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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday	October 16, 2018
5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Live)
6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting (Live)
Wednesday	October 17, 2018
6:00 p.m.	Planning Board (Live)
6:00 p.m.	Downtown Committee @ Mayor's Office
Thursday	October 18, 2018
6:30 p.m.	Airport Commission (Live)
Friday	October 19, 2018
7:00 a.m.	Biddeford Industrial and Business Park Meeting

[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 5 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](#).

2018 EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER BANQUET

On Thursday, we held our Third Annual Employee and Volunteer Banquet! Nearly 200 employees and volunteers from each of the City's departments attended the event to celebrate the past year's accomplishments. The following employees and volunteers received special recognition for their above-and-beyond service this year:



Larry Patoine, Planning Board Chairman
Volunteer of the Year



Terry Roberts, Waste Truck Handler
Employee of the Year



Carmen Morris, City Clerk
Management Team
Member Award



**Jim Emerson, Professional Standards,
Special Services Division**
Technical and Service Team Member
Award; Police Department Civilian
Employee of the Year



Detective John Gill
Investigator of the Year



Scott LaBrequé
Police Officer of the Year



Kristy Cyr, Tax Collector
Finance Department Award



**Linda Lapierre, Ross Center Program
Asst.: Recreation Department Award**



Marina Gagne, Associate Clerk
City Clerk Department Award



Inspector Larry Dutremble
Fire Department Volunteer Award



Ralph Goulet, Fire Dept. Photographer
Fire Department Volunteer Award



Kristopher Reynolds, Airport Manager
Facilities Department Award

Not Pictured

Kara Cote, Public Works Administrative Assistant: Customer Service Team Member Award
Kathy Boyden, Fire Department Office Manager: Fire Department Employee of the Year

We also recognized 44 employees who have each provided at least 20 years of service to the City. In total, these 44 individuals have provided 999 years of service to Biddeford! Congratulations to all who were recognized, and thank you to all employees and volunteers for your service.

Biddeford Recreation Youth Halloween Party 2018

For kids up to age 10
Friday, October 26th, 2018
6:30 to 8:30pm
J. Richard Community Center
Gymnasium
Free of Charge!!



Kids can play games to win prizes,
 make Halloween decorations and enjoy
 refreshments.



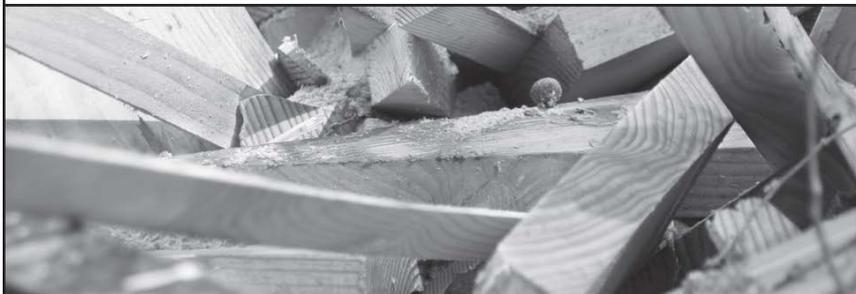
Costumes are encouraged.
 Please bring a container
 for prizes.
Adult Supervision
Required!



For more information
 please call the recreation
 office at 283-0841
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

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

New Ward 5 Councilor Sworn In



At Tuesday's City Council Meeting, City Clerk Carmen Morris swore in new Ward 5 Councilor Amy Clearwater. She will fill the seat that was formerly held by Victoria Foley, who moved to a new home outside of her Ward.

If you live in Ward 5 and would like to reach Councilor Clearwater, you may do by email at amy.clearwater@biddefordmaine.org or by phone at 207-558-1801.

FISH FRY



When: Saturday, Oct. 20th from 4-7
Where: Biddeford Fire Dept.
152 Alfred St., Biddeford
\$10/per person
To benefit the Fire Relief Assoc.

"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 [here!](#)



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

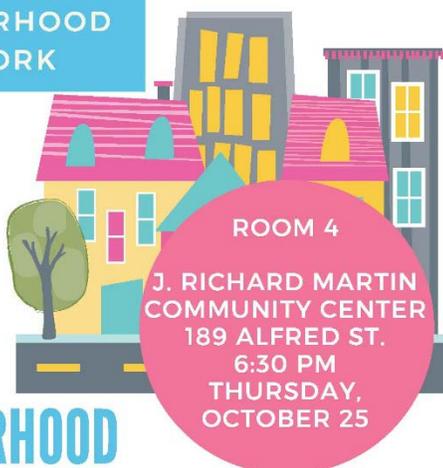
- Celebrate our community and preservation of the clock tower!
- Meet on Adam Street outside City Hall, with performances by Sellam Circus, spoken word from Emma Bouthillette, illuminated art on the City Hall building by Lumenart, and live music!

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.

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

Friday, October 19
7:00 AM—8:30 AM

Make Your Mark— Hire Here!

Biddeford Public Works, 371 Hill Street

Join

- State Representative Martin Grohman
- Martha Jacques (Alternative Pathways)
- Rev. Shirley Bowen (Seeds of Hope)
- Sgt. Steve Gorton (Biddeford Police Department)
- Biddeford's Economic Development Department

for a discussion of Biddeford's workforce and how to strengthen it.

For more information, please contact:

Brad Favreau
Economic Development Coordinator
Phone: 207-571-1612
Email: brad.favreau@biddefordmaine.org

BIDDEFORD

Make your mark. Make it here.



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 Strategy 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.
- 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?

The application form for long-term parking permits is available [on our website](#) in a fillable PDF format. You can also pick up a form at the City Clerk's Office or the City Manager's Office at City Hall. You may submit a complete form by emailing it to finance@biddefordmaine.org or returning it to the City Clerk's Office.

Permit applications must be completed by October 19. At that time, there will be a drawing 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.

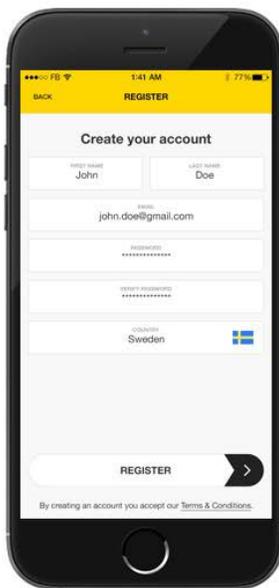
Once the kiosks are in operation, you may purchase both short-term and long-term parking permits directly from the kiosks based on availability. To register your vehicle, you will just need to enter your license plate number using the kiosk's keypad and use a credit or debit card to pay for the transaction. 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.



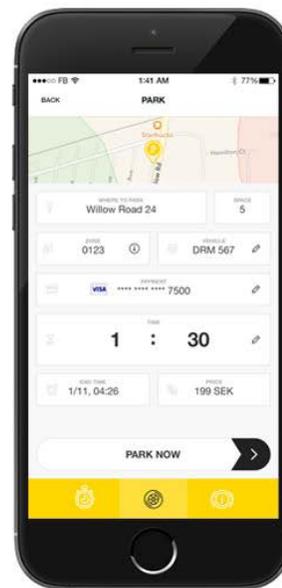
1.

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 at 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?



- 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](#).