JANUARY 2012 THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

We're Building Community

WREATHS OF REMEMBRANCE

On Saturday, December 10th, Fremont residents gathered at the Veterans Memorial Monument at the Fremont Town Hall. At 12 noon on this date, all over America, the laying of a Wreath of Remembrance to honor our veterans took place.

Many thanks to all who participated, especially the Boy Scout Troop #1 and Girl Scout Troop #20681. We were pleased to see the community support and thank the People's United Methodist Church for their work in organizing the event.

Refreshments were served in the Town Hall at the conclusion of the ceremony. Thank you to all who helped to provide refreshments, especially Mr. Barry Arnofsky, Owner of Liberty Square Market, and the Village Market in Fremont, as well as members of the Fremont Garden Club.

Thank you Carolyn Carr, Garden Club Member, for the photo submission.



PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

January 10, 2012: Presidential Primary Election Day. Voters may register to vote at the polls during polling hours 7:00 am – 8:00 pm at ELLIS SCHOOL. A valid driver's license or photo ID and proof of residency are required to register to vote. The deadline for the Town Clerk to accept completed absentee ballots that come through the mail is 5:00 pm.

TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING SEASON IS APPROACHING

The deadline for submission of petition warrant articles for the 2012 meeting season is Tuesday January 10, 2012. Petitions for Town Warrant Articles should be submitted to the Selectmen's Office no later than 12 noon on January 10, 2012. For information on submissions to the School District, contact SAU 83 at 895 6903.

The Town Public Budget Hearing will be held on **Wednesday January 11, 2012** and the School District Public Budget Hearing will be held on **Thursday January 12, 2012**. The Public Hearing will begin at 7:30 pm and the Budget Committee will convene at 7:00 pm to review any petition articles submitted. In case of inclement weather, the Town hearing will move to Thursday January 12, 2012. In case of inclement weather on Thursday, the School District hearing will move to Friday January 13, 2012.

The Town's Deliberative Session will be held at 7:00 pm on **Monday February 6, 2012** in the Ellis School Gymnasium. In case of inclement weather, the Town's Deliberative Session will be held on **Tuesday February 7, 2012**.

The School District's Deliberative Session will be held at 9:00 am on **Saturday February 4, 2012** in the Ellis School Gymnasium. In case of inclement weather, the District's Deliberative Session will be held on **Saturday February 11, 2012**.

TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS

The filing period for Town and School District Offices begins on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 and runs through Friday, February 3, 2012. On Friday February 3, 2012 the Town Clerk will be open special hours, for sign-ups only, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. The School District Clerk will also be at the Town Hall during this final sign-up period on Friday February 3, 2012 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

TOWN POSITIONS OPEN in 2012

Selectman: 1 for 3 years Road Agent: 1 for 3 years Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years Moderator: 1 for 2 years Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 6 years Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN in 2012

School Board Member: 2 for 3 years School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 year School District Clerk: 1 for 1 year School District Moderator: 1 for 1 year

You must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter to declare Candidacy for Town Office. You can register to vote with the Town Clerk during regular office hours and also with the Supervisors of the Checklist who will meet January 24, 2012 between 7:00 - 7:30 at the Fremont Library for new registrants and for any changes voters wish to make to their voter registration forms.

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, you can see the Town Clerk during regular office hours or see the School District Clerk, Sherri Ficker at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm during the filing period.

Election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693.

250TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Fremont 250th Committee will take place on Wednesday January 18, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex training room. Anyone interested in joining this active group is cordially welcomed to attend. For more information, please contact 250th Chairman Matthew Thomas at 895 4032 or Secretary Trish Coulombe at 997 1414.

WINTER & THE TOWN FORESTS

Winter is a great time to enjoy the trail system in our town forests. Visibility is better. NO BUGS! Areas that were difficult to access when it is wet have frozen over (like Tavern Road)! Glen Oakes has trails that are suitable for both snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Oak Ridge is more challenging for cross country skiing but is great for snowshoes! The Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee are planning another winter snowshoe hike, tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 11th. Watch the Town website for more information.

