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THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

We're Building Community

WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IN FREMONT DECEMBER 15, 2012 AT NOON

On Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 12 noon, a Wreath of Remembrance will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in front of the Fremont Town Hall. The Support Our Troops Association will present the wreath and lead a brief service honoring our troops both past and present.

Refreshments will be served in the Town Hall following the ceremony. All are welcome.

Wreaths of Remembrance will be placed at the Arlington National Cemetery as well as at Town and City monuments across the United States as a part of the Wreaths Across America Program. Honoring those who have defended our country helps us remember and appreciate their service and our freedom.

For further information please call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658.

HONOR OUR VETERANS

Thank you to all who joined us in a wonderful celebration of Fremont Veteran's on Sunday November 11th at the Fremont Town Hall at the annual Veteran's Open House. Fellowship and a good meal were shared by all!

HELP OUR HOMELESS VETERANS

The Support Our Troops Association is sponsoring a drive to assist two Veterans' centers that serve homeless Veterans in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Donations of soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, hand lotion, quilts and afghans are needed.

Please deliver your donations to the Peoples United Methodist Church on Main Street in Fremont, NH on Sundays between 9:00 am and 10:30 am. For further information please call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658.

DECEMBER TOWN CLERK HOURS

CLOSED Monday
Tuesday-9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon

These hours are temporary for December. Thank you for your patience through this transition process for the Town's new Town Clerk Shannon Bryant. Please contact the office at 895 8693 if you have any questions or need information.

OFFICE CLOSURES

All Town Offices will be CLOSED on Monday and Tuesday December 24 and 25, 2012 in observance of Christmas. All Town Offices will be CLOSED on Tuesday January 1, 2013 in observance of New Years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS IMPORTANT DATES

December 4, 2012 – Supervisors of Checklist session from 7:00 to 7:30 pm

January 8, 2013 – Petition warrant articles due. Town petition articles due by 12 noon at the Selectmen's Office. School District petition articles due by 4:00 pm at the SAU Office.

January 8, 2012 – Town and School District Public Budget Hearing will be held at 7:30 pm. Budget Committee convenes at 7:00 pm to review any petition articles submitted.

January 9 and 10, 2013 – Reserved as snow dates and continuations of the Town and School Public Budget hearings as needed.

January 22, 2013 – Supervisors of Checklist session from 7:00 to 7:30 pm (last day to register prior to Candidate Declaration period).

January 23, 2013 through February 1, 2013 – During this period any person wishing to run for Town or School District Office must declare their candidacy. Contact the Town Clerk or the School District Clerk for more information.

January 26, 2012 – Supervisors of Checklist session from 11:00 to 11:30 am (last day to register to vote prior to Deliberative Sessions).

February 1, 2013 – Last day to declare candidacy for Town or School District Office. Town Clerk's Office open 3:00 to 5:00 pm only for candidate declaration forms.

February 2, 2013 – School District Deliberative Session at 9:00 am at Ellis School

February 5, 2013 – Town Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at Ellis School

February 7, 2013 – Snow date for Town Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at Ellis School

February 9, 2013 – Snow date for School District Deliberative Session at 9:00 am at Ellis School

March 2, 2013 – Supervisors of Checklist session from 11:00 to 11:30 am (last day to register prior to Town and School Elections). March 12, 2013 – Town and School District Elections – Polling held at Ellis School from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Same day voter registration permitted). All voters must have an ID.

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect November 1 through April 15th.

TOWN WEBSITE

The Town website is up and running. Our address is www.Fremont.nh.gov. Check it out and see what is new. You can also subscribe to several items (currently minutes for Selectmen, Budget Committee and Planning Board); and news items, as well as the Town Newsletter.

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter in your email box, please click on "Subscribe to E-Alerts" to sign up! You can sign up for several items, and then you must reply to the confirmation email to ensure your address is placed on the requested distribution lists. We only mail the newsletter a couple of times per year, so sign up today to receive it electronically!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will also be sponsoring annual Christmas Holiday Food Baskets to any Fremont resident who is in need of one. Kindly sign yourself and/or your family up to receive a basket no later than Wednesday December 12th by calling Debbie at 895 3825 or Stephanie at 895 4454.

