



**Upcoming Town Council Meetings:**

**Regular Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
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](http://www.freeportmaine.com)



**Recycling & the Holidays**

Is It Recyclable?

**YES:** Gift wrap, Gift bags, Tissue paper, Greeting cards, Strings of Lights, Corrugated Cardboard, Gift wrap (not foil), 1-7 Plastic, Glass

**NO:** Foil gift wrap, Ribbon, Bows, Tinsel, Packing Peanuts, Ceramic Dishes, Styrofoam



Christmas Trees & Wreaths:

Christmas trees are free to dispose of in the brush pile. Evergreen wreaths, because of the wire used to make them, cannot go in the brush pile. They are still free, but go in with the bulky waste dumpster.

Silver Bullets:

Additional hauls for the silver bullets will occur around Christmas! Place only acceptable items in the bullets and if the bullet is full, please go to a different bullet or leave your recycling to another day. Please don't leave any items outside the bullet ~ remember illegal dumping is prohibited!

For more details, call 865-3740 or go to the town's website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com).



**Search & Rescue Dogs  
Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 p.m.  
Freeport Community Library**

If you were lost in the woods, these amazing dogs just might be the ones that find you. How do they do it? Come meet one of these dogs in person on this special night at the Library and find out! Ages five and up.  
FMI: [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com)

**Town Manager's Report  
December 15, 2015**

Maine DOT recently took formal action to lower the speed limit on Griffin Road (the portion of Route 125 closest to the intersection with Route 136) from 50 to 45 MPH. The remainder of Route 125 (Wardtown Road) will remain posted at 40 MPH. Town Engineer Albert Presgraves requested the formal review of the speed zone by the state after an informal consultation with the State Traffic Engineers. Al's formal request was based in part on input from drivers who use that stretch of road and felt that the 50 MPH limit was excessive. A map of the new speed zone is attached to this report.

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**HOLIDAY HOURS:** All Town offices, including the Library and Recycling Center, will close at 2PM on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Town Hall will be closed from 12-1 PM only on December 17<sup>th</sup>, so that employees can attend a holiday luncheon at the Public Safety Building.

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The Town of Freeport is proud to announce that once again this year, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Town of Freeport Maine for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, and as a communications device. This marks the fourth straight year that the Town has received this award. This also



Jessica Maloy, Finance Director

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# TOWN OF FREEPORT - MUNICIPAL BULLETIN



## 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 bullet 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 now 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.
- On a final note, **please do not push snow into sidewalks or public streets** as this is not only against Maine state law, it is also costly and time-consuming for the Public Works Department to send vehicles and manpower out to go back to clean up a street or sidewalk.

For any residents who have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 865-4461. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

## Town Manager's Report December 15, 2015

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marks the first time that current Finance Director Jessica Maloy was awarded this honor. Congratulations to Jessica for accomplishing this feat on her first attempt!

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A holiday reminder to users of the "Silver Bullet" recycling containers: We know that the holidays are a time where these containers see a high amount of use. As such we schedule extra pickups throughout the holidays to attempt to keep overflow situations to a minimum. Even with the extra pickups, sometimes container capacity cannot keep up with demand. We ask that if you encounter a full container, that you please do not leave recyclables on the ground around the container. Recyclables left outside are considered illegal dumping, and are frequently blown onto neighboring property, contributing to roadside litter. Please help us keep the silver bullet sites and neighboring properties clean by not leaving recyclables outside the containers!

## New Year's Eve Fireworks

*Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*

Fireworks will begin as close to 6:00 p.m. as possible.



## Attention Dog Owners! 2016 Dog Licenses Now Available

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). Please bring proof of the rabies vaccination and spay/neutering. You must renew your dog license no later than January 31st of each year, **or a late fee of \$25.00 per dog will be charged.**

### 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.



## Municipal Office Holiday Hours

The Town Hall will be closed from 12-1 pm only on **December 17th**, so that employees can attend a holiday luncheon.

**Christmas Eve, December 24th** - Town Hall, Library and Recycling/Transfer Facility closing at 2:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day, December 25th** - Town Hall, Library and Recycling/Transfer Facility closed. The Recycling/Transfer Facility will be open regular hours Saturday 12/26, 9:00 am. – 4:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day, January 1st**- Town Hall, Library and Recycling/Transfer Facility closed.

*Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season and a very Happy New Year!*