



The Biddeford Beat

CITY OF BIDDEFORD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday** **May 1, 2018**
5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (live)
6:00 PM City Council Meeting (live)

- Wednesday** **May 2, 2018**
6:00 PM Planning Board Meeting (live)

- Friday** **May 4, 2018**
8:30 AM EIC (2nd floor Conference Room)

- Tuesday** **May 8, 2018**
6:00 PM Public Hearing on Budget (live)
 (1st Reading-School & City) *Updated*
7:00 PM Solid Waste Committee Meeting
 (Public Works Dept.)

- Wednesday** **May 9, 2018**
4:00 PM Community Center Ad Hoc Committee
 (Community Center)

- Monday** **May 14, 2018**
4:30 PM Public T.V. Committee Meeting
 (Public Access Building)

- Tuesday** **May 15, 2018**
5:00 PM Finance Committee (live)
6:00 PM City Council Meeting (live)

- Wednesday** **May 16 2018**
6:00 PM Planning Board (live)

- Thursday** **May 17, 2018**
6:30 PM Airport Commission Meeting (live)
7:00 PM Conservation Commission
 (2nd floor conference room)

- Friday** **June 1, 2018**
8:30 AM EIC Meeting (Conference Room)

[Click here](#) for the full calendar & updates



Help us help you!

Homeowners, Landlords and Occupants:

Emergency responders would like your help with reaching you in a timely manner in case of an emergency. *One way you can assist is by ensuring that you have the correct address placed on the outside of your home in a position that is clearly visible* (as required by the City's Code Ordinance).

The ordinance requires that all buildings have a number that is located in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. The height of each number in your address should be a minimum of **4 inches in height and 1/2 inch wide**. The color of the numbers should contrast with the color of building. We strongly recommend the numbers be made of reflective materials to enhance nighttime viewing.

In addition, if your house or building is located further than 75 feet back from the road or otherwise not visible from the road, your street number(s) is required to be placed at the beginning of your driveway/private way. Acceptable methods for display include the use of your mailbox, placement of a plaque on a post, etc.

While the house numbers should meet the minimum 4 inch height requirement, it is strongly suggested that the apartment numbers be no higher than 2 inches (also legible & visibly marked). This numbering scheme will help to avoid confusion between the house number and the apartment number.

In an **EMERGENCY** situation, critical and valuable time can be lost looking for house numbers. Properly posted house numbers can be vital to the safety and protection to you, family members and neighbors. **Please take a moment and verify that your house number/address is clearly posted.**



City of Biddeford, Maine
Public Works Department
 371 Hill Street Biddeford, Maine 04005
 Phone: (207) 282-1579 Fax: (207) 286-9895

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF BIDDEFORD
REGARDING DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Residents of Biddeford can dispose of acceptable debris (wood wastes cut into 3-foot pieces) in 1 cubic yard quantities free of charge beginning on Tuesday, April 24th until Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Debris must be brought to the Transfer Station at the Public Works Facility located at 371 Hill Street.

Any questions please call the Public Works Department at 282-1579

SHEETROCK, ROOFING PAPER AND SHINGLES
CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.



The City of Biddeford’s website will soon have a new look! The City website is being redesigned. The go-live date is currently scheduled for May 21, 2018. The website will continue to be located at the www.biddefordmaine.org address. Stay tuned!



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

“A Public Safety Message from Your Friends at the Biddeford Fire Department”



From the Office of Fire Prevention

Spring Cleanup for Fire Safety



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Spring cleaning is an annual ritual for many people. The Biddeford Fire Department would like to encourage you to include home fire safety items on your spring cleaning check list- outside and inside your home.

Outside your home, remove potential fire fuel by cleaning up leaves and debris, and trimming tree branches to maintain a “fire zone” of at least 10 feet from your home. Clean leaves and combustible debris out of gutters, downspouts and roofs. For the many residents who live in or near wooded areas, spring is a good time to think about wildfire awareness and start planning for the wildfire season. Planning ahead to clear your home ignition zone and create your property’s defensible space now will pay off when the temperatures rise this summer.

While you are outside, check to make sure that your home address numbers are intact, not faded and clearly visible from the street. Check outdoor electrical outlets and replace outdoor light bulbs so address numbers are illuminated at night.

Spring is also a good time make sure that paint, yard and pool chemicals are stored properly. Old or leaking containers should be disposed of through local waste management. Check gasoline and other fuel containers for leaks and make sure they are stored in a cool, dry place away from combustible materials.

Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from building, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation.

Inside your home, start by checking your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Smoke and CO alarms save lives – if they are working. You should test alarms every month by pressing the TEST button, and replace the battery at least once a year. Check the age of your alarms. If they are more than 10 years old, they need to be replaced. Finally, when was the last time you checked to make sure you have the proper number of alarms? There should be a smoke alarm in every bedroom, in a central location outside of bedrooms, and on every floor. You should have a CO alarm on every level of your home.

In the laundry room, clean out your dryer filter, vents and hoses of any lint and debris. According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), failure to clean dryers is the leading cause of laundry room fires. In the kitchen, clean the around stovetops of all combustibles, including oven mitts, utensils, towels and food packaging. Check your home for cracked, frayed or overloaded extension cords or surge protectors.

Clear out clutter throughout your home. While clutter itself does not start fires, it becomes fuel that makes a fire grow: one small spark with fuel can lead to tragedy. Keep your floors free of slip, trip and fall hazards, as well as anything that is blocking emergency access and escape routes.

Finally, know your physical limits. Spring cleaning can involve heavy lifting, so make sure to use proper lifting techniques and posture so you don’t injure yourself. Stay hydrated and take frequent breaks. With a little preventative work now, you can make a huge impact and reduce your home’s overall fire risks.

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