



**DECEMBER 2011**

# THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

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## WREATHS OF REMEMBRANCE

Wreaths of Remembrance will be placed at 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.

On Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 12 NOON, a Wreath of Remembrance will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in front of the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street. 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.

For further information please call Gerry Tilley at 895 6658.

## BOY SCOUT WREATH SALES

Fremont Boy Scouts Troop 1 will be selling wreaths during weekends in December in the parking lot next to the Fremont Pizzeria 10 am to 4 pm. Proceeds from wreath sales directly benefit Fremont boys with all aspects of scouting. The boys typically camp once a month along with providing Fremont with community service. This year they hiked through Glen Oaks and removed many bags of trash and debris. Please call Doug McElroy at 289 6710 if you would like to order a wreath over the phone and have it delivered to you directly. The boys thank you.

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Join the Fremont Parks and Recreation Department for the Annual Tree Lighting! This year it will take place at the Ellis School Gymnasium on Sunday, December 4th at 3:30 pm. Enjoy crafts, music, goodies, refreshments, hot chocolate and of course the Tree Lighting which starts at 5pm sharp! Bring your cameras, Santa might be there! Food and drink donations as well as volunteers are greatly appreciated! For questions contact Nicole Cloutier at 244 2755 or email [nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there!

## FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

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

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

## BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for a five month volunteer, appointed position to the Fremont Budget Committee, through the March 2012 Town Meeting. In general, the position requires attendance at 14-18 evening meetings per year, busiest during the budget season between September and January annually; and quarterly the rest of the year.

The Fremont Budget Committee is accepting letters of interest from any Fremont resident who may have knowledge in financial matters or interest in such a position. A desire to serve the community and an interest in finances and budgetary matters of

the Town and School District are a must. You must be a registered voter in Fremont.

Interested candidates should address a letter to the Fremont Budget Committee Chairman and send them by regular mail to: Chairman, Fremont Budget Committee, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120; or to [budgetcommittee@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:budgetcommittee@fremont.nh.gov) if sent by email. Please provide contact information and any background and personal information that you would like to share to introduce yourself to the Committee. Following the completion of this term in March, the position returns to an elected three year term as of March 2012. The position remains open until filled by appointment of the remaining Budget Committee members.

Questions can be directed to the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 10 or x 11. Interested candidates are also encouraged to attend any of the remaining Committee meetings at 7:00 pm:

**November 30 and December 7, 14 and 21.**

All meetings are held in the main floor meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall at 295 Main Street, and the public is welcome to attend.

## FREMONT HISTORY - BE A PART OF IT!

To quote a well-known American, "it takes a village" and as a charter member of Fremont Historical Society (founded in 1966), and reader of The Fremont Newsletter, this writer can attest that Fremont has and will always qualify as a "village" for whatever cause, need and endeavor arises. All persons living now in Fremont are or will be part of its history, whether one's family goes back several generations or has just arrived.

The Fremont Historical Society (FHS) desperately needs "village" help to continue its goals of education through its yearly four program meetings, special projects and events that help to maintain the Historical Museum. The building belongs to the Town but the interior maintenance, heat, electricity, security and insurance for the collection, is the responsibility of FHS and requires an income of roughly two thousand dollars (\$2,000) yearly. This Museum owes its existence to the dedication (and much work!) of the Town Historian. Dues, donations and the 2009 Fremont Festival (Fair) have carried these costs to this point but it is time to "refill the till." In order to have another fair or similar event at the Museum, requires an update in the building's electrical capacity as well as a 501 C 3 tax status, the application for which will cost \$500. With the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fremont in 2014 fast approaching, committed committees are planning for these eventualities but help is needed. New members of FHS are needed in any capacity, supporters, strong people for event activities, to raise money and provide fun and thus a "village." "Many hands make for light work" and working together is FUN! For more details contact FHS Treasurer Jean Ragonese at 895 3263 or President Matthew Thomas at 895 4032.

- \* **All Town Offices will be C L O S E D** Friday December 23 and Monday December 26, 2011 in observance of Christmas.
- \* **All Town Offices will be C L O S E D** Monday January 2, 2012 in observance of the New Years Holiday.

Normal office hours remain for the rest of both weeks. There are no trash delays during Christmas or New Years.

