



The Biddeford Beat

CITY OF BIDDEFORD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **Monday, August 13, 2018** *Volume 18.32*

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Monday August 13, 2018**
6:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting (Live)
6:30 PM Downtown Development Commission Mtg (2nd floor conference room)
- Tuesday August 14, 2018**
6:00 PM City Council Workshop (Live)
7:00 PM Board of Assessment Review Mtg (2nd floor conference room)
- Thursday August 16, 2018**
7:00 PM Conservation Commission (2nd floor conference room)

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

South Street Construction Update:

On Thursday, August 10, blasting of the existing rock ledge between May Street and Highland Street will begin. Blasting will take place no earlier than 7 a.m. All those within the blasting zones have been notified in accordance to City standards. Please contact the Public Works Department at 282-1579 or the Engineering Department at 284-9118 with any questions.

Fall is just around the corner and **Biddeford Recreation** is gearing up its late summer-fall programs! Registration is now available for the following youth programs.

Youth Sports

- Pre-K Soccer
- Kinder Soccer
- Youth Soccer; **Registrations close for Youth Soccer for Grades 1-6 on August 17th.**
- Flag Football, Ages 5-8
- Girl's Field Hockey, Grades K-6

Afterschool care

- Cub Care has expanded the grades to K-6, adding 6th grade for the 2018-19 school year.
- Early Release Adventures for grades K-6

For more information on any of these programs or others not listed for a variety of age groups, please visit www.biddefordrec.com.

| 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**.

**Biddeford Fire Department
Incident Analysis
7/1/2018 – 7/31/2018**

Biddeford Fire Department
Incident Analysis
From 07/01/2018 Thru 07/31/2018

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Incident Type

| <u>Incident Type</u> | <u>Occurrences</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| BFD FIRE IN OR ON A BUILDING | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE | 5 | 1.0 |
| BFD FIRE CONFINED TO COOKING APPLIANCE | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD FUEL BURNER/BOILER MALFUNCTION, FIRE CONFINED | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD MULCH FIRE | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD BRUSH/WOODS/GRASS FIRE | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY NO TRANSPORT | 58 | 11.9 |
| BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG NO TRANSPORT | 25 | 5.1 |
| BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL | 138 | 28.2 |
| BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL | 105 | 21.5 |
| BFD EMS TRANSPORT SMHC TO A MEDICAL FACILITY | 24 | 4.9 |
| BFD RECEIVE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL | 15 | 3.1 |
| BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL | 11 | 2.2 |
| BFD MVC W/OUT INJURY | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD MVC W/ INJURY | 9 | 1.8 |
| BFD SPECIALIZED RESCUE/ ABOVE/BELOW GRADE/CONFINED | 3 | 0.6 |
| BFD MARINE CALL | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD HAZMAT (MINOR) (GAS OR OIL SPILL) | 3 | 0.6 |
| BFD PROPANE/NG LEAK | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD CARBON MONOXIDE | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD ELECTRICAL PROBLEM | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD CABLE LINE DOWN | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD TELEPHONE LINE DOWN | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD ATTEMPTED BURN ILLEGALLY | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD LOCK OUT VEHICLE OR STRUCTURE | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD WATER PROBLEM | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD INSIDE SMOKE OR ORDER INVESTIGATION | 3 | 0.6 |
| BFD PUBLIC ASSIST | 3 | 0.6 |
| BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID NON STRUCTURE FIRE | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD UNPERMITTED BURN | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD EMS CALL CANCELLED ENROUTE | 13 | 2.7 |
| BFD BFD FIRE CALL CANCELED ENROUTE | 2 | 0.4 |
| CANCELLED ENROUTE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE | 2 | 0.4 |
| BFD CHECK ON PERMITTED BURN | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX WATER FLOW | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX PULLS/SMOKES | 12 | 2.5 |
| BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX TAMPER OR TROUBLE | 1 | 0.2 |
| BFD FALSE ALARM MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX SYSTEM MALFUNCTION | 3 | 0.6 |
| BFD FALSE CALL-GOOD INTENT | 4 | 0.8 |
| BFD PULLS/SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION RESIDENTIAL | 3 | 0.6 |
| BFD RESIDENTIAL ALARM MALFUNCTION | 18 | 3.7 |
| BFD CITIZEN COMPLAINT | 2 | 0.4 |
| TOTAL | 489 | 100.0 |

NEWS

City Receives Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the City of Biddeford a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), marking the eighth consecutive year that the City has received this recognition.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The 122-page CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating transparency and a spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate residents to read the report. According to the GFOA's statistical data from the 2016 award period, Biddeford was among only 14 of Maine's municipalities to receive the honor, and less than 6 percent of all cities nationwide were recognized. Statistics for the 2017 certificates have not been made available at this time.

"Open government is very important to us," said City Manager James Bennett. "Knowing that we have consistently been one of a select few communities in the country that exceeded this organization's reporting requirements for transparency means a lot."

As part of the recognition, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has also been awarded to Cheryl Fournier, the City's finance director, for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

"This was my first year preparing the report for Biddeford, and I'm honored to have continued our legacy of reaching these high standards and providing clear information to the public," said Fournier.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of nearly 19,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. The association established the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting in 1945 to encourage local and state governments to exceed minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles in their financial reports.

To view the City of Biddeford's 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/Biddeford2017CAFR>

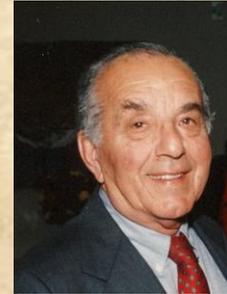
Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center



Celebrating What Makes Biddeford Special

"Weaving together the fabric of our ethnic quilt"

This week, the Biddeford Beat will highlight the story of Sam L. Cohen, an Inaugural Member of the Biddeford Hall of Fame as selected by the Biddeford Cultural Heritage Center.



Sam L. Cohen, a well-known philanthropist and family man, was the son of immigrant parents from Lithuania and is best known today for his charitable foundation, the Sam L. Cohen Foundation.

As a native of Biddeford, Maine, he was considered the heart and soul of the Jewish Community. He was known for always giving a hand to those in need, regardless of race, political or religious affiliations.

As a businessman, philanthropist and humanitarian, Sam Cohen was responsible for many charitable acts during his lifetime. He cared about the working class and was known as "Uncle Sam" to many.

For more information on the BCHC, you may go to:

<http://biddefordculturalandheritagecenter.org/>

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