If you would like to help the Food Pantry by donating items, the following is a list of items needed to fill each basket:

Turkey or Ham Stuffing

Rolls and Butter Holiday Dessert

Turkey Gravy

Onions

Fresh Potatoes Fresh Squash Cider or Egg Nog Cranberry Sauce Fresh Fruit

Fresh Carrots
Canned Corn & Green Beans

Pickles/Olives

Disposable Roasting Tin

Gift Card to Hannaford, Market Basket or Walmart

Food can be dropped off at the Fremont Town Hall during normal business hours. If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact Debbie at 895 3825 or Stephanie at 895 4454. All calls to the Fremont Food Pantry are completely confidential.

TOWN CLERK INFORMATION VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

When renewing your vehicle registration or boat registration in person, you MUST provide the Clerk's office with the current registration or the "courtesy" renewal notice that you received in the mail. This is a State law. If you do not provide either of these documents, the Clerk's office CANNOT process the registration renewal without first printing a certified copy of the previous registration that will cost \$18.00.

ID FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

When registering a vehicle with the Town Clerk's office you MUST present a valid photo id or driver's license in order for your transaction to be completed. This requirement has been issued by the NH Department of Safety – Fraud Unit.

NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

When registering a newly acquired vehicle you **MUST** provide a bill of sale. The Clerk's office is required to make a photo copy of that bill of sale and submit it to the DMV. Also, when registering a newly purchased vehicle, whoever is listed as the owner or owners on the paperwork **MUST** appear in person at the Clerk's office to complete the transaction.

250TH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee has moved their meetings to the third Tuesday of each month, beginning in January 2013. The next meetings will take place on Tuesday January 15, February 19, and March 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at the Fremont Safety Complex.

Anyone interested in helping to organize Fremont's 250th Anniversary Celebration is most welcomed to join this dedicated committee. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee Chairman Matthew E. Thomas at 895 4032.

2012 TAX COLLECTIONS

Tax bills were due Monday December 3, 2012. The Tax Collector's Office will return to regular hours on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Town Hall. Payment of taxes after the due date will require that you speak with the Collector for calculation of any interest due.

You can reach the Collector by phone at 895 3200 x 14 or by email at FremontTax@comcast.net.

HONOR EARLY AMERICAN HEROES

American Revolutionary War heroes and Civil War heroes are buried in Fremont's and East Kingston's cemeteries. Other than on Memorial Day with the placement of American flags, many of their gravesites are rarely visited. Their service created and grew liberty, justice, freedom, and equality. Our country would not be a democratic nation without their commitment and sacrifice.

This holiday season we would like to place a Wreath of Remembrance on these Early American veterans' gravesites and on all of the veterans' gravesites in East Kingston and Fremont. Sponsors in these towns and from the surrounding communities are needed.

The Wreaths Across America Program provides wreaths for \$15 each. Ten dollars pays for the construction and delivery of the wreath. The remaining five dollars will be used to support two local veterans' centers that provide food, shelter, clothing, and training to our homeless veterans.

The Fremont and East Kingston Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees have approved this fundraising effort that was organized in association with the Peoples United Methodist Church in Fremont and the East Kingston Community United Methodist Church.

Please consider adopting an American Revolutionary War hero or a Civil War hero and honoring them with a Wreath of Remembrance. For further information, please call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658.

By honoring the past, you provide for the needs of present veterans. Please sponsor a wreath today.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee meets weekly to review Town and School District budget submissions for the upcoming 2013-2014 fiscal years. The Committee meets at 7:00 pm in the main floor meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall on Wednesdays

December 5, 12, and 19, 2012.

The Town and School Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday January 8, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Wednesday January 9 and Thursday January 10 will be held open for any necessary recess or snow date rescheduling of the meeting. Please mark all of these important dates on your calendar.

ABATEMENT & EXEMPTION INFORMATION

The deadline to file an abatement for your 2012 property assessment is 12:00 noon on Friday March 1, 2013 at the Selectmen's Office. Forms are available in the Selectmen's Office and on the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Board of Selectmen page. Forms will not be accepted if dropped in the outside box after 12 noon on March 1st, but a March 1, 2013 postmark is acceptable.

