



The Biddeford Beat

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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| Monday 5:30 PM | April 9, 2018 CALEA Assessment Meeting (Council Chambers) |
| Tuesday 6:00 PM | April 10, 2018 Council Meeting - Listening Session (Council Chambers) |
| 7:00 PM | Solid Waste Committee meeting (Public Works) |
| Wednesday 4:00 PM | April 11, 2018 Historic Preservation (2 nd fl. conf. rm) |
| 6:00 PM | Zoning Board of Appeals (live) |
| Thursday 1:30 PM | April 12, 2018 City Staff - Listening Session (Council Chambers) |
| 5:30 PM | Budget Committee Meeting (live) |
| Monday | April 16, 2018 City Hall CLOSED – Patriots Day |
| Tuesday 5:00 PM | April 17, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting (live) |
| 6:00 PM | City Council Meeting (live) |

[Click here](#) for the full calendar.

CALEA Accreditation (Biddeford Police Department)

The Biddeford Police Department began the voluntary process of law enforcement accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). An external team of assessors will conduct a 3-day onsite assessment in April, and will include a forum at City Hall Council Chambers on **Monday, April 9th at 5:30 p.m.** for the community to offer commentary. Comments should reflect upon the department's compliance with CALEA standards, which are available at the Biddeford Police Department.

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How can I help?

This past week, many have asked how they can help folks displaced by the Hill Street fire that took place on April 2nd. The City of Biddeford is working closely with the American Red Cross to assist individuals impacted by this event.

Listed below are a few ways in which you may help:

Monetary Donations: A "Go Fund Me" account has been set up by Representative Martin Grohman. The funds raised from this Go Fund Me page will be used to support those directly affected and will be administered by the City of Biddeford General Assistance Department. <https://www.gofundme.com/biddeford-emergency-response-fund>.

Item Donations: General Assistance has been working with the Saco River Market to coordinate donation drop offs from the community and local organizations for those who have been affected. The donation flyer is attached (see next page).

Small to medium item drop offs will be taken at City Hall in the General Assistance Office during regular business hours (8am-5pm Monday-Friday).

Large item donations should be dropped off at the Saco River Market at the Pepperell Campus on Saturday, April 7th.

Thank you to all agencies, community members and neighboring communities who have come together to share your generosity. It is truly appreciated!

The Historical Preservation Lecture Series will host a **free** lecture entitled, "What Happened Here, Stories behind our Historical facades." It will be held on **Thursday, April 12 from 6-8pm** at Saco Grange Hall.



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Check out the Heart of Biddeford's website: <http://heartofbiddeford.org/> for more information on community events.

Let's do this, Biddeford.

DONATIONS



NEEDED!

Looking for items large and small for families displaced by the recent fire on Hill Street.

Saturday Drive at the Saco River Market

When: 9am-12:30pm, Saturday April 7th

Where: Pepperell Center, 40 Main St.

What: Large and small items, can take furniture

Contact: Emily Whitmore 207-831-3166

Monday-Friday Drop-off at Biddeford City Hall

When: 8am-5pm Monday-Friday

Where: Biddeford City Hall, General Assistance
205 Main Street, Suite 101

What: Small/medium sized items only!

Contact: Biddeford General Assistance 284-9514

All donations must be dropped off before Thursday, April 12th
Volunteers welcome, email thefarmme@gmail.com for more info