



November 2022

THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

We're Building Community

TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR

WINTER HOURS

Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Tuesday 8:00 am – 12:00 noon ** changed hours

Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

The Town Hall is OPEN for normal posted hours for all offices. Capacity of 4 in the lobby to allow social distancing.

We have been successfully able to complete nearly all Town business online, via phone and email, and will continue to do so. You are also welcome to visit us during any open office hours. We are happy to make arrangements to meet you outside if needed or provide for a remote pickup/drop off option.

The Town's website is the most up to date location to get information. We have posted "how to" for the most common municipal transactions, and you are free to call, email, mail, and use the drop box for various transactions. Click on this link to take you to the virtual "HOW TO" for Town transactions from the home page of our website:

<https://www.fremont.nh.gov/home/news/covid-19-updates>

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES:

ALL TOWN OFFICES ARE CLOSED on Veteran's Day.

There are no trash delays during Veteran's Day week.

ALL TOWN OFFICES ARE CLOSED for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 24 and 25. Trash IS DELAYED on Thanksgiving. Thursday pickup will be Friday and Friday pickup will be Saturday.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 with polling at Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont, from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

This is the link to the application for absentee ballot:

<https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballots/request-absentee-ballot>. This is also available on our website.

Regarding Absentee Voting: Please note that the statutes, executive orders and guidance in place for the 2020 elections specific to COVID 19 and obtaining an absentee ballot have expired.

A person can register and vote by absentee if, based on their own health circumstances, medical authorities advise them to avoid going out in public. This applies to:

- 1) voters with symptoms of a communicable disease or illness.
- 2) voters who, due to their own health circumstances, limit public exposure in their day-to-day life as a preventative measure.

These two types of voters can reasonably conclude that a "physical disability" exists within the meaning of RSA 654:16 and 654:17, absentee registration, and RSA 657:1, absentee voting.

You can mail, fax, email or drop completed absentee ballot application forms in the drop box and the Clerk's Office will send your ballots out. If you don't have access to a printer and need these applications mailed to you, contact the Clerk's Office or pick one up at Town Hall. Returned absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk by 5:00 pm on Election Day, November 8th for the State General Election.

Completed ballots MUST be submitted in person to the Town Clerk, or mailed. They cannot be accepted via the drop box. The Clerk's Office will be open in addition to normal hours on Monday November 7 for the State General Election from 3-5 pm for absentee ballot processing only.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

October 26, 2022 from 5:00 to 5:30 pm
Fremont Public Library

This is the last day to register before the November General Election, however you may register to vote ON Election Day.

Please bring proper identification and proof of residency.

Not sure of your party affiliation? Please go to:

<https://app.sos.nh.gov/viphome>

VETERAN'S DAY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, November 11, 2022

Fremont Town Hall

4:30 to 5:30 pm

Stop by and join us for some light refreshments or just to say hello and to meet other veterans who reside in town!

For more information, if you'd like to help, or to RSVP that you can attend, please call us at 603 895 2226

or email jnygren@fremont.nh.gov.



Look at all the Fall UPCOMING EVENTS in Fremont...

FALL BULKY DAY

The annual Fall Bulky Day Drop off will be held on
Saturday October 29, 2022
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fremont Town Highway Shed
113 Danville Road, Fremont NH.

Fremont residents only, and you will need ID. Information is available on the Town's website (Trash & Recycling page). Call the Select Board's Office with any questions at 603 895 2226.

FREMONT PARKS & REC PUMPKIN PATCH

Sunday October 23, 2022
Ellis School
12:00 pm



Please join the Fremont Parks & Recreation Commission on the back field at Ellis School for a fun fall event.

The first 100 kids can pick out a pumpkin from our magical pumpkin patch. There will be lots of fun and games. There will be different community organizations handing out some goodies.

We encourage everyone to wear a Halloween Costume.

We will also be collecting items for the Fremont Food Pantry.

Every item you bring will enter your name in our raffle. Thank you!!



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday October 29, 2022
Fremont Safety Complex
425 Main Street
10 AM to 2 PM

The National Prescription Drug Take Back program aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Bring any unused or unwanted medications for drop-off.



