



January 16, 2018 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting
February 6, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Town Council Workshop
February 13, 2018
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

Upcoming Library Events

PLANETARIUM: Monday, January 29, two shows 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM.

Seek refuge from the cold for a night of stargazing in the library courtesy of Northern Planetarium. This program focuses on the night sky, constellations, and looking at the seasonal night



sky as seen with the unaided eye. The inflatable dome fills the Library's community room and has floor seating for up to 50 people. You do have to crawl through a tunnel to get inside, but it is totally worth it for this amazing night under the stars. This is a free and family-friendly event.

Saturday, February 3rd is Bring Your Child to the Library Day. To celebrate, Miss Lisa's Songs and Stories will take place in the morning for the younger crowd at 10:30AM and then from 11AM-1:30PM you can join the Board Game Café which is for the entire family. The café is a drop-in program that has loads of board games to choose from. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning with friends or family here at the library.



For more on these and other great Library programs, go to <http://www.freeportlibrary.com>

Town Manager's Report January 16, 2018

Due to the impending winter storm tomorrow, there will be a parking ban in effect from 11PM this evening (Tuesday 1/16/18) until 7AM on Thursday, 1/18/18. Parking is prohibited on all public streets during a parking ban. Vehicles parked on streets during snow plowing operations hinder snow removal efforts, and put the vehicles in extra danger of being damaged or plowed in. Vehicles parked in violation of a parking ban may be ticketed or towed depending on the severity of the obstruction.

Freeport residents are allowed two (2) 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm. Sand is located adjacent to the silver recycling bullet on Hunter Road in front of the Public Works Facility.

For residents who park vehicles in driveways, please keep sidewalks clear so our sidewalk machines are not restricted in doing their job.

Please follow our Town-wide Facebook page at facebook.com/FreeportMaineGovt. We are currently using this page to distribute notifications, but plan to expand the use to more typical social media features in the near future!

I would like to extend a special "thank you" to our Public Works and Buildings and Grounds Maintenance departments, who have had quite a bit of extra work over the past three weeks due to winter storms and snow removal operations. We have gotten many compliments from residents about the great job they did during the blizzard on Thursday 01/04/18. A special recognition goes out to the Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Department. If you look closely at the photo at right, the

spreader attached to their sidewalk tractor is sporting a custom salt deflector, designed to direct the sand and salt downward onto the pathway instead of spreading it where



it's not needed. But unlike other custom deflectors, this one was created from a few scrap used parking signs, saving the Town some money in the process!



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Town Council 2018 Schedule

January 2	Regular Meeting
January 16	Regular Meeting
February 6	Regular Meeting
February 13	Council Workshop
February 27	Regular Meeting
March 1	Tri Town & RSU 5
March 6	Regular Meeting
March 13	Council Workshop
March 20	Regular Meeting
March 27	Council Workshop
April 3	Regular Meeting
April 24	Regular/District 1 & 3 Workshop
May 1	Regular Meeting
May 15	Regular Meeting
June 5	Regular Meeting
June 19	Regular Meeting
July 10	Regular Meeting
July 17	Regular Meeting
August 7	Regular Meeting
August TBD	Annual Joint Meeting w/ Bustins
Sept 4	Regular Meeting
Sept 18	Regular /District 2 & 4 Workshop
Oct 2	Regular Meeting
Oct 16	Regular Meeting
Nov 13	Organizational Meeting
Dec 4	Regular Meeting
Dec 18	Regular Meeting

Winter Safety Tips from Freeport Public Safety

Around the House:

- Clear roofs of excessive snow and ice buildup.
- Keep all chimneys and vents clear to prevent carbon monoxide from backing up into the building.
- Keep exits clear of snow so that occupants can leave safely in the event of a fire or emergency.
- Check on smoke detectors, including battery.
- Do not thaw pipes with an open flame.
- Please Note: The recall on Kidde Fire Extinguishers has been expanded to now include 134 models. For more information please go to:

<https://inmarmarketaction.com/kidde/Kidde284US/>

On the Road:

- Slow Down: Driving too fast on wintry roads is the leading cause of crashes.
- Travel at a safe distance of at least 3 car lengths, leaving plenty of room to stop.
- Do not crowd slow moving maintenance and emergency vehicles.
- Do not use cruise control while driving in a storm.
- Do not overestimate the capabilities of your four-wheel drive vehicle.
- Clear all snow and ice from the vehicle prior to travel (Don't forget the roof!).
- Be aware of black ice on what appears to be bare pavement.

AARP - Free Tax Preparation Assistance **Wednesday Mornings Beginning in February** **Freeport Community Center**

Assistance is for low-moderate income households, with special attention to those 60 years and older.

Beginning the week of January 22nd, you can call 865-4743 x100 and leave a message to request an appointment.

(This phone extension will not be operational until January 22nd.)
Once a week a volunteer will call people back with an appointment date and time.

Town of Freeport & Freeport Veterinary Hospital

Welcome Felines & Canines to the Annual Rabies Clinic

WHERE: Freeport Town Hall
 WHEN: Saturday, January 20th
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 COST: Rabies Vaccine, \$15.00
 Per Animal



Please Note, all dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. Freeport Residents may license their dogs at the Clerk's Office. Spay/Neuter: \$6.00, Intact Male/Female: \$11.00.

Please call the Clerk's Office with any questions: 207-865-4743, EXT. 122 OR 123

17th Annual Chocolate Bash **Freeport Community Library** **Wednesday, February 7th** **6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**



Please join the Library for this special annual chocolate extravaganza! Taste test the chocolate goodies, enter the raffle to win chocolate desserts, and enjoy live music. Chocolates are priced at \$2 a plate and all proceeds will benefit the library.