

Freeport Grocery Buddy Program



Greetings,

Efforts are underway to assist the senior residents, 65 and older, and those with autoimmunity illnesses of the Town of Freeport to stay healthy and safe during the coronavirus pandemic. During this time, we strongly advise you to practice social distancing and stay in your homes to avoid contact with others.

The Town of Freeport is starting a Freeport Grocery Buddy Program to assist senior residents who do not have help in obtaining food or other essential items. We are working with community volunteers to provide this service once a week on either **Thursday or Friday**

Please call 207-865-4743 x121 and leave a message with your name and phone number if you are interested in this service. A Town employee will call you back to walk you through the process step by step. Below you can see the expectations of how this will work.

- Eligible residents will purchase Shaw's or Bow Street gift cards in \$50.00 increments through the Town by paying with a credit card.
- Please prepare a shopping list using the following categories: *Dairy, Grains, Produce, Meats, Canned goods, Pet/Cleaning Supplies, Frozen Foods or Personal/Other*. Please indicate which items are a high priority. Please keep your request as simple as possible. Many items are sold out and may not be available. Do not include alcohol or tobacco products on the list. Once your list is complete, call the helpline at (207) 865-4743 x121 and leave a message that you have a Grocery Buddy order. Calls should be made by **8:00 AM on Monday** for a Thursday/Friday delivery. Your call will be returned by a Town employee normally on Mondays, so you can relay your list to them and purchase the expected number of gift cards.
- Shopping requests must be received by **8:00 AM on Monday** each week with delivery on **Thursday or Friday** of the same week.
- A volunteer will pick up your list and your purchased gift card(s) from Town Hall to complete your shopping. Every effort will be made to obtain your desired items.
- The volunteer will have your phone number so they can make arrangements to drop off your items. Volunteers will be asked not to enter your homes and to keep their distance from you. Your receipt and the gift card with any remaining funds will be left in your shopping bags with your items.

Lastly, should you know of anyone in the Town of Freeport that could benefit from this program, please have them call 207-865-4743 x121.

Stay well!