



January 19, 2016 - News for You



# TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

*Next Town Council Meeting:*

**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Town Council Chambers**

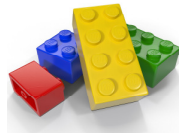
*A full listing of upcoming Town Board and Committee meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at:*  
[www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com)



## Freeport Community Library Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss!

**Author Talks:** Poet and author of Anything But Empty, Jennifer Lamson-Laplume will be at the Library on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Jennifer Lamson-Laplume began writing in earnest after a serious car accident and these poems reflect both her struggle with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and the struggles that everyone encounters in the process of living life.

**Children's Events: LEGO DERBY DAYS:** Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. The Library will be hosting a LEGO Derby Car Race. Racers will build cars using only the LEGOS from the Library's collection. Then racers will time how long it takes their car to make it down the special racetrack! For ages 5-11. Limited to 30 participants, so stop by the Children's Room to sign up.



**CHILDREN'S YOGA:** Toddlers and preschoolers will enjoy a relaxing morning with Elizabeth from Spiral Tree Yoga. February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. And every **TUESDAY IS STORY TIME!** Infants & Toddlers from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. and Preschoolers from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.



*And Make Sure You Mark Your Calendar for the:*

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate Bash

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Taste test the chocolate goodies, enter the raffle to win chocolate desserts, and enjoy music by the Cul de Sax!



**FMI:** [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com)



## Town Manager's Report January 19, 2016

### Public Works Department Updates – Winter Snow Plowing Operations

The Public Works Department is requesting your help to keep roadways clear of obstructions during snow plowing operations. During recent snow storms, there have been several instances where cars have been left parked on streets or in turnarounds at the end of dead end streets, where parking is prohibited. This can create a very dangerous situation where plow drivers have to back all the way down a road, often twice, to effectively plow out the road. On street parking that interferes with snow plowing operations (especially in "no parking zones") is prohibited by local ordinance, and the Town is authorized to tow vehicles that are so parked. However, we'd like to avoid towing residents' cars if at all possible, so we are asking for your help in being extra cognizant of snow plowing operations and keeping parked vehicles out of the roadways and turnarounds in town.

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### Shellfish Aquaculture Permitting Proposal

The Freeport Town Council's Ordinance Committee is currently considering an amendment proposed by the Shellfish Conservation Commission that would allow a municipal shellfish aquaculture permitting pilot program (commonly referred to as "shellfish farming") on town mudflats. The Ordinance Committee is expected to next discuss this proposal at their meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall. Relevant documents and updates will be posted on the Town website under the Quick Link section titled "Shellfish Aquaculture Permitting Proposal" on the upper right hand corner of the homepage of the Town's website. The Town is also maintaining an email list for updates to anyone interested in following this subject. If you would like to be added to this mailing list, please email Town Manager Peter Joseph at [pjoseph@freeportmaine.com](mailto:pjoseph@freeportmaine.com) with "Shellfish Mailing List" as the subject line of the email.



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## Now that winter is really here, Winter Reminders from the Public Works Department

- Freeport residents are allowed **two (2) 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm**. Sand is located adjacent to the silver recycling bucket on Hunter Road in front of the Public Works Facility.
- No parking is allowed on public streets nor in turnarounds during winter storm events – please keep streets and turnarounds clear of vehicles (including trailers, campers, etc.) during a storm. The **winter parking ban is in effect** from 11:00pm-7:00am, and will continue until April 15.
- For residents who park vehicles in driveways, **please keep sidewalks clear** so sidewalk machines are not restricted in doing their job.

➤ **Please do not push snow into sidewalks or public streets** as this not only is costly and time-consuming for the Public Works Department to send vehicles and manpower back out to clean up a street or sidewalk **but leaving snow piles in the roadway cause safety hazards for the public**. Additionally it is against Maine State Law which states: No person may place snow or slush in the public way that has not accumulated there naturally.



For any residents who have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 865-4461.

*Thank you in advance for your cooperation!*



## Reminder to Dog Owners!

### 2016 Dog Licenses Due

Dogs six months and older are required to be licensed by law. You may register at the Freeport Town Hall or online at: [www.doglicensing.com](http://www.doglicensing.com). Avoid a \$25 late fee by registering by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Rabies Clinic: Saturday, January 23, 2016

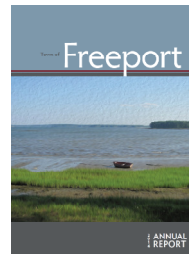
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Freeport Town Hall. **Dogs and Cats** are invited! Rabies Vaccine \$15.00 per animal. Freeport Residents may also license their dogs during the clinic.

*Questions?* Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 865-4743, ext. 122 or 123.

## Town of Freeport Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015

The Town is looking for photographs or artwork of Freeport that can be donated for use in the FY 2015 Annual Report. It can be of any scene, event, or activity around town and should be taken during FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015). Photographs should be digital and of high resolution (not from a phone camera). Photos/artwork will be used as space permits.

The cover of the 2014 Annual Report (at right) features a photograph titled "Winslow Park" contributed by Abigail Williams, who is a Fine Artist and Freeport resident.



Printed copies of the Town of Freeport Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 (and earlier years) are available at the Town Hall and also available online on the town's website.

If you have an item you would like to contribute, contact Caroline Pelletier at 865-4743 x107 or [caroline@freeportmaine.com](mailto:caroline@freeportmaine.com).

## New Public Peddler Positions Available!

Applications for residents are available at the Town Clerk's Office until January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Non-resident applications are available from January 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk at 865-4743 x123

## 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.



For an appointment call 865-4743 x100 and leave a message. **Beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>**, calls will be returned by FCS volunteers once a week on Thursday mornings.