



The Biddeford Beat

CITY OF BIDDEFORD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Monday May 28, 2018
City Hall **CLOSED** in Observance of
Memorial Day.

Thursday May 31, 2018
5:30 PM Main Street Sidewalk Reconstruction
Phase II (live)

Friday June 1, 2018
8:30 AM EIC (2nd floor conference room)

Monday June 4, 2018
6:00 PM Warden & Ward Clerk Training
(Council Chambers)
6:30 PM Downtown Development Commission
(2nd floor conference room)

Tuesday June 5, 2018
5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (live)
6:00 PM City Council Meeting (live)

Wednesday June 6, 2018
6:00 PM Planning Board Meeting (live)

Monday June 11, 2018
Public T.V. Committee Meeting
(Public Access Building)

[Click here](#) to view the full calendar & updates.

Not sure which department to call?

What would you like to do?

This week, the Biddeford Beat will focus on the **Planning and Development Department.**

This department can assist you with:

- Comprehensive Land Use Planning
- Economic Development
- Community and Neighborhood Planning
- City Demographics
- Business Financing
- Subdivision and Site Plan Review
- Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Special Projects

To contact the **Planning and Development Department**, you may call **207-284-9115 (Planning)** or **207-282-7119 (Development).**

The department is located on the **second floor** at Biddeford City Hall (205 Main Street) and the office is opened Monday – Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.



2018 Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 28th at 10:00 am – 11:30 am

The parade begins in Saco (corner of Beach Street & Main Street) and ends in Biddeford at the Veterans Memorial Park (at the corner of Pool Road & Alfred Street).



FY19 BUDGET UPDATE AT A GLANCE:

On Tuesday, May 22nd, the City Council held its second reading of the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 City Budget. The budget currently sits at a 2% increase in the tax rate (before) property valuation adjustments. After valuation adjustments are applied, the tax rate is expected to be lower than the current FY18 tax rate of \$20.07. The total tax levy is made up of three budgets combined (city, school and county). Here is where all three of the FY19 budgets currently stand:

CITY BUDGET: The total city budget appropriation is: \$32,422,944. The following are some of the changes from last year's budget:

- Added 2 additional Firefighters in response to call statistics and response times.
- Increased funding to the McArthur Library.
- Increased funding to Tri Community Transit.
- Funding for downtown events, increased funding to maintain city parks and Main Street.
- Funding for additional staffing focused on improving communications and citizen engagement, funding for support in the Human Resource Department
- Increased funding for Social and Municipal Services.
- Increased funding in the contingency line specifically for ongoing maintenance and energy conservation efforts at the Community Center and a set aside for general emergency funds.

You may click [here](#) to view the meeting archive page, watch the May 22nd video or review meeting documents.

COUNTY BUDGET: The total proposed FY19 County Appropriation is: \$1,294,096.

SCHOOL BUDGET: The total proposed FY19 School Budget is: \$36,997,263. This budget is a minimal monetary increase of 0.08% (less than one percent from last year's budget). **The School referendum vote will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in the Tiger Gym located at Maplewood Avenue.**

The City Council will set the FY19 tax rate in early July. You may check upcoming Council meetings and agendas by [clicking here](#).

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