

February 24, 2015 - News for You

TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN



Upcoming Town Council Meeting:

March 3, 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



Do you know?

We all are familiar with the basic services that our Police Department provides the community, but do you know about some of the other services they offer?

Property Security Assessments. Freeport Police Officers are available to come to your property to conduct a "security assessment". The officer(s) will make recommendations on how to improve the security on your property.

Property Checks. The police will check your property while you are gone on vacation. If you are interested in this service, contact the Communications Center and give a dispatcher the necessary information on your property that will allow us to perform the service and contact you should an emergency occur.

The Good Morning Program (some of you may remember it as Freeport's Reassurance Program). This is a daily safety check-in program managed by People Plus and physically located at the Brunswick Police Department. This program is available to older adults or the disabled. It enables those who have registered to call in by phone seven mornings a week from the time they wake up until 9:30 a.m. to say they are O.K. The Good Morning Program is ideal for those who live alone and are concerned about their comfort and safety. It is also helpful for those who have recently returned from the hospital or a rehabilitation facility. For more information, call the Brunswick Police, non-emergency number, 725-6621, extension 4310.

Public Speaking. Members of the Freeport Police Department are available for public speaking functions. If you are interested in having an officer of the department speak to your group, please contact the Chief of Police at 865-4800 (this includes K-9 Cassie!).

Anonymous tip line. If you have something to report to the Police you can make a confidential report to the police department via the anonymous tip line at: http://www.freeportmaine.com/submit_anonymous_tip.php or tips can be given to the Police on their Facebook page.

For a full listing of services, please go to the Town's website.

Town Manager's Report February 24, 2015

Winter Operations Update: The Public Works Department has almost fully expended both their Winter Sand and Salt budget and their Overtime budget, due to the ongoing series of winter storms that have afflicted Freeport over the past two months. It should be stressed that nearly every municipality in Maine is in the same position at this point; in fact many are worse off. Whether or not this turns out to be a problem will depend on how the rest of the winter shapes up. If "normal" winter conditions occur from this point forward, the overruns in these two lines items should be bearable and will not be cause for emergency. However if another cluster of severe weather similar to January's weather strikes the area, further action may be necessary. The Town Manager, Finance Director, and Public Works Director will continue to monitor the situation and alert the Town Council if any further action is necessary.

In order to meet these budgetary constraints, we will be utilizing Public Works crews for overtime only in emergency situations (i.e. winter storm or other emergency situations) for the remainder of the fiscal year. All snow removal and storm cleanup will take place during daytime hours only, unless special circumstances require otherwise. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the Public Works crew, for their hard work and dedication over this winter. I would also like to thank the residents and visitors here in Freeport for their continued understanding and cooperation, it is much appreciated. And remember, only 24 DAYS until spring!

Concord Gully Brook Watershed Plan: The Town of Freeport has partnered with Maine DEP,

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Good Reads in your Inbox From the Freeport Community Library

On average more than 170,000 books are published annually in the U.S. Makes the task of keeping up with new titles seems overwhelming, doesn't it?

But now there's an easy way to be sure you don't miss out on the types of books you'd really like to read. It's the Library's Good Reads free e-newsletter service.

Just subscribe to as many as you'd like and you'll receive e-mail newsletters with brief descriptions of each title as well as links to the Library's catalog so you can easily reserve titles of interest.



Start by going to the "Receive Email Updates" on the Library's homepage. **Just three easy steps will get you on your way to receiving your Good Reads e-newsletters:**

1. Click on the check box next to each e-newsletter you want to receive (adult fiction, non-fiction, mystery, best sellers, children's fiction, etc.)
2. Enter your e-mail address in the box provided at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the Subscribe button at the bottom of the page.

You will also find the "Bestseller & Award list" on this page which will allow you to browse the Library's selection of the 1000 most highly acclaimed titles! Click on any of the links to receive a full description of each book.



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Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District, and committed watershed residents and businesses to develop a watershed management plan for the Concord Gully brook watershed. The draft document concludes three years of study within the watershed, and is designed to help the stream comply with state water quality standards by 2025. The public is invited to review this draft document and provide comments.

To see the draft watershed-based and related background information, please visit the project website at http://www.cumberlandswcd.org/concord_gully/index.htm. Please send comments to Kate McDonald at Cumberland County SWCD no later than February 26, 2015 (kmcdonald@cumberlandswcd.org). The Town of Freeport would also like to invite businesses and residents to participate in a breakfast meeting at the Harraseeket Inn on Wednesday, February 25th from 7:45 – 10:00 a.m. Learn about the restoration of Concord Gully Brook and provide input on the management plan. The plan includes projects and programs that may impact businesses and residents. We will have a very interesting program and hope for good attendance.



KICKOFF EVENT FREEPORT TOWN HALL SATURDAY, MARCH 7th at 9:00am

Learn how Freeport homes and businesses are coming together to reduce the cost of solar

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.solarizefreeport.com or (207) 200-1360

Interested in Solar Power?

**Buy solar with your neighbors.
Save money with your neighbors.**

The Town of Freeport has organized *Solarize Freeport*. By bringing the community together, we can lower the cost of solar. Property owners who purchase a system with our installation partners prior to May 2, 2015 will reduce costs for themselves and for their neighbors.

To get started, go to: solarizefreeport.com or call (207) 200-1360.

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