



October 6, 2015 - News for You



# TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

## Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

**October 20, 2015**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**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)



## TOWN OF FREEPORT ELECTION NOTICE

On **November 3, 2015** the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Freeport High School located at 30 Holbrook Street for the State Referendum & Municipal Election.

**Absentee Ballots** are now available at the Freeport Town Clerk's Office. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There are 5 ways to request an absentee ballot:

- 1) In-person at the Town Clerk's Office during the hours of the Town Clerk: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Mon - Thurs. Residents of Freeport may also register to vote during these hours or make changes to current voting information such as a change of name, address or party affiliation. **Address changes should be made by October 29<sup>th</sup> in order for your name to be printed on the correct District Voter List.** We will have a Registrar available on Election Day as well.
- 2) Electronically: <http://maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>
- 3) By Mail – call the Town Clerk at 865-4743 Ext 123.
- 4) Immediate Family Member – must fill out an application at the Clerk's Office.
- 5) 3<sup>rd</sup> Person – application required. Call the Town Clerk at 865-4743 Ext 123 or stop by the Town Clerk's Office. Ballots cast using this method must be witnessed by either the Town Clerk, Notary Public, or Clerk of Courts, or by two other witnesses.

**Also**, if you have moved since the last time you voted, please stop by the Town Clerk's office with proof of residency by October 29<sup>th</sup> so your name will appear on the correct district voting list. There will be a Municipal Election on November 3, so the voting lists will be split by district and if you have moved, your voting district may have changed. Correcting this now will prevent standing in line to do it on Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*If you have any questions, contact the Clerk's Office at 865-4743 x123.*

## Town Manager's Report October 6, 2015

The Planning Department, along with the Town Manager's Office, has been working to develop a maintenance plan for the blueberry fields as the Hunter Road Recreational Facility. Staff has met with and received guidance from our local Cooperative Extension chapter on how best to manage this resource. We are currently developing a schedule to safely burn back ½ of the blueberry fields per year over the next two years. This will be done through a controlled burn with the assistance of the Freeport Fire Rescue Department. An exact date has not been set, but we are currently targeting mid-November, after the conclusion of organized play for the soccer leagues. More information will follow once an exact date has been set.

Freeport Police Officer Nathan Leger recently initiated a new way for Freeport Officers to raise funds for Special Olympics Maine athletes. While police officers in Maine are prohibited from soliciting funds, there is a provision under law that allows them to do so on behalf of Special Olympic athletes. Officers in Freeport have raised funds for Special Olympics Maine for 31 years, and last year they raised over \$3,441 for the Torch Run.

Officer Leger proposed the idea of "Cop on Top" after he heard about it from other police agencies in Maine and across the nation. The idea is to have an officer on a building for a period of time, in this case from 9 AM to 11 PM on September 9<sup>th</sup>, to bring attention to what Special Olympics means to Maine athletes. The officers stay visible to the public, disseminate information about Special Olympics, and collect donations from people passing by their location.

LL Bean generously agreed to have the officers on the upstairs porch of the flagship store above the patio near



*Officers Nate Leger and Keith Norris*

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## Upcoming Events at the Freeport Community Library

**Portland's Black Abolitionists: The Story of the Abyssinian Meeting House**, Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Black History Month at the Library. Historian and educator Amy Smith will share the little-known story behind Portland's Abyssinian Church on Munjoy Hill. Established in 1828, it's the third-oldest independent African-American church in the nation.

**Author talks...** **Susan Conley**, acclaimed author of *The Foremost Good Fortune*, talks about her debut novel *Paris Was the Place*, Wednesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. **Paul Doiron**, Maine author, will be giving a book talk on *The Precipice*, his latest in the Mike Bowditch series, Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Join the **FCL Book Group** on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. *Some Girls, Some Hats and Hitler* by Trudi Kant will be the book of discussion on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on these and other programs: [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com)



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the Bean Boot. Officer Leger recruited Officer Keith Norris and Sergeant John Perrino to assist in the endeavor. Sgt. Perrino was on the ground talking with the public, while Officers Leger and Norris were on the porch "reeling in" the donations. The officers had a Bean Boot as the receptacle for donated cash or checks. All money donated during the event directly benefitted Special Olympics athletes.



## Freeport Community Library Children's Room Events!

**LEGO Club** starts Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. On the first Wednesday of every month, the new LEGO Club will meet in the story room. For children ages 5-12.

**Animal Tracks & Signs**, Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Wolfe Neck State Park's park rangers will not only show you, they will help you make your own mammal track to take home! Sign up is required! For ages 5 & up.



**Earth Jams Concert**, Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. Matt Loosigian brings his wonderful music that will rock you in your socks as you dance and sing. For toddlers thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade. FMI: [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com)



## FREE MOVIE DAY

Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Nordica Theater

Only Freeport residents are eligible for the free movie. *Proof of residency is required!* Donations for the Freeport Rotary will be collected.

## Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic

Freeport Town Council Chambers  
Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



For more information on additional seasonal flu vaccination clinics visit [www.midcoasthelath.com/fluclinics/](http://www.midcoasthelath.com/fluclinics/)

## Nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 Citizen of the Year

Each year the Freeport Town Council presents a Citizen of the Year Award to honor those who have contributed substantively 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](http://www.freeportmaine.com). Deadline for nominations for the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award is December 10, 2015.