



The Biddeford Beat

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday	October 2, 2018
5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting (Live)

Wednesday	October 3, 2018
6:00 p.m.	Planning Board (Live)

[Click here](#) to view updates on the full city calendar!

City Hall will be CLOSED on Monday, October 8 to observe Columbus Day.

Trash and recycling pickup will occur as regularly scheduled. Enjoy the holiday weekend!



BIDDEFORD, IT'S OUR TIME!

Thanks to a grant opportunity through Heart of Biddeford, the City Hall Clock Tower was selected as one of only 20 historic sites across the country to compete for **\$150,000** in historic preservation funding, **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



The 2018 *Partners in Preservation: Celebrating Diversity on Main Street* campaign invites the public to **#VoteYourMainStreet** to decide which historic sites along 20 Main Streets across America should receive a portion 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.



You can find more details about the campaign from [Heart of Biddeford](#) and more information about the condition of the clock tower in our [press release](#).

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF BIDDEFORD REGARDING DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Residents of Biddeford can dispose of acceptable debris (wood wastes cut into 3-foot pieces) in 1 cubic yard quantities free of charge beginning on **Tuesday, October 9th until Saturday, October 20th, 2018.**

Debris must be brought to the Transfer Station at the Public Works Facility located at 371 Hill Street.



Any questions please call the Public Works Department at 282-1579
SHEETROCK, ROOFING PAPER AND SHINGLES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

REMEMBER 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.**

New Deputy/Assistant Assessor

We are pleased to announce **Quang Minh Le** as our new full-time **Deputy/Assistant Assessor.** Minh previously joined our assessing team in September 2016 as part of the collaboration with Saco as a shared employee for both municipalities to handle field work and personal property assessments. Minh is a Certified Maine Assessor with degrees in business administration and management. He brings a wealth of knowledge in construction, associate broker, and architectural drafting and holds certifications in natural gas, HVAC, Microsoft office pro, and personal computer pro. Minh also is a veteran who served during the Iraq war. Minh has done an outstanding job here as the ultimate team player, always displaying a positive attitude, a willingness to learn and most of all has great character and integrity. We are happy to welcome him as a full-time member of our staff!

Thank you to all who attended the Fire Department Open House on Saturday!

Guests of all ages got to wield actual fire hoses, watch a car-cutting demonstration, join a fire extinguisher demonstration, and more!





DOWNTOWN PARKING CHANGES



Frequently Asked Questions

At the September 18 City Council meeting, the Council took the next step in the development of a Parking Management Plan for municipal parking lots and on-street parking in the city core.

Will on-street parking in the downtown remain free?

Yes, on-street parking is remaining free in all areas of the city.

Parking time limits will be changing on several downtown streets from unlimited parking to two-hour parking, including portions of Adams, Bacon, Center, Jefferson, Lincoln, and South Street. This means that there will be more turnover in no-cost, on-street parking. These two-hour limits were put in place to help residents and visitors continue to find free parking for their short-term downtown errands.

In addition, after listening to public input, six spaces in the Franklin Street Parking Lot will be designated as free 30-minute parking.

What is the biggest change I need to know about?

Beginning on the *tentative* rollout date of November 1, 2018, paid parking permits will be required for all users of municipal lots. These paid parking permits will be available at the following rates as of May 2019:

- Short-term parking permits will be available for purchase from parking kiosks for \$2 per hour.
- There will be three versions of long-term parking lot permits available:
 - Monday-Friday permits will cost \$50/month (designed to fit the needs of downtown employees who park in City lots during the workday). These permits are valid for parking in municipal lots between 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. on weekdays.
 - Nighttime and weekend permits will cost \$35/month (designed to fit the needs of downtown residents who work outside of the City and park in City lots after work). These permits are valid for parking in municipal lots from 6 P.M. until 8 A.M. on weekdays and all day on Saturdays and Sundays.
 - 24/7 permits will cost \$60/month.
- Parking permits are not specific to any one parking lot or parking space. You may park in any available space in any municipal lot during the time frame of your permit.
- A \$50 fine will be issued for failure to obtain a parking permit for permit-required municipal lots.