RESTORATION OF INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS

In accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to September 18, 2010 and without the consent of the owner may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status.

Application for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots Pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa can be found at the Fremont Town Hall and on the Town web site. The application must be completed and returned to the Board of Selectmen prior to December 31, 2016. Instructions and general information for lot restoration are included in the application form.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

The 2012 budget proposal includes printed newsletters to be sent out quarterly. The Town still plans to prepare a newsletter, which will be placed on the website. With the new website, we also plan to set up a list-serve type subscription service. Please watch for more details in the coming months so you can sign up to receive information through the new website.

The Newsletter costs just over \$500 per issue to print and mail, so there is savings realized by printing fewer issues.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

The 2012 dog license tags will be available beginning Tuesday, January 03, 2012. A current rabies certificate is required for licensing your dog(s) as the Clerk's Office is required by law to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. Please call the office to inquire if the rabies certificate on file is still valid. You must license your dog(s) by April 30th to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, the license(s) can be mailed for an additional fee of \$1.00 per license or you can license your dog(s) online by going to the Town Clerks page on the Town's website at Fremont.nh.gov and click E-Dog. If you no longer have your dog, please contact the Clerk's office at 895-8693 so we can update our records accordingly.

MEET THE NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The Friends of the Fremont Library would like to invite you to meet Bethany Brace, our new Library Director on Sunday, Jan. 22nd at 2 PM at the Library. There will be a "Meet and Greet" with refreshments from 2-3 PM followed by a children's movie (Dolphin Tale) at 3 PM.

We would love to have you visit and see all the great things happening at our library! If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rowell, Chair Friends of the Fremont Library at rowells4@myfairpoint.net.

CABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Board of Selectmen seeks interested Fremont residents to assist with a Cable Access Management Committee to oversee the purchase and installation of cable/video broadcasting equipment for the Town. Responsibilities will also include researching options available for the purchase of cable equipment (video and audio), to facilitate and manage future live and taped rebroadcast of meetings and events on the Town's cable channel.

Letters of interest are welcome from any Fremont resident. Letters should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, by email, to <u>Selectmen@Fremont.nh.gov</u> or by mail to PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. Please submit letters as soon as possible.

FREMONT LIBRARY NEWS CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

...And a good time was had by all! Thank you to Children's Musician, **Steve Blunt**, and Children's Author, **Marty Kelley**, who gave a rousing, spirited Christmas concert on Dec. 8th. Thank you also to all the families who took time from their busy schedules to attend.

WINTER STORY TIMES start the week of Jan. 10th. Registration starts the week of Jan. 3rd. You can register in person when you visit the Library, call the Library - 895-9543 or send "Miss Lynda" an email - <u>lynda@fremontpubliclibrary.org</u>.

The schedule is as follows:

BOOKWORM BUDDIES - A school-age (6 up) poetry and craft group. Share some wintry poems and then make a craft. Snack and materials provided.

TEDDY BEAR TALES - For preschoolers (ages 3-5) snuggle with your Teddy or other favorite furry friend and listen to some cozy stories and then make a craft. Materials provided.

If you can't make it to the Library in person, be sure to visit us online at *fremontpubliclibrary.org.* to see what's happening at the Library!

NOW AVAILABLE at the LIBRARY: free access to the

<u>website ancestry.com!</u> If you're searching for your ancestors, we can help! Contact the Library for further information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont NH in the basement meeting room on February 9, 2012 at 7:30 pm in accord with NH RSA 33:8-a to discuss the long-term lease/purchase of a fire truck for the Fremont Fire Rescue Department.

The public is welcome to attend.

