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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 January 1, 2019

New Year's Day – City Hall CLOSED

Thursday January 3, 2019

6:00 p.m. City Council (Live)

Monday January 7, 2019

5:30 p.m. Downtown Development Commission @ 2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday January 8, 2019

5:30 p.m. Joint City Council and School Committee Workshop (Live) @ BHS Little Theater

Wednesday January 9, 2019

4:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission

Thursday January 10, 2019

5:30 p.m. My Neighborhood Network Meeting @ Seeds of Hope

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

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN UPDATE

At their December 18 meeting, the City Council approved an emergency order to open up **two additional parking lots** during Snow Emergency Parking Bans.

The **Public Access Building Lot (located at 15 Columbus Way off of Pool Street)** and the **39 Sullivan Street Lot** will now be open to the public during Snow Emergency Parking Bans **AT NO COST**. The Community Center Parking Lot, Clifford Park Parking Lot, and East Biddeford Little League Parking Lot (on Hill Street) also remain available at no cost.

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)

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.**

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 to check if there is a snow parking ban in effect.

2019

City Hall will be closed on January 1, 2019. Happy New Year!

NEW YEAR'S WEEK TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

Tuesday January 1	will be picked up	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 be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Beginning on January 2, Biddeford residents can put their Christmas trees out by the road on the same day as their curbside trash pickup and the City will collect them. The last day for Christmas tree pickup will be Wednesday, January 16. Trees may also be brought to the Transfer Station for disposal.



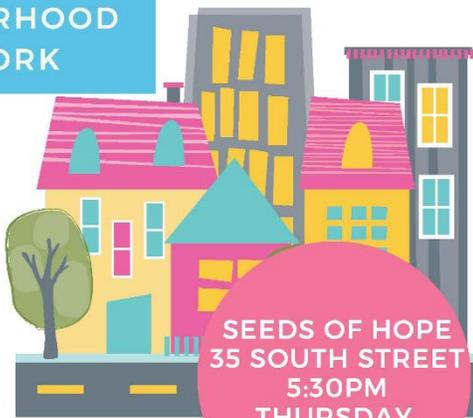
CITY'S BACON STREET FESTIVAL WINS NINTH AWARD

The annual Bacon Street Festival, a free community event in Biddeford offered as part of the National Night Out campaign each August, has received its **ninth award** from the National Association of Town Watch in the eleven-year history of the event.

The goal of the National Night Out campaign is to promote police-community relationships to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. During the first week of August each year, 16,000 participating cities, military bases, and universities nationwide host events that bring law enforcement officers and community members together. **Biddeford was among only 1% of the 2018 participants to receive an award for their event and is the only city in Maine to have been recognized by the campaign to date!**

The award plaque will be presented at the January 3, 2019 City Council meeting. For more information on this achievement, please [read our press release](#).

MY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK



NEIGHBORHOOD GET TOGETHER - JOIN US!

Do you love your neighborhood? Are there things you want to change? "My Neighborhood Network" wants to hear from you! Join your neighbors for discussion and refreshments. Kids welcome, with an adult.

My Neighborhood Network Meeting for South Street Neighborhood

Through the My Neighborhood Network initiative, residents of defined neighborhoods meet to discuss what makes them feel connected to their neighborhood and what changes they would like to see in their communities. The January 10 meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center is intended for residents of the **South Street neighborhood**. Community Development Coordinator Linda Waters, Rev. Shirley Bowen of Seeds of Hope, and Sarah Breul of the UNE Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition will facilitate discussion.

This is the second time that the South Street Neighborhood has met, and attendees will work with the facilitators to develop strategies to meet the needs of the neighborhood that were identified at the first meeting. The City is also specifically interested in identifying sidewalk and broadband needs in the neighborhood.

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Biddeford Selected as Top 10 Community in *The Small Business Revolution – Main Street Competition*



Biddeford is once again receiving national attention and a chance to win a substantial prize that will further rejuvenate the community!

Heart of Biddeford was one of over 12,000 organizations around the country to apply to have their city be featured on Season 4 of *The Small Business Revolution – Main Street*. The eight-part web series, which will air in fall of 2019 on Hulu, will feature six small businesses from one lucky community that will receive a combined total of \$500,000 of business assistance paid for by Deluxe Corporation. **Out of the thousands of applicants, Biddeford was announced as one of the Top 20 communities in November and officially landed a place in the Top 10 last week** thanks to community members sharing their favorite small businesses with Deluxe Corporation using the hashtag #MyBiddeford. Biddeford is the only community in the northeastern United States in the Top 10.

"I think the Biddeford community already knows that something special is happening in our city, but this honor clearly demonstrates how far we have come over the last few years and reinforces my perception that many people, in and outside of our community, not only recognize our progress, but believe in our possibilities," said Mayor Alan Casavant.

Each of the Top 10 communities will receive a visit from the show's crew within the next several weeks that will help Deluxe decide which cities move on to the Top 5 of the competition in February. **Biddeford will welcome Amanda Brinkman, the Chief Brand Officer of Deluxe Corporation and the host of the show, on January 21, 2019.**

Heart of Biddeford will welcome Brinkman and the Small Business Revolution team to Biddeford at a community reception at 7 p.m. at Sellam Circus School. The reception will be open to the public, but small business owners are specifically encouraged to attend and chat with the show's representatives about their business. Additional details about this event will be released as the event approaches.

Brinkman will spend the following day visiting Biddeford's small businesses and learning the stories of what makes them unique. As part of the visit, three businesses pre-selected by Deluxe will sit down for a formal interview to have their stories shared on the Small Business Revolution's blog and social media platforms. Deluxe's marketing experts will also return to Biddeford later in 2019 to host a free marketing seminar for any interested community members.

"Because of the way the selection process is designed, making it into the Top 10 will already attract national attention to our local businesses and bring marketing experts into our community to share their knowledge," explained Heart of Biddeford Executive Director Delilah Poupore.

If Biddeford is ultimately selected to advance to the Top 5 of the competition, the city will face off against four other towns in a one-week online voting contest, and the community that receives the most votes will be featured on the show.

"During the current phase of the competition, social media activity is not considered a deciding factor, but we are still encouraged to continue reminding *The Small Business Revolution* why we love Biddeford by tagging them in posts and using the hashtag #MyBiddeford," said Heart of Biddeford Board President Amy Grohman. "The community's pride in our local businesses has really been shining through over the past several weeks, and we need to keep that momentum going if we want to be a strong contender for the Top 5."

Holiday Decorating Contest

Our departments spent December competing against each other in a much-anticipated holiday decoration contest, and staff used their personal time and resources to try to fill their offices with the most holiday cheer. The judges (Mike Ready, Mayor Alan Casavant, Amy Clearwater, Delilah Poupore, and Ron Vire) visited all of the participating displays and selected the City Clerk's Office as the winners of this year's trophy! Thank you to all those who participated in making this contest a new City Hall tradition.

