



December 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 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:

Library Closed December 5 for the HVAC conversion

ALL TOWN OFFICES ARE CLOSED:

Thanksgiving, November 24 and 25, Trash is DELAYED
Thursday pickup will be Friday and Friday pickup will be Saturday.

ALL TOWN OFFICE ARE CLOSED:

Monday December 26, 2022

Monday January 2, 2023

There are NO trash delays during the week of Christmas or New Years.



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 donate 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. Christmas: Distribution Day is December 21st at 6:00 pm. PLEASE CALL BY Thursday December 15th to reserve a basket.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Fremont Town Hall

12:00 pm



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

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.

FREMONT FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT UPDATE on HOW TO OBTAIN AN OUTDOOR BURN PERMIT

On December 1, 2022 the Fremont Fire Rescue Department will be changing the way you get a burn permit. You will need to call the Fremont Safety Complex at 603 895 9634 and leave a message in the mailbox for the duty officer or you can go online to the NH Division of Forest and Lands and purchase a permit online. The NH Fire Permit online kiosk is: <https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/>

Follow the instructions to get a permit online when weather conditions permit. Permits are issued on a day-to-day basis as fire weather conditions permit.

To get a permit locally, when the station is manned, just ask for the Fire Rescue Duty Officer and you will be transferred. If you call in after hours, you will be directed to push 4 for a burn permit, or you can dial extension 201 for the Duty Officer Mailbox. This will be checked periodically by the Duty Officer and calls returned.

If you want a permit, you must call in before 5:00 pm to leave your name, address and phone number.

You can also consult the NH Division of Forests and Lands Permit Brochure at <https://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/documents/fire-law-brochure.pdf> to get more information on the regulations and guideline.

Effective December 1, we will no longer be using the contact number for the Raymond Dispatch Center (603 895 4222). Please update your records immediately with the new burn permit call number of the Safety Complex at 603 895 9634. Our Dispatch Services will change-over to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department in December.

A permit is required for any outside burning unless the ground is covered in snow. Please call the station at 603 895 9634 for any questions on outdoor burning.

TOILETRIES for VETERANS

Toiletries for Veterans will be collected from November through December 16, 2022 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!*



VETERANS DAY OPEN HOUSE

The Veterans Day open house was a great success! We would like to thank everyone for attending and contributing to make the event happen.

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.

November 30 December 7 & 14

These meetings include sessions with Department Heads School Administration and review of Town and School Budgets and Warrant

Articles. Most meetings are held in the basement meeting room, except those that conflict with the Planning Board.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SANTA PARTY FRIDAY DECEMBER 2 6:00 PM Outdoors at the Ellis School

Fremont Parks & Rec will be hosting the Annual Santa Party and Tree Lighting Friday, December 2nd at 6:00. This year the Santa Party will be held outdoors at the Ellis School. Come take a picture with Santa. We will be lighting the town tree at the safety complex at 7:00. Don't forget your letters to Santa. Everyone who gives Santa a letter will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win a holiday book.

Please write your name and phone number on the back of your Santa Letter.

SECOND ISSUE TAX BILLS

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 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 Select Board's Office at 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. An abatement left in the drop-box after the Tax Collector closes at 7 pm on March 1 cannot 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 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

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES FOR MARCH 2023 TOWN MEETING

In accordance with NH RSA 675:3, you are hereby notified that the Fremont Planning Board will meet on December 7, 2022 at the Fremont Town Hall basement meeting room, 295 Main Street, Fremont, NH 03044, at 7:00 pm to hold a Public Hearing for the following proposed amendment to the Town of Fremont New Hampshire Zoning Ordinance:

Article 4: Add definitions for Motor Vehicle Repair Shop and Motor Vehicle Sales to clarify land uses in addition to and in lieu of the current category titled Motor Vehicle Showroom, respectively.

Article 7: Revise the Table of Uses to include newly defined uses including Motor Vehicle Repair Shop and Motor Vehicle Sales and to indicate in which districts they are allowed, under what conditions they are allowed, and in which districts they are prohibited.

Article 12: Remove from the Aquifer Protection District the definition in Section 1203.4 for Animal Feedlot. Remove Animal Feedlot from Section 1203.8.D(9) – Prohibited uses in the Aquifer Protection District.

Article 13: Add text to Article 1301.1 – Elderly Open Space, pursuant to RSA 674:17, IV, to indicate how certain incentives under this ordinance may be applicable to development of workforce housing.

A copy of the detailed language is available on the Town's website or at the Fremont Town Hall during regular business hours. You are invited to attend this, in person, by counsel or agent. Written comment will be accepted up until the date of the Hearings. Contact Leanne Miner at (603) 895 3200 x 306 or at landuse@fremont.nh.gov with any questions. The final form of the amendment will be on the Warrant at the March 2023 Town Meeting.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

January 24, 2022 from 7:00 to 7:30 pm
Fremont Public Library

Last day to register to vote at Town or School Deliberative Session.

Please bring proper identification and proof of residency.

