



The Biddeford Beat

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Monday July 9, 2018**
 4:00 PM Community Center Ad Hoc Committee Meeting (Community Center)
 6:00 PM Policy Committee (Live)
 6:30 PM Downtown Development Commission (2nd floor Conference Room)
- Tuesday July 10, 2018**
 6:00 PM Special City Council Meeting (Live)
 7:00 PM Solid Waste Committee Meeting (Public Works)
- Wednesday July 11, 2018**
 4:00 PM Historic Preservation Commission (2nd floor Conference Room)
 4:45 PM Wastewater Commission (2nd floor Conference Room)
 6:00 PM Zoning Board of Appeals (Live)

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



For more information about upcoming community events, please visit the Heart of Biddeford's Website at: <http://heartofbiddeford.org/>

The Biddeford City Theater

Announces the 2018-2019 Season!

For information about upcoming shows, events and tickets, go to

<https://www.citytheater.org/>

NEW LOOK!

The City of Biddeford has launched a new website. Please check it out: <http://biddefordmaine.org/>



Assessor Frank Yattaw Retires After 23 Years

We said our goodbyes at the end of June to our Assessor Frank Yattaw after 23 years with the City of Biddeford. We will miss seeing his smile around City Hall, but we wish him the best as he heads off on his next adventure!



Rotary Club Honors Biddeford Volunteers

The Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club recently honored several volunteers who have made a difference in the Biddeford community. Honorees included Rev. Shirley Bowen for her work with the Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center and Laurie Bruce for starting the Locker of Love program for supplies for Biddeford students in need. Thank you to all that work to make Biddeford a better place!



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Testing the Waters

Beaches: Did you know that the Biddeford Recreation Department conducts water testing at four ocean locations as part of the Maine Healthy Beach Program? The program provides resources to the city to conduct these tests. In the past, tests were conducted weekly at Hills Beach, Pool Beach (Gil Boucher Park), Middle Beach and Fortunes Rocks, however, over the years the water along these beaches has improved to the point they are now tested every other week. Testing begins in early June and runs until the first week of September. If a high count is found, the beach is posted and the water is tested until the all clear comes back.

What about Rotary Park Beach? The Saco River Corridor Commission tests water at the Rotary Park swim area weekly during the swimming season. The same protocol is occurs if a high count is found, the beach is posted and the water is tested until the all clear returns.

How is information posted? For the ocean locations, you will notice Maine Healthy Beach signs at Pool, Middle and Fortunes Rocks at the entrances. At Hills Beach, the sign is located at the Hills Beach Fire Station. For Rotary Park, the guards post at the beach. For more information on the Maine Healthy Beach Program you may visit their website at www.mainehealthybeaches.org

Biddeford Schools

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Beginning June 25th to August 17th, the Biddeford School Nutrition Department, along with funds from the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFPS), will be offering a **summer meal program during the week open to everyone in the community**. The meals will be **free** for children 18 and younger and only \$3.00 for adults. Breakfast and lunch must be consumed while at the various community locations and will consist of a protein, whole grain bread or pasta, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Locations include:

Biddeford Middle School, 25 Tiger Way

Breakfast: 8:00am-8:30am

Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm

JFK Kindergarten Center, 64 West Street

Breakfast: 8:00am-8:30am

Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm

McArthur Library, 270 Main Street

Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm

Community Bicycle Center, 45 Granite Street

Lunch: 12:15pm-12:30pm

"We encourage youth, families, seniors and the community-at-large to visit a site and enjoy a well-balanced, healthy meal," stated Biddeford School Department's Nutrition Director Sandy Lewis. "Please help us spread the word by sharing this information with others – by word of mouth or via social media – so we can ensure food insecurity during the summer months is not a concern in this community."