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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 (channel 1301).

**Monday**            **November 26, 2018**  
6:30 p.m.            Downtown Committee (Live)

**Wednesday**    **November 28, 2018**  
6:00 p.m.            Planning Board Workshop on  
Comprehensive Plan w/ City Council  
(Live)

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



## MAIN STREET

Have you heard the news? **Thanks to Heart of Biddeford, our**

**Main Street is once again in the running for a national contest!**

Biddeford was selected out of 12,000 small communities around the country for a **one in 20 chance** to win a **\$500,000 revitalization prize to benefit six members of our small business community**. If we win, Biddeford will be featured on Season 4 of "Small Business Revolution – Main Street", sponsored by Deluxe Corporation.

To help us move on to the next round, please share why you love Biddeford on social media, and be sure to use the hashtag **#MyBiddeford** and tag **The Small Business Revolution** in your post!

## DOWNTOWN PERMIT PARKING TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 1

The City of Biddeford's permit parking system will go into effect on Saturday, December 1.

**If you have purchased a monthly permit**, your license plate number has been registered into our enforcement system already. You may park in your assigned lot without entering any information into the kiosk.

**If you will be using a municipally-owned parking lot for short-term parking**, you must enter your license plate number into a parking kiosk, select the amount of time that you will need to park, and complete your purchase with a credit or debit card. You will not need to display a ticket or receipt in your window to prove you have paid to park. Additionally, short-term parking permits can be purchased through a free mobile app called **WayToPark**. 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. The app will send you a reminder when your parking period is about to expire.

There will be a \$50 fine for parking in a downtown municipal lot without a permit.



For a complete list of the details of the permit program, visit [www.biddefordmaine.org/parking](http://www.biddefordmaine.org/parking).

## MEET SANTA AT THE FIRE STATION!



6:00 p.m.  
December 2, 2018

Santa will be stopping by the Biddeford Fire Department to find out what the good girls and boys of Biddeford want for Christmas this year!

Enjoy snacks, pizza, cookies, hot cocoa, coffee, and cold drinks while you wait for your turn to meet Santa.

## BIDDEFORD HALL OF FAME

The Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center unveiled their Biddeford Hall of Fame plaque Monday morning! The Hall of Fame recognizes and celebrates those who have contributed to the history, heritage, and culture of the city in a significant way. You can now visit the Council Chambers at City Hall to view the biographies of the eight members of the inaugural class, or read them digitally on the [BCHC website](#).



Above: BCHC selection committee members in front of the Hall of Fame.

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.

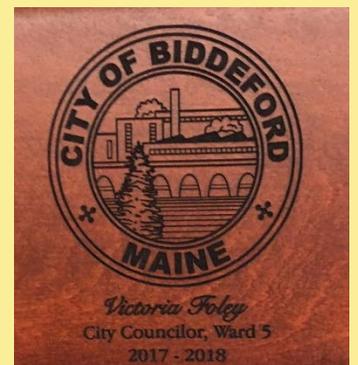
**Q:** I received winter parking ban alerts last winter, am I still on the list?

**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.

## FORMER WARD 5 COUNCILOR RECOGNIZED BY CITY

Former Ward 5 Councilor Victoria Foley recently had to step down from her seat after moving to a new home outside of her ward. It is a Biddeford tradition to provide an outgoing Council member with a personalized chair as recognition for their work serving the City.

Thank you for your work on our Council, and best of luck as the Maine House District 12 Representative!



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Thank you for reading!

## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

This holiday weekend, members of the Biddeford Fire Department donated their time to helping the community during three events:

### Biddeford Primary School Thanksgiving Dinner

The Fire Department Duty Shift volunteered at Biddeford Primary School to serve meals to residents on Thanksgiving Day.



Captain John Pothier, retiring soon, working his last Thanksgiving with FF/EMT Brady Groton, our newest member working his first!

### Fill the Boot for MDA

The Biddeford Fire Department raised over \$7,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association at the annual Fill The Boot drive at Biddeford Crossing on Black Friday!



### Hand it to a Hero Toy Drive

The Biddeford Fire Department and Biddeford Police Department partnered up to collect about 500 toy donations and \$700 in cash donations! A special thank you to Walmart for hosting the event and donating two carts full of toys. Additional toy donations will be collected at the Fire Department until Christmas.

