



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meeting:

**January 17, 2017
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*

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5 SPECIAL ELECTION JANUARY 10, 2017 FREEPORT TOWN OFFICE

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A copy of the sample ballot is available on the Town website and sample ballots are also posted at the Library, Community Center, Town Office, Post Office and Dougherty's Store. Absentee ballots are now available at the Freeport Town Clerk's Office. The **deadline** to request an absentee is **Thursday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m.**

Please contact the Clerk's Office at 865-4743 x123 for ways to obtain an absentee ballot or for any questions.

Kids events at the Library!

Puppet Show - Wednesday, January 11 at 2pm

Come enjoy this puppet show based on the First Nation tale about winter, Shingebiss. Puppeteers are from the Maine Coast Waldorf School. For children ages 3-6.

Henna Tattoos - Wed., January 18th, 2:30-4:30pm

Henna Artist Mandy Roberge is coming to the library! This all-natural skin adornment, known formally as mehndi, is deeply rooted in Middle Eastern and other cultures across the globe. To be eligible for your free tattoo, you need a signed parental consent form available at the Children's Desk. For young adults, grades 6 & up.

Lego Derby Days -Wed., February 1 at 3:45pm

Grab your friends and come build a racecar out of our LEGOs, then race your creation down our special race track. For ages 6 to 10. Limited to 30 racers. Sign up required.
FMI: 865-3307

Town Manager's Report January 3, 2017

Two Freeport Town employees participated in the "Wreaths Across America" event between Freeport and Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. last month. Officer Jason Bartlett and his sons participated in the escort from Maine to Washington, and Finance Director Jessica Maloy participated in the laying of the wreaths at Arlington with family members. Thanks to both Jason and Jessica (and their families) who took the time to honor our veterans this past holiday season.



Photo courtesy Jessica Maloy

The Brunswick and Freeport Police Departments would like to remind residents that it is a crime for a person who does not have a permanent place of business in the State of Maine to come to your residence and sell goods or home repair services. In the spring and summer unlicensed individuals frequently peddle driveway sealing or tree removal services. As the weather is no longer favorable for these scams, new techniques are employed. One example is a salesman coming to your residence claiming to have excess stock from a tradeshow that he will sell to you on the spot at a steep discount. The product is normally a brand that you don't recognize so you do not realize that the price you are paying is not actually at a "steep discount" and could even be for stolen property.

On December 23rd, the Brunswick Police Department apprehended a 31 year old male from Anchorage, Alaska working on behalf of ZT Industrial, LLC of Somersworth, New Hampshire, selling power products such as generators door to door on US Route 1 in the area of the Brunswick-Freeport town line. He was driving a rented truck and claiming to be selling excess product from a trade show. Neither he nor ZT Industrial, LLC was licensed as a transient seller in Maine. The individual was summonsed for being a Transient Seller without Registration (32 MRS § 14702 (2)(A)), a Class E Crime. The Police Department reminds

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Recycling & the Holidays

Is It Recyclable?

YES: Gift wrap, Gift bags, Tissue paper, Greeting cards, Strings of Lights, Corrugated Cardboard, Gift wrap (not foil), 1-7 Plastic, Glass
NO: Foil gift wrap, Ribbon, Bows, Tinsel, Packing Peanuts, Ceramic Dishes, Styrofoam



Christmas Trees & Wreaths:

Christmas trees are free to dispose of in the brush pile. Evergreen wreaths, because of the wire used to make them, cannot go in the brush pile. They are still free, but go in with the bulky waste dumpster.

For more details, call 865-3740 or go to www.freeportmaine.com.

The Appointments Committee will be meeting soon

to review applications for vacancies on Town Boards and Committees. Currently there are vacancies on:

- *Active Living * Cable TV * Hunter Road Fields *
- *Library Board of Trustees * Winslow Park

If you are interested in serving on a committee an application is available at the Town Hall and at www.freeportmaine.com.

January events at the Freeport Community Library

The library will host a series of informative, engaging events related to the **2017 Camden Conference topic "Refugees and Global Migration: Humanity's Crisis."** The series begins on **Friday, January 6 at 6:30pm** with Susan Roche, Executive Director of the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project, who will talk about its work helping low-income immigrants improve their legal status. Four other programs are scheduled during the month of January. For a full schedule, go to www.freeportlibrary.com and for information on the 2017 Camden Conference go to: www.camdenconference.org

Kaffeeklatch*Tuesday, January 10, 2:30-4:00pm

Come and join us for home baked cake/cookies and a cup of coffee/tea. We will celebrate life, good cake, and our community in a relaxed and warm atmosphere. No sign-up required. Organized by Valeska Hornschild-Boar.

* German for: An informal social gathering for coffee and conversation.

Memoir Workshop - DENIS LEDOUX, Wed., January 11th at 6:30pm. Denis Ledoux author of *Turning Memories Into Memoirs, A Handbook for Writing Lifestories* will give a free workshop that presents a wealth of basic information on memoir writing. The workshop is ideal for beginners as well as more advanced writers who want to write their own life stories - a very meaningful experience with the end result being a wonderful gift to future generations of your family! *FMI:* www.freeportlibrary.com

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all residents to always request to see a seller's Maine transient sales registration before engaging with a door-to-door salesperson.

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On the day after Christmas, the "silver bullet" near the Public Works garage on Hunter Road was found strewn with recycling and trash as shown in the picture below. I would like to provide another reminder that it is never OK to leave trash or recycling outside of the containers at the drop off sites. There is a happy ending to this story, however. Local resident **Troy Thompson** took it upon himself to clean up the refuse left outside of the container. The Public Works Department and Town Manager's Office would like to both extend our thanks and acknowledge Mr. Thompson's efforts!



Attention Dog Owners! 2017 Dog Licenses Now Available

Dogs six months and older are required to be licensed by law. You may register at the Freeport Town Hall or online at: www.doglicensing.com. Please bring proof of the rabies vaccination and spay/neutering. You must renew your dog license no later than January 31st of each year, or a late fee of \$25.00 per dog will be charged.

Rabies Clinic: Saturday, January 28th, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Freeport Town Hall.
Dogs and Cats are invited! Rabies Vaccine \$15.00 per animal. Freeport Residents may also license their dogs during the clinic.



Questions? Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 865-4743, ext. 122 or 123.