During an initial adjustment period, parking permit rates will be discounted. The following discounted rates will apply leading up to May 2019:

Short-term parking permits:	\$1/hour
Monday-Friday permits:	\$30/month
Nights & Weekends permits:	\$20/month
24/7 permits:	\$40/month

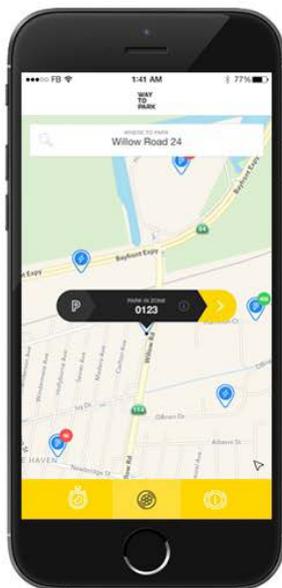
How do I purchase a parking permit?

Application forms for long-term parking permits will be available in digital form at biddefordmaine.org under “Apply For” > “Parking Permits” under the “How Do I...” tab on the home page. You can also pick up a form at the City Clerk’s Office or the City Manager’s Office at City Hall. These forms will be available beginning on **October 4**. You may submit a complete form by emailing it to finance@biddefordmaine.org or returning it to the City Clerk’s Office.

Applications for permits must be completed by October 19. At that time, there will be a lottery to select the recipients of the first set of permits for the month of November. After November, permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

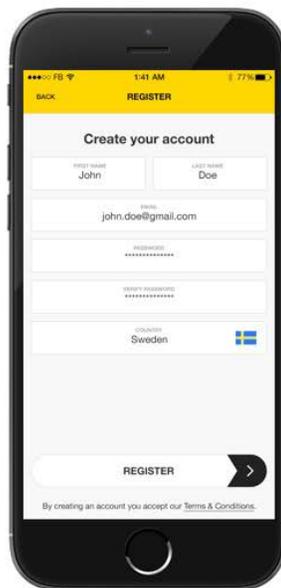
Once the kiosks are in operation, you may purchase both short-term and long-term parking permits directly from the kiosks based on availability. To register your vehicle, you will just need to enter your license plate into the kiosk and use a credit or debit card to pay for the transaction. The information will be digitally transmitted to parking enforcement officers to prove that you have paid to park – no need to return to your car to display a ticket or receipt.

In addition, there is a mobile app available to manage your parking permit called **WayToPark**. You can download the app for free for iPhone in the App Store or for Android in the Google Play store. The app is a convenient option to help you buy and extend your parking permit while on-the-go. Once you set up an account and store a payment method, you will simply need to find your location on the map, enter the hours you plan to park, and confirm your purchase.



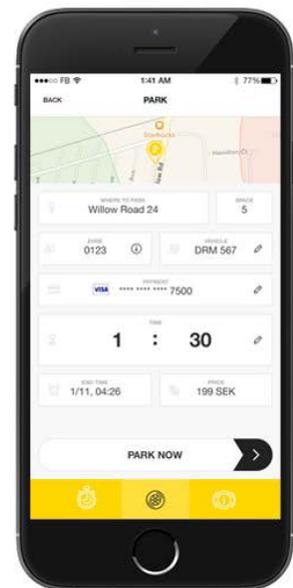
1.

Find your location.



2.

Register/Sign In.



3.

Enter time and confirm!

If you would like to purchase a permit with cash, you may do so at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall. Be sure to know your license plate number! You may want to take a photo of your license plate to bring with you or have your vehicle registration in hand to ensure that you have provided the clerks with the correct plate number.

For the 30-minute parking spaces in the Franklin Street lot, you will still need to enter your license plate number into the parking kiosk or app, but your 30-minute permit in these designated spaces will be free of charge.

What lots will have paid parking?



- Federal Street Lot
- Downtown Parking Lot
- Franklin Street Parking Lot
- Foss Street Parking Lot
- Alfred Street Parking Lot
- Washington Street Parking Lot
- Gas House Parking Lot
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Parking Lot

The locations of these lots can be viewed on these downtown maps.