**Have a safe and happy holiday season!**

## PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

**January 3, 2012:** Last day for Town Clerk/ Supervisors to accept new voter registration applications. Town Clerk's Office is open 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Supervisors will meet at the Fremont Library from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

**January 9, 2012:** Last day to request an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk's Office. The Office is open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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

## VITAL RECORDS IN THE TOWN REPORT

Any Fremont Resident, who was married, had a birth or a death in 2011 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like the event published in the annual Town Report must send a letter of request and a copy of your marriage license, birth or death certificate to the Town Clerk's Office. Any Fremont Resident who had an event occur in NH and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town Report. All requests must be submitted to the Town Clerks Office by Friday, January 6, 2012. Please feel free to call the office at 895-8693 if you have questions.

## 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Fremont 250th Committee will take place on **Wednesday January 11, 2012**

at 6:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex training room. Anyone interested in joining this active group is cordially welcomed to attend. For more information, please contact 250th Chairman Matthew Thomas at 895 4032 or Secretary Trish Coulombe at 997 1414.

## TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING SEASON IS APPROACHING

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

The dates are being finalized for the Town and School District's public budget hearings, so mark your calendars for Wednesday January 11, 2012 and Thursday January 12, 2012. The NH Primary has been scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> thus the budget meetings have been moved out to accommodate voting.

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

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

## CHRISTMASING FOOD BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will be sponsoring our annual Christmas Holiday Food Baskets to any Fremont resident who is in need of one. If you need to sign yourself and/or your family up to receive a basket, kindly do so no later than Monday December 5th to Kathy at 895 1162.

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	Rolls and Butter
Stuffing	Holiday Dessert
Turkey Gravy	Onions

Fresh Potatoes

Fresh Squash

Fresh Carrots

Canned Corn & Green Beans

Disposable Roasting Tin

Gift Card to Hannaford, Market Basket or Walmart

Cider or Egg Nog

Cranberry Sauce

Fresh Fruit

Pickles/Olives

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 Kathy at 895 1162. All calls to the Fremont Food Pantry are completely confidential.

## ANNUAL SANTA PARADE

The Fremont Police Department is pleased to announce that the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fremont Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011. The rain date for the Parade will be Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Parade procession is scheduled to leave the Fremont Safety Complex at 11:00 am. The procession will run until Santa's Route has been completed. As in the past, Santa will be escorted around town by Police, Fire, and Rescue personnel. The sound of sirens, and the sight of flashing lights will announce his arrival in your neighborhood. Children of all ages are invited to come to the roadside and wave to Santa as he makes his rounds. As always, Santa would not make a visit to town without passing out goodies.

The full parade route is available on the home page of the Town's website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) and posted at town buildings. Happy Holidays to all!

## UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS & NEWS

Children's Musician/Storyteller, **STEVE BLUNT**, and Children's Author, **MARTY KELLEY** will present their annual Christmas Holiday Concert! This family-oriented event is free and open to all Fremont residents. So come get in the spirit!

**WINTER STORY TIMES** will start up right after the Holidays. You can register the week of January 3rd. Sessions will start the following week. The schedule is: **BOOKWORM BUDDIES** - A School-Age Poetry and Craft Group for Ages 6 up meets Thursdays at 3:30 pm. Snack and material provided. **TEDDY BEAR TALES** for Ages 3-5, Fridays at 2:00 pm. Be sure to bring your Teddy or other favorite stuffed animal with you!

**SOME NEW YOUNG ADULT TITLES:** *Son of Neptune* by Rick Riordan, *Goliath* by Scott Westerfeld, *Beastly* by Alex Flinn, *Silence* by Becca Fitzpatrick, *Perfect* by Ellen Hopkins just to name a few! For all the latest titles or other inf. please visit our website: [www.fremontpubliclibrary.org](http://www.fremontpubliclibrary.org).

**NEW LIBRARYDIRECTOR:** The Friends of the Library would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Library Director, Bethany Brace. Bethany has come to Fremont from the East Kingston Library. Stay tuned for an official meet and greet event in January for the whole family. Until then, please stop by and say hi when you visit!

## 2011 FREMONT GIVING TREE

The Fremont Giving Tree is an annual community event at Christmas to help brighten the holidays for Fremont residents in need. We know that these economic times continue to be difficult for everyone, but if you are able to help us this year it would be greatly appreciated. There are many ways to help by sponsoring a child, purchasing a toy off his/her list, gift cards, donating wrapping paper or a monetary donation made out to the Peoples UMC Fremont Giving Tree. There is never a gift too small in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning! This event is run solely on the support and donations from our community and volunteers. If you are family that needs some assistance that the Fremont Giving Tree can provide, or you would like to help the Giving Tree by donating, please call Dawn at 244 1028. If you missed the deadline but are in need of gifts or would like to donate, please call as we do not want anyone to miss out on this opportunity.

