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Several parking changes will be coming to downtown Biddeford in November. Please visit www.biddefordmaine.org/parking and see page 5 for updates and details on these topics and more:

- Delay in permit parking implementation date
- Enforcement of on-street parking changes
- Public meeting on parking



Veterans Day

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Meetings are located in the Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise stated. Live meetings can be viewed on the [City of Biddeford website](http://www.biddefordmaine.org) or on the Public Access Channel.

Monday **November 5, 2018**
 5:30 p.m. Downtown Development
 Commission @ 2nd Floor Conference
 Room

Tuesday **November 6, 2018**
 7:00 a.m. to **ELECTION DAY** - Polls will be open
 8:00 p.m. in the Tiger Gym at Biddeford
 High School on Maplewood
 Avenue, regardless of ward.



Wednesday **November 7, 2018**
 6:00 p.m. Planning Board (Live)

Thursday **November 8, 2018**
 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing: Year 5 Consolidated
 Annual Performance and Evaluation
 Report (CAPER) @ 2nd Floor
 Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live)

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

City Hall will be **CLOSED** on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day. Trash and recycling pickup will take place as regularly scheduled.

Veteran's Day Parade

Biddeford and Saco's 2018 Veteran's Day Parade will depart from Saco's Beach Street at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 12, then proceed along Main Street to Biddeford's Veterans Memorial Park.

Transportation to the parade is available courtesy of the Bentley's Saloon bus. It will depart the Biddeford American Legion Post 26 on Elm Street at 9 a.m.

After the Veterans Day Ceremony, there will be a complimentary meal at AMVETS Post 1, 147 Alfred St. Biddeford. This event is open to the public. Questions on the meal? Call Gene @ 207-337-0111.

Notice to Residents of Biddeford Important Leaf Collection Information and Collection Dates

Curbside collection of leaves will be limited to leaves placed in bio-degradable bags. Bio-degradable bags may be purchased at the Biddeford Recycling Center or at a number of other local stores.

Leaf collection for wards 1, 2, 3 & 4:
Monday, November 5th
Monday, November 19th

Leaf collection for wards 5, 6 & 7:
Monday, November 12th
Monday, November 26th

Leaves can also be brought to the Biddeford Recycling Center during regular operating hours AND on the following SUNDAYS from 7:00am until 2:45pm - November 18th & November 25th



Please call the Public Works Department at 282-1579 with any questions.

Not sure of your ward number? [Click here](#) and look for your address to find out.

Did you know you can sign up to receive Winter Parking Ban alerts from our Public Works Department as soon as they are announced?

[Click here](#) to sign up!

You can also visit our Facebook page, [City Government Biddeford Maine](#), or follow [@BiddMEPW](#) on Twitter for winter parking ban updates.

Q: I received winter parking ban alerts last winter, am I still on the list?

A: Unfortunately, when we changed website hosts this summer, we were not able to transfer over our email contact lists. If you signed up for snow ban alerts in late summer or early fall, you are still on the list! If you signed up before June 2018, you will need to update your subscription preferences at the link above.



News about the restoration grant for the clock tower that YOU voted for has been spreading all across New England! Check out [this story](#) from New England Cable News about your accomplishment!

City Hall and Recreation Department staff had a *frighteningly* great time dressing up for Halloween and handing out candy to downtown trick-or-treaters!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

SOUTH STREET

On Tuesday, October 30, digging on South Street was stopped in order to prepare for winter. The contractor completed water services and a small run of sewer pipe and began prepping for hot top from Dearborn Ave to the railroad overpass on Friday, November 2.

South Street will be open to two-way traffic on Election Day, November 6, to accommodate vehicles traveling to Maplewood Ave for voting.

Paving from Dearborn Ave to the railroad overpass will begin on November 11 or 12, and paving from the railroad overpass to Elm Street will begin by November 19 or 20. Sidewalks and curbing work will continue through December 2018. All sidewalks will be paved for winter operations.

Property repairs will continue until snowfall. All lawns will be replanted before early spring, so all homeowners will have property back to original condition for late spring of 2019.

In early spring of 2019, the contractor will finish the surface of hot top from Dearborn to the railroad overpass. Paving of driveway aprons will be completed at that time.

Construction will continue in late March from the railroad overpass to Elm Street. Delays should be expected at that time.

Thank you for your patience as we work to complete this project.

LINCOLN STREET

Last week, underground utility conduits, a utility vault, and new light posts were installed on Lincoln Street. During the week of November 5, the site will be prepared for the installation of concrete sidewalks. Surface paving of the road is currently anticipated during the week of November 12, weather and temperature permitting. If sufficient sidewalk work is completed by November 9, pavement placement may begin sooner.

