



March 5, 2019 - *News for You*



## TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

### Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

#### *Town Council Workshop*

March 12, 2019

6:30 p.m.

#### *Town Council Chambers*

#### *Regular Town Council Meeting*

March 19, 2019

6:30 p.m.

A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at: [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com)

### *Congratulations to Betheda G. Edmonds Freeport's 2018 Citizen of the Year!*



*Beth receiving the 2018  
Citizen of the Year Award  
from Eric Horne,  
Councilor-At-Large and  
Chair of the Special  
Projects Committee*



*Beth with her  
husband Dan and  
family members  
who travelled from  
New York to  
celebrate with her*

Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board presents  
the third in our Sustainability Lecture Series:



#### Lucy Birkett

The Truth About the Birds and the Bees:  
Native plantings and gardening to encourage birds and pollinators.

**Monday March 11th 6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Freeport Community Center**

53 Depot St.

Join Lucy Birkett, ecology enthusiast and native plant gardener to explore how our gardens, yards, and landscapes can be enhanced to benefit birds, pollinators, and other wildlife, while providing delight to humans. Lucy will show us how easy, inexpensive, and rewarding it can be to grow native perennials, shrubs, and trees, and will recommend specific strategies, species, and resources for growing. Lucy is active with organizations including the Wild Seed Project, Maine Audubon, Freeport Conservation Trust and the UMaine Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Program. She consults in ecosystem gardening and plant surveying.

**Fresh Local food provided by Wealden Farm and beer samples by Maine Beer Co. Free!**

### PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION Ticks & Tickborne Infections

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

2:30 PM—3:15 PM

Freeport Town Council Chambers



**Tick season is almost here**, and ticks have the potential to be a lot more than a nuisance, since they can carry potentially deadly diseases. Even when these diseases aren't fatal, they can cause a variety of unpleasant symptoms that can require long-term treatment, and ultimately affect one's quality of life. This will be a general information presentation focusing on symptoms, diagnosis/treatment and prevention of **Tickborne Infections**—Lyme Disease, Anaplasmosis, & Babesiosis

Presenters: *Emer Smith Maine CDC Field Epidemiologist for the Cumberland county district and Kristine Jenkins, District Public Health Liaison.*



### PUBLIC MEETINGS

Join Us to Discuss METRO's Proposed Fare Pricing Changes,  
including NEW automatic fare payment options.

**We Want Your Feedback!**

Stop by these open forum meetings.  
Drop by and YOUR convenience.

Monday, March 25 from 5 - 7 p.m.  
Freeport Town Hall, 30 Main St.

Council Chambers



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### ***Upcoming Library Events***

There is always a lot happening at the Freeport Community Library!

#### ***For Adults:***

- \*Adult Coloring Group
- \*Tech Assistance Appointments
- \*Armchair Travel Series – New Zealand, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Vietnam & Cambodia, March 25<sup>th</sup>

#### ***For Children:***

- \*Yoga for Toddlers & Preschoolers
- \*Lego Club
- \*Therapy Dog Story Hour
- \*Toddler Story Time



***You can also sign up to receive email newsletters about new items at the library!***

For details on these events and many more, go to:  
[www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com)

### **\*\*Homestead Exemption Reminder\*\***

Under this law, homeowners are now 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.

If you haven't previously applied for the homestead exemption, **in order to receive this exemption for FY2020 you must apply by April 1, 2019.**

Forms are available at the Tax Assessor's office or on [the state's website](#).

If you have any questions, contact the Tax Assessor's office at 865-4743 x140 or x105.



### **NOW IN EFFECT: HEAVY LOADS LIMITED**

The posting is currently in effect and continues until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 dependent upon the weather. All regular delivery route trucks are exempt (Oil trucks, Propane Gas Trucks, Trash Haulers, Municipal Vehicles and other necessary vehicles). For a list of affected roads, please go to the Town's website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com). Applications may be made for an exception and are available on the Town's website.

For current information or questions contact the Public Works Department (865-4461).

### **Annual Orientation for Board & Committee Chairs & Committee Members**

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Town Council Chambers

All Board and Committee members are encouraged to attend this session. The Town's Attorney, Phil Saucier, will present information on the Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) and the Public Notice & Meeting Process. The Town Manager and Town Clerk will review administrative duties of Committee Chairs and staff persons.

### **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