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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday  
September 11, 2018  
5:30 PM  
City Council Meeting (Live)

Wednesday  
September 12, 2018  
6:00 PM  
Zoning Board of Appeals (Live)

Tuesday  
September 18, 2018  
5:00 PM  
Finance Committee (Live)

Tuesday  
September 18, 2018  
6:00 PM  
City Council Meeting (Live)

Wednesday  
September 19, 2018  
6:00 PM  
Community Center Listening Session @ J. Richard Martin Community Center Auditorium (more information provided on right)

Thursday  
September 20, 2018  
6:30 PM  
Airport Commission (Live)

7:00 PM  
Conservation Commission @ 2nd Floor Conference Room

Meetings are located in the Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise stated.

Click here to view updates on the full city calendar!

TRAFFIC ALERT

Main Street Rail Road Crossing WILL BE CLOSED to through traffic beginning at 9 a.m. TUESDAY, September 11 until mid to late afternoon on WEDNESDAY, September 12 for rail replacement. Because of this TOTAL road CLOSURE, there will be NO road construction on South Street on both September 11 and 12, and South Street will be open to two-way traffic on both days. Please avoid upper Main Street on these days. Because of the number of children who have been diverted to Bradbury Street for School Bus pick up, there will be NO PARKING on Bradbury Street on September 12 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TRAFFIC ALERT

Community Center Listening Session

Wednesday September 19, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

J. Richard Martin Community Center Auditorium

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Mayor’s Ad Hoc Community Center Review Committee invites all residents and facility tenants to share their comments about the J. Richard Martin Community Center at this Listening Session. Feedback provided will be considered as the Committee prepares long-term recommendations for the future of the facility.

The committee will begin the listening 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. Written feedback may also be submitted through September 26 at the recreation office addressed to Victoria Foley, committee chair, or through email. Click here for more info.
City Takes First Steps Towards Lincoln Street Redevelopment

Mayor Alan Casavant of the City of Biddeford announced that the community has entered into discussions with James Brady and Brian Eng to develop the remainder of 3 Lincoln Street, presently proposed as the site of the city’s first parking garage. Brady and Eng will develop a concept and implementation plan for the remainder of the site, exploring a variety of physical options, an appropriate mixture of uses, and how the project might blend seamlessly with a new parking structure and the redevelopment ongoing in the rest of the Mill District.

“Jim and Brian are experienced developers with a substantial portfolio, both in and outside of Maine,” said Casavant. “They will bring their development capacity and knowledge to bear as they assist the community in the redevelopment of a site critical to the Mill District’s continued success.”

3 Lincoln Street is the former home of the Maine Energy Recovery Company’s waste-to-energy plant commonly known as “MERC”. The City Council voted to purchase the MERC site in 2013, tore down the existing structure, and completed an environmental remediation in 2015. At that time, Biddeford contracted with Camoin Associates to develop a market and feasibility study for the site, presenting a range of options and uses, including new mixed-use construction, parking structure(s), and a community park.

“Entering into this new discussion about 3 Lincoln Street is the next step in the redevelopment of that site”, said Mayor Casavant. “We are excited to be working with such a consummate development team and look forward to the creativity they will bring to this site and our community”.

In addition to the 3 Lincoln Street redevelopment project, developer Brady also owns the former Post Office Building at 27 Washington Street and will work to restore that building to its original beauty. “We are excited to help the City of Biddeford develop a plan to integrate 3 Lincoln into the ongoing downtown renaissance,” said Brady.

In the coming weeks, the City Council, City staff, and the developer will work to formalize an agreement that will lead to a more refined plan for the site. In the design process, the parties will work to attract new users and jobs by taking advantage of beautiful river vistas, links to the Mill District via the RiverWalk, the site’s potential for transit-oriented mixed-use development, the implementation of a smart infrastructure grid, and the connection to substantial broadband capacity. Details on the concept for the site will be shared in the coming months as they emerge.

Parking Changes Proposed for the Downtown

At the September 4 City Council meeting, the Council had a first reading of several orders that, if approved, will implement fees in downtown parking lots and shorten other downtown parking limits. The Council will vote on these orders at their September 18 meeting, which will be held at 6PM in the Council Chambers. More details about these proposed changes will be included in a future edition of the Beat.
Recycling Reminder
If it’s not on the list to the right, put it in your trash can, not your recycling bin!

For some households, correcting recycling habits may fill up trash cans more than before and require the purchase of the City’s Pay as You Throw bags.

These bags are currently SOLD OUT at Hannaford in Biddeford, but will be restocked soon! In the meantime, you can find them at:

**7-Eleven**
**Ray’s Market**
**110 West St**

**Rite Aid**
**Hannaford - Saco**
**335 Alfred St**
**532 Main St**

**Shaws – Saco**
**Market Basket**
**4 Scammon St**
**220 Mariner’s Way**

For more information about why we all need to work together to improve our recycling habits, please [click here](#).
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A REPORT FROM THE

BIDDEFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
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PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
August 2018 Year-To-Date

Biddeford’s Communication Center is one of the twenty-six Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) in the State of Maine. It serves all of the public safety departments of Biddeford and six other communities on a 24/7 basis. The Biddeford PSAP staff answers and transfers Saco’s E-911 calls and also dispatches Fire and EMS for Alfred, Arundel, Dayton, Lyman, and Waterboro.

Last year, the Center handled 49,882 calls for service from the public or initiated by the served agencies. In the first eight months of 2018, 34,144 calls have been handled, which is an annualized rate of 51,200 calls.

With such a high volume of calls for service, every moment spent on a service call is critical to ensure a timely response to an emergency. Unfortunately, as with all dispatch centers, Biddeford’s PSAP handles a high level of calls that are a misuse of E-911. Through August, 2,033 calls that were misuses of the E-911 system were handled, representing almost 6% of all call activity and 19% of all E-911 call activity. 70% of the E-911 abuse handled by the PSAP originated in Biddeford. Misuses range from unintentional calls such as misdials, pocket-dials, or children playing to intentional calls that are nonemergency, pranks, exaggerations, hang-ups, etc.

In many cases, multiple dispatchers and officers must spend critical time responding to these calls to determine that true emergencies do not exist, delaying assistance to those in true emergency situations.

Please remember that the E-911 system is only for police, fire, or medical emergencies when immediate action is required: someone’s health, safety or property is in jeopardy or a crime is in progress. Please call 207-282-5127 to contact the Biddeford Police Department in a non-emergency situation to protect the safety of those who are in need of immediate service.

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ALFRED 430 1.3%
ARUNDEL 554 1.6%
BIDDEFORD 27,403 80.3%
DAYTON 208 0.6%
LYMAN 592 1.7%
SACO 3,103 9.1%
WATERBORO 784 2.3%
ALL OTHER 1,070 3.1%
TOTAL 34,144 100.0%