



February 23, 2016 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 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

Mark Your Calendar!

2016 Freeport Town Council District Workshops

The Freeport Town Council has adopted their 2016 meeting schedule. District Workshops provide residents with an opportunity to meet their Town Councilors more informally and discuss issues related to their specific districts. District Town Council meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and greet session and an open discussion related to District issues. The regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will follow the workshops.

**June 7th – 6:30 p.m. Community Center
Districts 1 & 3 Workshop**

**October 4th – 6:30 p.m. Community Center
Districts 2 & 4 Workshop**

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION BROWNTAIL MOTH CATERPILLARS

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Freeport Community Library



The Maine Forest Service projects high levels of browntail moth caterpillars in Freeport during 2016. **The hairs from these caterpillars can cause a severe rash and damage or kill trees.** This will be a general information presentation focusing on:

- * how to identify browntail moth caterpillars and overwintering webs;
- * how to prepare and control for browntail moth caterpillars;
- * precautions residents in affected areas should take.

Presenter: Charlene Donahue, Forest Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Forest Service.



This program is sponsored by the Town of Freeport and the Maine Forest Service.

Town Manager's Report February 23, 2016

Public Works Department Updates – Roads posted:

Due to the early thaw this year, the Public Works Department has posted certain Town roads effective Monday, February 22nd. The list of posted roads is available on our website at

www.freeportmaine.com. Please note one small change from last year – Holbrook Street will not be posted from Main Street to the High School, due to construction deliveries throughout the winter. Any non-routine heavy delivery requires a permit from the Public Works Department at 865-4461. Please remember that while road postings can be an inconvenience, they serve to protect the road from heavy loads during the early spring freeze thaw cycle. This helps our roads last longer, which in turn saves taxpayer dollars!

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Retirement Announcements:

Chief Jerry Schofield has announced that he will be retiring as Freeport's Police Chief as of March 26th, 2016. Chief Schofield has been Freeport's Police Chief for twenty-eight years. Chief Schofield was hired in July of 1976 as a Patrol Officer, worked his way up the ranks serving as a Sergeant, Lieutenant, and in 1988 was appointed as Freeport's Police Chief. His thirty-nine years of service show an incredible commitment to the town and its residents. We are sad to see him go.

Chief Darrel Fournier has also announced that he will be retiring as of May 6th, 2016. He has a total of forty-two years in fire and rescue service, most of it in Freeport. He began his service in Freeport in 1970 and became Freeport's first full-time career Fire Chief in 1983 and served in that capacity until 1990. He was Waterville's Fire Chief until 1999, returning to Freeport in 2000 as Freeport's Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. His forty-two years in fire and rescue service also show his commitment to the town, people and public service.

Thank you Chiefs for your extraordinary service!



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Recycling is a Work of Art!

ecomaine, the nonprofit recycling and waste disposal operation, is looking for local artists of all ages to turn recycling drop-off stations into vibrant works of colorful art as contestants in the sixth **Annual ecomaine Recycling is a Work of Art Contest**.

ecomaine has sweetened the paint pot this year by adding a \$500 stipend as part of the prize for the six chosen winners, in addition to the usual \$500 worth of art supplies. Email, fax or snail mail/drop off your application no later than March 18, 2016. FMI: <http://www.ecomaine.org/news-and-event-work-of-art-contest/> Please note: if you or a group want to participate but don't have space for a recycling bin, contact Suzanne at 865-3740 at the Recycling Facility to see about using space at the Recycling Facility!



Silver Bullet by Sebastian Meade, prior contest winner and Freeport resident

Missed a Recent Town Council, Planning Board or Project Review Board meeting?

Want to review an old meeting? If you have a computer and access to the internet then it's as simple as going to <https://fctv3.viebit.com/>, scroll down to video on demand, select the board or committee from the menu and find your meeting of interest. Please remember it can take up to five business days for any given meeting to become available on the VOD site.

Are you out of town, do not have cable TV, or can't wait for the VOD to become available? Well, you can watch meetings live by logging on to <https://fctv3.viebit.com/>.

Want your own copy of a recorded meeting that's on VOD? Just submit a request with the name and date of the meeting to rs@freeportmaine.com or call 207-865-4743 x 114. Please note there is a fee of \$20 for making a copy (or \$5.00 for Freeport senior citizens).



3rd Annual Edible Book Festival You Can Have Your Book And Eat It Too! Freeport Community Library Wednesday, April 13, 10AM - 7:30PM

Choose a book, then base a totally edible (or as close to totally edible as possible) creation on the book title. Based upon the voting of everyone attending, Edible Book Festival "golden spoon" awards will be given in categories like Funniest, Most Creative, and Best in Show for both adult and young person categories.



Previous Edible Book Winner, Belinda Stewart

Drop your Edible Book off at the library from 10am to 5:45pm. Then show up and vote from 6 - 6:30pm. After award winners are announced, we chow-down on all the edible books on display.

Drop-in to the NEW Coloring Group

Each Wednesday morning beginning March 2 from 10:30am to 11:30am the library will provide a dedicated space for anyone 18 and older who would like to drop-in and color for an hour or so. Adults across the U.S. are meeting at local libraries to enjoy relaxing, creative coloring activities together. The library will provide an assortment of materials including highly detailed coloring book pages for you to choose from, colored pencils, and a large assortment of crayons.

For more information: www.freeportlibrary.com

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Schedule

Tues, March 1	Manager & Finance Director Present 5-Year Capital Program
Tues, March 15	Council Workshop on 5-Year Capital Program
Tues, April 05	Public Hearing on 5-Year Capital Program
Tues, April 12	Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program
Thurs, April 28	Manager Transmits Operating, Capital and TIF Budget
Tues, May 03	Manager & Finance Director Present Operating, Capital & TIF Budget
Wed, May 11	5:00 – 6:00 PM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Thurs, May 12	7:30 – 8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Tues, May 17	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tues, May 17	Public Hearing on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tues, June 07	Target Date for Budget Adoption – Capital, TIF & Operating Budgets



KICKOFF EVENT

Join us and learn how to reduce energy costs at your home or business. Sessions will include information on solar, heat pumps, weatherization, pellet boilers, financing options, and incentives from Efficiency Maine.

FREEPORT TOWN HALL
February 27, 2016
9am - Noon