FREMONT
TRICK or TREAT
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30, 2022
5:00 TO 8:00 PM

SCARY GHOST STORIES

Presented by
Fremont Parks & Rec and
Fremont Historical Society

Saturday October 29, 2022
at 6:00 pm



Join us for an event with acclaimed storyteller Papa Joe Gaudet and local historian Matthew Thomas at the Historic Fremont Meetinghouse. Parking is at the Ellis School (432 Main St Fremont) so wear appropriate clothing to walk to the Meetinghouse. This FREE event is open to Adults Only.

Space is limited so tickets are required. You can get tickets at Fremont Public Library or Fremont Town Hall or using this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/396056173677>

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Fall cleaning will be taking place at Fremont Cemeteries during the month of November. Please remove all items and mementos from headstones no later than October 31, 2022. The crew takes great care while removing leaves and other debris, however items can be caught up in leaf blowing and may be moved around or lost.

If you have any questions, please call Cemetery Sexton Shawn Perreault at 603 770 8929.

Thank you!
Fremont Cemetery Department



TOILETRIES for VETERANS November 11, 2022

Toiletries for Veterans will be collected from November 11, 2022 through December 16, 2023 to be delivered before the holidays. Drop-off baskets will be located at the Town Hall and the Fremont Public Library. The following items are needed: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, hand lotion. For further information, please call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658.

Thank you for your help!



2022 TAX RATE RELEASE

We are in receipt of the 2022 tax rate. The Select Board's Office, with input from the School District, has prepared this information for you in an effort to assist in your understanding of the 2022 rate. The new tax rate, set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration on October 19 is \$23.19 per thousand. This breaks down as follows:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Town	4.77	4.73	3.94	3.91	4.23
Local School	21.10	22.76	16.47	15.67	16.77
State School	2.42	2.43	1.85	1.88	1.31
County	1.11	1.13	0.87	0.86	0.88
Total	\$29.40	\$31.05	\$23.13	\$22.32	\$23.19

This is the first year of a tax rate increase since 2019. While we did receive some unanticipated revenues, the overall spending to support the Town, School and County operations increased somewhat and the School District returned less of a fund balance than prior years. Instead they put some of the savings into trust funds to account for future needs.

The 2020 tax year was our most recent revaluation, and the next one is scheduled for 04/01/2025. The changes in values made 2020 quite dynamic, and the overall impacts of budgets and property values have settled more into the 2021 and 2022 rates.

A key component to the annual setting of the tax rate is the total amount of town-wide assessed valuation. This is the total value of all taxable land and buildings in Fremont. We did not see significant increases in values for 2022 though the increase did help to reduce the tax rate by approximately \$0.37. The values have changed as follows:

Year	Total Assessed Valuation
2018	\$409,848,930
2019	\$410,788,368
2020	\$535,327,528
2021	\$541,193,155
2022	\$550,443,587

The School District has been able to return funds from unassigned fund balance which significantly works to balance the tax impacts. This year, the School District's fund balance was used to add to trust fund accounts for future use. The remaining amount \$102,230 was returned. If you have specific questions about the school expenses, you should contact the Superintendent's Office, SAU #83 at 432 Main Street, Fremont NH at 603 895 6903.

The State School tax portion decreased by \$0.57. Both the Local and State School portions fund education within our District.

If you have specific questions about the Town's portion of the tax rate, they can be directed to the Select Board's Office at the Town Hall at 603 895 2226 x 301.

As in all years, the local tax rates (Town and School) are a direct reflection of the action and votes taken by the voters of Fremont at the annual Town and School District Deliberative Sessions, followed by March ballot voting. The Select Board, School Board and Budget Committee are currently working on the budgets for the next respective fiscal years. Budget Committee meetings are held on Wednesday evenings and are broadcast on FCTV 22 and livestreamed on Vimeo. The Public Budget Hearing will be held on 01/11/2023 at the Ellis School Gym; and Deliberative Sessions will be held beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday February 4, 2023 at Ellis School. All dates are on the website calendar.

The portion of the Rockingham County budget attributable to Fremont increased by \$17,722 to a total of \$481,701 for a rate increase of two cents.

Veteran Credits decreased by \$7,125 to \$221,375. Elderly and Disabled Exemptions increased by \$153,600 to \$2,255,000.

Current Use values did not change significantly. There was \$9,250,532 of new assessed value attributable to new homes, garages, sheds, and other property improvements. Additions to the tax base help to offset expenditure increases and more evenly balance the tax rate.

SECOND ISSUE TAX BILLS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1, 2022

The Tax Collector's Office at the Town Hall will be open the following dates for payment of taxes:

Monday & Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 8:00 am to 12 noon (these hours have changed)

Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Town Hall is open. You can drop your bill off while the Select Board's Office is open, or in the drop box, but you cannot get a paid receipt unless you visit the Tax Collector during open hours, or leave a stamped return envelope with your payment. In these uncertain times, you may continue to use the drop box or mail, as we check both frequently.

If you have questions about your assessment or an abatement, credit or exemption, please feel free to stop by the Select Board's Office for information. All property assessing records are public information. You can access the information online from the Town's website at

<https://www.fremont.nh.gov/assessing/pages/online/property/look>

We send updates in several times a year to the Vision site, and you can see the most recent date of updates when you log on. The Select Board's Office is open Monday and Friday 8:00 am to 12 noon; Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and this is where the most current information is housed. A public (always up to date) terminal is available when the Town Hall is open. We will also be glad to mail out your property card to you, if you call or email us and make a request.

If you feel that your property is disproportionately assessed, or there are listing errors on your card, you can file an abatement. Our abatement information sheet is available at the Town Offices and on the town website at

<https://www.fremont.nh.gov/assessing/pages/abatements>

Abatement forms are also available at the Select Board's Office.

You need Form *Taxpayers 76:16 Abatement Application to Municipality*. You can also call or email the Select Board Office and we will send one out to you. Abatement forms are DUE no later than Wednesday MARCH 1, 2023 at 7 pm. A postmark of up to March 1, 2023 will be accepted. Postmarks after March 1, 2023 cannot be accepted. Leaving items in the drop-box after 7 pm on March 1 will not be accepted as timely.

You can drop off tax payments with a stamped self-addressed returned envelope, and the Collector will mail out your receipt. The Select Board's Office and Tax Collector's Office are located at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street; on the main floor.

Fremont Select Board's Office

PO Box 120

Fremont NH 03044-0120

603 895 2226 x 301, x 302, x 303

hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov

jnygren@fremont.nh.gov

kclement@fremont.nh.gov

Fremont Tax Collector

PO Box 120

Fremont NH 03044-0120

603 895 8693 x 307

clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov

NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Conservation Commission with the Select Board, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:15PM at the Fremont Town Hall, basement meeting room, pursuant to NH RSA 36-A:4 and 5 and RSA 675:7 concerning the purchase of parcel 04-077 for conservation purposes. The parcel is 23.69 acres, located adjacent to the Glen Oakes Town Forest and fronts on Copp Drive. Funding for the purchase is proposed to come from the Fremont Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund and will not exceed \$197,900 including all closing costs. Grant applications are in progress for up to \$120,000. If awarded, grant funds will be used to fund a portion of the total project cost.

You can also watch the meeting live on FCTV or Vimeo. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm the night of the hearing by mail, electronically to hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov or dropped off in the Town Hall drop box.

CANDIDATE DECLARATION AND IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

Upcoming Town & School District 2023 Elections and Meetings

January 10, 2023 by 11:00 am – Town Petitioned Warrant Articles are due at the Select Board's Office, Town Hall, 295 Main Street.

SAU 83 is accepting School District petition articles, contact them for the time of filing. The deadline of January 10, 2023 is the same for both Town & School District articles. Any petition articles, all Town & School District budgets and Warrant Articles will be discussed at the

Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 with a snow date for Thursday January 12. Location will depend on current conditions. The hearing begins at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be live broadcast on FCTV Channel 22 and rebroadcast through Town & School Voting on Tuesday March 14, 2023.

Tuesday January 24, 2023 is the last day for new registrants who want to register prior to Candidate Declaration Period. Supervisors of Checklist will meet from 7:00 – 7:30 pm at the Fremont Public Library. This is also the last time to register to vote prior to Deliberative Sessions. If you are not registered, you cannot vote at either Town or School Deliberative Session.

Please bring proper ID and proof of residency to register to vote and to all elections. The State has tightened up the forms, and if you need to bring documentation from form Verifiable Action of Domicile RSA 654:7V (available on the Town's website, from the Supervisors at a sign-up session or from the Town Clerk).

Town & School Elections Candidate Declaration Period

The filing period for Town & School District Offices begins on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 until Friday, February 3, 2023. You can sign up with the Town Clerk during office hours. On Friday February 3, 2023 the Town Clerk and School District Clerk will be available from 3:00 – 5:00 pm for sign-ups only, at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street.

BUDGET SEASON

The Budget Committee will hold meetings on Wednesdays in the basement meeting room (unless otherwise noted) at the Fremont Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

October 26
November 9

November 2 (Main floor meeting room)
November 16 (Main floor meeting room)

These meetings include sessions with Department Heads and review of Town and School Budgets. Most meetings are held in the basement meeting room, except those that conflict with the Planning Board.



FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hours

Monday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

FRIENDS of the FREMONT LIBRARY TOTE BAGS

The Fremont Friends of the Library are selling tote bags as a fundraiser. They come in large and small sizes and are available from any staff member during open hours at the Fremont Public Library.



To help fund the Friends we are selling:
Book bags large \$15.00 small \$10.00

Friends' stickers for a \$5.00 donation

Fremont mugs for \$30.00

FRIENDS OF FREMONT LIBRARY LOOKING FOR A NEW PRESIDENT

This NH Nonprofit needs new Leadership. Its mission: To promote interest in the library and Community, improve Library Facilities and support Library Staff. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Please call Eric Abney, Library Director at 603 895 9543 or Joan Robinson, Friends Treasurer at 603 583 1542.

This fall we have a full lineup of wonderful programs being held in the library's conference room. All of the programs are free and open to the public.

November 17 (Thursday) at 6:30 pm local history topic will be presented by Matthew Thomas, Fremont's Historian. Matthew is extremely knowledgeable about local history and very entertaining.

December 15 (Thursday) at 7:00 pm The Concord Coachmen will present their Holiday Concert.

Are you and your family attending one of the museums or tourist attractions like the Children's Museum or Castle in the Clouds? The Friends will reimburse you \$5.00 for each ticket purchased up to \$25.00. Simply drop off your receipt to the Library and the Friends will send you your reimbursement.

For more information about the Friends or the upcoming programs please call 603 895 9543.

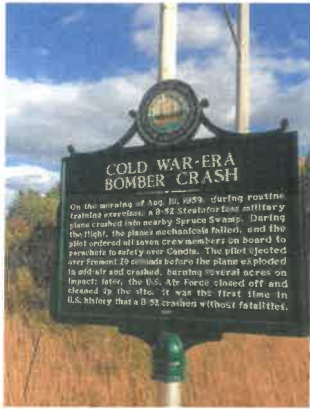


WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

Saturday, December 17, 2022
Fremont Town Hall
12:00 pm



HISTORICAL HIGHWAY MARKERS



Historical Highway Markers illustrate the depth and complexity of the state's history and the people who made it. Fremont is now second in the State with the number of historical markers, only second to Concord. Concord has 9 and Fremont now has 6 with this newest installation.

This is the list of the current markers: The Mast Tree Riot of 1734, John Brown Family – Gunsmiths, Spaulding & Frost Cooperage, Meetinghouse and

Hearse House, Civil War Riot of 1861 and now the Cold War – Era Bomber Crash

Fremont has a rich history if you are interested in learning more contact Town Historian Matthew Thomas at 603 895 4032. Town History books are also still available for sale at the Fremont Town Hall.

ZONING PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES

Anyone interested in submitting a petition for a Zoning Ordinance change should plan to meet with the Planning Board as soon as possible to review their proposal. The Board is reviewing this now as the season for Town Meeting changes is fast approaching. You can work with the Planning Board on their schedule on Zoning changes.

If you wish to submit a petitioned Zoning Ordinance change, the first day to submit is Monday November 14, 2022. The final day to submit is Wednesday December 14, 2022.

Contact Leanne Miner in the Land Use Office for more information at 603 895 3200 x 306 or landuse@fremont.nh.gov.



RECYCLE BEYOND the BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into
Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

PLASTIC grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, zip lock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags can be recycled at the front of Town Hall.

All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

In many homes, there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We hope you will join us to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget.

