



The Biddeford Beat

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Monday August 6, 2018**
 4:00 PM Community Center Ad Hoc Committee Mtg (Community Center)
 5:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg (Live)
 6:30 PM Downtown Development Commission (2nd floor conf. room)
- Tuesday August 7, 2018**
 5:00 PM City Council Mtg (Executive Session)
 6:00 PM City Council Mtg (Live)
- Wednesday August 8, 2018**
 3:00 PM Social Svc. Review Committee Mtg
 6:00 PM Zoning Board of Appeals (Live)
- Tuesday August 14, 2018**
 6:00 PM City Council Workshop (Live)

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

South Street Construction continues through summer

The major construction project on South Street in the area between Elm Street to Mount Pleasant Street is expected to continue into the fall. The project, which includes reconstruction of the sewer, storm drain, water pipe, roadway, and sidewalks, has been underway since June 8. Weather permitting, construction is expected to continue for the next 18 weeks.

The contractor is working to complete the reconstruction as quickly as possible to minimize the impacts on residents and traffic. In order for the project to be completed efficiently, the street must be clear during construction hours. Drivers should not park within the areas of the street that are marked as "No Parking" zones between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some additional Saturday work may be necessary to meet required time schedules, and any extra restrictions on these days

will be posted. Cars that are parked in restricted areas may be towed.

Local residents will be allowed to travel to and from their homes on South Street and side streets that only have access from South Street. However, non-residential traffic should expect to be detoured from their typical route and should follow the provided directional signage. When possible, drivers should consider seeking an alternate route to their destination.

During the construction, approximately 2,400 feet of the original 1880s cast iron water main will be replaced with 8-inch ductile main by Maine Water. The nearly 140-year-old piping is undersized and has experienced breaks in the past that have interrupted service and caused other issues. Additionally, the City of Biddeford will separate sewer and storm drains along the route, and the Maine Department of Transportation will pave the other section of the work area.

The City will make every effort to minimize any temporary inconvenience this may cause and thanks residents for their patience during this project. When the project is completed, all Biddeford residents will see the benefits of the completely repaved road and new curbs and sidewalks, as well as cleaner water.

As City Engineer Tom Milligan explained, the sewer separation process will convert the old combined, single-pipe system into separate sewers for wastewater and storm water flows. With this new method, storm water will be discharged directly into receiving water, while wastewater will be treated before discharge. "The new two-pipe system helps reduce Combined Sewer Outflow during heavy rainstorms when the collection systems piping exceeds its capacity," Milligan said. "The previous one-pipe system led to a combination of wastewater and storm water overflow draining into bodies of water, which causes contamination."

Updates on the status of the project will be posted under the Citywide Updates tab on www.biddefordmaine.org. Any additional questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 282-1579 or the Engineering Office at 284-9118.



Contact us!

LIST OF CITY DEPARTMENTS:	PHONE #:	ADDRESS:
City Manager's Office	284-9313	205 Main St.
City Mayor's Office	286-9385	205 Main St.
Chief Operating Officer	571-0032	205 Main St.
Assessing Department	284-9003	205 Main St.
City Clerk's Office	284-9307	205 Main St.
City Engineering	284-9118	205 Main St.
Code Enforcement	284-9236	205 Main St.
Economic Development	282-7119	205 Main St.
Facilities	571-1602	205 Main St.
Finance Department	284-9333	205 Main St.
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	282-6632	152 Alfred St.
General Assistance	284-9514	205 Main St.
Human Resource Department	286-0593	205 Main St.
Planning Department	284-9115	205 Main St.
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	282-5127	39 Alfred St.
Public Works Department	282-1579	371 Hill St.
Recreation Department	283-0841	189 Alfred St.
Technology/Public Access/GIS	571-0032	205 Main St.
Teen Center (Recreation)	282-4167	550 Main St.
Tax Collector	284-9326	205 Main St.
Waste Water Treatment Plant	282-1350	371 Hill St.



Public Notice:

Within the next couple of weeks, Biddeford's **Public Works Department** will be placing a **flyer** on all **recycling bins** within the city. This flyer is to reiterate what materials are **acceptable to be recycled**.

This is being done because our waste services provider notified us that the City might be charged additional fees for contaminated loads of recycling. The flyer that will be attached to your recycling bin will provide you with a list of **approved items** as to place in your **blue recycling bin** as well as a list of **non-recyclable items** to be placed in your **green bin**.

A copy of the flyer is attached on the next page of this week's Biddeford Beat for you to view.



Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center

Celebrating What Makes Biddeford Special

"Weaving together the fabric of our ethnic quilt"

This week, the Biddeford Beat will highlight the story of Francis Taylor Spencer who is an Inaugural Member of the Biddeford Hall of Fame as selected by the BCHC.