## HELPING HURTING PEOPLE COPE WITH THE HOLIDAYS AT PEOPLES UMC

### Blue Christmas - A Service of Comfort and Hope at Peoples UMC on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 5 pm

Last year Peoples UMC began Blue Christmas, a Stephen Ministry-sponsored service early in Advent for people who know that this Christmas will be a hard one, either because they have had a death in the family, a loss or broken relationship or because of painful memories of Christmases past. A fellowship dinner is provided after the service, and Peoples UMC Faith Family Members, wearing their nametags, are also available to speak with people who would like to talk. Those who attend are invited to light candles; each person who attends receives information about grief support groups, counseling options and the like, as well as a prayer shawl with the faith family member praying with and for the grieving person who received the shawl. We want people to leave with a good idea of all the resources Peoples UMC has to offer them: pastor, support groups, and fellowship connections. No one needs to be without a kind listening ear or good information at Peoples UMC. We really are a congregation that cares.

Those who attended the Blue Christmas Service are invited to stay for a time of fellowship and sharing over a meal at Peoples UMC. This is an opportunity for us to share in each other's grief and to let others know that they are not alone and do not have to grieve alone. A simple meal is prepared by faith families at Peoples UMC and shared with anyone who is grieving or alone this Christmas season. We share Christ's love and message of Hope this Christmas season and hope to make lasting connections to those in a hurting community.

### December Events at Peoples UMC & East Kingston UMC!

**Sunday 12/4** 5 pm Blue Christmas Service PUMC 6 pm Blue Fellowship Dinner

**Saturday 12/10** 9 am Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins

12 noon – PUMC Town Hall – Veteran's Wreath Ceremony

2 pm Rockingham County Nursing Home Caroling/Service

**Sunday 12/11** 11 am Children's Christmas Pageant

(snow date is Sunday 12/18)

**Saturday 12/24** 7:00-8:00 pm PUMC – Christmas Eve Service

8:00-9:00 pm PUMC – Christmas Café!

**Sunday 12/25** 10 am Joint Worship Service for EKCUMC & PUMC at PUMC

## IN MEMORY

The Town of Fremont would like to acknowledge the service of two long-time residents who passed away during the Veteran's Day weekend.

Joseph Bolduc Sr was Chief of Police from 1963 to 1973; and Road Agent from 1949 to 1976; and served several years on the Fremont Fire Department. Joe was a well known voice of the Deerfield Fair and much of his family still contributes to the Fremont community.

Lloyd Metevier was a 55 year member and Retired Captain of the Fremont Fire Department, and a 50 year participant and many year leader of the Town's Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, as well as a Fremont Little League Umpire and Planning Board member.

Both men made significant contributions to the community that will not soon be forgotten.

## DOG LICENSE REMINDER

The 2012 dog license tags will be available beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2012. A current rabies certificate is required for licensing your dog(s) as the Clerk's Office is required by law to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. Please call the office to inquire if the rabies certificate on file is still valid. You must license your dog(s) by April 30<sup>th</sup> to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience, the license(s) can be mailed for an additional fee of \$1.00 per license or you can license

your dog(s) online by going to the Town Clerks page on the Town's website at [Fremont.nh.gov](http://Fremont.nh.gov) and click E-Dog. If you no longer have your dog, please contact the Clerk's office at 895-8693 so we can update our records accordingly.

## TOWN ELECTIONS

The filing period for Town Offices is Wednesday, January 25, 2012 through Friday, February 3, 2012.

**Selectman:** 1 for 3 years

**Road Agent:** 1 for 3 years

**Trustee of Trust Funds:** 1 for 3 years

**Library Trustee:** 1 for 3 years

**Moderator:** 1 for 2 years

**Supervisor of Checklist:** 1 for 6 years

**Budget Committee:** 2 for 3 years

**Cemetery Trustee:** 1 for 3 years

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

## PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with NH RSA 675:6 and 675:7 you are hereby notified that the Fremont Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday December 7, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall to review proposed changes and amendments to Articles IV-A, IX-E:4 (d) and XIX, 1.3-C the Fremont Zoning Ordinance. A second Public Hearing, if it is necessary, will be held on Wednesday December 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall.