When will I see these changes?

The City Council's orders will tentatively go into effect on November 1, but you will begin to see the new signage put in place sooner than that. Once new signage is installed, you may receive a warning notice informing you of the upcoming changes if you violate the rules, and enforcement via parking tickets will begin after a short adjustment period.

Where will I park during snow bans?

The same parking lots that have been open for snow bans in the past will remain open (Washington Street Lot, Foss Street Lot, Gas House Lot, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Lot). If you already have a Nights and Weekends Permit or a 24/7 Permit, there will be no additional cost to park in these lots. If you do not have one of these permits, you may purchase a Winter Parking Ban Permit for \$5 per storm.

Snow ban parking will be available at a discounted rate of \$2 per storm leading up to May 2019.

Is anything else expected to change downtown?

Parking on Main Street will be prohibited between 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM to allow the Public Works Department to complete street sweeping and better maintain the downtown.

Additionally, a no-parking zone will be established on the Bangor Savings/Mulligan's side of Lincoln Street, a change that was anticipated as part of the Lincoln Street Reconstruction Project.

What is the background on these changes?

Biddeford's continued growth has increased parking needs in the downtown. The City Council held three public meetings in April 2018 to gather citizen input on parking and collected additional comments through an online form. The proposed fee schedule and parking time limit changes were developed using this public feedback and staff recommendations. The **Draft Parking Management Plan** provides a complete overview of the history and research that has been conducted on the downtown parking issue.

I still have questions! How can I get more information?

We are happy to answer your questions to help make this transition as smooth as possible.

Please contact Planning and Development Director Mathew Eddy by phone at 207-282-7119 or by email at Mathew.eddy@biddefordmaine.org with any parking-related questions.

You can also read the orders in the form that they were approved by City Council by clicking **here**.

**Biddeford Fire Department
Incident Analysis
From 09/01/2018 Thru 09/30/2018**

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Occurrences</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
BFD FIRE IN OR ON A BUILDING	2	0.4
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE	1	0.2
BFD FIRE CONFINED TO COOKING APPLIANCE	1	0.2
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY NO TRANSPORT	49	9.4
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG NO TRANSPORT	19	3.7
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	191	36.7
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	94	18.1
BFD EMS TRANSPORT SMHC TO A MEDICAL FACILITY	20	3.8
BFD RECEIVE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	12	2.3
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	1	0.2
BFD MVC W/OUT INJURY	8	1.5
BFD MVC W/ INJURY	16	3.1
BFD ELEVATOR RESCUE	4	0.8
BFD HAZMAT (MINOR) (GAS OR OIL SPILL)	2	0.4
BFD CARBON MONOXIDE	1	0.2
BFD CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MALFUNCTION	1	0.2
BFD ELECTRICAL PROBLEM	6	1.2
BFD CABLE LINE DOWN	2	0.4
BFD TELEPHONE LINE DOWN	2	0.4
BFD WIRES ARCING	1	0.2
BFD LOCK OUT VEHICLE OR STRUCTURE	2	0.4
BFD WATER PROBLEM	2	0.4
BFD INSIDE SMOKE OR ORDOR INVESTIGATION	10	1.9
BFD PUBLIC ASSIST	4	0.8
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID NON STRUCTURE FIRE	4	0.8
BFD UNPERMITTED BURN	2	0.4
BFD EMS CALL CANCELLED ENROUTE	8	1.5
BFD BFD FIRE CALL CANCELED ENROUTE	3	0.6
BFD OUTSIDE SMOKE OR ODOR INVESTIGATION	3	0.6
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX PULLS/SMOKES	14	2.7
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX TAMPER OR TROUBLE	2	0.4
BFD FALSE ALARM MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX SYSTEM MALFUNCTION	3	0.6
BFD FALSE CALL-GOOD INTENT	6	1.2
BFD PULLS/SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION RESIDENTIAL	7	1.3
BFD RESIDENTIAL ALARM MALFUNCTION	17	3.3
TOTAL	520	100.0

For Districts: All
 For Situations: All
 For Jurisdictions: All
 For Street(s): All
 For Location: All