



April 25, 2017 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Town Council Meeting
May 2, 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



Freeport Day Nordica Theater Wednesday, April 26th

Residents of Freeport are welcome to view a movie absolutely free! Donations for Project Graduation will be accepted.

Proof of residency is required.



National Drug Take Back Day April 29th, 2017

The Freeport Police Department is once again participating in the NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE on Saturday, April 29th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Freeport Public Safety Building.

Residents can bring unused, unwanted or expired medications to the Freeport Public Safety Building for proper disposal. For a list of acceptable items, please go to the homepage of the town's website (www.freeportmaine.com) or call 865-4800 for more information.

Reminder: Property Taxes are due May 15th!

The Town of Freeport is now accepting online payments for Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes. Go to www.freeportmaine.com and look for the quick link to "Pay Property Tax Bills Online."

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Freeport Fire Department Burn Permitting

The Freeport Fire Department is pleased to offer residents access to free online burning permits. To obtain a permit, visit the "Online Services" section on the home page of the town's website at www.freeportmaine.com, or go directly to wardensreport.com, and follow the step by step instructions. If the daily fire conditions allow for permitting, you will be allowed to proceed to the next step. If not, you will receive a warning stating "Fire Classification is too high to allow permitting today." Make sure you print and sign your permit and remember to read and follow the instructions on your permit.



Freeport Police Department K-9 Search

On April 5th at approximately 5:30PM, Freeport K-9 Officer Matthew Moorhouse and his K-9 partner Cassie were called into action. The team was dispatched to assist in a search for narcotics. Officer Moorhouse and Cassie arrived on scene and conducted a search. Cassie alerted on a duffel bag indicating to Moorhouse the presence of narcotic odor. Upon further investigation and as a result of a search, 8 grams of crack cocaine and 5 grams of heroin were found inside the bag. Congrats to Freeport PD's K-9 team on another job well done.

Winslow Park Reservations

In an effort to simplify the early reservation process for the park staff and our guests, Winslow Park is taking early season reservations differently this year than in the past:

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Upcoming Library Events

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

The Freeport Community Library Annual Book Sale runs from Saturday, May 6 through Thursday, May 11. **Book Donations** are now being accepted through May 5th. Books must be clean and bindings intact. The Library cannot accept textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, computer books or Reader's Digest books and VHS tapes.

The Edible Book Festival is this Friday, April 28th, from 10 am- 7 pm.

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

Memorial Day Monday May 29th



Plans are under way for this year's parade honoring our military and nation. The parade will be on Monday, May 29, leaving Holbrook Street at 9:30, with the ceremony at the town park on Bow Street at 10 a.m. If you have ideas on how to improve on past parades and remembrances, or know of civic groups that can participate, please contact Gloria DeGrandpre at (207) 232-6648 or GloriaD556@aol.com.



METRO BREEZ Service Expands to Brunswick!

Community Planning Workshop in Freeport

Monday, May 1, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport Town Council Chambers

The public is encouraged to attend.

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Winslow Park Reservations:

- Mail in reservations postmarked no earlier than April 1st will be processed prior to walk-in and phone-in reservations. Staff began processing mailed reservations starting April 17th.
- Staff will begin accepting phone reservations and walk-ins on May 8th, when the gatehouse opens.
- The easiest and most efficient way to get an early reservation this year will be BY MAIL before May 8th.
- Gatehouse Hours will be Monday-Friday 10 AM-3 PM from May 8th until the park officially opens on May 25th.

June 17th: Family Fun Day & Close to the Coast Race
 June 17th – 25th: Free Camping Week for Freeport Residents
 Sept 17th-Oct 1st: Two Free Weeks of Camping for Residents

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, 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

Interested in volunteering for the Town?

The Appointments Committee is seeking residents interested in serving on any of the Town's Boards and Committees.

Currently a vacancy exists on the Planning Board.

Application forms are available at www.freeportmaine.com.