Remember our fallen U.S. Veterans
Honor those who serve
Teach your children the value of freedom

For further information contact Gerry Tilly 603 895 6658

TRASH INFORMATION

I'm cleaning out the garage and have a lot of refuse to get rid of right away. Where can I dispose of it?

The automated refuse collection program is not intended to provide this type of service. The resident must be responsible for the disposal. For larger projects Waste Management or other vendors can also provide temporary containers of varying sizes for your needs.

The Town does offer two annual BULKY drop-off events for this type of disposal. Fall Bulky Day is October 29th, don't miss it!

Your toter must allow the top to be fully closed in order for pickup. If you have bags sticking out or overflow, it will not be collected. Consider another recycling bin if you need space in your toter.

Be sure and place your toter at least three feet away from any other item, including from your recycle bin.

All trash must be bagged within the toter. Please use discretion when putting out recyclables. Plastics will blow in the wind, and paper that gets wet in the rain is NO longer recyclable.

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

Lamprey Health Care offers Mobile Health Services "Meeting you where you are." They do weekly visits at the Deerfield Town Offices, 8 Raymond Road, Deerfield NH on Fridays from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Contact them at www.lampreyhealth.org or 603 463 8811 x 301. No appointment is necessary!

**The most current dates, meeting
schedules and information about the
Town are on the website at
www.Fremont.nh.gov**

FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

Items are needed to support families all year. Anyone who needs assistance from the Fremont Food Pantry should contact Renee at (603) 244 1404 or Kim at (207) 370 5096. The Food

Pantry is located at Basement level in the Fremont Town Hall. The best way to make a donation to those in need of Pantry services is with a supermarket gift card or check.

Monetary/card donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall drop box or mailed in care of the Select Board's Office to PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120.



Upcoming Holiday Baskets – Please call ahead to reserve a food basket for your family by calling Renee or Kim. Thanksgiving: Distribution day is November 21st at 6:00 pm. Christmas: Distribution day is December 21st at 6:00 pm.

FREMONT CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Fremont Christmas Giving Tree needs your continued support to help brighten the holiday for Fremont residents in need. Sponsored by the People's United Methodist Church of Fremont, in partnership with the Fremont Public Library and the Town of Fremont. *We are also reaching out to senior citizens that may need a little help to brighten their Christmas as well.* You can make someone's Christmas brighter by taking an "ornament" off the Christmas Trees posted on the bulletin boards at the Fremont Public Library or at People's United Methodist Church.

Each ornament will have a requested gift. Simply take the ornament, purchase the gift, and return it (unwrapped) to either the Library or Church by Friday, December 9, 2022. If you would like the gift picked up, please contact Jodi Donahue at jodi_donahue@comcast.net or at (978) 764 4819.

If you are a family that needs some assistance from the Fremont Giving Tree or know of one please contact Jodi Donahue no later than Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

You can also help the Giving Tree by making a cash donation or donating new Christmas wrapping paper, tape or bows. Please make checks payable to: PUMC, PO Box 150, Fremont, NH 03044 and write "Christmas Giving Tree" on the memo line.

This event has been successful through the years because of the generosity, loving kindness and support of our community.

For more information please reach out to Jodi Donahue or Pastor Tony Fallisi at pastor.tony.fallisi@gmail.com or call (724) 612 6901.

ARE YOU BEHIND IN PAYING YOUR MORTGAGE, PROPERTY CHARGES, OR UTILITIES BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

The NH Homeowner Assistance Fund provides assistance to eligible residents who are past due in paying their home mortgage, property taxes, home insurance, association fees, or utilities due to Covid-19 pandemic. Apply at www.HomeHelpNH.org

ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS

- Must have experienced a COVID-19 pandemic related reduction in income or increase in expenses that occurred after January 21, 2020 or began prior to but continued after that date.
- Must own and occupy, as their primary residence, the New Hampshire property for which assistance is requested.
- Must have income (s) of equal to or less than 125% of Area Median Income.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES: Must be owner-occupied or in the case of a land contract or contract for deed, occupied by the documented buyer. Eligible properties include:

- A single-family (attached or detached) properties
- Condominium units
- 1–4-unit properties where one of the units is the homeowner's primary residence
- Manufactured/modular homes permanently affixed to rest property and taxed as real estate
- Manufactured homes not permanently affixed to real property but with a Title Certificate or Statement of Ownership in the homeowner's name