The deadline to file a credit or exemption application form in the Selectmen's Office for the 2013 tax year is 12 noon on Monday April 15, 2013. Forms will not be accepted if dropped in the outside box after 12 noon on April 15th but an April 15, 2013 postmark is acceptable. These applications are available in the Selectmen's Office or on the Town website as indicated above. Please be sure you have all of the required documentation submitted with your application form.

Contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 11 with any questions regarding assessing, abatements, or exemption and credit applications.

FREMONT POST OFFICE

The Postal Service has announced their POST PLAN Implementation for the Fremont NH Post Office. The Fremont PO will have new hours effective 01/12/2013. The Fremont PO will provide 6 hours of window service each weekday. The retail hours will be from 8:00 to 11:30 am and 2:00 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 8:30 to 11:00 am on Saturday. Customers will have access to their mail receptacles from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday

through Friday and from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday. Post Office Box mail will be available daily for pickup by 10:00 am.

SUPPORT THE FREMONT PTA

Hannaford Supermarket is running their "Hannaford Helps Schools" program again this year! From September 9th - December 1st you can receive \$3, for Ellis School, each time you purchase 4 qualifying items. There are more than 700 participating products and they are clearly marked in the store. Upon checkout, in addition to your register receipt, you will receive a printout of a voucher for the school program.

There will be a collection tower in the <u>Raymond</u> Hannaford store marked for Ellis School. If you shop in Raymond, you can deposit your voucher right there in the tower marked Ellis School! If you shop at the Hannaford in Hampstead or elsewhere (or have family that shops outside of the local area and will save them for you) they can also be brought into the school for collection in a container marked in the lobby or deposited in a container at Town Hall. It doesn't cost anything extra to participate, if you purchase 4 eligible items the voucher will automatically print. You don't have to "sign up" or fill out any forms, just shop and drop the slip either in the Raymond store or one of the marked containers listed above.

The PTA has received generous checks from Hannaford Supermarket in the past as a result of this program. The funds received go toward supporting all PTA projects including: the minigrant program, artist in residence and scholarships. Thank you to all who support our school and students!

FREMONT PLAYGROUP

The Fremont Playgroup 2012-2013 season is here. We meet on Friday mornings at the People's United Methodist Church here in Fremont from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Join us for play, snack, story time, and caregiver to caregiver chat! (We are a non-denominational group and do not practice religion.) There is no registration or membership, just come and play when you can make it!

For questions and information regarding dates and other locations contact Nicole Cloutier via email at: nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com; call 244 2755 or visit us on Facebook under Fremont Playgroup.

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. The high amounts of winter snow will cause added drainage and runoff issues this spring. Please help keep the ROW area clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way as they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the Town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Mark Pitkin at 300 7429.

Please also remember that a permit is required prior to paving of any driveway on a Town road. Forms and additional information are available on the Town's Website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H HORSE CLUB

Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4H group, hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Club meetings are held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, year round at North Road Farm, 370 North Road in Fremont.

Participate in 4H exhibits at Stratham and Deerfield Fairs, 4H Riding Club, 4H Horse Shows and 4H Summer Horse Day Camp. Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader, Instructor, Owner at 603 303 1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net,

For more information and to sign-up for meeting announcements go to www.4hpeppermintponies.org or www.northroadfarm.com. Stop by and visit the horses and ponies. Guests, friends and family welcome!

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB HOLDS GREENS WORKSHOP

The FGC held their annual "Greens Workshop" event on November 27, 2012, at the Fremont Safety Complex. Members made many Kissing Balls and Swags for decorating the Town buildings and fulfilling orders from residents. Thank you to all of the members who worked so hard to make all of these items.

The FGC thanks Betty Stanley for the donations of the greens from her property. Decorating the Town buildings will occur on Saturday, December 1, 2012.

The next meeting will be on December 18, the annual Christmas Party at the home of President, Carolyn Carr.



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, hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Club meetings are 6-8 pm, 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, year round. Participate in 4H exhibits at local fairs, 4H Riding Club, Horse Shows and Summer Horse Day Camp. Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader, Instructor, Owner 603-303-1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net, For more information and to sign-up for meeting announcements go to www.4hpeppermintponies.org. Stop by and visit the horses and ponies. Guests, friends and family welcome!

LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMM

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the State Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) and local municipalities in matters pertaining to the management of the Lamprey River. Their roles and responsibilities include:

- Improve outreach and education. Be visible at town events with literature about the watershed. Be sure that landowners understand their rights and responsibilities.
- Adopt consistent municipal regulations as a baseline in the watershed.
- 3. Promote low impact recreation on the watershed.
- 4. Improve water quality through management of run-off (road salt, nitrates, sewage, etc).
- 5. Preserve the environment surrounding the river corridor.

Currently there is only one Fremont representative on the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. If you think you might be interested, please view their website at www.lampreyriver.org and see what the organization is all about. If you would like to express your interest to the Selectmen to be considered for appointment, please send in a letter of interest, or fill out a local volunteer form (available on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov).

Selectmen make local recommendations for appointment to the NH DES, who make all appointments to the local advisory committees. Meetings for the LRAC are monthly on the fourth Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

BRENTWOOD & VICINITY SENIOR TRANSPORT

Provided by Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels Regularly Scheduled Services include:

- To the Brentwood MOW Site for lunch, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 11:30 am
- To the Ray-Fre Senior Center for lunch Tuesday & Thursday at 12:00 pm and for activities at 12:30 pm (bingo, cribbage, cards). Call Ray-Fre Center for information and details at 895 3258.

Shopping: 2 regular trips per week: Wednesday at 9:30 am (Brentwood, Fremont & Epping residents to Walmart & Market Basket) and Wednesday at 1:30 pm (Chester, Raymond, Candia & Deerfield residents to Dollar Tree & Hannaford).

Appointments: Tuesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Thursday from 10:00 am to 12 noon. (Doctors, therapy and hospital in Exeter/Raymond and points in between). Please schedule appointments to allow time for transportation both ways within those hours.

Service Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Suggested donations: Trips to lunch: 50 cents / round trip All other trips: \$2.00 / round trip

For more information or to schedule a ride, please call Meals on Wheels (MOW) at 679 4696. Scheduling is subject to adjustment as circumstances require. Advance notice is strongly recommended but if you find yourself with an unexpected and immediate need, please call and they will try and accommodate you.

Town Hall Office Hours Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149 Selectmen's Office VM 10.11 Mon & Fri 8:00 am to 12 noon Tues & Wed 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm FremontTA@comcast.net FremontTownHall@comcast.net

Tax Collector 895 3200 X 14 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 pm FremontTax@comcast.net

Town Clerk 895 8693 VM 15,16 See schedule inside, watch website for updates

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 FremontBI@comcast.net

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 Dawn Jarrell

Town & Department Contacts Police Department 895 2229 Fax 895 1116 Mon - Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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 Mon noon to 6 pm / Tu & Th 1 to 8 pm Wed & Fri 9 am to 5 pm Sat 9 am to 2 pm www.fremontpubliclibrary.org

Food Pantry Debbie 895 3825 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 <u>fremontathletics@yahoo.com</u> Trash Pickup & Recycling - Waste Management of NH - 800 847 5303 **MEETING SCHEDULE** Town Hall - Main Floor

Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm Dec 11 Jan 8

Open Space Feb xx

7:00 pm Energy Comm 8:00 pm Dec 13

Budget Committee 7:00 pm Dec 5, 12, 19 Jan 2, 8, 9, 10 Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room

Cemetery Trustees 3:30 pm Feb 4

Conservation Comm 7:00 pm Jan 7 Feb 4

Planning Board 7:00 pm Dec 5, 19 Jan 2, 16

Selectmen 6:00 pm Dec 6*, 13, 20*, 27 Jan 3*, 10 * denotes worksession / no appts

Zoning Board 7:30 pm Dec 18

Jan 22 www.Fremont.nh.gov

Fremont Public Library Library Trustees 4th Weds 7:00 pm Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 - 7:30 See schedule on page 1 Friends of Library 1st Tues 7:00 pm

Fremont Safety Complex 250th Comm Tuesdays 6:00 pm Jan15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16 Garden Club 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm