



The Biddeford Beat

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mon Nov 7

6:30pm - Downtown Development Commission
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tue Nov 8

7:00am to 8:00pm - 2016 Election Voting
(Biddeford High School Tiger Gym)

7:00pm - School Committee
(Biddeford High School Little Theater)

Wed Nov 9

8:00am - Downtown Task Force
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

4:00pm - Historic Preservation
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

4:45pm - Waste Water Management Commission
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

6:00pm - Zoning Board of Appeals
(City Hall Council Chambers)

Fri Nov 11

City Hall CLOSED - VETERAN'S DAY

For Full Calendar, [click here](#)

Biddeford/Saco Veteran's Day Parade

Friday, November 11th Cities of Biddeford and Saco gather as a community to acknowledge the men and women who sacrifice and serve in armed forces of the United States with a Parade which begins at 10 a.m. with a brief ceremony in Eastman Park in Saco (corner of Beach and Main St.) and proceeds through Biddeford's Main St. to Alfred St, concluding with a closing ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park (Alfred and Pool St, Biddeford).

The Master of Ceremony will be Michael Merrill of Volunteers of Northern New England and Parade Chief of Staff, Joseph McKenney.
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Code Enforcement Going Mobile

The Code Enforcement Office (Codes) conducts numerous inspections each year including building and plumbing, electrical, life safety and property maintenance. In fiscal year 2014, the Codes office conducted 2,294 field inspections and the number increased to 2,473 in fiscal year 2015. Despite the large number of inspections completed each year, the manual field inspection process is very inefficient. Currently, inspectors document the inspection on paper forms then return to the office to transcribe the data, draft reports and issue approvals or violations. Accurate documentation and timely reporting are essential for fostering new development and ensuring resolution of violations. Codes, in conjunction with the Technology Department's IT Division, has been evaluating ways to improve field inspection efficiency.

On Tuesday, November 1st the Finance Committee authorized implementation of a mobile inspection and reporting solution. The plan includes the ability for Codes personnel to bring a mobile device into the field, perform and document an inspection in real time, return to the vehicle to download the inspection, and then generate the inspection report and any violations or authorizations right at the inspection site. The inspection documents can be emailed or printed and hand-delivered to the recipient before moving on to the next inspection. This mobile solution greatly reduces the currently required follow-up administrative time at the office. The mobile solution is also fully integrated with the City's finance software and the property database used by Assessing. This integration promotes efficient use of the existing shared database and will assist in managing inspection recordkeeping and billing.

Implementation is underway and Codes should be mobile by end of the year.

NOTICE TO BIDDEFORD RESIDENTS

The Recycling Center/Transfer Station will be open on the following Sundays in November from 7:00am until 2:45pm:

- Sunday, Nov 6th
- Sunday, Nov 13th
- Sunday, Nov 20th
- Sunday, Nov 27th



The Station is located on:
371 Hill Street (Public Works garage)

For more information, call 282-1579.
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ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING MATERIALS (recyclables, metal, brush, leaves)	ACCEPTABLE TRANSFER MATERIALS (large items/demo debris)
Cardboard News Paper Office Paper Milk Jugs Plastics # 1 & 2 Tin Cans Glass Jars, Bottles	Furniture Couch (cut in half) Recliners/Sleepers (broken down) Bulky Household Items Carpeting (cut into 2' square pieces) Mattresses/Boxsprings (broken down) Demolition Debris (\$20 c.y. cut into 3' pieces) Televisions, Computer Monitors & Towers Latex Paint (Dried)
Brush Leaves Grass Clippings Automotive Batteries Waste Motor Oil * Junk Steel ** Tires	<p><u>Unacceptable Materials:</u> regular household trash, equipment tires, hazardous waste, special waste, universal waste, lead or oil based paints, gasoline, propane tanks, roofing paper, roofing singles, tar, sheet rock/gypsum board, sakrete, asbestos, chemicals, drive way sealer.</p>
* \$20 charge for Freon containing items **4 free per year up to 16" Truck tires \$10 each Car tires \$3 each Tires mounted on rims will not be accepted.	

(continued from All Veteran's Day Parade)

This year's parade features the Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion and AmVets as well as performances from the Thornton Academy, Biddeford High School and Middle School bands, Alumni Band, Saco Band and local dance troops among others.

The closing ceremony will feature a special speech by Rich Brewer, founder of One Warrior Won, an organization designed to inform and educate about the complex issues facing returning combat veterans to their communities and assisting them in integrating into a more caring community and country. A Gulf War veteran, Rich was severely wounded by a suicide truck bomb that destroyed the American Embassy of Beirut.

His personal experience with PTSD led him to start One Warrior Won. Rich is the recipient of the Purple Heart, Navy Commendation, Navy Achievement, Combat Action, Presidential Unit Citation and numerous other personal and unit awards.

Parade participants and fans are invited to AmVets Post #1 for a complimentary luncheon following the parade. Special thanks to Delilah Poupore, executive director of Heart of Biddeford and her team for coordinating this special event in honor of Veterans, those that currently serve and the communities who support them.

For information about this event and Heart of Biddeford, please visit www.heartofbiddeford.org or [click here](#).



One Polling Location: Tiger Gym at Biddeford High School

As a reminder, please be advised that all voting on November 8, 2016 Election Day, regardless of Ward, will now take place at one location:

*Tiger Gym at Biddeford High School
20 Maplewood Ave.*

The consolidation of polling was voted on and approved by the Biddeford City Council on July 1, 2014 and commenced with the November 2, 2014 Election.

For more information, please contact City Clerk's office 284-9307.

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