



TOWN OF FREEPORT MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

November 14, 2017
Organizational Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Town Council Chamber

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



Freeport High School Virtual Food Drive & School Spirit Challenge



Freeport High School invites you to join them in the fight against hunger in Maine by helping them to raise needed funds! Freeport High School will be competing against 8 other high schools for the WGME 13 School Spirit Challenge trophy. On October 20th from 6-8 am, Channel 13 will be live on-air in the FHS gym while the school community holds a spirit rally to showcase their school. This will be a time to highlight the band, artists, performers, athletes, etc. and a time to enjoy a bunch of other lively activities. Please join the FHS community at this rally, drop off food and help them to win this challenge! Contact Dede Bennell (bennell@d@rsu5.org) for food donation drop off/pick up information or if you want to help at the event. You can also help by contributing to the Virtual Food Drive which is open until October 28th. Every \$1 raised provides 4 meals for a Maine family in need. To donate, go to: https://www.gsfb.org/donate/vfd/?id=592

Together we can make a difference!

2017 Citizen of the Year

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

Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinics provided by CHANS

Thursday, October 26th from 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
Freeport Community Services
Thursday, November 16th from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School

A full listing of CHAN's Flu Clinic Schedule is available on the home page of the Town's website www.freeportmaine.com

Town Manager's Report
October 17, 2017

On October 7th, four Freeport Police Officers raised over \$700 for Special Olympics of Maine. Keith Norris, Malcolm Marshall, Rebecca Kavanaugh, and Nathan Leger spent the day promoting Special Olympics efforts. Their "Cop on Top" campaign was held at the L.L. Bean flagship store. They were stationed above the Bean boot patio and they had rigged up an L.L. Bean boot into which people could place their donations. The officers would then "reel in" the boot, collecting money in support of Special Olympics programs. Some of the officers stayed on the ground, with one of the Special Olympics athletes, to greet people and explain the program. This was the third year Freeport Officers collected money through the "Cop on Top" operation and plans are underway to continue it next year. I would like to thank L.L. Bean for hosting this fundraising event, and to congratulate the officers involved for their efforts in support of Special Olympics of Maine!



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Freeport Day at the Nordica Theatre!
Wednesday, October 25th

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

Donations for the American Legion will be collected. Proof of residency is required



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Freeport Cultural Plan

On Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Freeport Community Library there will be a Public Discussion to discuss Freeport Cultural Plan Strategies. Share your thoughts on how to achieve the goals and objectives of the Freeport Cultural Plan in this open forum! Input gathered at this meeting will be factored into specific recommendations for action. Together we will create a plan to better connect our community to its arts, cultural, & historic assets and inspire their growth.

FMI: www.ReinholtConsulting.com/freeport

2018 Dog Licenses are now available!

You may register at the Town Clerk's Office or online at: www.doglicensing.com. Please bring proof of the rabies vaccination and spay/neutering.



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On October 12th, the Freeport Public Safety Departments, along with several local organizations, hosted another successful Public Safety Open House event. This year's event was well attended by families, and had activities for children of all ages. Some of the many popular activities were the 'impaired driving simulator course' which consists of trying to navigate a golf cart through a special course of traffic cones while wearing special goggles, the smoke demonstration trailer, K-9 officer demonstrations, and the touch-a-fire truck activities. Thank you to all who helped make this event a special night.

Upcoming Library Events!

Author Talk: Kevin Mannix & Linda Rota "Weathering Shame", Monday, Oct. 23, 6:30-7:30pm. Kevin Mannix (2016 Maine Broadcaster of the Year) is best known as one of Maine's most popular television weathermen and Linda Rota, LSW, has been a well-respected social worker for more than 30 years. In their book *Weathering Shame*, they openly share feelings of shame and stigma that resulted from growing up exposed to alcoholism, severe depression and suicide, and the struggles encountered and the valuable insights learned.

Bat Night! Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:30-8:30pm. Bat expert Jerry Schneider will be visiting to share the wonder of bats! Kids will learn through a variety of platforms, including a slideshow, ongoing dialogue, and bat-related crafts. Kids will create bat t-shirts; please bring your own to decorate or buy a cotton t-shirt from Mr. Schneider for \$4.00. Ages 6 and up; whole families are invited, and there is no limit on the number of people attending.



For more information on these and other programs:
www.freeportlibrary.com

Second Annual Veteran's Day Concert

Sponsored by American Legion Post 83, will take place on Saturday, November 11, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Freeport. Performances by the Greater Freeport Community Chorus, the Volunteers Jazz Band and Maddie Leslie, 2016 Miss Maine Outstanding Teen will be taking place. \$5.00 donation suggested.



2017 Election Absentee Ballots Now Available

Anyone wishing to receive an absentee ballot for the upcoming November 7th, 2017 election may visit the following link and **apply online**:

<http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>.

You can also request an absentee ballot by calling or stopping by the Town Clerk's Office (865-4743 x123).

2017 Freeport Trail Challenge There's still time to get involved!

Walk four local trails before Oct. 31st to participate in the Freeport Trail Challenge. Hike the trails at **Field Estuary, Leon Gorman Park, Stonewood Trail to Sayles Woods and Tidebrook**. Get your Passport stamped at each trail or take a photo and post or send it to Freeport Conservation Trust. Everyone who completes the Challenge wins a prize. Find a friend and take a walk!



Passports are available at the Town Hall and at the Community Center. For more information go to freeportconservationtrust.org, email info@freeportconservationtrust.org or call 865-3985 x212.