February 26, 2019 - *News for You*

TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting
March 5, 2019
Town Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

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

Join Freeport Conservation Trust and the Town of Freeport's Sustainability Advisory Board for a viewing of a feature-length movie, **TOMORROW.**

Tomorrow is an inspiring documentary that presents actions being taken in hundreds of communities around the world to sustain humankind by changing the way we live.

Wednesday, February 27th at the Freeport Community Center. Movie will show from 7:00 – 9:00 PM but *come at 6:45 PM for refreshments.* Free.

POSTED ROADS
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 19, 2019
HEAVY LOADS LIMITED

Many local roads have been posted to heavy truck traffic. A full list of posted roads is available on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com.

Local roads are posted annually during the time of year when freeze/thaw cycles occur (otherwise known as "frost heave" season!). During this time of year, the road sub-base is softer, and more susceptible to damage from heavy loads. Posting roads to heavy truck traffic helps lengthen the lifespan of a road, reducing the frequency of reconstructions. This in turn saves tax dollars that would otherwise be needed for road reconstruction. Please note that regular delivery trucks such as fuel and garbage pickup are exempt under state law from these postings.

Permits can be issued for required deliveries by contacting the Public Works Department at 865-4461. Permits are usually coordinated time-wise for when the road sub base is below freezing, therefore reducing the risk of damage to the roadway.

Snow Plow Safety Tips for Children & Pedestrians

Keep a safe distance away from the street - Snow plow trucks are very large and require a longer distance to slow down and stop than most vehicles do. It can also be difficult to hear these trucks or any other vehicles approaching when enough snow has accumulated. Make sure you're far enough away from the street to safely perform any activity. When sledding, make sure there isn't a street at the bottom of your sledding hill. Playing in snow piles and building snow forts are always fun, but make sure you don't do these activities near a road as they will make you difficult to see to drivers and snow plow operators.

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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: Homeowners are eligible for up to a $20,000 reduction in their permanent residence's property valuation. If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April first, you may apply for this program. You only need to apply for this exemption once. Other available exemptions include the **Veteran's Exemption** and the **Blind Exemption**. Forms are available on the town's website, or stop in at the Assessor's office for forms or more information.

DISTRICT WORKSHOPS: District Workshops provide residents with an opportunity to meet their Town Councilors informally and discuss issues related to their specific districts. District Town Council workshops begin at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting. All District Workshops take place at the Freeport Community Center.
Districts 3 & 4 – April 23rd
Districts 1 & 2 – September 17th

CODE RED/REVERSE 911: The Public Safety Agencies of Cumberland County are using CodeRED, a high-speed mass notification system to keep you safe in the event of an emergency. The system allows the delivery of emergency messages to you via phone call to your landline or mobile device and through text and email. CodeRED has provided the County with a database of residential and business phone numbers derived from public sources such as phonebooks, however *no resident should assume their information is in the system*. To ensure you will receive notifications in case of emergency, please take a few moments to sign up: https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFF2E84D696F

TAX DUE DATES: Freeport collects real estate and personal property taxes twice a year. The due dates are November 15th and May 15th.

BROWNTAIL MOTHS: Now is a good time to check your property for BTM webs. Clip webs within reach.

FMI on any of the above go to: www.freeportmaine.com

Snow Plow Safety Tips for Children & Pedestrians

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Be sure to wear bright, visible clothing when walking or jogging – It is difficult for snow plow operators to see pedestrians at night and in white-out conditions. If you must walk or jog on the side of the street, be sure to make yourself visible (wear bright clothing and carry a flashlight) and keep your pets on a close leash as far away from the edge of the road as possible.

Spring Healthy Lawn Care Made Simple Workshops

Learn ways to grow a beautiful lawn that's safe for kids, pets, and the environment while saving money, time, and effort.
Join us at one of the following classes!

Scarborough High School | Thursday, March 28 | 6-8 pm | $5
Please register through Scarborough Adult Ed: https://tinyurl.com/yxkpzfwj

Windham Public Library | Wednesday, April 3 | 5-7 pm | FREE
Please register with the instructor: Ali Clift, CCSWCD 892-4700

South Portland High School | Tuesday, April 9 | 6-8 pm | FREE
Please register through South Portland Adult Ed: https://tinyurl.com/y3yrwr43

Falmouth-Lunt Auditorium | Wednesday, April 10 | 6-8 pm | FREE
Please register with the instructor: Ali Clift, CCSWCD 892-4700

Old Orchard Beach High School | Wednesday, May 1 | 6-8 pm | $9
Please register through Old Orchard Beach/Saco Adult Ed: https://tinyurl.com/y3squlz3

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Schedule

Tuesday, March 19, 2019	Council Workshop on 5-Year Capital Program
Thursday, March 28, 2019	Joint Meeting with RSU5, Town of Durham, Town of Pownal (Community Center)
Tuesday, April 02, 2019	Public Hearing on 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, April 23, 2019	Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, April 23, 2019	Manager and Finance Director Present Operating, Capital and TIF Budget
Tuesday, May 7. 2019	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	7:30 – 8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	5:00 – 6:00 PM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Tuesday, May 21, 2019	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets (OPTIONAL)
Tuesday, June 4, 2019	Public Hearing on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	Target Date for Budget Adoption – Capital, TIF, and Operating Budgets