



June 3, 2020 - News for You



## TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

### **The Next Regular Town Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

For information on how to join the webinar click on the June 16, 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 meeting).

### **Town Hall is Open!**

On Monday, June 1st, the Freeport Town Hall reopened to the public after a period of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to minimize the risk to our customers and employees from potential COVID-19 exposure, you will notice the following changes from how you are used to using the Town Hall. We thank you for your patience as we adjust to these new traffic patterns and customer service patterns:

- While the Town Hall will be open for business, we still encourage that you use online services whenever possible. The full list of online services available from the Town Hall is available here: <https://www.freeportmaine.com/online-payments>
- The number of customers inside the Town Hall will be limited wherever possible to one per service counter/area. Customers are asked to limit their party size to 1 person inside the Town Hall unless absolutely necessary (ex: individuals requiring chaperones/guardians to complete transactions, 2 party transactions such as marriage licenses, parents without childcare, etc.)

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### **Workshop with the Town Council and Police Department**

A workshop with the Town Council and Police Department will be scheduled to review current policing standards in Freeport in response to the national unrest surrounding police related incidents in other areas of the country. A time and date for this workshop will be scheduled in the near future and information on how you can participate will be included in notice of the workshop.

### **Joint Statement of the Freeport Police Department and Town Leadership**

**June 1, 2020**

"The leadership of the Freeport Police Department and the Town of Freeport are strongly committed to the equal and fair treatment of everyone in our community, regardless of the differences among us.

We have watched with great concern some of the recent acts of violence and discrimination against people of color across the nation, including the murder of George Floyd while in police custody in Minneapolis. We join those around the nation who have been rightfully shocked and angry as they have watched these events unfold. We are committed to ensuring that tragic events like these do not take place in our town and that all people, and specifically people of color, feel safe and protected in our community.

Let us be clear - discrimination of any kind, especially racial discrimination, will not be tolerated in our town. We ask all of our employees, as well as our residents, to speak out if they witness acts of discrimination within our community."

Jointly Issued,

Susan Nourse, Chief of Police

John Egan, Chair, Town Council

Tawni Whitney, Vice-Chair, Town Council

Peter Joseph, Town Manager



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- Customers are asked to keep a 6 foot minimum separation from any other customers or employees inside the Town Hall at all times.
- Customers will be greeted at the main (side) entrance to the Town Hall by an employee who will advise them if there is a wait for the transaction they are seeking to conduct.
- Customers are advised to expect delays for new car and new boat registrations at the Finance Department window. As such, there will likely be a queue outside of the Town Hall for these transactions. Extended wait times are expected due to heavy customer traffic, and we apologize in advance for any inconvenience.
- As outlined in executive orders issued by Governor Mills, cloth face coverings/masks are required indoors at all times, unless the individual is specifically exempted as listed in the executive order (medically unable to wear a mask, under 2 years of age, etc.).
- Hand sanitizer is provided at all service areas, customers are asked to sanitize their hands wherever possible before conducting business.
- Outside meeting areas will be available for individual/one on one meetings with Town staff, or for people who are uncomfortable coming into the Town Hall to conduct their business.

### Library:

The Freeport Community Library book drop has reopened and is planning to provide curbside pickup starting on Monday June 8th, 2020.

Details on curbside pickup and a map of the curbside route can be found at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com).



### Winslow Park Update

Winslow Park is finalizing plans to open camping in a limited capacity. In order to ensure the safety of the public and employees, there are a number of things that need to be taken care of before the Park can reopen the campsites.

#### Dates and information to keep in mind:

Online only reservations will open on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. The link will be posted on the Town's website (<https://www.freeportmaine.com/winslow-park-and-campground>).

The actual campground will open on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> with limited sites. Seasonal campers will be allowed to bring their campers in on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to get situated before we open the other campsites. A bulletin board will be posted by the gate where campers can self check-in by picking up their registration.

All campers will need to make a reservation online at least 24 hours before arrival. There will be no walk-in same day reservations.

The beach remains open as long as visitors avoid overcrowding and observe proper social distancing. Parking for day use will expand in the next day or so.

The playground is closed until at least the end of the month per state order.

The group shelters will remain closed indefinitely.

Reservations are for in state residents only through unless you have quarantined at a private residence in Maine for two weeks. If you are registering with an out of state address, you will need to contact the manager's office

Reservations will be checked each day and any from out of state that have not been cleared will be canceled.

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