



The Biddeford Beat

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
8am to Noon - Biddeford Public Works

For Residents Of
 Biddeford
 Old Orchard Beach
 Saco
 Scarborough

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, September 4:

LABOR DAY – City Hall Closed

Tuesday, September 5:

5:00 PM – Finance Committee (Live)
6:00 PM – City Council Meeting (Live)

Wednesday, September 6:

6:00 PM – Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, September 7:

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

Monday, September 11:

6:30 PM – Policy Committee meeting (live)
6:30 PM – Downtown Development
Commission (2nd floor conference room)

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The **Biddeford Recreation Department** is gearing up for its fall programming with youth soccer underway and the return of the Cub Care Afterschool Program.

Cub Care is still taking registrations for the 2017-18 school year. The program is for children in grades K-5 and is located at BIS. The program offers a two, three, four or five day option for the school year.

The Teen Center is also gearing up to reopen on Tuesday September 5th, the center located at Rotary Park serves youth in grades 6-12 and is open M-F 2:30-5:45, transportation is provided back into town at days end. The teen center features fun, friends, food, computer use, pool tables, foosball, air hockey, snack bar, cooking sessions, video games, monthly mall trips and more. Beginning in October pickups will be made at BMS on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Use of the center is free to Biddeford students.

For more information on any of these programs or others not listed for a variety of age groups, please visit www.biddefordrec.com.

Remember to please Slow Down:
Back to School Means Sharing the Road!
Here are some safety tips:



School days bring congestion: Please remember that yellow school buses are picking up and dropping off students, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, parents are dropping their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to **slow down** and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

If you are Dropping Off:

If your child does not take the bus, be extra cautious as you drop off and pick up your child. Park in designated spots. Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians:

A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

Sharing the Road with School Buses:

- If you are driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus

Sharing the Road with Bicyclists:

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially.
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door

<http://www.pressherald.com/2017/08/31/drivers-bus-route-all-too-familiar-but-first-day-of-school-never-gets-old/>

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