



The Biddeford Beat

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Code Enforcement Mobile Software Updates

The Code enforcement office conducted 279 Inspections of downtown rental properties. The latest forty inspections have been performed using the mobile software solution installed last fall. The mobile solution allows personnel to conduct inspections in real time and then print the inspection report and any fines or corrective action requirements from the vehicle before moving to the next inspection.

For a typical 3-unit apartment building the mobile solution saves approximately 1 personnel hour of office work and eliminates the need for searching code references, writing the letters, and generating and stuffing envelopes. In addition, Codes saves \$0.46 per regular mailing \$6.46 per certified mailing.

Downtown Façade Improvements Begins

The City is excited to announce will begin the 2017 Downtown Façade Improvement Program on April 18, 2017. This program, started in 2006, has been very successful in assisting building owners in the downtown to improve and upgrade commercial buildings. Buildings located in the MSRD-I zone are eligible for Façade Improvement grants. *(Continued on A2)*

Finding the Pieces Camp Updates



On February 21st, the City formally announced a Summer Camp for Autistic children will be hosted in Biddeford. Though this is not a City funded program, the City of Biddeford is thrilled to help get the word out and this exciting pilot project is deep into development. Here are some things to know:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tue Apr 18

5:00pm - Capital Projects
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

5:00pm - [CANCELED] Finance Committee

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

6:00pm – City Council Meeting
(City Hall Council Chambers)

Thu Apr 20

7:00pm - Conservation Commission
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

7:00pm - Harbor Commission
(Biddeford Pool Fire Station)

For Full Calendar, [click here](#)

People Recover, SBOOI Updates

As of today, the Saco Biddeford Opiate Outreach Initiative is well into its eleventh week and here are some updates:

Week 11 (Apr 9th – Apr 15th) Totals:

- 9 Outreach
- 7 Seen
- 4 Assessed
- 6 Placed (4-different people)
- 4 Overdoses (with follow up reached out to all)
- 1 Death

Program Totals:

- 81 Outreach
- 37 Seen
- 21.5 Assessed
- 18 Placed
- 22 Overdoses

Recovery begins with a conservation so please don't hesitate to call SBOOI Coordinator, Maegan at 571-1652 ext. 7190.

(continued from A1 Façade Grant)

The Façade Improvement Program is funded by the City of Biddeford’s Economic Development Department and has a total of \$50,000 for grants of up to \$15,000 to qualified applicants who wish to make external front improvements to their downtown commercial buildings. A dollar for dollar match is required. This grant can be used for a variety of external building improvements. Some examples include:

- Awnings.
- Highly visible storefront improvements.
- Restoration of original historical windows, doors, and trim where possible.
- Cleaning and/or repointing of surface brick and stone.
- Exterior lighting,
- Cleaning and/or replacement of facade siding.
- Wall improvements including visible side walls and murals.



Mural: 265 Main St.
Artist: Julie Gray

To apply for Façade Improvement Grant, [click here](#).

Applications must be hand-delivered to the Economic Development Department, 2nd floor, Biddeford City Hall, 205 Main Street.

For more information or questions regarding the Façade Improvement Program, please call Brad Favreau, Economic Development Coordinator at 571-1612 or email brad.favreau@biddefordmaine.org.

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- Shannon O’Brien of Biddeford School Department recently joined the Camp Committee as Program Director to help develop a fun and productive camp program for both participants and counselors. Stay tuned! For any program inquiries please contact Shannon via email at sobrien@biddefordschooldepartment.org
- As of today, PDF version of application is available by request a few ways:
 1. Click “send email” on Facebook page facebook.com/findingthepieces
 2. Email FindingThePieces@biddefordmaine.org
 3. By phone to Robert Quattrone at 207-229-9474.
 4. Click [here](#), for link to online application via Autism Society of Maine. *(please note this may be accessible on or after today, April 18th due to technology)*
- Completed application must be submitted via email or mail no later May 26, 2017.
- Requirements and recap are below:
 1. Who: Biddeford residents only grades K-5 with Autism
 2. Where: John F Kennedy School
64 West Street
 3. When: August 7th – 18th at 8:00am – 12:30pm
 4. Fee: Free of Charge
 5. Space: Limited to eight (it’s a pilot project)

As this is a pilot project, the Camp Committee is working diligently to implement this as an ongoing formal project. The Camp Committee and the City, thank you for your patience as the details develop.

For more information and updates on this camp, please continue to visit facebook.com/findingthepieces or call Robert Quattrone 207-229-9474.



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