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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.

Monday **December 17, 2018**
6:00 p.m. City Council Workshop with Legislative Delegation @ President's Board Room, University of New England campus

Tuesday **December 18, 2018**
10:00 a.m. Staff Review @ 2nd Floor Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live)

Wednesday **December 19, 2018**
6:30 p.m. Solid Waste Management Commission @ Public Works

Thursday **December 20, 2018**
6:30 p.m. Airport Commission Meeting (Live)
7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission @ 2nd Floor Conference Room

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

SANTA'S YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

Biddeford Recreation would like to thank all those who attended Santa's Youth Holiday Party on Friday night!



BIDDEFORD SELECTED AS TOP 10 COMMUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS REVOLUTION – MAIN STREET



Last week, Biddeford made it one step closer to winning a \$500,000 revitalization prize for six local businesses and being featured in a television series! We made the cut as

the Top 20 cities in the contest were reduced to the Top 10. The show's crew will come to Biddeford on January 22 to visit our small businesses and decide if we will move on to the Top 5. Keep tagging **The Small Business Revolution** and using the **#MyBiddeford** hashtag on social media to tell the show's crew what you love about our local businesses!

City Hall will close at noon on December 24 and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on December 26. The Biddeford Beat will NOT be distributed on December 24.

The City wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season!





SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN UPDATE



As a part of the new permit parking program, several changes have been made to the City of Biddeford's Snow Emergency Parking Ban procedures.

If you do not have a long-term parking permit (including Monday-Friday permit holders), the following lots will be available to you during snow emergency parking bans *AT NO CHARGE*:

Community Center Parking Lot
Clifford Park Parking Lot
East Biddeford Little League Field Parking Lot (on Hill Street)

You may also park in the following lots during a snow emergency parking ban for a \$2 *PER STORM FEE*:

Foss Street (Purple Lot)
Downtown (Yellow Lot)
Gas House (Maroon Lot)
Washington Street (Red Lot)

If you are a 24/7 or Nights & Weekends permit holder, you will be contacted with specific instructions on the parking procedures that apply to your lot. Permit holders should refer to these emails for direction during a snow emergency parking ban.

Cars are packed into lots bumper to bumper on a first-come, first-served basis during parking bans. You may park in any space that your car fits into.

As always, you will need to adhere to the parking ban notice and move your vehicle by the time stated for the parking ban so that snow can be removed from the lot. **If your vehicle is not moved by the designated time, it will be towed at the owner's expense.**

The City Council will be considering adding two additional lots (39 Sullivan Street Lot and Public Access Building Lot) to the snow emergency parking ban lots at their meeting this Tuesday.

To sign up to receive an email notification when snow parking bans are announced, please [click here](#). You may also call the 24/7 Snow Ban Hotline at 207-571-0616.

WayToPark Mobile Application Update

The WayToPark mobile application is in the programming stage and will "go live" for public use shortly. Thank you for your patience!

The Downtown Committee recently voted to allow one hour of free parking in the Yellow Lot (Downtown Lot). In order to ensure that you are not charged for your first hour of parking, please use the kiosk located in the Downtown Lot to purchase a permit for your vehicle. The WayToPark app will not offer this discount. You may still use WayToPark if you would like to extend the duration of your parking permit beyond the first free hour.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

On Black Friday, the Biddeford Fire Department held their annual "Fill the Boot" drive at Biddeford Crossing to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Thanks to the efforts of those volunteers and the generosity of holiday shoppers, members of the department were able to present a **\$7,552.92** check to the MDA!



Each year as part of the **Fire Prevention and Community Contact program**, the Fire Department holds a Coloring and Essay Contest for students K through 3. Students K through 2 are asked to color a fire prevention theme and students in grade 3 are asked to write an essay about what fire prevention means to them. The winners are rewarded with a Fire Engine ride to school.

Pictured to the left is the Greene family, one of this year's winners, before taking their ride to St. James School. Congratulations to Liliana and Isla!

CITY RECEIVES GRANT FROM MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The City of Biddeford is pleased to be the recipient of a **\$15,000 grant from the Broadband Fund of the Maine Community Foundation**. The grant funding will be used to create a Broadband Plan that will help Biddeford move towards becoming a "Smart Community".

The City will mobilize a Community Broadband Team that will hire a broadband consultant to identify broadband needs in Biddeford's low- to moderate-income neighborhoods. The consultant will create a map demonstrating existing broadband connections, gaps in service, and opportunities for expansion, and will work with staff to identify obstacles to meeting broadband needs, including issues of affordability and proprietary delivery of services. A digital literacy outreach strategy to help overcome these obstacles will be developed and implemented by the City's Neighborhood Planning Committee.



City of Biddeford
Christmas and New Year's Trash Pickup Schedule

Christmas Week:

Tuesday December 25 will be picked up on Wednesday December 26

Wednesday December 26 will be picked up Thursday December 27

Thursday December 27 will be picked up Friday December 28

Friday December 28 will be picked up Saturday December 29

New Year's Week:

Tuesday January 1 will be picked up on Wednesday January 2

Wednesday January 2 will be picked up Thursday January 3

Thursday January 3 will be picked up Friday January 4

Friday January 4 will be picked up Saturday January 5

The Transfer Station will close at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, December 22, and will not reopen until Wednesday, December 26, 2018. The Recycling / Transfer Station will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.



IS IT RECYCLABLE?



Help us reduce recycling contamination this holiday season! Not all holiday wrappings belong in the recycling bin.

RECYCLABLE

- Plain wrapping paper (even with tape)
- Tissue paper without glitter or foil
- Cardboard boxes (flatten them)
- Christmas cards
- Paper gift bags (remove handles)
- Plastic packaging marked with #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, or #7

NOT RECYCLABLE

- Wrapping paper with glitter or velvet embellishments
- Foil or metallic wrapping paper
- Christmas photo cards, or cards with metallic embossing or glitter
- Bows
- Ribbons
- Plastic Bags