During sidewalk and final pavement installation, the street may be closed to all traffic for short periods of time. All businesses are open and will be accessible. Parking will be available in the lot across the street from Mulligans.

QUIMBY STREET

Final paving and curbing will be completed in spring 2019.

HILLS BEACH ROAD

Construction on Hills Beach Road has been completed. Thank you to residents for all your patience during this project.



Citizens and community groups are invited to a public hearing to share their input on Biddeford's Year 5 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The hearing will be held on November 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room at City Hall. This Public Hearing is being held pursuant to the City's participation in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. Please [click here](#) for details.

2018 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION



The 2018 General Election will be held on November 6. Polls will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Tiger Gym at Biddeford High School on Maplewood Avenue, regardless of ward. **South Street will be open to traffic for voting on November 6.** Please visit <https://www.biddefordmaine.org/2782/November-2018-Election-Information> to view a sample ballot, find your ward and house district, and more.

Did you know that the Biddeford YMCA is offering free short-term childcare while you vote from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day? This service is open to all members of the community.

SACO RIVER FEDERAL NAVIGATION MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROJECT

After 24 years, the Saco River is finally being dredged to its approved depths this fall and winter!

Here is what you need to know about the project:



- The Saco River is one of 62 channels and anchorages in the State of Maine.
 - Beginning in November, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) federal navigation project will be dredged to its approved depth of 6' MLLW.
 - USACE has hired H&L Contracting, LLC to perform the dredge at the easterly and westerly ends of the river.
 - The contractor will mobilize to the site(s) and begin dredging in early November.
 - The dredge timeframe is November 2018 through March 2019.
 - The contractor will remove approximately 140,000 CY from the federal navigation channel and anchorages.
 - The cost to complete the dredging - \$3.93 million - is all paid for by the USACE.
 - The sand at the easterly end of the river (Camp Ellis area) will be pumped over to Camp Ellis for beach replenishment purposes.
- The sand at the westerly end of the river will be deposited in the deep scour hole mid-river, as it was in November 2017.
 - All moorings will be moved near shore during dredge operations, at the expense of each mooring permit holder.
 - Questions about moorings should be directed to Harbor Master, Marshal Alexander at 207-282-3479 and Assistant Harbor Master Paul Lariviere at 207-282-4647.

A complete map of the dredging site can be found [here](#).

To learn more about the fascinating history of the Saco River, please [click here](#) to visit the US Army Corps of Engineers website. You can also view the Public Notice from the 2016 Maintenance Dredging [here](#) and a report of the 2016 Channel Conditions [here](#).



PARKING UPDATES



BIDDEFORD CITY COUNCIL ASKED TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC MEETING ON PARKING

At the November 8 City Council Meeting, the Mayor and Council president will ask the City Council to support scheduling an open meeting on parking. The purpose of the meeting will be to answer any questions, clarify any confusion, present an overview of parking-related issues facing the community, and show how various projects and issues are connected and how the city is responding to these issues. This is part of the City's ongoing effort to improve communication as well as to provide an opportunity for citizens to provide feedback on various goals and objectives.

A major advantage of the open meeting format is that it eliminates many of the formal rules of City Council meetings so that a conversation about the issues can occur. The proposed format will allow the public an opportunity to ask questions. Additionally, members of the public who cannot attend will be invited to submit questions ahead of the meeting.

Specific details on the meeting date, time, and format will be available after November 8.

EQUIPMENT DELAY POSTPONES PERMIT PARKING

The City of Biddeford has previously announced that it would be implementing a new parking program on November 1 that includes the use of parking permits in downtown municipal parking lots. However, the City was notified by the manufacturer of its parking kiosks that the shipment of equipment has been unexpectedly delayed. The date of arrival for the kiosks is now expected to be in mid-November.

Until the new implementation date, all vehicles may continue to be parked in municipal surface lots free of charge. Once the kiosks are installed, the permit parking system will be implemented, and short-term parking permits will be available for purchase through the kiosks at the introductory rate of \$1 per hour.

Community members who would like to purchase a long-term parking permit at this time will have their payment applied to permit costs for the month of December. A permit for the remainder of November will also be provided at no additional cost. Individuals who have already purchased a long-term parking permit may elect to have their payment refunded. Each person who has previously purchased a permit was contacted by the City directly at the email address that was provided on the parking permit application form.

The City of Biddeford sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience of this delay.

ENFORCEMENT OF ON-STREET PARKING CHANGES BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 1

Members of Biddeford's downtown community are advised to take notice of posted time limits when parking on Main Street and downtown side streets. Parking enforcement officers began ticketing cars that violate new signage on November 1. Vehicles that are in violation of these new signs *may* receive a warning for their first violation and *will* be ticketed for their second violation. Vehicles **will not** receive a warning for violating longstanding parking time limits.