



September 15, 2015 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

October 6, 2015

Town Council District 4 Workshop & Regular Town Council Meeting

6:30 p.m.*

Merriconeag School
57 Desert Road



**After the Workshop adjourns, the Town Council will reconvene at the Town Hall for their regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting.*

A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at: www.freeportmaine.com

Town Manager's Report September 15, 2015

The Town will observe Fire Prevention Week this year from October 4-10. During Fire Prevention Week, the Freeport Fire and Rescue Department will host its annual Fire Prevention Open House on Wednesday October 7, 2015 from 5 to 7 pm. This year there will be additional displays and demonstrations from the Freeport Police Department, plus plenty of other displays and activities for the children and adults. Public safety equipment will be on display, there will be a performance from the Maine Pipes and Drum Corps, as well as a police K-9 demonstration, demonstrations by medical providers, and our Public Safety Communications/911 center personnel will be on site as well. The Fire Auxiliary will again be selling grilled burgers and hot dogs (proceeds will benefit the Fire Auxiliary).

Construction has begun on the South Freeport Village roads project, which will take place in two parts - this fall and next summer. Currently the Public Works Department is reconstructing a short (approximately 300') section of Park Street. After this work is completed, work will begin on the storm drain system throughout the South Freeport Village. Approximately 20 catch basins will be replaced with new cast concrete units. Road reconstruction and re-paving is currently scheduled for the second half of next summer (August and September). Residents with any questions about the scope of work and timing of the construction project are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at 865-4461.

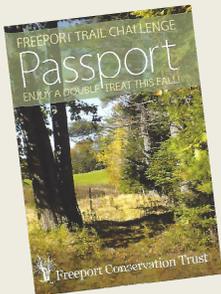
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**Seasonal Flu
Vaccination Clinic**
Freeport Town Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 14th
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

For information on "What you need to know this Flu Season" and a list of other Flu Clinics in the area go to:
<http://www.midcoasthealth.com/flunews.aspx>

Participate in the Freeport Trail Challenge!



Explore four of Freeport's trails~*Hedgehog Mountain, Powell Point Trail, Frost Gully Woods, Cousins River Trail* ~ in the Freeport Conservation Trust Trail Challenge during September & October and you're in for a double treat this fall!

Pick up a Freeport Trail Challenge Passport around town and through the co-sponsors: *Town of Freeport, Casco Bay YMCA and Freeport Conservation Trust*. Collect stamps from each trail on the Trail Challenge Passport or post a "selfie" from your walk.

There will be prizes for kids who get all four stamps in their Passports and adults completing the challenge will be entered into a raffle for prizes. You can contact FCT to get a Passport mailed to you: 865-3985 x212. FCT's office is in the Community Center. Learn more at: freeportconservationtrust.org

Volunteer Recognition Barbecue
Sunday, September 20th, 2015
2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Harb Cottage
Winslow Memorial Park

The Freeport Town Council cordially invites Town Board and Committee members and their families to attend this event in appreciation of their commitment and contributions to the Town of Freeport.

This promises to be a fun afternoon for all our dedicated volunteers and family members!



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Upcoming Events at the Freeport Community Library

"How Do Colleges Really Choose Students"

Presented by Wendy Thompson, Former Bowdoin College Assistant Dean of Admissions, Monday, Sep. 21, 7pm

"Old Families and Old Houses Of Flying Point and Wolf's Neck" with John Mann, " Monday, Sep. 21, 7pm

"Comets, Meteorites, and Asteroids - Messengers from Space" with Jon Wallace, awarding-winning science teacher, Wednesday, Sep. 30, 6:30PM

AND, if you like Apples as well as Books, then the Freeport Library is where you want to be on Saturday, September 26th! The Friends of the Freeport Community Library are holding their **first Annual Apple Fest Fundraiser** from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be an apple tasting table full of delicious apple desserts, crafts, and raffles for tastiest pies. For more information on these and other programs visit the Library circulation desk or go to: <http://www.freeportlibrary.com/>



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Town Assessor Bob Konczal has completed the tax commitment process for 2016. The Town's tax rate has been set at \$16.80 per \$1,000 of valuation. This is an increase of \$1.00 per \$1,000 from last year's rate of \$15.80. This represents an increase of \$100 per \$100,000 of valuation. For example, a property valued at \$250,000 would see an increase of \$250 from last year's tax bill. This \$1.00 increase to the tax rate can be broken down as follows by taxing authority:

- Cumberland County: \$0.037 (3.7 cents)
- Town of Freeport: \$0.032 (3.2 cents)
- RSU #5: \$0.930 (93 cents)

(Note: there is a 0.1 cent rounding margin)



Freeport Fire Prevention Open House

Wednesday October 7, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

There will be plenty of activities for children and adults at this year's Fire Prevention Open House at the Freeport Public Safety Building! There will be displays and demonstrations from both the Fire Department and Police Department, including demonstrations by our very own K-9 Cassie! Public safety equipment will be on display, the Maine Pipes and Drum Corps will be performing and other safety and health agencies will be here to help your family learn how to take important health and safety precautions! Visit the Fire Auxiliary booth for some grilled burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings' (proceeds go to support the fire auxiliary) and make an evening out of it with your family!



Saturday, September 26th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Freeport Public Safety Building

The Freeport Police Department is participating in the NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE. Residents can bring unused, unwanted or expired medications to the Freeport Public Safety Building for proper disposal. During this program you may dispose of the following items:

- Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances (Medications may be disposed of in their original container, but we highly recommend removing the label from the container, or drawing a black line through the information)
- Liquid products such as cough syrup should remain sealed in their original container if possible. Otherwise the item should be placed in a sealed zip lock bag.
- Intra-venous solutions, injectibles and syringes **CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

FMI: 865-4800

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. Deadline for nominations for the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award is December 10, 2015.