September 20, 2016 - *News for You*

TOWN OF FREEPORT MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

October 4, 2016
Town Council Districts 2 & 4 Workshop
&
Regular Town Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Freeport Community Center

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

November 8, 2016 Election Absentee Ballots

Anyone wishing to receive an absentee ballot for the upcoming Presidential and Municipal Election may visit the following link and ***apply online:*** http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl. You can also request an absentee ballot by calling or stopping by the Town Clerk's Office (865-4743 x123). Ballots will be available the second week in October.

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This year's Fire Prevention Open House will take place on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Freeport Police and Fire/Rescue Departments are planning a fun and educational evening for all ages. On display will be some of the traditional fire prevention activities, as well as crime prevention information. We have over 15 community partners participating this year, delivering health and wellness information and an overall safety message. In addition we will have on display the Squad 51 replica from the TV Show "Emergency" and the Bureau of High Safety's "Drive Sober" Mobile educational unit. Freeport's PD K-9 Cassie will be here to greet the public and demonstrate her skills with Officer Moorhouse. The Maine Public Safety Pipes and Drum Corps will be onsite to entertain us with some traditional Bagpipe music. Learn all about "hands only" CPR and what an AED can do to save a life. Freeport's fire trucks, ambulances and police cars will be on display. The Fire Auxiliary will be grilling up hot dogs and hamburgers for sale, with proceeds to support the Auxiliary.

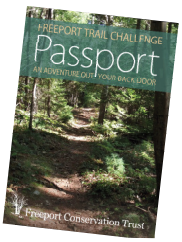
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Last week Charlene Donohue, Forest Entomologist with the Maine Forest Service, gave a presentation about the Browntail Moth (BTM) at the Freeport Community Library. For those

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Freeport Trail Challenge



The Freeport Trail Challenge is for people of all ages to hike four Freeport trails in September and October: Calderwood, Quarry Woods, Pettengill Farm and Bliss Woods. Record your hikes in a Passport (collect stamps from each trail on the Trail Challenge) or by posting on Facebook or Instagram. Prizes available if you hike all 4 trails.

Passports are available at the Town Hall, Historical Society and at the Freeport Conservation Trust (located in the Community Center). Or contact Freeport Conservation Trust to get a card mailed to you: **865-3985 x212, or info@freeportconservationtrust.org**

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Saturday, October 22nd
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Freeport Public Safety Building

The Freeport Police Department is participating in the NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE. Residents can bring unused, unwanted or expired medications to the Freeport Public Safety Building for proper disposal. During this program you may dispose of the following items:

- Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances (Medications may be disposed of in their original container, but we highly recommend removing the label from the container, or drawing a black line through the information)
- Liquid products such as cough syrup should remain sealed in their original container if possible. Otherwise the item should be placed in a sealed zip lock bag.
- Intra-venous solutions, injectibles and syringes **CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

FMI: 865-4800



Freeport Fire Prevention Open House

Wed. October 12, 2016
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



There will be plenty of activities for children and adults at this year's Open House at the Freeport Public Safety Building! There will be displays and demonstrations from both the Fire Department and Police Department, including demonstrations by our very own K-9 Cassie! Freeport's fire trucks, ambulances and police cars will be on display and many community partners will be participating in this year's event.

Visit the Fire Auxiliary booth for some grilled burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings' (proceeds go to support the fire auxiliary) and make an evening out of it with your family!



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who are unfamiliar with BTM, the hairs of the larvae cause a rash similar to poison ivy and can also cause respiratory distress in sensitive individuals. Unfortunately, Charlene Donohue reports that the BTM population remains strong in the Freeport area and summer surveys indicate that next year's BTM numbers will increase over 2016 levels. Ms. Donohue stated that Licensed Pesticide Applicators were inundated with requests for control work this past spring and some have reported that they are already booked for the spring of 2017. Freeport residents who want to hire a Licensed Pesticide Applicator for potential control work in 2017 should be contacting companies now.

Below is a link to the Maine Forest Service Browntail Moth website with more information including:

- Description of the BTM and how to control it
- What the overwintering webs look like
- A list of Licensed Pesticide Applicators for landowners to contact about potential control work in the spring
- State Law specific to BTM control near the ocean

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_info.htm

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Fire Department Engine 3 has been delivered to the Town! Department members will undergo training on the new equipment before it is placed in service, which is expected to begin this week.



Engine 3

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Citizen of the Year

Each year the Freeport Town Council presents a Citizen of the Year Award to honor those who have contributed substantively 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 15, 2015.