Contacts:

HomeHelpNH.org for program details and to apply
AHEAD 800 974 1377 x 1014 HomesAhead.org for application assistance, financial counseling, and other resources
603 Legal Aid 603 224 3333 www.NHLegalAid.org for assistance with immediate threat of foreclosures, tax deed or Sheriff's sale.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FUEL & ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The legislature recently approved \$25 million in State General Funds for the State Emergency Fuel Assistance Program (SEFAP) and \$10 million in General Funds for the State Supplemental Electric Benefit Programs (SSEBP). Southern New Hampshire Services, the Community Action Program administering the funding for the State program for District Three, encourages all District Three residents who believe they might be at or below 75% of State Median Income to apply - disbursements are anticipated for December.

Any residents who apply and are below the 60% State Median Income will be enrolled in the Fuel Assistance Program (FAP). Any residents who apply and are between 61% - 75% State Median Income, which does not meet the regular fuel assistance guidelines, will be in the system and ready to be enrolled in the new Emergency State Program with a benefit being paid out as early as December.

SOUTHERN NH SERVICES www.snhw.org

Southern NH Services is the Community Action Program for District Three/Rockingham County. Apply online or visit one of the five SNHS offices for electric assistance, fuel assistance, weatherization assistance.



PFAS WATER TREATMENT REBATES

The Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Removal Rebate Program for Private Wells is now accepting applications. The program provides rebates to private well users for up to \$5,000 for the installation of PFAS treatment or up to \$10,000 for a service connection to a public water system.

Eligible private well users must be able to document an exceedance of a regulated PFAS compound(s) with no offer of alternate water from a third party. An exceedance would be a result above New Hampshire's Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS) for four PFAS compounds, which are: 12 parts-per-trillion (ppt) for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA); 15 ppt for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS); 18 ppt for perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS); and 11 ppt for perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA).

"New Hampshire leads the country in identifying PFAS contamination and acting on those findings," said Governor Chris Sununu. "These rebates will go a long way to help hundreds of homeowners affected by PFAS contamination to connect to clean drinking water sources or install treatment systems for their homes." NHDES has collected more than 7,200 PFAS samples from approximately 6,200 wells across the state and has identified several thousands of locations that exceed one or more of the AGQS.

While there are provisions in state rules for parties that are responsible for contamination of groundwater to remedy water supply wells that violate AGQS, not all PFAS contamination found in the state has been attributed, either technically or legally, to a responsible party. In instances where there is no identified responsible party for a contaminated water supply well, the burden of providing safe drinking water resides with the well owner. Third parties have addressed over 1,000 wells that exceed AGQS for PFAS by providing alternate water, either temporarily or permanently, in accordance with state rules. If NHDES sampled your well, an email or letter has been sent to you indicating that the program is accepting applications. If you sampled your well yourself or hired someone else to sample your well, please email pfasrebateprogram@des.nh.gov.

Eligible applicants can be reimbursed for the installation of treatment or a service connection back to September 30, 2019. "This innovative PFAS Removal Rebate program provides helpful funding for homeowners burdened with the costs of treating wells contaminated with PFAS above New Hampshire's drinking water standards," said Bob Scott, NHDES Commissioner. Funding for the program is provided by the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund and surplus funding from the State General Fund authorized under HB 1547. For more information on the program, including eligibility requirements and a link to the application, visit the PFAS Removal Rebate Program for Private Wells webpage. For additional information on this program, please contact the PFAS Rebate Team at pfasrebateprogram@des.nh.gov or Amy Rousseau at (603) 271-8801.

The most current dates, meeting schedules and information about the Town are on the website at www.Fremont.nh.gov

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL WELL OWNERS IMPACTED BY DROUGHT, OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) announces a new program to provide short-term relief and financial assistance for low-income residential well owners experiencing irreversible deterioration of water supply quantity or water quality caused by droughts or other types of natural disasters. The Water Assistance for Natural Disaster Impacts to Low-Income Residential Well Owners (WAND) program is funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF).

In general, projects that restore the homeowner with a reliable and safe source of drinking water are eligible in this program, subject to review and approval by NHDES. This may include, if feasible, connecting the homeowner to a nearby existing community water system, rehabilitation of the well, or replacing the well. Additionally, recognizing that each well has unique water quality characteristics

and challenges, capital costs to install treatment may be included as an eligible project cost.

