



March 21, 2017 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Town Council Workshop
March 28, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers

Regular Town Council Meeting
April 4, 2017
6:30 p.m.

A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at:
www.freeportmaine.com

PLEASE NOTE: The South Freeport Road Construction Public Meeting which was cancelled due to last week's storm has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.
FMI contact 865-4461

Town Council Districts 1 & 3 Workshop
April 25, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Freeport Community Center

District Workshops provide residents with an opportunity to informally meet with their Town Councilors and discuss issues related to their specific districts. District Workshops begin with a meet and greet session and an open discussion related to District issues. The regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will follow the Workshops. (The District 2 & 4 Workshop will take place on September 19th, 2017.)

Now is the time to check your property for Browntail Moth Caterpillar webs!

On the homepage of the Town's website you can find information on how to recognize, treat and manage the browntail moth caterpillar. You will also find links to the Maine Forest Service website and a video showing how to clip browntail moth caterpillar webs.

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Town Manager's Report March 21, 2017

Winslow Park Cottage Donation

Earlier this winter, Winslow Park received a donated cottage from Pound of Tea Island. The building has been set in its new location near the central bath house and the farmhouse. Park Manager Neil Lyman reports that the inside still needs to be wired by an electrician, and then the room will be finished as a single room to be used as a common room/community room. He is also planning to add a porch to the front of the building. It is expected that the building can be used as a day room by campers during days with foul weather, or as a place to play board games and read books.

Fill Available - 2017 Construction Season

Most years, the Public Works Department makes excess material from various road projects and ditching operations available to the public for use as fill on their property. This allows the double benefit of saving disposal costs for the Town, and providing free fill for residents. This year, the Public Works Department is looking for residents in the South Freeport area to accept fill from the South Freeport Road project. Material will be distributed on an "as available" basis, with priority given to interested residents closest to the project, since this will save the Town on trucking and disposal costs. The Town requires a written material acceptance agreement to be completed, which can be found on the Public Works Department page on the Town's website. Applications are also available at the Public Works garage on Hunter Road. Residents interested in learning more can contact either Tammy Morrissey or Earl Gibson at the Public Works Office at 865-4461.



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Upcoming Library Events

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

For Adults:

- *April 3 – Black Holes, Neutron Stars and Magnetars with Jon Wallace
- *April 12 – “Grow your Own Organic Garden” Workshop with Dave Colson
- * Author Talks with Mark Evans, Kristin Krause Nam, Mark Peterson & Caitlin Shetterly

For Children:

- *March 25 – Sign Language Basics
- *April 11 – Earth Day Garden
- *May 16 – Henna Tattoos for Teens



For Everyone!

- Edible Book Festival** – April 28
- Annual Book Sale** - May 6 through May 11

For details on these events and many more, go to: www.freeportlibrary.com

Homestead Exemption Reminder

Under this law, homeowners are now eligible for up to a **\$20,000** reduction (beginning in FY2018) 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 FY2018 you must apply by April 1, 2017.**

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 began February 24th and continues until May 1st, 2017 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. 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 & Vice-Chairs

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017
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 2018 Budget Schedule

Tuesday, April 04, 2017	Public Hearing on 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, April 25, 2017	Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, May 02, 2017	Presentation of Operating, Capital & TIF Budgets
Wednesday, May 10, 2017	5:00 – 6:00 PM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Thursday, May 11, 2017	7:30 – 8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Tuesday, May 16, 2017	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 6, 2017	Public Hearing on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 20, 2017	Target Date for Budget Adoption – Capital, TIF, & Operating Budgets

FREEPORT DAY At the NORDICA THEATRE!

Wednesday, April 26th

Residents of Freeport are welcome to view a movie absolutely **free!**

Proof of residency is required.