FORMER CIVIL DEFENSE TRUCK FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

The Town of Fremont is selling an older model former Civil Defense / Emergency Management vehicle no longer needed by the Town. Vehicle to be sold by sealed bid. The vehicle is a 1954 Dodge Weapons Carrier, GWV 6,000; pickup body style, ³/₄ ton, gas engine, 6 cylinder. Current odometer reading 26,109.

Any emergency equipment will be removed from the vehicle. Vehicle to be sold as is, with no warranty or guarantee (except for removal of all emergency equipment.) Vehicle has not been recently inspected and may or may not be roadworthy.

Bids should be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope clearly marked "CIVIL DEFENSE TRUCK BID" to the Fremont Selectmen's Office no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday February 29, 2012. Bids will be opened publicly at the next available Selectmen's Meeting.

Vehicle can be viewed by appointment only with a Town representative. To schedule an appointment, contact Jeanne Nygren at the Selectmen's Office at 603 895 2226 x 11. Vehicle currently housed at the Fremont Town Hall, rear garage.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids as is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Fremont.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H CLUB

Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4H group, and hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Brubacher, Leader by phone at 303 1584, or by email at j.brubacher@comcast.net,. www.4hpeppermintponies.org, www.northroadfarm.com. Stop by and visit the farm.

www.Fremont.nh.gov

Town Hall Office Hours Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149 Selectmen's Office VM 10,11 Mon & Fri 8:30 am to 12 noon Tues & Wed 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm <u>FremontTA@comcast.net</u> FremontTownHall@comcast.net

Tax Collector 895 3200 X 14 Thursday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm <u>FremontTax@comcast.net</u>

Town Clerk 895 8693 VM 15,16 Mon, Tues & Wed 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Thurs 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Closed Friday FremontClerk@comcast.net

Bldg & Planning 895 3200 Building Inspector VM 18 Tues & Thurs 8:30 to 10:00 am; 1:00 to 4:30 pm; Weds eves 5:00 to 7:00 pm and by appointment <u>FremontBl@comcast.net</u>

Planning & Zoning VM 17 Tues, Weds, Thurs 8:30 am to 12:30 pm; Tues 1:00 - 4:30 pm FremontPZ@comcast.net

Health Bob Meade 895 3200 x 18

Welfare by appt 895 3200 x 12

Town & Department Contacts Police Department 895 2229 Fax 895 1116 Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm police@fremontnhpd.com

EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1 Fire Rescue Business 895 9634 Office Hours M/Th 5:00 to 7:00 pm Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

Highway Dept - Road Agent Mark Pitkin 300 7429

Fremont Public Library Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 895 0549 Tues & Thurs 1:00 to 8:00 pm Wed & Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sat 9:00 am to 2:00 pm www.fremontpubliclibrary.org

Food Pantry Kathy 895 1162 Stephanie 895 4454

Ellis School 895 2511 sau83.org 432 Main Street SAU #83 895 6903 Fax 895 6905 5 Hall Road Suite 1 Fremont NH

 Post Office
 895 2094

 Mon - Fri 8:30 - 11:30 am / 12:30 4:30 pm
 Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am

 FAA
 fremontathletics@yahoo.com
 Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste

 Management of NH - 800 847 5303
 60 847 5303
 60 847 5303

MEETING SCHEDULE Town Hall – Main Floor Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm Jan 10 Feb 14 **Open Space** Feb 7 7:00 pm Energy Comm Jan 17 8:00 pm Budget Comm 7:00 pm Jan 11, 12 Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room Cemetery Trustees 3:30 pm Feb 6 Conservation Comm 7:00 pm Jan 9 Planning Board 7:00 pm Feb 1, 15 Jan 4, 18 Selectmen 6:00 pm Jan 12, 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 16 Zoning Board 7:30 pm Feb 28 Jan 24 www.Fremont.nh.gov

Fremont Public Library Library Trustees 4th Weds 7:00 pm Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 to 7:30 pm Jan 24 Friends of Library 1st Tues 7:00 pm Fremont Safety Complex Garden Club 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm