



The Biddeford Beat

FIRE SAFETY:

Clifford Park Forest Fires

Summer is a special time in Maine. We have relatively quick access to the Atlantic, numerous lakes and rivers, the foothills, and mountains. Biddeford residents and visitors also have direct access to the Eastern Trail and several local parks. The weather is generally very pleasant and encourages outdoor activities but we all know it can be hot and dry this time of the year.

In fact, the National Weather Service reports, "Portions of coastal Maine have come out on the US Drought Monitor as being abnormally dry. This is especially true over the last 30 days where most locations have received precipitation that has been one to three inches below normal for the month." The dry weather creates an increased risk of forest fires, which requires responsible fire management.

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COUNCILORS HONORED:

Laverrier & Mills

Two Biddeford City Councilors were honored at the August 1st Council Meeting for their service and dedication to the City of Biddeford.

Councilor Rick Laverriere served as a city councilor from 2005 to 2013 and 2015 to 2017. Councilor Bob Mills served as a city councilor from 2007 to 2017.

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CITY RETIREE PASSES:

Volunteer, Fire Fighter, Business Owner

Roger Gelinas passed away on July 30th after a 5 1/2 year battle with cancer. Roger retired from the Fire Department in 2002 at the rank of captain. He joined the Call Force in 1977 and became a full-time firefighter in 1979. After retiring, Roger owned and operated Gelinas Electric for many years. Roger continued to give back by serving on the Fire Commission from 2011 to 2016. In 2016, Roger returned to the Department serving as a volunteer in Fire Prevention. Roger's knowledge from his years in the fire service proved to be a huge benefit to the Department.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mon., August 7

6:30 PM – Downtown Development Commission
(City Hall, 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.)

Tue., August 8

7:00 PM – School Committee Meeting
(Biddeford Middle School, Little Theater)

Wed., August 9

4:00 PM – Historic Preservation Commission
(City Hall, 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.)

6:00 PM – Zoning Board of Appeals
(City Hall, Council Chambers)

7:00 PM – Shellfish Conservation Committee
(Biddeford Pool Fire Station)

Thurs., August 10

8:00 AM – Downtown Task Force
(City Hall, Mayor's Office)

Mon., August 14

6:30 PM – Policy Committee Meeting
(City Hall, Council Chambers)

150 YEARS in BUSINESS:

Biddeford Savings Bank

President and CEO Charles Petersen accepted a proclamation from Mayor Alan Casavant and the Biddeford City Council recognizing Biddeford Savings Bank for 150 years of service to Biddeford and the surrounding communities.

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Fire Safety from A1

Recently the fire department responded to three separate fires in Clifford Park. Clifford Park is a 25-acre parcel located just off Pool Street.



Two of the most recent fires have been attributed to illegal unattended campfires. The fires were discovered early and contained although one firefighter was treated for dehydration.

As a general rule, camping and campfires are not allowed in Biddeford's parks. Please report smoke or fires in any of the City's parks by calling 911.

For general fire safety, the Biddeford Fire Department publishes [Rules and Guidelines for Recreational and Open Burning](#). The information covers recreational fires, beach campfires, and open burning (brush, leaves, clean wood).

150 Years in Business from A1

Biddeford Savings Bank was chartered on July 22, 1867 by an act of the Maine State Legislature. The City congratulates Biddeford Savings Bank and its employees and looks forward to the next 150 years. A copy of the proclamation is available for viewing online through the City of Biddeford [website](#).

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Thank you for reading.



The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Saturday, September 9th from 8:00am to Noon at the Public Works Department on Hill Street.

You don't have to wait for the annual collection day to recycle your unused or old paints or your fluorescent light bulbs.

Flouorescent bulbs can be recycled at Dupuis Hardware on Spruce Street and paints can be recycled at the Sherwin-Williams Store on Alfred Street through out the year.

For more information, please visit: www.biddefordrecycles.org

Councilors Honored from A1

Both councilors served for a total of ten years each. The councilors received honorarium chairs with the city seal and their respective service dates engraved on the back plate. The presentation is available for viewing on the City [website](#).



Councilor Rick Laverrier (above) with the sitting City Council in the background.



Councilor Bob Mills (above) with the sitting City Council in the background.