

# The Biddeford Beat

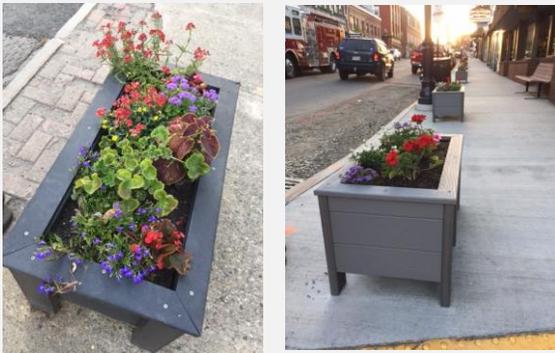
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## Downtown Main Street in Bloom

As of Memorial Day weekend, you may have noticed more florals in the downtown. City and CDBG funds were used to enhance the look of downtown with planters, florals and hanging baskets as part of the City's 'Beautification Pilot Project.' (A2)



## Victoria Foley's Debut on City Council

Ms. Victoria Foley was sworn in as City Council Ward 5 on and effective Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to fill in for former Councilor, Bob Mills through rest of the term ending December 2017. Bob Mills has resigned due to his relocation to Windsor St. Ward 4.



Ms. Victoria Foley

Victoria is a Maine native, born and raised in Portland, ME. She studied at University of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia and received a Bachelor of Journalism (Honors) degree. She currently works as Marketing Manager for New England Cancer Specialists, chairs the board of Greater Portland Health, volunteers with Girls on the Run Maine and resides on Mason Street with her two rescue dogs, Parker and Beignet. "I feel very strongly about giving back to community in whatever way I can and I'm thrilled to accept this appointment to City Council to represent Ward 5," Foley stated. For full press release, please [click here](#).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Mon Jun 19

4:30pm - Biddeford Saco Joint City Committee (Saco Council Chambers)

6:00pm - General Meeting of Citizens (City Hall Council Chambers)

### Tue Jun 20

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

5:00pm - Finance Committee (City Hall Council Chambers)

5:45pm - City Council Workshop

6:15pm - City Council Meeting (City Hall Council Chambers)

### Thu Jun 22

8:00am - Downtown Taskforce (Mayor's Office)

### Fri Jun 23

8:00am - Mayor's Downtown Taskforce (Mayor's Office)

## Cheryl Fournier New Finance Director for Biddeford

The City is pleased to announce that on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, City Council approved the City Manager's request and appointed Ms. Cheryl Fournier as new Finance Director for the Biddeford. Cheryl has been employed in the world of finance since 1991, which includes twenty years of leadership responsibility. Prior to joining Biddeford, Cheryl served as Finance Director for the City of Saco since 2010. After many deliberations of an opportunity to share role between the two cities, Cheryl has decided to work for Biddeford fulltime and starts July 3<sup>rd</sup>. For full press release, [click here](#).

## Age Friendly Community Network Survey

The City has been part of the Age Friendly Community Network with AARP since January 2017 and is conducting a survey focusing on aspects of the Biddeford community that are important for the health and well-being of older residents and explores what might be help older residents age in place or age in the community.

For the full press release, please [click here](#). To go directly to survey, please [click here](#).

(continued from *AI Florals*)

The City has planted 124 planters, 32 hanging baskets and 700 square feet of in ground plantings.



Not only is the Public Works department diligently working on the Main Street paving project, they are also mindfully maintaining and watering the flowers and plants to keep them looking their best all season.



Jody Nightingale, Public Works

## Vegetables Rising at Biddeford City Hall

In efforts to promote healthy eating, teamwork and create a harmonizing space for employees, the Human Resources department has initiated a 'workplace garden' at City Hall on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

City Hall staff contributed their own personal funds of \$5 to \$10 each to purchase seeds, soil and material. garden boxes were made from recycled football bleachers by City's maintenance staff. As time allowed on non-business hours, employees helped to plant and harvest their own varietal of vegetation and herbs which supplies an environmentally friendly, local and organic food source for employees to enjoy.



To date, the garden contains carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, spinach, lettuce, onions, peppers, celery, herbs and nasturtiums (edible flowers). This is creative way to improve wellness and teamwork amongst colleagues.

## Save the Date: Pillars of Pride

What: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Biddeford Education Foundation  
When: Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 6:00pm  
Where: UNE Campus Center  
11 Hills Beach Road  
Cost: \$50 per person or \$350 for table of eight  
Contact: 207-391-6885

The Pillars of Pride event is the main fundraiser for the Biddeford Education Foundation and provides resources outside the normal school budget to augment teaching, encourage academic excellence and maximize opportunities for students K-12.

All proceeds benefit the Biddeford Education Foundation. To view the full flyer, [click here](#).



## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual La Kermesse Franco-American Festival

Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>

For more information and full festival schedule, visit: [lakermessefestival.com](http://lakermessefestival.com)

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