



June 4, 2019 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 18th, 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

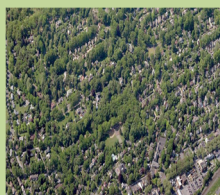
Freeport Sustainability Series:

Greening Freeport: Growing Our Town's Canopy of Trees

Monday, June 10th

6:30-7:30 pm

at Freeport Community Center



Trees are one of Freeport's greatest assets. Trees provide improved air quality, storm water runoff interception and energy conservation while encouraging lower traffic speeds, increasing property values, mental health and creating a desirable place to live, to name just a few benefits. It is essential that Freeport's tree canopy be maintained through good urban forestry management.

As Freeport embarks on an initiative to inventory its tree canopy, come listen to **Randall Arendt's** innovative ideas on how to maintain and increase street trees and parking lot plantings, both downtown and along the outer Main Street commercial corridors. Randall will also discuss landscaping for effective storm water basins and the use of public art in downtown Freeport.

About our Speaker: Randall Arendt:

Randall Arendt is a landscape planner, site designer, author, lecturer, and an advocate of "conservation planning". Mr. Arendt is one of the country's most sought-after speakers on the topic of creative development design as a conservation tool. He has presented lectures in 47 states and five Canadian provinces. His work has been featured in leading periodicals including *the New York Times*, *the Christian Science Monitor* and *the Wall Street Journal*. Mr. Arendt is the author of more than 20 publications.

Complimentary local refreshments from Maine Beer Company will be provided.

Town Manager's Report

June 4, 2019

Reminder regarding objects placed/constructed within the Town rights of way (ROW)- Placing objects such as bushes, trees, fences, decorative rocks and flowers in the Town's ROW may become a problem when it comes time for roadside mowing, ditching work and plowing. This is especially the case around driveways, should the need arise to repair or replace a culvert. Please contact the Public Works Department (865-4461) for information regarding the location of the Town's ROW on your street prior to doing any such substantive landscaping improvements along your road or street. Though Town crews do their best not to cause damage to property, the Town of Freeport cannot be held responsible for anything erected or located within the Town's ROW.

LED project update – I'm happy to report that the installation phase of the LED streetlight project has been successfully completed, and all town-owned streetlights have now been successfully converted. The next phase of the project will be submitting our newly certified light plan to the electric utility so that our monthly bill can be adjusted.

Winslow Park Beach Access Improvements – I'd like to take the time to thank Winslow Park Manager Neil Lyman, as well as John, Brad, Dennis, and Jill from the local citizen's accessibility task force, for taking the time to meet last week at the Park for a site visit to evaluate potential accessibility improvements to the beach area. Based on the alternatives discussed at that meeting, Neil will be working over this summer to explore potential ramp access points to the beach, as well as other accessibility improvements throughout the park. Updates will be provided as options are evaluated over the coming months.



TRAFFIC ALERT FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

The 2019 Trek Across Maine has a new route and will be coming through Freeport this year.

Please be aware that traffic will be impacted on both sides of the highway in Freeport. Organizers expect the event to be done in Freeport by 2:00 PM. Please slow down and share the road with cyclists, volunteers, families and friends!



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Summer Reading Kickoff Festival Freeport Community Library Friday, Jun. 21, 6:00-7:00PM

The Library is kicking off their **Adult and Child Summer Reading programs** with an outdoor concert! Celebrate the first day of summer with the Library and Sister Steel Pan, who will be playing lively and joyful steel drums. There will be face painting, chalk, and popcorn, as well as a table to sign up for either program for interested parties. Bring a blanket and snacks.

In the event of inclement weather, festivities will be moved indoors to the Library's Meeting Room.

For details on this event and many more, go to:
www.freeportlibrary.com or call 865-3307.

Close to the Coast Race & Family Fun Day at Winslow Park Saturday, June 15th



You don't want to miss this year's Family Fun Day & Close to the Coast Race on Saturday, June 15th. The Race starts at 9:00 a.m. For children, there is a 1K Kids Fun run which will begin at 10:00 am. Race and awards are followed by a FREE after race BBQ, live band and adult beverage tent from Gritty's for all racers and their families. Live music begins at 10:00 a.m.

Winslow Park Thursday Evening Summer Concert Series begins July 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Pack a picnic dinner and grab a blanket and enjoy a lovely evening at the Park with the whole family!

For more information call the Gatehouse at 865-4198.

Spring Clean-Up

The Annual Spring Clean-Up takes place the first two weeks of June only.

Operating hours during this time period will be Wed – Fri (8:00A – 4:00P) and Saturday (9:00A – 4:00P). During these two weeks residents can bring their one free pick-up truck size load of waste to the Recycling Center (conditions apply). Residents will need to bring the coupon included in a town wide flyer which you should have already received and have a 2019 facility sticker (\$6). Stickers can be purchased at the Recycling Center in advance or on the day of disposal and can also be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office with proof of residency.



If you would like to volunteer at the Swap Shop during the Clean-up, we could use your help! Contact Suzanne Duplissis at 865-3740.



Fourth of July Parade

Don't just attend the Parade – be a part of it!

Everyone is invited to be part of the celebration! If you would like to participate in this year's parade you will need to register. Deadline for registration is June 28th. Information on the parade and how to register can be found at <http://www.fcsmaine.org/freeport-4th-july-parade/>

For more information you can contact:
Nancy Trottier ntrottier@fcsmaine.org; 865-3985 x220, or
Michelle Barker at mbarker@bathsavings.com or 865-6998.

June 11th RSU5 Budget Validation Voting Information

RSU5 Budget Validation Election will be held June 11, 2019 at the Freeport High School Gymnasium from 7 am to 8 pm. Absentee ballots are available in the Clerk's Office or call 865-4743 x122 or x123.



Shellfish License Lottery

For 1-resident commercial license and 2-resident student commercial licenses. Applications must be received by the Town Clerk between 6/1 and 6/15. Lottery will be held on 6/17/19.