual Chocolate Bash Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Come to the Freeport Community Library's 15th annual



Chocolate Bash on Wednesday, February 10th from 6:30-7:30 pm! Sample an amazing assortment of chocolate treats and enjoy live music



by **Cul de Sax**. Cost is only \$2 per plate. There will also be raffles for various chocolate desserts, a basket of chocolate themed goodies put together by the FCL staff, and an art basket made up of donations from members of the Art Guild of Freeport, whose annual art exhibit is on display at the library the entire month of February.

Are you a baker or chocolatier? Donate your own favorite chocolate creation to



this fun library fundraiser. Sign up by February 7th if you'd like to contribute.

FMI: www.freeportlibrary.com



Please Note: The Freeport Town Hall and Freeport Community Library will be closed on Monday, February 15th for Presidents Day.

As a reminder. a number of services such as vehicle & snowmobile re-registration, and fishing licenses can be obtained online at www.freeportmaine.com

Town Manager's Report February 2, 2016

Successful K-9 Evidence Recovery – During the early morning hours of Monday, January 11, 2016 Frosty's Donuts on Main Street in Freeport was burglarized by two male suspects. Entry was gained into the building, where they stole

the register cash drawer. By Thursday afternoon both males had been identified and arrested. During the investigation detectives

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Officer Moorhouse and K-9 Cassie (Photo by Lt. Susan Nourse)

learned that the cash drawer was disposed of in a wooded area behind the high school. Officer Moorhouse and his K-9 partner Cassie were called to conduct an article search. Within 30 minutes Cassie had located the item buried under the snow. Congratulations to Officer Moorhouse and Cassie on another successful K-9 search!

Update on Motor Vehicle Plates – The Finance Department reports that they have issued approximately 250 sets of new plates to residents since October. In addition to new plates, there are several other classes of transactions that the Finance Department can now also process (such as transfer of existing plates to a new vehicle), that usually required a trip to a BMV office to complete. This convenience alone has saved several hundred hours of resident time driving to the BMV office, waiting in line, and driving home.





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KICKOFF EVENT

Join us and learn how to reduce energy costs at your home or business. Sessions will include information on solar, heat pumps, weatherization, pellet boilers, financing options, and incentives from Efficiency Maine.

FREEPORT TOWN HALL February 27, 2016 9am - Noon

"Warm Your Heart"

As part of Freeport Community Services "Warm Your Heart" 12th Annual Freeze Out, they will



be collecting non-perishable food and personal care items for the food pantry. Drop off boxes will be displayed around town. You can drop off your donated items here at the Town Hall the next time you are in the office!

For more information call 865-3985.

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Solarize Freeport – Will host a "phase two" Kickoff Event February 27th at the Town Hall in Freeport. Come and learn how to reduce energy costs at your home or business. Sessions will include information on solar, heat pumps and more (details at left). Contact Town Planner Donna Larson for more information at 865-4743 x103 or <u>dlarson@freeportmaine.com</u>.

Conviction in Norway Savings Bank Robbery – Two Manchester, New Hampshire residents have plead guilty to several bank robberies in Maine and New Hampshire, including last year's robberies at Norway Savings Bank in Freeport, TD Bank in Lewiston, Franklin Savings in Franklin, New Hampshire and University Credit Union in Portland. The joint investigation included police departments from Freeport, Portland, Lewiston, Old Orchard Beach, Saco, Franklin New Hampshire, Manchester New Hampshire, the Maine State Police, and the Southern Maine Gang Task Force. They are each facing 25 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each charge.

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Schedule

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Tuesday, April 05, 2016 Tuesday, April 12, 2016 Thursday, April 28, 2016 Tuesday, May 03, 2016 Wednesday, May 11, 2016 Thursday, May 12, 2016 Tuesday, May 17, 2016 Tuesday, May 31, 2016 Tuesday, June 07, 2016

Manager and Finance Director Present 5-Year Capital Program to Town Council Council Workshop on 5-Year Capital Program Public Hearing on 5-Year Capital Program Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program Manager Transmits Operating, Capital and TIF Budget to Town Council Manager and Finance Director Present Operating, Capital and TIF Budget 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