



Upcoming Town Council Meeting: April 14, 2015 6:30 p.m. Town Council Chamber

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

Name the Moose!

Come to the Freeport Community Library to see the wonderful papier-mache animals that are on display! These magical creatures are the work of artist Nantz Comyns and will be displayed at the library throughout the month. Fortunately for us, Nantz has donated the Moose to the library so he is here to stay! The Library is seeking name suggestions, so drop off your ideas at the library. Also, Library staff will be working with Nantz on Wednesday May 20th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. to bring the Freeport Library Fish in the children's room back to life with a full makeover. Space is limited to 15 so stop by the library to sign-up. Children of all ages are welcome.



You are Invited to an Active Living Public Forum

Come to hear two leading traffic engineers speak about national and regional trends in the design and implementation of improvements to roadways for all modes of transportation. Learn about the concept of "Complete Streets" and hear what communities are doing to implement low cost solutions to encourage, enhance and improve the travel experience for All users; rail, bus, car, bicycle and pedestrian...

Hosted by: Freeport Active Living Task Force

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 PM

Location: Freeport Community Center,

Speakers: • Tom Errico, Senior Associate, T.Y. Lin International • Paul Niehoff, Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS)

For more information and a link to the Freeport Active Living Plan go to Town of Freeport website: www.freeportmaine.com

Town Manager's Report April 7, 2015

Spring Tree Trimming

Note that the Freeport Public Works Department performs tree trimming and brush clearing in the spring and fall when time allows between our construction projects and plowing of snow. Crews are generally instructed to trim and clear trees and brush within the Town's right of way as far back as reasonable. Although this can seem to be excessive in places, we can only do tree trimming on about 20% of the Town's roads every year, so it can be five years before we get back to a particular location, and things grow back surprisingly quickly within that schedule.

This tree trimming is necessary to provide adequate clearance and safety for all road users-- trucks, cars, pedestrians, bicyclists and others. In addition to clearance needs, trimming provides improved visibility of regulatory and other signs, and better visibility of wildlife, pets, children, and other potential interactions with vehicles. This improved visibility also increases the sight distance at curves, intersections and driveway entrances for enhanced safety.

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National Public Works Week and Open House

The 22nd National Public Works Week/Open House is a week-long national celebration of public works professionals organized by the American Public Works Association (APWA), which will take place the week of May 17th-23rd, 2015.

The Town of Freeport's observance acknowledges all the men and women employed by the Town who provide various community services and maintain community infrastructure.



TOWN OF FREEPORT - MUNICIPAL BULLETIN



The highest tier (meaning the lowest cost) has been reached! To take advantage of these bulk purchase rates, go to www.solarizefreeport.com and register to get a quote. These rates end May 2, 2015.

Town Manager's Report

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The theme for Public Works Week 2015 is "Community Begins Here." Highlighted this year is the essential nature of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life, now and for future generations. Public Works agencies help our community as we know it to thrive and enjoy essential modern services. We are able to have clean water, sanitation, safe streets and neighborhoods, and much more because of Public Works departments and Agencies. So when you see a street sweeper or a Town plow truck, remember they are serving you and our entire community.

The Freeport Public Works Department Open House will take place on May 16th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Freeport Highway Garage on Hunter Road. This is the first year the Town of Freeport has participated in National Public Works Week with an Open House. We plan to showcase our public works professionals and some of the equipment we use regularly. The Open House will provide an opportunity for residents, including students, to come face-to-face with the people and equipment essential to protecting the health and safety of Freeport residents, and learn more about public works and related environment issues, in an informal setting.

Solarize Freeport Update

Due to high participation by residents, we are happy to announce that the Solarize Freeport bulk purchase has already reached the 3rd tier pricing, which means the lowest cost for residents has been reached! To take advantage of these bulk purchase rates or to learn more, go to www.solarfreeport.com and register to get a quote. Solarize Freeport rates end May 2, 2105.



National Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, April 25, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Freeport Police Department is once again 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 controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances. A list of acceptable items and how to properly store them can be found on the Town's website or by calling 865-4800.



This year the Police Department is asking participants to bring a donation for non perishable food items, or personal care items that will be given to Freeport Community Services!

Please note: The Freeport Police Department has installed a secure permanent drug drop off box in the lobby of the public safety building! Residents can drop off expired, unwanted or outdated drugs at the public safety building during their normal business hours. (Sunday thru Saturday 8 am – 4 pm). **DO NOT Dispose of Sharps in this container!** Sharps (e.g. needles), bandages, prescriptions and other medical waste in small quantities from your home, **may be disposed by including it with your residential trash!** Both ecomaine and state law require specific disposal steps you must take. To find out how to properly dispose of sharps in your residential trash, please visit the www.freeportmaine.com or www.econmaine.org.

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Schedule

Tuesday, April 14, 2015	Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program
Thursday, April 30, 2015	Manager Transmits Operating, Capital and TIF Budget to Council
Tuesday, May 5, 2015	Manager Presents Operating, Capital and TIF Budget
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	5:00 – 6:00 PM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Thursday, May 14, 2015	7:30 – 8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Tuesday, May 19, 2015	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 2, 2015	Public Hearing on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 16, 2015	Target Date for Budget Adoption – Capital, TIF, and Operating Budgets