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For updates on:
✓ Meetings and events
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✓ General government updates

And more! Spread the word!

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

Wednesday September 26, 2018
5:30 p.m. South Street Construction Progress Update

Click here to view updates on the full city calendar!

REMEmBR TO REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

The Clerk’s Office is now accepting absentee ballot requests for the November 6, 2018 State General & Referendum Election. Voters may request a ballot by phone at 284-9307, come into the office during business hours to complete an absentee ballot application, or request a ballot electronically through the State of Maine Online Ballot Request Service.

BIDDEFORD, IT’S OUR TIME!
The City Hall Clock Tower was one of only 20 historic sites across the country to compete for a $150,000 historic preservation grant from Partners in Preservation, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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The 2018 Partners in Preservation: Celebrating Diversity on Main Street campaign invites the public to cast their votes online to decide which historic sites along 20 Main Streets across America should receive a total of $2 million of preservation funding from American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

That means that we need YOUR VOTES to restore our clock tower!

Visit VoteYourMainStreet.org/Biddeford to cast your vote for us! You can cast up to five votes per day every day until the contest ends on October 26.

Want to get a text message every day to remind you to use your votes? Text MAINSTREET to 52886!

Visit us on Facebook to watch the announcement!
The City of Biddeford is accepting applications for several openings, including:

- Emergency Communications Dispatcher
- Life & Safety Codes Investigator
- Part-Time Account Clerk
- After School Cub Care Counselor

Visit our website for our application form!

Recycling Reminder

If it's not on the list to the right, put it in your trash can, not your recycling bin!

Our waste provider, Casella, has notified us that the City may be charged additional fees for contaminated loads of recycling.

Learn more about why we are asking residents to “recycle better” with this informative video from Casella.

Tip of the Week:

Plastic bags DO NOT belong in your recycling bin, but you can still recycle them by returning them to major retailers such as Hannaford, Walmart, and Target!

Prepare For These Upcoming Projects

Public Works will be peeling the old hot top, grading, and repaving Quimby Street starting the week of the 17th through the week of the 24th.

Hills Beach Road will be paved the week of the 24th, weather-dependent. This will be a three-day project and drivers should expect traffic delays.

South Street Construction Update

Public Meeting

The Engineering Department will be hosting a public meeting on the progress of the South Street construction project on Wednesday, September 26 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

Parking Update

On September 18, the City Council approved a number of orders that moved the City towards finalizing a Parking Management Plan for the downtown.

Additional information will be provided in a future edition of the Biddeford Beat. You can view the details of the orders by clicking here.

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Biddeford Fire Department

Invites you to our

Open House

Saturday September 29, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm
Central Fire Station 152 Alfred Street

Activities include:
- Meet the firefighters and tour the Fire Engines
- Guided tours of Fire House
- Visit our Fire Museum
- Live Car Cutting Demonstration
- Fire Safety Smoke House
- Try on Firefighting Gear
- Live Fire Extinguisher Demonstration
- Car safety seat checks
- Use a Live Fire Hose
- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog
- and more

Come and Meet Our Special Guests:
- Biddeford Police Department
- Maine Forest Service
- Scarborough Police Department
- York County Emergency Management
- York County Juvenile Fire Safety Coalition
- Bicycle Coalition of Maine
- Free Food
- Face Painting
- Firehouse Subs
Police Department Update

CALEA Certificate of National Accreditation Presented

The Biddeford Police Department was presented their Certificate of National Accreditation for its achievement in meeting the National Standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) at the September 18 City Council meeting.

This honor is bestowed to only 5% of law enforcement agencies nationwide and only 3% in Maine. The Police Department began the rigorous process in 2016 and officially earned the accreditation at the CALEA conference in Michigan in July.

Biddeford Representative Susan Deschambault acknowledged the Department’s achievement by presenting Chief Beaupre with Maine and U.S. flags that have flown over the Maine State House.

Senator Angus King’s Office also provided words of congratulations to the department in a written statement.

“Tip a Cop” Fundraiser

On Monday, September 17, volunteers from the BPD served, cleaned up, and entertained guests at Applebee’s to collect “tips” as a fundraiser for Special Olympics Maine!

Anyone seeking assistance with substance use for self, a friend or a loved one, please contact the Saco Biddeford Opiate Outreach Initiative (SBOOI):

207-571-1652 ext. 7190 or 207-710-1785

People recover....this can be your time!
This year’s River Jam Festival kicked off with the second annual Fringe Fest on Main Street! The downtown came alive with music, local food and drinks, art, and free pies for all to enjoy.

Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the festival and to the volunteers, organizers, and sponsors who made this event happen!

Water Station Donated to Middle Beach

The Recreation Department would like to thank Mr. Mike Swanton for his generous donation of a water station at Middle Beach. Mr. Swanton, also a member of the City Council, has provided this amenity for the public to use to rinse off after visiting the beach during the season. This project was Mr. Swanton's idea and has been well received by those exiting the beach. Once again, the City has benefited from the talents and time of a caring volunteer.

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