*These proposed zoning amendments include:*

- *Amendments to ARTICLE IV-A of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (In-Law Accessory Apartments).*
  1. Delete the second portion of the sentence in section G. "Any new entrances shall be located on the side or rear of the building ~~and shall be at ground level~~".
  2. Delete section H in its entirety. "~~All in-law/Accessory apartments shall have accessible entrances and shall conform to dwelling unit Type B construction, as specified in the International Residential Code (IRC).~~"
- *Amendment to Article XI –E; 4 (d) of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (Aquifer Protection District) by adding "except for propane and natural gas".*
- *Amendment to Article XIX, 1.3-C of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (Signs) - "For Sale Signs" by adding "and do not exceed six (6) square feet in size".*

This full text of all proposed zoning amendments is posted at the Fremont Town Hall, Library, Safety Complex, and Post office, and on the Fremont Town web site. They are also on file in the offices of the Selectmen, Planning/Zoning and Town Clerk and can be viewed during regular business hours.

The Public is invited to attend.

[www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov)

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect through April 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Town Hall Office Hours**

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149

**Selectmen's Office VM 10,11**

Mon & Fri 8:30 am to 12 noon

Tues & Wed 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

[FremontTA@comcast.net](mailto:FremontTA@comcast.net)

[FremontTownHall@comcast.net](mailto:FremontTownHall@comcast.net)

**Tax Collector 895 3200 X 14**

Thursday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

[FremontTax@comcast.net](mailto:FremontTax@comcast.net)

**Town Clerk 895 8693 VM 15,16**

Mon, Tues & Wed 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Thurs 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Closed Friday

[FremontClerk@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FremontPZ@comcast.net)

**Health**

Deputy Trudie Butler 679 8630

**Welfare** by appt 895 3200 x 12

**Town & Department Contacts**

Police Department 895 2229

Fax 895 1116

Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

[police@fremontnhpd.com](mailto:police@fremontnhpd.com)

**EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1**

Fire Rescue Business 895 9634

Office Hours M/Th 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

**Highway Dept - Road Agent**

Mark Pitkin 300 7429

**Fremont Public Library**

Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 895 0549

Tues & Thurs 1:00 to 8:00 pm

Wed & Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sat 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

[www.fremontpubliclibrary.org](http://www.fremontpubliclibrary.org)

**Food Pantry Kathy 895 1162**

Stephanie 895 4454

**Ellis School** 895 2511 [sau83.org](http://sau83.org)

432 Main Street

**SAU # 83** 895 6903 Fax 895 6905

5 Hall Road Suite 1 Fremont NH

**Post Office 895 2094**

Mon - Fri 8:30 - 11:30 am / 12:30 -

4:30 pm Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am

**FAA** [fremontathletics@yahoo.com](mailto:fremontathletics@yahoo.com)

**Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste  
Management of NH - 800 847 5303**

**MEETING SCHEDULE****Town Hall – Main Floor**

**Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm**

Dec 13 Jan 10

**Open Space Feb 7 7:00 pm**

**Energy Comm Dec 1 8:00 pm**

**Budget Comm 7:00 pm**

Dec 7, 14, 21 Jan 4, 11, 12

**Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room**

**Cemetery Trustees 3:30 pm**

Dec 5

**Conservation Comm 7:00 pm**

Dec 5 Jan 9

**Planning Board 7:00 pm**

Dec 7, 21 Jan 4, 18

**Selectmen 6:00 pm**

Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jan 5, 12

**Zoning Board 7:30 pm**

Nov 29 Dec 27

[www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov)

**Fremont Public Library**

**Library Ttees 4<sup>th</sup> Weds 7:00 pm**

**Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 to**

7:30 pm Dec 6 Jan 3

**Friends of Library 1<sup>st</sup> Tues 7:00 pm**

**Fremont Safety Complex**

**Garden Club 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:00 pm**

**ADDED TAX OFFICE HOURS**

Wednesday Nov 30 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday Dec 1 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Friday Dec 2 8:00 am to 12 noon

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**RESIDENT OR BOXHOLDER**

**FREMONT NH 03044**

**Please send email for the Newsletter  
to: [Selectmen@Fremont.nh.gov](mailto:Selectmen@Fremont.nh.gov)**

*Deadline for submittal is the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*