



December 5, 2017- *News for You*



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meeting:

December 19, 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

Your 2017-2018 Town Council

Sarah Tracy, Chair	Scott Gleeson
John Egan, Vice-Chair	Doug Reighley
Lee Arris	Eric Horne
Melanie Sachs	

2018 Dog Licenses Are Now Available!

All dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. 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. Please bring proof of the rabies vaccination and spay/neutering. *Please be aware that 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.*

QUESTIONS: Please call the Clerk's Office at: 207-865-4743. Ext. 122 or 123

Public Information Meeting

Flood Map Changes

Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 2017 6-8PM.
Freeport Community Center

FEMA is in the process of revising Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Southern Maine, including Freeport. Changes to Flood Insurance Rate Maps can affect your property in a variety of ways. If you are interested in learning more, please attend this informational meeting.

State and Local officials and Flood Map experts will be in attendance to provide information and answer questions.

For more information please contact Nick Adams, Codes Enforcement Officer @ 865-4743 x.102

Town Manager's Report December 5, 2017

- At our recent Council meeting discussing the "Halloween" wind storm, we discussed a process for updating the Town's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). I have discussed the timeline for this update with Fire Chief Charlie Jordan, who will be leading this process in his role as the Town's Emergency Management Director. We have scheduled a kickoff meeting for this update process for Thursday, January 18th. There will be several seats available on the EOP committee for residents. Any residents who are interested in serving on the EOP update committee should contact Chief Jordan at 865-3421. For those who would like to observe, but maybe not participate, the majority of meetings (including the January 18th meeting) of the EOP update process will be open to the public. We are anticipating that a draft plan will be available by the end of April for review and input from the Town Council.
- The Town of Freeport is encouraging residents to register their cell phone numbers with the "Code Red" reverse-911 system maintained by Cumberland County. This is a new program which allows automatic calls to be sent out to specific geographic areas, but if you don't have a landline (as many people don't anymore), you will need to register your cell phone number to receive geographic-based alerts. You can access the Code Red website at the top of the Freeport Police Department Page on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com and also on the Homepage of the Town's website under "Municipal News."

Holiday SAFETY TIPS

*From the
Freeport
Police
Department*

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS BY KEEPING YOUR IDENTITY SAFE

You're not the only one who is looking forward to shopping for the holiday. Thieves who can't wait to get your credit or debit card information are also looking forward to it! And with expanded shopping hours and month-long cyber sales, there's no time like now to read these tips from our friends at Maine Identity Services, LLC:

- **DO NOT USE YOUR DEBIT CARD.** Your debit card can give a hacker an open door into your bank accounts, so don't use it to shop. Under the laws that govern the fraudulent use of your debit card, you may lose some or all of the amounts involved if you don't respond in time to the theft. And even the new computer chip cards won't protect you if you are using it to shop over the internet.

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Winter Reminders Public Works Department



~Freeport residents are allowed two (2) 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm. Sand is located adjacent to the silver recycling bullet on Hunter Road in front of the Public Works Facility.

~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, through April 15.

~For residents who park vehicles in driveways, please keep sidewalks clear so our sidewalk machines are not restricted in doing their job.

~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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 865-4461.

Holiday Safety Tips

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- **USE A PRE-PAID CREDIT CARD.** For online and in store shopping, consider using a pre-paid credit card. These can be quickly obtained and will not allow a thief access to your bank or other credit card accounts.
- **CHECK THE ATM AREA CAREFULLY.** Tug on the key pad and the debit card slot to make sure that no skimming devices are reading your information as you enter it. Check the area around the ATM to look for what may be hidden cameras or other devices.
- **DON'T LEAVE YOUR WALLET/PURSE IN YOUR CAR.** A locked car door is no protection from a thief who wants your checkbook or credit and debit cards. It's always "shopping season" for these thieves who operate in organized gangs– so make it a practice never to leave these items in your vehicle – no matter how quickly you expect to return.
- **IS IT THE REAL WEBSITE?** It's easy to be lured to a website for deals that sound too good to be true. Make sure that any website you visit is the real deal. Don't open links from attachments; instead use your browser to go to the business' actual web site to make your purchase. If you are still in doubt, either do not make the purchase or phone the legitimate store number and make the purchase via phone.

For a full list of Holiday Safety Tips, look under the "Municipal News" section on the Homepage of the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com.

HOLIDAY TEA
FREEPORT LIBRARY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 1-2PM

FOOD, MUSIC, TEA & FRIENDSHIP

New Year's Eve Fireworks
Sunday, December 31st.

The Fireworks will begin as close to 6:00 p.m. as possible.

Municipal Holiday Schedule

All Town Departments will be closed:
Wed., December 13th, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
for our annual holiday lunch.*

*All Town Departments will also be closed all day:
Monday, December 25th, 2017
&
Monday, January 1st, 2018*

**Fire/Rescue and Police Services ALWAYS in service.*

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 Citizen of the Year

Each year the Freeport Town Council presents a Citizen of the Year Award to honor those who have significantly contributed to the quality of the Town.

Nomination forms are available at the Town Office, the Freeport Community Library and can be found on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com. **Deadline for nominations for the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award is December 14, 2017**