



The Biddeford Beat

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Permits Approved and UNE Expands

The University of New of New England has recently received building permits for two projects the university is under taking at the Biddeford Campus. The first is the University Commons building. This will be a three-story approximately 60,000 sq. ft. free standing building where students can gather, study and dine from two working kitchens. This project went before the Biddeford Planning Board and received final approval on May 18, 2016.

The second project is an addition to the University's Harold Alfond Forum Sports Complex. The new addition will be a two-story expansion approximately 30,000 sq. ft. *(continued on A2)*

Winter is Here, Be Prepared

Winter has arrived and the City will be prepared to keep streets, lots and downtown sidewalks safe and clear. We encourage the public to be prepared as well in order to avoid vehicle violations or towing.

Snow Emergency Parking Bans: When a snow emergency parking ban is declared, parking is prohibited on any way street or in any municipal parking lot within the jurisdiction of the City, except in those municipal parking lots designated as open for parking during snow emergencies.

Vehicles may be parked in the Foss Street parking lot, Washington Street parking lot (behind post office), the Community Center parking lot (Myrtle Street side only), the Clifford Park parking lot and the Gas House parking lot on water Street during Snow Emergency Parking Bans **BUT** the vehicles must be removed prior to 7:00am on the day snow emergency parking ban ends or it will be towed. *(continued on A2)*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mon Dec 5

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

Tue Dec 6

5:00pm – Finance Committee
(City Hall Council Chambers)

5:00pm – Public Safety Committee
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

6:00pm – City Council Meeting
(City Hall Council Chambers)

Wed Dec 7

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

8:30am – Economic Improvement Commission
(City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room)

6:00pm – Planning Board Meeting
(City Hall Council Chambers)

For Full Calendar, [click here](#)

Reel Focus

The City is pleased to announce that Toni Sipka will create a TV Studio Production Program in collaboration with Public Access so that anyone interested can learn more about Studio and Television Production.

Toni's extensive background reaches far with experience as a successful talent agent, model, photographer, television host and most recognizably as Marvel Comics', Spiderwoman aka "Jessica Drew."

The program is designed to provide a strong foundation to produce your own Television program, offering techniques such as set-design, studio floor management, lighting, hosting and communicating with directors and the media.

The class will be 3 sessions at 3 hours each session, will begin in February 2017, offered to all ages and it's FREE! Expected session dates are Saturdays February 4th, 11th and 18th at 9:30am to 12:30pm at the Public Access Building. Please visit biddefordmaine.org/publicaccess as dates approach for registration which is required. Attendance will be limited. *(continued on A2)*



1981 – Toni as Marvel Comics', Spiderwoman

(continued from AI Reel Focus)

Toni moved to Maine in 2006 from Manhattan for more solitude and a change of pace from the NYC hustle, but not before living out her amazing endeavors which crossed the country from Los Angeles to Vegas, Chicago and Miami.

She currently resides in Biddeford Pool and has a show “Toni Time” on Public Access discussing topics pertaining to the community.



2015 - Toni with her 3 Puli Canines

When Toni’s not on camera or at the studio, she manages her own summer rental business, takes photographs, works on writing her books and spends quality time with her 3 dogs. “I am truly HOME now and enjoying every minute, Mainers are the greatest!”

The City is thrilled to have Toni on board and be part of Biddeford’s growth.

(continued from AI Winter Preparation)

Snow Removal Parking Bans: The City removes snow from certain streets in the urban area. This removal typically starts a day or two after a storm of sufficient magnitude and generally the work is done between 8pm – 7am.



Streets included in Snow Removal Parking Bans are identified with No Parking signs posted along the roadway. Signs are placed the morning before snow removal activity begins. Vehicles may park in any legal parking stall on any street and municipal parking lots not marked with No Parking signs and not included in the Snow Removal Parking Ban.

<p>Call To Verify A Ban Has Been Declared</p>  <p>Please call the Biddeford Parking Ban Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to verify if a ban has been declared.</p> <p>(207) 571-0616 Parking Ban Hotline</p>	<p>Ban Information Is Broadcast On:</p>   <table border="0"> <tr> <td>WCSH, Channel 6</td> <td>WBLM FM 102.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WMTW, Channel 8</td> <td>WLOB AM 1310</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WGME, Channel 13</td> <td>WGAN AM 560</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Access, Channel 3</td> <td>WPOR FM 101.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>WZAN AM 970</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>WMGX FM 93.1</td> </tr> </table>	WCSH, Channel 6	WBLM FM 102.9	WMTW, Channel 8	WLOB AM 1310	WGME, Channel 13	WGAN AM 560	Public Access, Channel 3	WPOR FM 101.9		WZAN AM 970		WMGX FM 93.1
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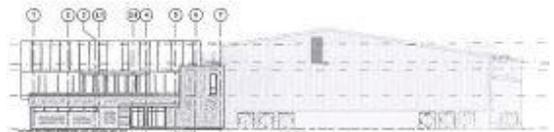
Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Downtown Business Area: City ordinances (Chapter 62 Sec 62-1) requires property owners in the downtown business area to remove ice and snow from the public sidewalks abutting their properties. The goal is to have all the business owners cooperatively work to make the downtown a safe and inviting environment for all of our residents, visitors and customers. The City owns a number of properties within the downtown business area and the Public Works Department is charged with the responsibility of clearing snow/ice from those areas.

(continued from AI UNE Expands)

The addition will comprise coaching staff offices, training rooms, locker rooms and classrooms. This project went before the Biddeford Planning Board and received final approval on September 7, 2016.



Commons Progress Print
View from Campus Spine



Addition | Existing

Harold Alfond Sports Complex
Overall East Elevation

Building permits fees collected for these two projects were approximately \$168,000.

The department typically assists other property owners by running its sidewalk plow wherever it safely fits in the area. However, this does not relieve the other property owners of their responsibility to clear snow/ice. The City offers a free sand and salt mixture at the Recycling/Transfer Station at 371 Hill Street during the winter months. There is a limit of two 5 gallon buckets per day. In cases where property owner does not address this responsibility, fines and fees for clearing the sidewalk may be imposed by the City.

The downtown business area is comprised of:

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| Adams St (Main to Jefferson) | Pool St (Alfred to Foss) |
| Alfred St (Maine to Mt Vernon) | South St (Adams to Jefferson) |
| Elm St (Center to Saco River) | Washington St (Main to Jefferson) (Jefferson to Alfred, eastside) |
| Federal St | Water St (Hill to Sullivan) |
| Franklin St | |
| Lincoln St | |
| Main St (Elm to Saco River) | |