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IMPROVED HANDICAP ACCESS:

Biddeford Pool Beach

The City of Biddeford's Recreation Department is making a beach-accessible wheelchair available to beachgoers at Biddeford Pool Beach to test interest. The wheelchair is specifically designed to handle the deep dry sand and the soft wet sand that would prevent a typical wheelchair from operating on a beach.



As of July 21st, the wheelchair will be available on a first come first served basis. The wheelchair will be located at the lifeguard station and may be signed out between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm seven days a week. Due to the nature of the trial project, the wheelchair cannot be reserved.

If the wheelchair proves beneficial and there is interest, the Recreation Department may consider obtaining additional wheelchairs next year and placing them at other beaches to improve access to Biddeford's beautiful beaches for all citizens.

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Thank you for reading.

MULTI-USE CROSSWALKS:

Pedestrian and Bike Friendly

The new crosswalks installed on Main Street have generated questions about the design. Here are some answers. The granite paver bump outs serve to mark the beginning and end of parking areas between crosswalks. Why? The bump outs allow space for drivers to see pedestrians approaching or entering the crosswalks. The bump outs also provide a cleaner transition at crosswalks.

The granite pavers that line the crosswalks break at the bump outs, reappear in the center of the roadway, and pick up again at the bump out depth on the opposite side. Why? The "gaps" are filled with the smooth crosswalk pavers. This transition is designed to improve the riding surface for bicycles; creating a smooth transition between pavement and the crosswalk.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wed., July 26

8:30 AM - Economic Improvement Commission
(City Hall, Council Chambers)

4:30 PM - Wastewater Management Commission
(City Hall, 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.)

Thurs., July 27

8:00 AM - Downtown Taskforce
(City Hall, Mayor's Office)

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