



The Biddeford Beat

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Biddeford Airport Runway 6

The City is excited to announce, tree clearing project at Biddeford Airport (end of Runway 6), is now 90% complete with the exception of stump removal including some regrading and seeding which will be completed late May or early June 2017. This work began late January 2017 with a forty (40) calendar days' completion agreement. *(continued on A2)*



Biddeford Airport Runway 6 Approach

Finding Pieces Summer Camp

On Tuesday, February 21st press conference was held at Biddeford City Hall to announce a new Summer Camp for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Biddeford Councilor Robert Quattrone (Ward 4) who has a son that falls under the Autism Spectrum and who spearheaded the pilot project stated, "The idea arose in August 2016 as a complete collaboration between Biddeford School Department, UNE and the Autism Society of Maine (ASM)."
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Biddeford Police Department Annual Report

The City welcomes you read the Biddeford Police Department's Annual Report on Activities, as it depicts and demonstrates a downward trend in overall crime in Biddeford generally as well as illustrating the City's efforts at improving the quality of life.

For the full PDF version of the BPD's annual report by Chief Roger Beupre, [click here](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tue Feb 28

6:00pm - Strategic Planning Committee
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

7:00pm - School Committee
(BHS Little Theater)

Wed Mar 1

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

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

Thu Mar 2

6:00pm - Strategic Planning Subcommittee
(City Hall City Manager Office)

Mon Mar 6

6:30pm - Biddeford Fields Public Input Meeting
(BHS Little Theater)

Reel Focus Follow Up

In the December 5, 2016 [\(v16.14\)](#) issue of the 'Beat' we informed readers about Toni Sipka aka Spiderwoman's *(continued on A2)*



Left to Right Back Row: Robert Cyr, Mark Harold, Toni Sipka, Zachary Nadeau, Rachele Therrien, Brian Gelinass

Left to Right Front Row: Bruce Martin, Martha Morrison, Andrew Gelinass, Katie Delcourt, Deya Ingrahim, & Patricia Frechette.

(continued from AI Airport)

The work is being done to improve the safety of the airport by removing trees that had grown too high which made landing and take offs difficult.

The project was supervised by both the Gale Associates and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The materials, labor and actual work was provided by Gary M. Pomeroy Logging, Inc.

Funding for this work was made possible by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Maine Department of Transportation.

(continued from AI Reel Focus)

Studio Production Program in collaboration with Public Access so that anyone interested can learn more about Studio and Television Production. The 4 class workshop which was held on Saturdays this past February and was such a success, there will be another workshop held April 8, 15, 22, 2017 at 9:30am - 12:30pm at Public Access Studio located on 15 Columbus Way, Biddeford.

To register please email annakatoni@aol.com as soon as possible as seats are limited. For more information about Public Access TV and the Reel Focus Workshop, please visit biddefordmaine.org/publicaccess.

(continued from AI Summer Camp)

The camp will be held August 7th – 18th from 8:00am – 12:30pm, during the two weeks immediately following the Extended School Year program. For the full press release, [click here](#).



Left to Right: Caryn Husman (UNE Director and Assistant Professor Health, Wellness & Occupational Studies), Cathy Dionne (Autism Society of Maine Executive Director of Programs & Administration), Robert Quattrone (Biddeford Councilor Ward 4), Mayor Alan Casavant (City of Biddeford)

Preserve Waterhouse Field Input Meeting

The City, Councilors and Biddeford High School encourage all to join a public input meeting to provide feedback and thoughts to preserve Waterhouse Field.

For more information please contact Mayor Casavant by phone 207-286-9385 or email acasavant@biddefordmaine.org.

**SEEKING
PUBLIC INPUT
RE: BIDDEFORD FIELDS**

**March 6, 2017
6:30-8:00pm**

Biddeford High School ~ Little Theater

Those who should attend:

- ★ All students, parents and coaches of sports who utilize the fields
- ★ School Committee and City Councilors
- ★ Staff and teachers
- ★ Alumni and Community-at-Large
- ★ All tax-payers

Join the consultants performing the feasibility study for an open discussion; share any thoughts, concerns, and opinions of Biddeford fields as they are currently, including any issues, dislikes or likes about each park or field; or simply ask questions and get answers.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SHARE IDEAS

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