



October 4, 2016 - News for You



# TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

## Upcoming Town Council Meeting:

**October 18, 2016**  
**Regular 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)



## Election Information November 8, 2016

Polls Open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to receive an absentee ballot for the upcoming Presidential and Municipal Election may visit the following link and **apply online**:  
<http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

You can also request an absentee ballot by calling or stopping by the Town Clerk's Office (865-4743 x123). Ballots will be available the second week in October.

Sample ballots will be available for viewing on the Town's website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com), the Town Clerk's Office and the Freeport Community Library the second week in October.

FMI: Christine Wolfe, Town Clerk, 865-4743 x123

## Town Manager's Report October 4, 2016

- Town Assessor Robert Konczal has set the tax rate for tax year 2016 at \$15.80 per \$1,000 in valuation. This is a reduction of -6% from last year's rate of \$16.80. The reduction is due to an increase in town-wide valuation resulting from a market adjustment of +7.4%. The net effect Town wide is a tax levy increase of +1%. The actual increase will vary from property to property based on the effect of the market valuation update. Other notable property tax changes for 2016 include an increase in the homestead exemption from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The homestead exemption is set to increase again to \$20,000 in tax year 2017.

- The Department of Justice recently designated October 3-8, 2016 as the inaugural National Community Policing Week. The Attorney General Loretta Lynch, stated that "community policing is recognized as a fundamental part of our shared public safety mission." To extend Attorney General Lynch's initiative, the Freeport Police Department will host another COP Talk. COP is an acronym for "Citizen Outreach Program". The Freeport Police Department is reaching out to citizens to hear what they have for concerns in and around town.

Our officers are looking to encourage conversations between Freeport's citizens and police department members on current

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The town of Freeport presents...

## FREEPORT DAY

at the  
**NORDICA**  
**T H E A T R E**

Freeport Arts and Cultural Alliance

On **Wednesday, October 5, 2016** all **Freeport residents** are again invited to

enjoy a film at the Nordica Theatre for free\*  
Come check out the best presentation, the biggest Hollywood hits  
at the areas newest and best movie theatre.  
All for a good cause!

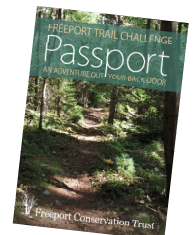
\*Proof of residence in the form of an license, ID or school ID is required

To receive your free ticket to any available showtime October 5, 2016 only.  
Tickets are limited to the seating capacity and there will be no rain checks.

[www.nordicatheatre.com](http://www.nordicatheatre.com)

## Freeport Trail Challenge

The Freeport Trail Challenge is for people of all ages to hike four Freeport trails in September and October: Calderwood, Quarry Woods, Pettengill Farm and Bliss Woods. Record your hikes in a Passport (collect stamps from each trail on the Trail Challenge) or by posting on Facebook or Instagram. Prizes available if you hike all 4 trails.



Passports are available at the Town Hall, Historical Society and at the Freeport Conservation Trust (located in the Community Center). Or contact Freeport Conservation Trust to get a card mailed to you: **865-3985 x212**, or [info@freeportconservationtrust.org](mailto:info@freeportconservationtrust.org)



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**Saturday, October 22nd  
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

## Town Manager's Report October 4, 2016

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trends, issues, and concerns facing the community, whether it's here in Freeport, or in Maine, or even issues of national interest. The next COP Talk will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 8 am in the Town Council Chambers at Freeport Town Hall.

- The Town was honored to have our new Fire Chief Charlie Jordan serve as a judge in the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Chowder Challenge at the Freeport Fall Festival this past weekend. We are still awaiting a report on whether we can trust Chief Jordan's taste in seafood to the same extent as his firefighting skills!

*NOTE: Homeowners are now eligible for up to a \$15,000 reduction in their primary residence's property valuation (your name must be on the deed). If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April first, you may apply for this program. Forms are available at the Tax Assessor's office or on the state's website.*



## Freeport Fire Prevention Open House

Wed. October 12, 2016  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



There will be plenty of activities for children and adults at this year's 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! Freeport's fire trucks, ambulances and police cars will be on display and many community partners will be participating in this year's event.

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!



## COP TALK "Citizen Outreach Program" Thursday, October 6, 2016

**The Freeport Police Department is holding their second COP Talk** on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Please join members of the police department to discuss current trends, issues, and any concerns residents may have.



**Metro BREEZ Public Meeting**  
Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Town Council Chambers

Join Us. We're looking for Feedback!  
FMI: [gpmetrobus.com](http://gpmetrobus.com) or 774-0351

## Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Citizen of the Year

Each year the Freeport Town Council presents a Citizen of the Year Award to honor those who have significantly contributed 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 2016 Citizen of the Year Award is December 15, 2016.