



May 21, 2020 - *News for You*



## TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

### **The Next Regular Town Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

For information on how to join the webinar click on the June 2, 2020 Town Council Agenda which can be found on the calendar on the Town's website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com) (Town Council agendas are posted by the end of business day Thursday before the



### **Memorial Day Ceremony**

Due to the pandemic, the traditional Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony have been

cancelled. Local officials have created a pre-recorded ceremony which will be aired on our Community Cable channel and Facebook page on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

While most of us recognize the Memorial Day Holiday, not everyone is aware of the National Moment of Remembrance, which is a unified moment of silence to remember and honor those who gave their lives fighting for our nation. All are encouraged to participate by pausing for one minute of silent reflection, wherever you happen to be and whatever you are doing, at 3:00 PM on Memorial Day.

### **Notice Regarding Tax Bills Due May 19, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Freeport Town Council voted to waive any application of late payment interest on the May 18, 2020 tax installment for 30 days until June 18, 2020. Please note the due date of taxes is still May 18, 2020; however no interest will be charged on this installment until June 18, 2020.

Should you have any questions please call Finance at 865-4743 x106.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**There is now a secured drop off box by the main entry to the Town Hall for any payments or correspondence.**



### **Municipal Services Update**

#### **Town Hall:**

The Town is finalizing a re-opening protocol for the Freeport Town Hall, scheduled to go into effect on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. To ensure the safety of the public and employees, please be prepared to encounter some new and different practices in how we do business. It will include limiting the number of people inside the building, continuing to encourage remote access and use of online services, and requiring all persons within the building to wear face masks at all times, per the Governor's executive order. (\*The Governor has included exclusions to the rule that exempt children under the age of 2, a child in a child care setting, people that have trouble breathing, or someone who would be otherwise be unable to remove a mask on their own.) You will also notice modifications to municipal buildings such as partitions, lines, queues, etc. to keep people safe. Although we anticipate that transactions may take longer than usual, we will continually monitor and modify our practices to provide services as efficiently as possible.

#### **Library:**

The Freeport Community Library book drop has reopened and is planning to provide curbside pickup starting on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. More details will be forthcoming. To keep up with Library news go to: <https://sites.google.com/view/freeportlibrary> and sign up for their email newsletter.

### **Online Services Available**

Go to <https://www.freeportmaine.com/online-payments> for:

Alarm Applications  
Automobile, Boat & Snowmobile Re-registrations  
Dog Licenses  
Hunting & Fishing Licenses  
Burn Permits  
Property Tax Payments & Viewing Property Information  
Parking Ticket Payments

Go to <https://www.freeportmaine.com/town-clerk> for:  
Absentee Ballots  
Harbor Parking Permit Applications



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### From the Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board

Ordering takeout and food delivery supports our local restaurants but remember to **reduce**, **re-use** and **recycle** the waste these services can create.



- Ask that your order not include plastic utensils (they're not recyclable) or napkins (use cloth napkins if you have them).
- Opt for paper bags rather than plastic bags. Paper bags are easier to recycle. If you get plastic bags, remember to recycle them properly at retailers like Shaws or Hannaford - **not** in silver bullets or curbside.
- Ask that your meal not be packaged in foam (it's not recyclable). Paper or rigid plastic containers are preferable and compostable containers are best.
- Compost your food scraps in your backyard composter or at Freeport's two free drop-off sites: behind the Public Safety Building and at the Freeport Recycling Facility.
- If the bottom of your pizza box is greasy, it's not recyclable and belongs in the compost or trash. But the top of the box is clean cardboard! Remove it and recycle it in silver bullets or curbside.
- Re-use plastic clamshell packaging as seedling containers! - or give them a quick rinse and include them with your recycling.
- Recycle your redeemable beverage cans and bottles using Clynk and support community program. Clynk bags supporting various Freeport organizations are available at the Transfer Station.

### Annual Clean Up Days Postponed

Please be aware that due to the pandemic, the Annual Clean Up Days have been postponed. Currently plans are being made to reschedule the Clean Up Days for some time in the fall.



### Primary & RSU5 Budget Validation Election

The Primary and RSU 5 Budget Validation Election will be held on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Absentee ballot requests are available now and may be requested electronically at: <https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>, or you can contact the Town Clerk's Office at 865-4743 x123

The Library is putting together a virtual **Summer Reading and Math Program** for kids and teens. The program starts on June 1. Please visit the Library's virtual site for more information.



<https://sites.google.com/view/freeportlibrary/kids-teens>

### Freeport Grocery Buddy Program



The Freeport Grocery Buddy

Program is here to assist our senior neighbors over 65 and those with autoimmunity illnesses who do not have help in physically getting to the grocery store to shop for food or other essential items or to deliver the items they have ordered through Bow2go or Royal River. The Freeport Grocery Buddy program will allow these residents to take extra precautions during this time by not having to worry about having to go to the grocery store.

Eligible residents will purchase Shaw's or Bow Street gift cards through the Town and a volunteer will pick up your list and your purchased gift card(s) from Town Hall and make arrangements with you to drop off your items. If you have already purchased your items through Bow2go or Royal River and only need your groceries picked up and delivered, volunteers are ready to help with deliveries only as well. Accommodations can also be made for SNAP participants.

If you would like someone to shop for you: Please call 207-865-4743 x 121. If you would like someone to pick up your ordered groceries and deliver them to your house: Please call or email Melanie Sachs at 207-299-6825 or email [melaniesachsforme@gmail.com](mailto:melaniesachsforme@gmail.com).