The WAND program may also provide immediate short-term relief with a delivery of bottled water where available or financial assistance to purchase bottled water, if requested while residents are waiting for their well improvement project to be completed. The bottled water provision will terminate upon completion of the water supply well project; if the applicant is determined to be ineligible for financial assistance; or, at the discretion of NHDES.

To prove eligibility, applicants must demonstrate their low-income status and that a drought, natural disaster or extreme weather event as determined by NHDES has adversely affected the supply or quality of water from their private well. The affected well must be associated with the eligible applicant's primary residence that they own, and the issue must be verified by a licensed New Hampshire water well contractor and/or pump installer. Low-income eligibility and the amount of financial assistance available is determined based on family size and total household income. Information on the [eligibility criteria](#) can be found on the DWGTF website and private well owners are encouraged to self-screen using these tables. Applications are available on the [DWGTF website](#). For more information, contact John Pasquale at John.Pasquale@des.nh.gov or (603) 271 7179

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EVERSOURCE ENCOURAGES ENERGY EFFICIENCY STEPS AS GLOBAL COST INCREASES DRIVE UP SUPPLY PRICES

Immediate actions customers can take now:

1. Use the new [Cooling Calculator on Eversource.com](#). The tool helps customers understand how much electricity their current cooling system uses and the impact of small changes to temperature settings.
2. Keep air conditioners set at or near 78 degrees – a generally comfortable temperature that requires less energy to reach and maintain than cooler temperatures. For every degree higher on the thermostat, the air conditioner will use 1-3% less electricity.

Additional tips for keeping temperatures and energy costs down:

- Don't block air flow. Keep air vents clear of obstructions such as furniture, curtains, and rugs. For those with central air and floor vents, consider using vent deflectors to direct and increase the reach of cooled air.
- Operate major appliances during the cooler parts of the day. Energy is conserved by using appliances like clothes washers and dryers early in the morning or late in the evening when there is less demand on the electric system.
- Switch to ENERGY STAR® certified LED lights. The energy-efficient bulbs run cooler and last up to 25 times longer than incandescent lights.
- Set ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise and at a higher speed in the summer to circulate the breeze more effectively, creating a cooling, wind chill effect. Remember to turn the fan off when leaving the room.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR rating when purchasing new appliances. Also, be sure to choose the right size when purchasing an air conditioning unit. An oversized or undersized AC unit is less effective and uses more energy.

Help is available for customers who need it:

Eversource encourages customers to enroll in one of its payment plans or assistance programs if they need help with their energy bill.

Budget Billing Plan – Customers can avoid seasonal spikes on their energy bill by paying a fixed amount each month based on their average annual usage through budget billing.

Discount Rate – Customers that meet certain income guidelines may qualify for a discount on their monthly bill.

Flexible Payment Plans – Payment Plans are available to all customers to pay their past-due balance over a period of time and protect from service interruptions.

New Start – Income-eligible customers can reduce or eliminate their enrolled, outstanding balance in as little as 12 months when they make on-time monthly payments and Eversource will make up the difference.

Regardless of financial need, customers are eligible for various payment programs and are urged to call Eversource at 844 273 7760 or visit Eversource.com/bill help to find the right plan for them.

To learn about the many energy saving programs available, visit Eversource.com.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU to JOIN!

If you enjoy local history and discovering the truly fascinating and colorful heritage of Fremont - OLD POPLIN - then why not join the Fremont Historical Society?? We are looking for members who are genuinely interested in

helping to research, write, preserve, and promote our town's incredible history. The time has come for new blood to join the Society and help it thrive well into the 21st Century.

The FHS was founded in 1966 and has done much over the past 55 years to preserve and educate residents about the many intriguing aspects of Fremont's colorful past. Won't you please help us continue that goal and consider joining the Fremont Historical Society, or possibly make a monetary donation towards keeping the society thriving and active?

As we all know, it takes many helping hands to make positive things happen within great communities, and this is a FUN, EDUCATIONAL, EXCITING WAY to learn about YOUR town and to love the GREAT community you live in. For any questions, or to join, please contact FHS President Matthew Thomas at 603 895 4032. Please leave your name and phone number and he will get right back to you in the event he is not home when you call.