Not sure of your party affiliation? Please go to:

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

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 through 3:00 pm on Tuesday January 10, 2023. Contact them for further information on 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 and will most likely be held at Ellis School in the gym. 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 in February.

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.

TOWN POSITIONS OPEN

Budget Committee 2 for 3 years
Budget Committee 1 for 1 year
Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years
Library Trustee 1 for 3 years
Select Board member 1 for 3 years
Town Clerk Tax Collector 1 for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 years

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN

Contact SAU 83 Superintendent Halliday at ehalliday@sau83.org or Shawn Perreault, School District Clerk at fremont.nh.cem@gmail.com

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

ROCKINGHAM

NUTRITION & MEALS ON WHEELS



Ray-Fre Senior Center
64 Main St
Raymond, NH
603-895-3258

Luncheons

Served Tuesday & Thursday. Join us in the Ray-Fre Senior Center to eat a healthy meal and meet new people. Call (603) 895-3258 to reserve your seat. Reservations are required 48 hours in advance, see nearest location for phone numbers. A donation of \$3.00 per meal is suggested, but not required.

Home Meal Delivery

Finding eating right a concern? We offer home delivery of meals. It may be a good option for you.

With just a phone call to us, we will schedule a home visit or phone call (during Covid-19) with one of our local program managers. If a good fit, we can have the meals delivered within a few days. Special diets are available. A contribution of \$3.00 per meal is suggested, but not required. Meals can be for a short while, or a longer time, depending on your own situation.

Transportation

We have transportation for adults 60 years of age and older available at several of our locations. Over 300 people currently ride with us. Rides are available from your home to the local luncheon or community center. There is also grocery, and other shopping trips, and rides to medical appointments.

Reservations are required, see transportation page for phone numbers. Contributions for rides are accepted, but not required.

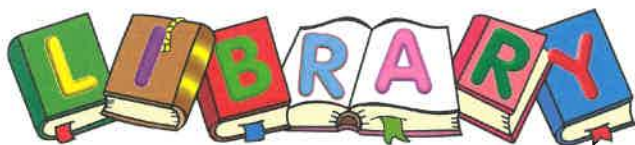


RECYCLE BEYOND the BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap in 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.



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

Its mission: To promote interest in the library and Community, improve Library Facilities and support Library Staff.

We have wonderful programs being held in the library's conference room. All of the programs are free and open to the public.

December 8 (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.



The Toys for Tots drive is currently underway for children of all ages.

Fremont drop-off locations are:

1820 Market & Deli ~ 281 Main Street

Fremont Glass & Garage Door ~ 607 Main Street

Fremont Safety Complex ~ 425 Main Street

Fremont Public Library ~ 6 Jackie Bernier Drive

The boxes will be picked up on Friday, December 16, 2022.

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!

WINTER PARKING BAN

It's that time of year again!

According to the Town of Fremont Parking Ordinance:
It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

1. Within the Town of Fremont, from November 15 to April 1, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right of way, or in any town-owned parking lot between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am.
2. In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Fremont Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right of way during a snowstorm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.



Final 2022 Drought Update

November 10, 2022

Despite receiving less than average amounts of rain in October and early November, drought conditions have improved. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, currently, 3.23% of the state in the Seacoast Region and a very small area in the southwest corner of the state is experiencing moderate drought, 32.76% of the state remains abnormally dry, and 64% of the state is under normal conditions.

New Hampshire is expected to receive from 1.25"- 3" of rain on Friday night and Saturday morning. The least amount of rain is expected to fall on the Seacoast Region, which is also the driest part of the state.

The 6-10 day and 8-14 day outlooks lean toward below normal precipitation and favors below normal temperatures.

The long-term seasonal outlooks for November, December, and January indicate equal chances of below-normal, normal, and above-normal precipitation and lean toward above normal temperatures.

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

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 overflowing, 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 recycling 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.



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.

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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Remember to sign up on the Town Website!
You can choose to receive the Newsletter, Urgent Alerts, News & Announcements and Meeting Minutes!



On the Home Page under Citizen Action Center

Select the **Scribe to E-Alerts**

Enter your e-mail address

Then select the **items you would like sent directly to your email.**

Select **I am not a robot**

Select **Subscribe me**

You will receive the items that you requested as they are updated on the Website. Subscribe today!

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](http://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.

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.

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

2022-2023 MEETING SCHEDULES
Fremont Town Hall

Conservation Comm 6:30 pm
Dec 5 Jan 9
FCTV Committee 6:30 pm
Jan 16
Planning Board 7:00 pm
Dec 7, 21 Jan 4, 18
Select Board 6:30 pm
Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jan 5, 12
Zoning Board 7:00 pm
Dec 27 Jan 24
Budget Committee 7:00 pm
Nov 30 Dec 7, 14
Cemetery Trustees 4:00 pm
Apr 5
Parks & Recreation 6:15 pm
Dec 13 Jan 10

Fremont Public Library
Library Trustees
Jan 25

Supervisor of Checklist 7:00 pm
Jan 24

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Select Board's Office
PO Box 120
Fremont NH 03044-0120

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