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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.

Tuesday	November 13, 2018
4:30 p.m.	School Committee @ Little Theater, Biddeford High School (Live)
6:00 p.m.	City Council Workshop (Live)
Wednesday	November 14, 2018
4:00 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission @ 2 nd Floor Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Solid Waste Management Commission @ Public Works
7:00 p.m.	Shellfish Conservation Committee @ Biddeford Pool Fire Dept. 2 nd Floor Conference Room
Thursday	November 15, 2018
5:30 p.m.	Downtown Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Airport Commission Meeting (Live)
7:00 p.m.	Conservation Commission @ 2 nd Floor Conference Room
Monday	November 19, 2018
6:00 p.m.	Parking Meeting at Little Theater, Biddeford High School (Live)

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

TRANSFER STATION EXTENDED HOURS

Sunday Nov. 18, 7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

[Click here](#) for a list of accepted items.

PERMIT PARKING TO BEGIN DECEMBER 1

The City of Biddeford's permit parking system for downtown parking lots will officially begin on December 1. All previously announced costs and details other than the implementation date will remain the same. Please visit www.biddefordmaine.org/parking for more info.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PARKING

Please join us in Biddeford High School's Little Theater on November 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for a **public meeting on downtown 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 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 meeting will be televised on the Public Access Channel.

If you would like to submit a question in advance or are unable to attend, please complete [this form](#). The form will be open for submissions through Thursday, November 15 to allow time for the Council and staff to organize and evaluate the questions received. You may still submit questions directly to your Councilor after Thursday, but questions received before the Thursday deadline will be prioritized.

The Public Access Channel has moved!



Spectrum Cable subscribers can now view Biddeford Public Access on channels 1301 and 1302.

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.



A reminder from the Biddeford Police Department: In light of a recent police impersonation incident in Kennebunk, please remember that plainclothes officers will ALWAYS have their badges and will readily show their credentials if there is any doubt to their identity!

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.

THANKSGIVING TRASH COLLECTION

There will be **NO** trash or recycling pickup on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 22). Trash and recycling normally picked up on this day will be picked up on **Saturday, November 24**.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 23.

Residents are exempt from the separation and overflow requirements for the trash and recycling collection period immediately following the Thanksgiving Holiday. Therefore, on the following trash collection days ONLY, there is no requirement to use the City's orange Pay As You Throw (PAYT) bags for any overflow trash:



Friday, November 23
Monday, November 26
Tuesday, November 27
Wednesday, November 28
Thursday, November 29





"Hand it to a Hero" Toy Drive



Saturday, November 24
10 AM - 2 PM

Walmart
in Biddeford



**Purchase a toy and
"Hand it to a Hero"**

Brought to you by



because every
child deserves a
little Christmas.

The Biddeford Recreation 50+ Club's Knitting for Charity group has made hundreds of hats, mittens, scarves, and sweaters over the past year that will be donated to children in need! [Click here](#) to read more.



Thank you to Heart of Biddeford for organizing the Biddeford & Saco Veterans Day Parade!

THANKSGIVING MEAL RESOURCES

The Holiday Season is upon us! If you or a loved one are in need of a free warm Thanksgiving meal, the following is a list of resources that will be open to the public on Thanksgiving Day.

Biddeford Primary School, 11 am - 1 pm

Bon Appetit Meal Program, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Second Congregational Church, 19 Crescent Street, Biddeford. Call 207-205-0995 FMI.

Knights of Columbus, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Most Holy Trinity Church, 271 Main Street, Saco (all Biddeford residents welcome). Call 282-3321 by November 16 to reserve meal delivery to homebound persons. You may also call before November 15 to reserve a Thanksgiving Basket to take home to prepare your own meal.



2018 ELECTION RESULTS



At the [November 6, 2018 General Election](#), Biddeford residents elected the following representatives to the Maine State Legislature:

Susan Deschambeault will represent Maine Senate District 32.

Diane Denk will represent Maine House District 9, Ryan Fecteau will represent Maine House District 11, and Victoria Foley will represent Maine House District 12. Visit [this page](#) on our website and find your address to determine your representative.

8,260 Biddeford residents voted in this election. Thank you to the City Clerk's Office for running a smooth and efficient election for our residents!

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](#).



Biddeford Fire Department Incident Analysis From 10/01/2018 through 10/31/2018

Incident Type

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Occurrences</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Not Reported	5	1.3
BFD FIRE IN OR ON A BUILDING	1	0.3
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE	1	0.3
BFD FIRE CONFINED TO COOKING APPLIANCE	1	0.3
BFD FUEL BURNER/BOILER MALFUNCTION, FIRE CONFINED	2	0.5
BFD BRUSH/WOODS/GRASS FIRE	1	0.3
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY NO TRANSPORT	35	9.2
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG NO TRANSPORT	11	2.9
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	130	34.0
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	70	18.3
BFD EMS TRANSPORT SMHC TO A MEDICAL FACILITY	20	5.2
BFD RECEIVE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	1	0.3
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	7	1.8
BFD MVC W/OUT INJURY	7	1.8
BFD MVC W/ INJURY	5	1.3
BFD MVC W/ EXTRICATION	1	0.3
BFD ELEVATOR RESCUE	1	0.3
BFD WATER RESUE/ PERSONS IN THE WATER	1	0.3
BFD HAZMAT (MINOR) (GAS OR OIL SPILL)	2	0.5
BFD CARBON MONOXIDE	1	0.3
BFD CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MALFUNCTION	1	0.3
BFD CABLE LINE DOWN	2	0.5
BFD TELEPHONE LINE DOWN	1	0.3
BFD WIRES ARCING	1	0.3
BFD TREE DOWN	2	0.5
BFD POWER LINE DOWN	2	0.5
BFD WATER PROBLEM	1	0.3
BFD INSIDE SMOKE OR ORDOR INVESTIGATION	2	0.5
BFD PUBLIC ASSIST	10	2.6
BFD ASSIST POLICE OR OTHER AGENCY	1	0.3
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID NON STRUCTURE FIRE	4	1.0
PERMIT/CAMP FIRE INVESTIGATION	2	0.5
BFD EMS CALL CANCELLED ENROUTE	9	2.4
BFD BFD FIRE CALL CANCELED ENROUTE	2	0.5
BFD OUTSIDE SMOKE OR ODOR INVESTIGATION	3	0.8
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX WATER FLOW	3	0.8
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX PULLS/SMOKES	9	2.4
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX TAMPER OR TROUBLE	3	0.8
BFD FALSE ALARM MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX SYSTEM MALFUNCTION	3	0.8
BFD FALSE CALL-GOOD INTENT	5	1.3
BFD PULLS/SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION RESIDENTIAL	3	0.8
BFD RESIDENTIAL ALARM MALFUNCTION	10	2.6
TOTAL	382	100.0

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