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The Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs Inc. (FMDAC) was organized in 1984 as a legislative and educational organization and incorporated, as a non-profit, non-commercial, non-partisan organization.

The Mission: The FMDAC is dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and protection for the hobby of recreational metal detecting and prospecting.

The Purpose: To unite, promote and encourage the establishment of metal detecting clubs. To preserve the sport / hobby of recreational metal detecting and prospecting. To make available to FMDAC clubs and Independent members information pertaining to the hobby and to keep members informed as to active legislation.

The Goal: is to Educate and inform the public as to the merits of recreational metal detecting.

What is a News Gram? The news gram provides a brief look into news events for the past month. The intent of the news gram is to provide you, the FMDAC reader, with news clips on what took place in the hobby last month. The News Gram is configured like a webpage and must be read online for the article links to work.

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President's Message

Hello Everyone.

We had announced that elections would take place this fall. Due to being a bit rushed with it and finding a few discrepancies in the way we were doing it we have postponed it. It will take place this coming year for certain. This time we will be able to follow all the dates as spelled out in our by-laws. So you have plenty of time now to consider running for an office.

An issue has popped up in Savannah, GA that could use your attention and involvement. The city is crafting an archaeological ordinance. They ask for public input via an online survey. I did not see the survey so I cannot directly comment on the questions. The problem is that those answering the survey had no ordinance to comment on as it had not been written yet. So this survey is really a joke. They can write the questions to get any response they want.

They are saying that this will only cover city properties. However I was told that one of the questions ask about private property. In other info I read that it was stated that this would be done in "steps". From what I have gathered, in my opinion, those steps will be the city then the county then private property. That was actually stated in some archaeological posts online. That is their intent.

If this ordinance passes then metal detecting will be banned from city property. Artifacts that are now recovered from construction sites will be lost. The only people that will be allowed (and it will be mandatory) will be the archaeologists who will be there for the money. In most cases they recover very little to none of the relics. Any relics recovered are usually locked away for no one to see. The rest that remain are buried or even destroyed by new construction. Instead of letting them get recovered by hobbyist they would rather see them destroyed.

This whole affair is really a jobs bill for archaeologists. The private property aspect of this is not just possibly unconstitutional and even unenforceable under a court challenge but imagine having to pay for an archaeological survey to build a house, or put on an addition, or a garage or pool.

The timeline is to have the draft written is November 4th. It will apparently be open up for comments then have the final draft voted on December 19. Why the rush? Could it be they want to get it done before the new year. Maybe they are afraid that the elections may change the makeup of the council and derail their plans.

If you would like to comment on the draft when it comes out then watch the internet. The

South Region: Art Di Filippo
California, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida

Coastal Empire History Hunters and the North Georgia Relic Hunters will have the info available. There is also a Facebook page dedicated to this endeavor. They will have the info on whom to contact, which would be the mayor and council members. Please get involved. Sooner or later they may get around to your town! The hobby saved will be your own.

Mark Schuessler , FMDAC President

Hobby Related News

Other Media News Sources

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Thibeault detects history underground. [Article Link](#)
- Agawam woman searching for lost engagement ring. [Article Link](#)
- Who is she? Antique photograph found at Columbia home built in 1835. [Article Link](#)
- Found treasure at Narragansett Town Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Mayor Greg Conkey says residents metal detecting on public land, like Duke of Kent Oval, is 'disgraceful' [Article Link](#)
- Town to consider policy around metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- Rare gold coin found by birdwatcher at popular camping spot in outback WA. [Article Link](#)
- 30 amazing metal detector finds. [Article Link](#)
- Under Our Feet: Chazy hosts metal detecting festival. [Article Link](#)
- Tips for Treasure Hunting with Nat Geo's Tim Saylor: Discover the Truth. [Article Link](#)
- Want to start metal detecting? Here's what you need to dig and need to know. [Article Link](#)
- 1840 shipwreck reveals trove of gold coins that could be worth millions. [Article Link](#)
- WV Civil War buffs unearth history with aid of metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- Chazy to host metal detector event. [Article Link](#)
- Charleston, 'The Secret' buried treasure remains a secret, at least for now. [Article Link](#)
- Little interest means local society of treasure hunting hobbyists will have to shutdown. [Article Link](#)
- 'The Curse Of Oak Island' Season 7 Air Date, Spoilers: Gary Drayton Hints They Found What They Have Been Looking For. [Article Link](#)
- Discover the Truth with Garrett Metal Detectors: Competitive Hunters Seek Hammered Coins in the UK. [Article Link](#)
- Much that was once lost are being found by lords of the lost rings. [Article Link](#)
- Some Oklahoma land lovers check dirt for metal treasures. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Illegal metal detectors target Herefordshire castle. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting rally raises almost £40k for RUH's Cancer Care Campaign. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of Roman coins found in Derbyshire field by treasure hunters. [Article Link](#)
- Baffling Bronze Age Weapons Hoard Found in London. [Article Link](#)
- Gloucester treasure hunter amasses large collection. [Article Link](#)
- STRIKING GOLD Treasure hunter strikes gold after finding 4,000 year old Bronze age neck-ring worth up to £100,000. [Article Link](#)
- Rogue Metal Detectorists On Trial For Stealing \$3.6million Treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Rare coin minted for King Edward VIII's reign sold at auction for \$163G. [Article Link](#)
- 1,100-year-old Viking treasure reveals its secrets. [Article Link](#)
- Do you know the First World War soldier whose medal was found in a field in Hertfordshire? [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detectorist Finds Hoard of 99 Anglo Saxon Silver Pennies. [Article Link](#)