FCTV KEEP INFORMED

Remember to follow our Town and School District's public meetings live or replayed on Cable Channels 22 & 13. In addition to live broadcast of meetings on Channels 13 and 22, FCTV is also pleased to announce that all meetings held in the Town Hall's basement meeting room are also aired LIVE on the Internet on Vimeo. Follow this link: <https://vimeo.com/fctv22>

This Vimeo link is our new permanent site for streaming. Just click on the 'FCTV Live' thumbnail (which will appear just prior to the meeting time) at the top of our Vimeo page to connect with the live stream.

Join the Open Space Work Party List!

Trail maintenance is fun and rewarding work, but we need more help out there. If you are interested in helping, please sign up to be part of our Trail Work Party.

To sign up just send your email and contact information to Leanne Miner in the Land Use Office landuse@fremont.nh.gov. If there is a big project or need for some extra help, we'll alert the Trail Work Party.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for submittal is generally the 15th of each month for publication in the following month. No opinion pieces will be accepted. Submissions may be edited for clarity and/or due to space constraints. Please send all submissions to

hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov

FREMONT COMMUNITY TV

FCTV has two channels and is a great opportunity to advertise local events to keep residents informed and up to date on what is happening in Fremont.



To submit a PPT slide to FCTV and get your notice or information published on the community bulletin board, send a Power Point slide to: FremontCTV@gmail.com.

To be sure your slide is clear and readable on screen, please use a font no less than 24 points in your submission and keep it "short and sweet" so it can be read in an 8-12 second scroll on the channel.

**Select Board's Office VM x 301 Heidi
x 303 Jeanne and x 302 Kathy**
Tel: 603 895 2226 Fax: 603 895 3149
Mon & Fri: 8:00 am to 12 noon
Tues & Wed: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thurs: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov
jnygren@fremont.nh.gov
kclement@fremont.nh.gov

Tax Collector / Town Clerk
603 895 8693 VM x 307
Monday 9:00 am to 12 noon
Tuesday 8:00 am to 12 noon *
changed from previous
Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon
clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov

Bldg & Planning 603 895 3200
Building Inspector VM x 309
Weekdays 7:30 am to 1:00 pm and
otherwise by appt (in and out for insp)
buildinginspector@fremont.nh.gov

Planning & Zoning VM x 306
Generally Tuesday & Thursday 11:00
am to 4:00 pm and by appointment.
landuse@fremont.nh.gov

Welfare by appt 603 867 3753

Town & Department Contacts
EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1
Police Department 603 895 2229
Fax 603 895 1116
Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Fire Rescue Business 603 895 9634
Raymond Disp 603 895 4222 Non-Em

Highway Dept - Road Agent
Leon Holmes Jr 603 300 7430

Fremont Public Library
Tel 603 895 9543 Fax 603 244 1724
Monday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tue & Thur 1:00 to 7:00 pm
Wed & Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Ellis School 603 895 2511
sau83.org **SAU # 83** 603 895 6903
Fax 603 895 6905
432 Main Street Fremont NH

Food Pantry Renee 603 244 1404 or
Kim 207 370 5096

Post Office 603 895 2094
Mon - Fri 9:15 am - 12:15 pm &
1:15 - 4:15 pm Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am

FAA fremontathletics@yahoo.com
www.fremontathleticassociation.org

**Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste
Management of NH 800 847 5303 or
Select Board's Office 603 895 2226
x 303 Jeanne or x 302 Kathy**

2022 MEETING SCHEDULES
Fremont Town Hall

Conservation Comm	6:30 pm
Nov 7	Dec 5
FCTV Committee	6:30 pm
Nov 21	
Planning Board	7:00 pm
Nov 2, 16	Dec 7, 12
Select Board	6:30 pm
Oct 27	Nov 3, 10, 17,
Zoning Board	7:00 pm
Nov 22	
Budget Committee	7:00 pm
Oct 26	Nov 2, 9, 16
Cemetery Trustees	4:00 pm
Oct 26	
Parks & Recreation	6:15 pm
Nov 1	Dec 13

Fremont Public Library
Library Trustees
Nov 17 Dec 15

Supervisor of Checklist 5:00 pm
Oct 26

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