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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

### 8am to Noon - Biddeford Public Works

For Residents Of

Biddeford  
Old Orchard Beach  
Saco  
Scarborough

Proof of Residency  
Is Required

# FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE drop off

Bring your household hazardous waste items such as button and rechargeable batteries, insect sprays, rust inhibitors, fluorescent light bulbs, non-latex paint, de-greasers, fuels, paint stripper, paint thinner, drain cleaners, gasoline, flea killer, mothballs, used oils, insecticides, pool chemicals, weed killer, fertilizer, toilet bowl cleaner, pesticides, metal polish, herbicides, rodent killers, no-pest strips, antifreeze, brake & transmission fluid, wood stain, sealants, spot remover, furniture polish, and more!

Do Not Bring

Latex Paint, Tires, Smoke Detectors, Propane Cylinders, Explosives, Pathological or Radioactive Waste, Computers, Commercial Waste, or Any Unknown Waste Materials

Please use original sealed containers where possible or transport in cardboard boxes.

Biddeford Department of Public Works 371 Hill Street (207) 282-1579  
Solid Waste Management Commission biddefordrecycles.org



## September is National Preparedness Month!

Disasters can happen anytime. To learn more about how to be prepared, check out this website: <https://www.ready.gov/september>

This website will provide information on how to:

- **Be Informed**
- **Plan Ahead**
- **Take Action**
- There is even a **link for Kids!**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 4, 2018</b>
5:00 PM	Finance Committee (Live)
6:00 PM	City Council Meeting (Live)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 5, 2018</b>
6:00 PM	Planning Board (Live)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 7, 2018</b>
8:30 AM	EIC Meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor conference room)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 10, 2018</b>
5:30 PM	Downtown Development Commission (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor conference room)
6:30 PM	Policy Committee Meeting (Council Chambers)
7:00 PM	Board of Assessment Review Meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor conference room)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 12, 2018</b>
6:00 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals

[Click here](#) to view updates on the full [city calendar!](#)

**Biddeford Fire Department  
Incident Analysis  
8/1/2018 - 8/31/2018**

**Incident Type**

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Occurrences</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
BFD FIRE IN OR ON A BUILDING	4	0.7
BFD FIRE CONFINED TO COOKING APPLIANCE	1	0.2
BFD FUEL BURNER/BOILER MALFUNCTION, FIRE CONFINED	2	0.3
BFD TRASH OR RUBISH FIRE CONTAINED	1	0.2
BFD VEHICLE FIRE	2	0.3
BFD MULCH FIRE	1	0.2
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	0.2
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY NO TRANSPORT	58	10.0
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG NO TRANSPORT	20	3.4
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	194	33.4
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	127	21.9
BFD EMS TRANSPORT SMHC TO A MEDICAL FACILITY	24	4.1
BFD RECEIVE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	19	3.3
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	10	1.7
BFD MVC W/OUT INJURY	8	1.4
BFD MVC W/ INJURY	10	1.7
BFD ELEVATOR RESCUE	1	0.2
BFD MARINE CALL	2	0.3
BFD WATER RESUE/ PERSONS IN THE WATER	1	0.2
BFD HAZMAT (MINOR) (GAS OR OIL SPILL)	1	0.2
BFD CARBON MONOXIDE	2	0.3
BFD CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MALFUNCTION	2	0.3
BFD ELECTRICAL PROBLEM	1	0.2
BFD CABLE LINE DOWN	2	0.3
BFD WIRES ARCING	2	0.3
Aircraft standby	1	0.2
BFD LOCK OUT VEHICLE OR STRUCTURE	1	0.2
BFD WATER PROBLEM	2	0.3
BFD PUBLIC ASSIST	6	1.0
BFD ASSIST POLICE OR OTHER AGENCY	1	0.2
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID NON STRUCTURE FIRE	3	0.5
BFD UNPERMITTED BURN	4	0.7
BFD EMS CALL CANCELLED ENROUTE	8	1.4
BFD BFD FIRE CALL CANCELED ENROUTE	6	1.0
CANCELLED ENROUTE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE	1	0.2
BFD CHECK ON PERMITTED BURN	1	0.2
BFD OUTSIDE SMOKE OR ODOR INVESTIGATION	4	0.7
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX PULLS/SMOKES	18	3.1
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX TAMPER OR TROUBLE	3	0.5
BFD FALSE ALARM MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX SYSTEM MALFUNCTION	2	0.3
BFD FALSE CALL-GOOD INTENT	6	1.0
BFD PULLS/SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION RESIDENTIAL	6	1.0
BFD RESIDENTIAL ALARM MALFUNCTION	9	1.5
ANIMAL RESCUE	1	0.2
BFD CITIZEN COMPLAINT	2	0.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## Ad Hoc Community Center Review Committee to Open the Floor for Feedback at Listening Session

On Wednesday, September 19, the Mayor's Ad Hoc Community Center Review Committee will hold a listening session to hear from the community on the value of the J. Richard Martin Community Center. The listening session, scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Community Center's auditorium at 189 Alfred Street, will allow both tenants and community members to speak directly to the committee and share their opinions on the facility.

The committee will begin the session with a brief overview of the building's history and current status, and then the floor will be opened to comments from the public. Feedback from the session will be considered as part of the committee's recommendation of whether the City should further invest in the existing building, or pursue alternative options such as building or acquiring a new community facility.

The 130-year-old J. Richard Martin Community Center was first used as a public school beginning in 1888 and currently services as the hub of the City's recreation programs. It also houses various organizations that provide services to the community, including the Ross Senior Center and 50+ Club, Meals on Wheels kitchen, Adult Education courses, AARP tax aide, and La Kermesse offices.

"We want residents and representatives from these organizations to take this opportunity to share their thoughts before our committee makes any final reports or recommendations to the Council on how to move forward," said Ward 5 Councilor Victoria Foley, the committee's chairperson. "We really value public opinion in this process, and we encourage anyone who uses the Community Center or the services of the organizations that are housed there to consider attending."

The Ad Hoc Community Center Review Committee was formed in fall 2017 to collect information on the value of the facility to make an informed decision on its future after one of the two fuel oil-fired boilers failed due to extreme corrosion. The Biddeford City Council allocated \$40,000 for a short-term replacement of the boiler as a temporary



solution to ensure the building could be heated through the winter, but recognized that the significant investments needed to fully address building repairs required a long-term research and planning process.

The committee's research began by reviewing available information on the size and layout of the building, known maintenance and structural issues, community demographics, and program offerings. More recently, the Committee conducted a survey of the building's tenants to identify how the facility meets their needs in its current condition. Of the 19 tenants that were contacted, 13 provided responses, with many respondents finding the Community Center to be a vital space for their services. Several of the organizations also indicated that they have made their own monetary or in-kind contributions to the maintenance of their space. The September 19 listening session will build upon the information collected to date by opening the floor to tenants and residents alike to provide additional feedback on the community center.

"The collection of this information is very important to help the committee paint a picture of the center and its role within the community," said Recreation Department Director Carl Walsh. "There are a lot of different options on the table, but this shared space is something that is very important to the community and I feel is very rare today."

The Listening Session will be recorded by Biddeford Public Access, and those that are unable to attend may view the video on the City's website following the meeting.

Interested parties may also submit written comment through Wednesday, September 26 by dropping off written comment at the recreation office addressed to Victoria Foley, committee chair, or through email. For more information on the session or the committee, or to submit email comments, please contact Committee Chair Victoria Foley at [Victoria.foley@biddefordmaine.org](mailto:Victoria.foley@biddefordmaine.org).

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