



# The Biddeford Beat

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**WINTERFEST**  
FEBRUARY 3-5, 2017  
Biddeford, ME

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3**  
CITY HALL, 4-6 PM  
Winter Wonderland Art Show

**CITY SQUARE, 5:00-7 PM**  
Ice Carving & Light Show  
• Biddeford Stroll

**CITY THEATER, 7:30 PM**  
Piano Men: Elton & Billy\*  
to benefit BHS Music program

**SUNDAY, FEB. 5**  
WEST BROOK SKATING RINK  
11 AM-4 PM  
Free Ice Skating & Pizza

**SATURDAY, FEB. 4**  
CITY SQUARE, 10 AM - 4 PM  
Sledding, Dog Sled Rides,  
Ice Carving, Snowshoes • More!

**MC ARTHUR LIBRARY, 10-2**  
ICE ARENA, 1 PM  
Broomball Exhibition

**PEPPERELL CENTER, 4-6 PM**  
Unecom's Heart 2 Heart Carnival

**CITY THEATER, 7 PM**  
Comedian Justin McKinney\*

**BiddWinterFest**

Thank You WinterFest Sponsors:

Woodman Edmunds Haysllis Austin Smith & Jaques  
Attorneys at Law

DeadRiver, Thyme Paving, Peters Construction Dec Excavating, Larry Patolme Construction  
Jenny's Main Street Cafe, Sterling Rope

WinterFest Planning Partners:  
Biddeford Recreation Department, Biddeford-Bass Chamber, Biddeford School Department, Biddeford  
Mayor, Biddeford Economic Development, City Theater, Engine, Heart of Biddeford, Knights of  
Columbus, McArthur Library, New Life Church.

More info: WinterFest Facebook, [click here](#)

## City to Glow with New LED Streetlights

Over the past year, City officials have been working with their counterparts in the communities of Falmouth, South Portland and Rockland to take advantage of a new law that allows communities to purchase and maintain their own streetlights.

Prior to the change, communities could only get streetlights from Central Maine Power (CMP). The amount paid per light is established by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Municipal officials voiced that the prices have been excessive. The results were that property taxpayers in Maine were being used to subsidize a reduction in electric rates.

At a recent City Council meeting, City staff was approved to proceed with next steps in replacing the lights. Once replaced, the staff has projected at least \$100,000 annual cost savings. In order to complete the conversion, the City will need to complete an inventory of existing lights. As part of the inventorying process, a determination of the proper wattage and whether there is a need to have all of the lights will be made.

The goal is to have the lights converted or significantly improved along the way by the end of June 2017.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Tue Jan 31

6:00pm - Biddeford & Saco Joint City Meeting  
(People's Choice Saco)

### Wed Feb 1

8:30am - Economic Improvement Commission  
(City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room)

6:00pm - Planning Board Meeting  
(City Hall Chambers)

### Thu Feb 2

5:30pm - Council Workshop  
(City Hall Council Chambers)

For full calendar, [click here](#)

For video/agendas/minutes, [click here](#)

## Biddeford Primary School LED Lightening Upgrade

The Biddeford Primary School received a \$50,000 grant from Northeast Electrical Distributors that will cover costs of labor and materials for new LED lighting both interior and exterior as far as funds will go.

This upgrade will provide energy efficient lighting, safer bulbs and comfortable environment for students, teachers and school staff. The survey of what lights are to be replaced will be completed by March 31, 2017 and the work itself to be completed during summer break in June 2017.

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