



December 20, 2016 - *News for You*



## TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

### Upcoming Town Council Meeting:

**January 3, 2017**

**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](http://www.freeportmaine.com)

### Municipal Office Holiday Hours

**Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th -**

Library closed. Recycling/Transfer Facility closing at 2:00 p.m.

**Day after Christmas, Monday, December 26th**

- Town Hall and Library closed (Recycling/Transfer Facility closed on Monday per usual).

**New Year's Eve Day, Saturday, December 31st**

- Library closed. Recycling/Transfer Facility open regular business hours (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

**Day after New Years, Monday January 2nd -**

- Town Hall and Library closed (Recycling/Transfer Facility closed on Monday per usual).

*Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season and a very Happy New Year!*

### Town Manager's Report December 20, 2016

A reminder to any interested peddlers – the Freeport public peddler application and lottery takes place during the month of January each year. Four public peddler spots are available each year. Renewals (those holding licenses in the preceding year) are given first priority for reapplication. New public peddler applications by residents, if spots are available, will be accepted in the Clerk's Office from January 16 – January 23. New public peddler applications by non-residents, if spots are available, will be accepted in the Clerk's Office January 24-January 31.

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As the holiday season approaches the Town asks that users of the "Silver Bullet" recycling containers do not leave trash or recycling materials outside of the containers. We know that the holidays are a time where these containers see a high amount of use. As such, we schedule extra pickups throughout the holidays to attempt to keep overflow situations to a minimum. Even with the extra pickups, sometimes container capacity cannot keep up with demand. We ask that if you encounter a full container, that you please do not leave recyclables on the ground around the container. Recyclables left outside are considered illegal dumping. They frequently do not stay neatly stacked against the container

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### Holiday Drinking Safety Tips from the Freeport Police Department

It is that time of year when families and friends gather to celebrate the holidays. The holidays are busy and stressful. People are hurrying more than normal and winter road conditions make driving more dangerous. Add alcohol to this scenario and you have a recipe for disaster.

#### Follow these tips to avoid an alcohol-related disaster:

- Resist the pressure to drink or serve alcohol at every social event. Just because it's there does not require that you drink it. Alcohol is not a necessary ingredient for holiday cheer.
- If you want to serve alcohol to your guests, offer nonalcoholic beverages as well. Make your guests feel as comfortable choosing a nonalcoholic beverage as they would be choosing alcohol. You can do this by putting nonalcoholic drinks in an easily accessible place and by asking guests what they would like to drink, instead of pointing them to the bar or handing them an alcoholic drink when they arrive.
- If you or your friends are going to a party and plan to drink alcohol, **decide in advance who will be the designated driver**. Drinking and driving is not an option. Jail, the hospital or worse the Morgue is not where you want to spend the holidays.

Please drink responsibly; have a safe and Happy Holiday!





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### Recycling & the Holidays

#### Is It Recyclable?

**YES:** Gift wrap, Gift bags, Tissue paper, Greeting cards, Strings of Lights, Corrugated Cardboard, Gift wrap (not foil), 1-7 Plastic, Glass

**NO:** Foil gift wrap, Ribbon, Bows, Tinsel, Packing Peanuts, Ceramic Dishes, Styrofoam

#### Christmas Trees & Wreaths:

Christmas trees are free to dispose of in the brush pile. Evergreen wreaths, because of the wire used to make them, cannot go in the brush pile. They are still free, but go in with the bulky waste dumpster.



For more details, call 865-3740 or go to [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com).

### The Appointments Committee will be meeting soon

to review applications for vacancies on Town Boards and Committees. Currently there are vacancies on:

**\*Active Living \* Cable TV \* Hunter Road Fields \*  
\*Library Board of Trustees \* Winslow Park**

If you are interested in serving on a committee an application is available at the Town Hall and at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com).



### Attention Dog Owners! 2017 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](http://www.doglicensing.com). Please bring proof of the rabies vaccination and spay/neutering. 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 28th, 2017**

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.



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

### New Year's Fireworks

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

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

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And are often blown into neighboring property, or out into the road, contributing to roadside litter. Please help us keep the silver bullet sites and neighboring properties clean by not leaving recyclables outside the containers! If you encounter a full container, you may want to try one of the other containers, which are located on: Wardtown Road (Doherty's Store), South Freeport Road (Village Store/French School), West Street (behind the Police Station), and Hunter Road (adjacent to the DPW garage).

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Deputy Town Clerk Mary Howe was recently recertified by the Maine Town and City Clerks Association (MTCCA). The certification is known as the "Certified Clerk of Maine certification. The initial certification requires a combination of professional employment experience, continuing educational requirements, and maintaining good standing with the MTCCA professional association. Recertification is required between 3 and 5 years after initial certification. Congratulations to Mary on this achievement!

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

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 Rd. 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, and will continue until 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.

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