FREEBURG BULLETIN

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FREEBURG CHILI COOK-OFF

This year's Chili Cook-Off will be held Saturday, September 28 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Freeburg Square Park.

- There will be a **Special Guns and Hoses Chili Contest** where the Public will vote to determine the winner of the Police and Fire Chili Contest! The Public Chili Contest will have at least 3 Winners and a People's Choice Winner.
- Freeburg Country Mart will be selling BBQ, and Boy Scouts Troop 30 will be selling funnel cakes, corn dogs and lemon shakeups.
- There will be a large Kids Activity Area sponsored by Hope Church as well as Kids Fall Crafts sponsored by the Freeburg Women's Community Club.
- MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT – ***Vannah Leigh*** from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and ***Boulderdash*** from 2:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Old Fashioned Beer Buckets** will be available for purchase.

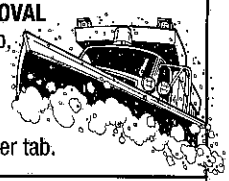
For more information, please visit www.freeburg.com or email mtrout@freeburg.com or call Matt at 618-410-8077.

PUBLIC WORKS: LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

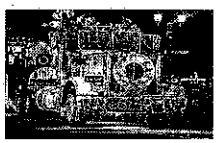
Fall is here, and the Village of Freeburg will begin their leaf pickup program in early November. Please visit our website at www.freeburg.com, click on the Village Services tab on the home page, then click on the Leaf Pickup Program for details and a schedule of times your area will be picked up. You will not need to call Village Hall to be put on a list. As in years past, just rake your leaves to the curb or an easily accessible area for the Village employees to pick them up. **Do not mix any debris, limbs or trash in with the leaves since it can damage the leaf machine.** If you have any questions, please contact Village Hall at 539-5545.

Winter Season Is Fast Approaching

With the winter season almost upon us, please take some time to visit our website and review the Village of Freeburg's **SNOW REMOVAL POLICY** which can be found under the Village Services tab, then click on the Snow Removal tab. We've also provided important information from Waste Management regarding their Winter Tips. Those can be found under the Village Services tab, then click on the Trash, Water and Wastewater tab.



Third Annual Freeburg Electric Parade and Holiday Celebration



The Freeburg Chamber of Commerce and Freeburg Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary are hosting the Third Annual Freeburg Christmas Electric Parade on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Participants may walk, drive or ride in the parade with an obvious display of Christmas lights. Afterwards, everyone can gather in the Village Park for Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, Santa throwing the switch to light the park and visits with Santa in the gazebo. If you are interested in being a part of the parade, please contact Elaine Speiser at 618-920-6914. The entry form will be available on our website under the Calendar of Events.

PUBLIC WORKS: Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Freeburg Public Works Department will be flushing fire hydrants over the next four to six weeks. Customers may experience a difference in the taste and odor of the water. The water should clear up within 24 hours and is safe to drink during these times. The Village has a supply of iron pills if your laundry becomes discolored. Please stop by Village Hall to pick some up.

SAFETY TIPS

Here are some essential safety tips for locking your vehicle to prevent theft and ensure your car's security. Taking these precautions can greatly reduce the risk of your vehicle being targeted for theft.

1. **Always Lock Your Vehicle** – Even if you're stepping away for just a minute, make it a habit to lock all doors and close all windows, including the sunroof.
2. **Double-Check the Locks** – After pressing the lock button on your key fob, physically check that all doors, windows and the trunk are securely closed. Keyless entry systems can sometimes malfunction.
3. **Do Not Leave Valuables in Plain Sight** – Never leave valuable items (like electronics, bags, or wallets) in view. If necessary, store them in the trunk before arriving at your destination.
4. **Park in Well-Lit Areas** – Try to park in well-lit, populated areas, especially at night. Parking under streetlights or near security cameras can deter thieves.
5. **Use Anti-Theft Devices** – Install a steering wheel lock, gear shift lock, or an alarm system to further protect your vehicle from break-ins or theft.
6. **Avoid Leaving the Engine Running** – Even if you're just running a quick errand, never leave your car running unattended. This is an open invitation for thieves.
7. **Secure the Spare Key** – Do not leave a spare key inside or around the vehicle. Hidden spare keys are often the first place thieves look.
8. **Lock Gas Tank Covers** – If possible, use a lockable gas tank cover to prevent fuel theft or tampering.
9. **Be Cautious with Remote Locking** – Some thieves use signal jammers to block the signal from your key fob. Make sure to listen for the sound or watch for the lights indicating that your car is locked.
10. **Use "Valet Mode" for Valet Parking** – If you hand your car over to a valet, use the vehicle's "valet mode" (if available), which limits access to your trunk, glove compartment, or other private areas.
11. **Keep Records of Vehicle Information** – Maintain records of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and license plate number in case you need to report the vehicle stolen.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- **Freeburg Village Hall Administration** 618-539-5545
- **Freeburg Police Department (non-emergency)** 618-539-3132
- **Freeburg Fire Department (non-emergency)** 618-539-3288
- **Freeburg Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA)** 618-539-9996
- **Freeburg Post Office** 618-539-3191
- **Freeburg Township Administration** 618-539-5639

HOLIDAY CLOSING/TRASH PICKUP

Village Hall will be closed on the following dates:

- **November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day**
- **November 28 and 29 in observance of Thanksgiving**
  Thursday trash will be picked up Friday.
- **December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas**
  Wednesday and Thursday trash will be picked up one day late this week

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FREEBURG BULLETIN BOARD

FREEBURG FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF

SEPTEMBER 28 • 11:00 AM

FREEBURG SQUARE PARK

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

OCTOBER 19 • 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON – VILLAGE HALL

FLU SHOTS – OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM-11:00 AM – VILLAGE HALL

AARP Smart Driver's Safety Course

October 22 & 23 – 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Must attend both days and could be eligible for discount on auto insurance – Call 618-539-5639 to register

ST. JOSEPH EVENTS

Check Their Website at www.stjosephfreeburg.org for More Details

FISH FRYS
Oct. 11, Nov. 1 & Dec. 13
from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT
Oct. 26, 10:00-11:30 AM,
Parish Center Pkg. Lot

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DECEMBER 8

FUNDRAISER FOR THE SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

OCTOBER 20

from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Freeburg Recreational Park
(Car Cruise, Food Trucks & Band)

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

OCTOBER 21 & DECEMBER 16

12:00 NOON-5:00 PM

Freeburg Library Events Every Month

LEGO CLUB
First Tuesday of October, November & December from 3:15 PM-4:15 PM

NINTENDO SWITCH CLUB
Third Tuesday of October, November & December from 3:15 PM-4:15 PM

STORY TIME
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

FLY CLUB
Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 PM for all 7th & 8th graders;

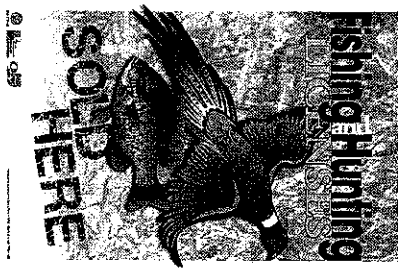
BOOK CLUB for 5th & 6th graders Second Wednesday of each month, after school until 4:00 PM;

RMC MOVIE THEATER in Waterloo to see ***Wild Robot*** on October 5 at 10:00 AM, Sign up by October 2nd;

CREEPY CRITTERS (ANIMAL TALES) October 14 at 1 PM;

FAMILY PUZZLE RACE October 18 at 6 PM (Teams must sign up).

GO TO FREEBURG.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE EVENTS



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