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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday	October 9, 2018
4:30 p.m.	School Committee
6:00 p.m.	City Council Special Meeting (Live)
6:15 p.m.	City Council Workshop (Live)
Wednesday	October 10, 2018
4:00 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission
6:00 p.m.	Zoning Board of Appeals (Live)
6:30 p.m.	Downtown Development Commission @ 2 nd Floor Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Shellfish Conservation Commission
Thursday	October 11, 2018
7:00 p.m.	"My Neighborhood Network" Meeting – Tattle Corner Neighborhood @ Historic Biddeford Meeting House

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



Several parking changes will be coming to downtown Biddeford starting on November 1. See page 4 of this week's Beat for details.

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

BIDDEFORD HOMECOMING COMMUNITY EVENT

FREE

Join us for an afternoon of FAMILY FUN!

FREE

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 12
3:30-5:30PM**

**PROSPECT ST &
WATERHOUSE
FIELD**

**FREE
HOTDOGS,
POPCORN,
COTTON
CANDY**

GAMES

**FACE
PAINTING,
PUMPKIN
PAINTING**



FREE



FREE

James Beaudry Presented Key to the City



At Tuesday's City Council meeting, outstanding Biddeford citizen and volunteer James Beaudry was presented a key to the City. This honor is rarely bestowed, but Mr. Beaudry's commitment to giving back to our community throughout his life has made him a Biddeford icon that deserves this special recognition!

More Improvements to Rotary Park



The Recreation Department would like to thank Andrew, Ian, and all the other volunteers that worked to add yet a couple more obstacles at the Rotary Park Skate Park.

LINCOLN STREET CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

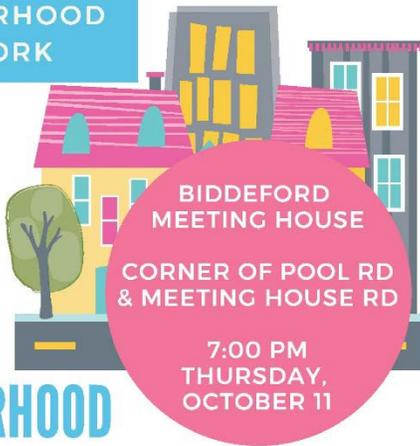
On **Tuesday October 9**, base pavement is scheduled to be installed on Lincoln Street. This work will be followed by installation of curbing and sidewalk placement.

During paving prep and actual paving, the street will be closed to all traffic for periods of time, but all businesses will remain open and accessible. Please follow detour and directional signage.

New Deputy Human Resources Director

We are pleased to announce **Diana DePaolo** as the City of Biddeford's new Deputy Human Resources Director. Ms. DePaolo comes to us with a mix of public and private sector work along with a compliment of serving both in HR roles as well as being a high level decision maker in organizations. She has a MBA from Brandeis University and undergraduate degrees from Wheaton College (BA Psychology; AA Sociology). We are very excited to welcome her to our team!

MY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK



NEIGHBORHOOD GET TOGETHER - JOIN US!

Do you love your neighborhood? Are there things you want to change? "My Neighborhood Network" wants to hear from you! Join your neighbors for discussion and refreshments. Kids welcome, with an adult. Kids who draw a picture of their neighborhood will win a prize!

FMI, call 284-9105 or email
linda.waters@biddefordmaine.org

My Neighborhood Network Meeting for Tattle Corner Neighborhood

Through the My Neighborhood Network initiative, residents of defined downtown neighborhoods meet to discuss what makes them feel connected to their neighborhood and what changes they would like to see in their communities. The October 11 meeting at 7 p.m. in the Biddeford Meeting House is intended for residents of the "Tattle Corner" neighborhood in the area located around Meeting House Road. Attendees will be asked to provide input on both what they like about their neighborhood and what they would like to see change. They will also look at the neighborhood map and outline their neighborhood boundaries. Community Development Coordinator Linda Waters, Rev. Shirley Bowen of Seed of Hope Neighborhood Center on South Street, and Sarah Breul of the UNE Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition and Sullivan Street Neighborhood Hub will be present at the meeting to connect those who attend with existing resource centers in the city.

"It's Our Time" Open House

As part of the #VoteYourMainStreet Campaign, Heart of Biddeford will be holding an Open House Event on Saturday, October 20. Come join in this celebration of our history and our clock tower!

Open Houses, 3-6 p.m., various locations

- Tours of the clock tower, [pre-reg required here](#).
- Backstage Tours of City Theater, [pre-reg required here](#).
- Biddeford Historical Society Presentation: History of the City Hall Building, with BHS curator Catherine Glynn (no pre-reg required), 4 p.m.
- Biddeford Historical Society Main Street Architecture and History Tours. Meet at City Square (no pre-reg required), 3:30, 4, and 4:30.
- Upper Main Street Scavenger Hunt – more info coming soon!



It's Our Time Community Celebration, 6-6:45 p.m. City Square

- Celebrate our community and preservation of the clock tower!
- Meet on Adam Street outside City Hall, with performances by Sellam Circus, illuminated art on the City Hall building by Lumenarrt, and live music!

True Story Theater, 7-8:30 p.m., City Theater

- [True Story Theater: An interactive story-sharing experience.](#)
- Tickets are free but we [recommend getting your ticket on Eventbrite](#) to secure your spot.

True Story Theater performs improvisational theater with heart. Audience member volunteers are invited to share a brief story from their personal experience. Actors then honor these stories through drama, movement, music, and song. With True Story Theater, audiences laugh and cry, build respect and understanding, and gain insights about their lives. All ages welcome. It's fine if English is not your first language. Come to share, or just to watch and learn.



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 **\$65**/month. (An error in last week’s Biddeford Beat listed the cost of 24/7 permits as \$60 per month.)
- 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

What lots will have paid parking?



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

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



The yellow starbursts on these maps indicate the approximate locations of the parking kiosks.

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?

Overnight parking on Main Street will be prohibited 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 most recent [Parking Management document](#) 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](#).