- **American Digger Relic Roundup.** For diggers and collectors of history. An hour long program every Monday Night at 9:00 PM eastern standard time. Join your hosts Butch Holcombe, Jeff Lubbert and Heath Jones as they explore the past. Learn more about Metal Detecting, Treasure hunting in all it's forms, and the preservation of history. [Hour Long Programs](#)
- **American Mining Rights Assn** is not a gold club but rather an advocacy group for miners and public land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. [October News](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [Coin News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [October News](#)
- **GPAA October Newsletter**
- **Kellyco** - The Complete Guide to the Best Metal Detectors of 2019. [Article Link](#)
- **Kellyco** - A guide to what magnet fishing is, how to choose the right equipment, and how to magnet fish. [Article Link](#)
- **Kellyco** - Tips on the best way to detect for gold, information on the different types of gold detecting technologies and our recommended gold detectors. [Article Link](#)
- **Minelab** Find of the Month and Minelab Multi-IQ [October News](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [October News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [November Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Chippenham detectorist helps woman find 54-year-old solid gold wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Rosemount woman uncovers lost class ring after 50 years. [Article Link](#)
- Man gets personal treasure back after 16 years. [Article Link](#)
- Bismarck man finds a class ring while metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Man finds Somerset class ring that was lost for 40 years. [Article Link](#)
- WMC Action News5.com Memphis man reunited with wedding ring with the help of local metal detecting club. [Article Link](#)
- 955 St. Xavier High School graduate reunited with his long-lost class ring. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Jamestown mystery: Archaeologists unearth a churchyard

- Bucks treasure hunter hopes to trace family of owner of 1917 army medal. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- X Meteorite Hunting In The USA. [Article Link](#)
- The man who owns 1,000 meteorites. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite Hunting Laws & Guidelines. [Article Link](#)
- Falling Fireballs Crashed in Chile Last Week. They Weren't Meteorites, Experts Say. [Article Link](#)
- LOSE ENCOUNTER Asteroid larger than a bus soars closer to Earth than the Moon in near miss. [Article Link](#)

grave — facing west. [Article Link](#)

- Deeper Archaeology Dig To Explore Lesser-Known Areas Of Fort Negley. [Article Link](#)
- Online Map Leads Archaeologist to Maya Discovery. [Article Link](#)
- Dismissed as fakes for a century, enigmatic Puerto Rican stones could rewrite history. [Article Link](#)
- Georgia's Oldest City Considers 1st Archaeology Ordinance. [Article Link](#)
- Rising Seas Threaten Hundreds of Native American Heritage Sites Along Florida's Gulf Coast. [Article Link](#)

Hunt Events and Shows

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2019/20 hunt information on the web. The sooner it is out and available to the metal detecting community the greater the chance for people to see it and give your event some consideration.

Other Hobby Related 2019 Show Calendars

- [Antique Bottle Show](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Numismaster Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

- **November 02, 2019** (One Day)
Stanton, Arizona
2019 Swing Dancing Detector Hunts:
Kids to Pros at Stanton Camp
The Lost Dutchmans Mining Assn
- **November 09, 2019** (One Day)
Round Rock, Texas
Satellite Hunt
Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs

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- **November 09, 2019** (One Day)
Round Rock, Texas
Veterans Day Open Hunt
Austin Metal Detecting Club
- **November 09, 2019** (One Day)
Ashland, Virginia
11th annual Old Dominion Relic Dig
Hanover Metal Detectors Club LLC
- **November 16, 2019** (Two Day)
W. Stanley ConOver Beach Pavilion,
Deal, New Jersey
28th Annual Open Beach Treasure
Hunt
Deep Search Metal Detecting Club

Town to consider policy around metal detectors [Web Link](#)

HOULTON, Maine — Town councilors will consider ideas regarding how to handle the use of metal detectors on municipal property.

The issue is that individuals who use metal detectors can leave holes in their wake if they dig for items they have found with the detectors, and do not fill in the divots, creating tripping hazards.

The discussion came up during the town manager comments portion of the meeting on Tuesday evening.

Town Manager Marian Anderson asked councilors to consider their own thoughts on metal detectors on municipal property and to ask the public about it, as well as to ask people who use metal detectors.

She noted that the town has had an increase in calls from people who have wanted to do metal detecting.

Anderson researched what other towns allow, and said that cities like Old Orchard Beach allowed it most everywhere except on historic sites.

“Do you want to prohibit it on town property, or do you want to allow it with conditions?,” she asked.

She noted that some towns ask users to stop in at the Parks and Recreation Department and get a permit so that officials know where they are if there is any damage.

“It seems like a little thing, but we should have a policy,” Anderson said on Tuesday