



December 6, 2016 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meeting:

December 20, 2016

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

Your 2016-2017 Town Council

Sarah Tracy, Chair	Scott Gleeson
Melanie Sachs, Vice-Chair	Bill Rixon
Lee Arris	John Egan
Peter Anzuini	

2017 Dog Licenses Are Now Available!

All dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. 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. Please bring proof of the rabies vaccination and spay/neutering. *Please be aware that 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.*

QUESTIONS: Please call the Clerk's Office at: 207-865-4743. Ext. 122 or 123

Town Manager's Report December 6, 2016

South Freeport Village Paving- Due to the "perfect storm" of asphalt plant problems, weather issues, scheduling conflicts and resident requests, the Public Works Department made the decision to move the paving portion of this project to next spring. In addition, with the weather turning colder, the Town Engineer determined that the Town would not obtain the same pavement quality and longevity as we would get in warmer temperatures. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in early May as temperatures allow. If you have any concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 865-4461.

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The Town of Freeport is now accepting online tax payments!! - This feature can be accessed at: <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/welcome>. Please note: All credit card payments are processed through a third-party payment processor, Maine Payport. There is a \$1.00 or 2.5% fee, whichever is greater, added to each credit card transaction by the third party processor, to cover the cost of processing the credit card payment. For future reference, this link will always be available in the "Online Services" dropdown menu on the Town's home page.

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Holiday Shopping Tips from the Freeport Police Department:

Now that the holiday shopping season is in full swing the Freeport Police Department would like to remind everyone of just a few simple safety tips.

* If you go out, whether shopping, to the gym, or to take in the beautiful Christmas lights, please do not leave valuables in plain sight inside your vehicle; for instance, handbags, backpacks, cell phones and most important, your newly purchased Christmas gifts.

* Help prevent car burglaries by keeping your valuables out of plain sight and your vehicle secured. Take the extra minute to secure your valuables before leaving your vehicle and when using your key fob/remote to lock your vehicle, make sure that it did in fact lock the doors; give a tug on the handle to be sure.

* When parking at night try to park in a well lit area even if it means you have to walk a little further. When returning to your vehicle have your keys ready in hand; if you are approached hit the panic alarm on your key fob/remote; the loud noise will draw attention and scare off any would be perpetrator. If you don't have a remote with a panic button draw attention to yourself; yell/scream, and dial 911.



Have a safe and happy holiday!!



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Freeport Community Library Events!

December is "***Food for Fines***" month at the Library! During the entire month of December all 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. For example 1 can of food = \$1 in fines. All the non-perishable food items collected during December will go to the Food Pantry at Freeport Community Services.



Holiday Gift Idea

For \$55 you can give a family that lives in a neighboring town a one-year membership to the library. In addition to being able to check out a wide selection of books, movies and audio books, the family will also have access to passes to the Portland Museum of Art, the Maine Maritime Museum, the Maine Wildlife Park and a Maine State Park Pass.

Acorn Garlands

Tuesday, December 13th at 3:45 p.m.
Acorn garlands are fun to make and great to decorate with during the holidays. We will be making ours with acorn caps and felted wool balls. For ages 6 and up (must be comfortable using a sewing needle). Limited to 25. Sign-up required.



New Year's Fireworks

Saturday, December 31st

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

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Winter Reminders from the Public Works Department:

1. Freeport residents are allowed two (2) 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm. Sand is now located adjacent to the silver recycling bullet on Hunter Road in front of the Public Works Facility.
2. 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. Our winter parking ban is now in effect, from 11:00pm-7:00am, through April 15.
3. For residents who park vehicles in driveways, please keep sidewalks clear so our sidewalk machines are not restricted in doing their job.
4. 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 865-4461.

The Town Offices will be closed from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th so Town Employees can attend a holiday luncheon at the Public Safety Building.

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 significantly contributed 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 2016 Citizen of the Year Award is December 15, 2016.