Francis Taylor Spencer (July 14, 1913- April 23, 2004) was a businessperson and inventor, best known for his invention of the Vellux Blanket, which was manufactured by the Pepperell Manufacturing Company.

The creative genius and persistence of Francis Spencer in creating the Vellux blanket, which has never been replicated, was the economic development that the Cities of Biddeford and Saco desperately needed at a time when the economy was floundering.

This contributed greatly to the mills staying open for many more years.

For more information on the BCHC, you may go to:
<http://biddefordculturalandheritagecenter.org/>

Public Notice:

The State of Maine Department of Marine Resources has ordered the **Biddeford clam flats to be closed beginning August 1, 2018** and will be closed through August and September. This closure is in effect for commercial and recreational clambers. The flats will be closed for water quality reasons.

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 Thank you for reading!



We Need Your Help!

Biddeford Public Works Department
371 Hill Street, Biddeford • 282-1579 • don.lapointe@biddefordmaine.org

Our waste services provider has notified us that the City may be charged additional **fees** for contaminated loads of recycling. Please put only the approved items listed below in your **blue** recycling bin. Items that cannot be accepted are listed on the back of this flyer.



ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

No sorting on your end makes recycling quick and easy! Just focus on tossing **ONLY the Zero-Sort recyclables listed below** into your **recycling bin** and Casella takes care of the rest.

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(Wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, paper bags, egg cartons, toilet paper and paper towel rolls)



Junk Mail, Periodicals & Office Paper
(Catalogs, envelopes, soft cover books, shredded paper if contained in a paper bag)

PLASTIC



Rigid Plastic Containers
(#1 - #7, 5-gallon pails)

METAL



Metal & Food Cans
(Aluminum, tin, foil)

GLASS



Glass Bottles
(Food jars, beverage bottles)
NO broken glass!

Remember...

- ✓ All containers are empty, rinsed & dry
- ✓ No items smaller than 2"



Recycle Properly!

- ✓ Cardboard is flattened and broken down
- ✓ There are no items from the NOT ACCEPTED list in the recycling bin

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Zero-Sort® recycling?

Zero-Sort recycling is Casella's state-of-the-art process which enables paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metal cans to be collected together in one bin eliminating the need for you to separate recyclables.

Can I throw trash and recyclables into my recycling bin?

NO. Your recycling bin is for Zero-Sort recyclables only. Items that cannot be recycled should be tossed into your trash bin.

How should I prepare recyclables?

Recyclables must be empty and rinsed clean of food residue. Corrugated cardboard boxes should be broken down into 2' max pieces. **DO NOT** tie newspaper, cardboard or jugs with twine. Handles should be removed from pails and paper bags.

What type of metal can I recycle in my bin?

Aluminum and tin cans are acceptable. **NOT ACCEPTED** items include pots, pans, aerosol cans, and scrap metal such as automotive parts, motors, and appliances or any other metal items.

Can I put grocery bags into my Zero-Sort bin or place recyclables in plastic bags?

NO. Plastic bags of any kind are not accepted in Zero-Sort recycling. To recycle grocery bags, please bring them to a participating grocery or retail store.

How should I recycle large items that won't fit inside my bin?

Please call 800-CASELLA to schedule a pickup if you have large materials that do not fit inside your bin.

Can I recycle pizza boxes?

You can recycle pizza boxes with light grease stains. Boxes with stuck-on food or dripping grease cannot be recycled but they are compostable.

Why aren't paper cups recyclable?

Paper cups have a thin, plastic lining or waxed finish that cannot be recycled.

NOT ACCEPTED



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling
(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items
(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups and waxed paper plates)



NO Styrofoam, Napkins, Paper Towels, Tissues, Plastic Utensils, Dirty Recycling, Register Tape (Receipts), Condiment Packets, Straws, Stirrers, or Coffee Pods



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes, or Shoes
(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Organic Waste, Rope or Wood
(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet, and yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films, or Tarps
(Food Bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap, and tarps)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans, or Baking Glass
(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Hazardous Materials
(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Medical Waste
(Bring to Biddeford Police Department for disposal)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal
(Hoses, tires, rubber gloves, car parts, etc.)



NO Electronics, Batteries, or Bulbs
(Find alternative recycling)



ONLY put the listed recyclables in the 65-gallon blue bin. **DO NOT** bag them!

All other waste goes in the 35-gallon green bin. Waste that does not fit in the green bin should be placed in the City's orange Pay As You Throw bags, which can be purchased at local stores.



Thank you for your cooperation! Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions.