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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.

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>February 4, 2019</b>  |
| 5:30 p.m.        | Downtown Development Commission<br>@ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>February 5, 2019</b>  |
| 6:00 p.m.        | City Council Meeting (Live)  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>February 6, 2019</b>  |
| 6:00 p.m.        | Planning Board Public Hearing (Live)                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>February 13, 2019</b>   |
| 4:00 p.m.        | Historic Preservation Commission   |

All meetings are subject to change. [Click here](#) to view updates on the full city calendar.



**FREE parking in the Yellow Lot ONLY**

**Friday, February 1 at 5:00 p.m. through  
Sunday, February 3 at 9:00 p.m.**

Kiosk use is required in all other municipal lots. On-street parking is always free.

Visit [BiddefordMaine.org/Parking](http://BiddefordMaine.org/Parking) for more information.



Get ready for a fun, cabin-fever busting weekend in Biddeford, Feb. 1 – 3, 2019 with something for everyone! This year, the sledding hill right in the midst of the downtown is being designed with a giant curve. [Click here](#) for a full schedule of events, and check out a selection of Saturday's events below!

### Saturday, Feb. 2 "Winter Fun Time" Schedule

**10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Winter Fun Time!** This is the true "heart" of WinterFest! Come on out for a FREE day of fun for families in the center of downtown!

**10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sledding** (on Adams Street). Sleds provided!

**10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Snow Golf & Snowshoeing**, provided by Biddeford Recreation Dept.

**10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fat Bike demos w/Community Bicycle Center**

**10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Snow person building!** If the weather permits, fill the park with snow people! Plus – Hill decorating! Decorate the sides of the sledding hill – drawing tools provided!

**Noon – 2 p.m. Free pony rides!**

**Noon – 2:30 p.m. Take a ride in a horse-pulled wagon!**

**Noon – 2 p.m. Winter Wonderland Art Exhibit** in City Hall

*New Life Church will also provide delicious snacks, hot dogs, and cocoa! All for FREE!*

Follow along at <https://biddefordwinterfest.org/> for a complete schedule and updates!



The City of Biddeford is using Polco's civic engagement software to get input from the community.

[polco.us/biddeford](http://polco.us/biddeford)

Visit Polco to create an account and share your thoughts, feedback, and ideas.



The City of Biddeford is excited to announce the launch of Polco, an innovative engagement platform where residents can directly provide input to the local government decision-making process. City officials will post questions directly to residents on Polco's website and app, where residents can answer and comment on the questions. This service is free to all residents.

Citizens will be asked to enter their name, zip code, and email address. Polco asks for this information to verify that participants are registered voters in Biddeford, and so that they can receive notifications when the City asks new questions. Residents' individual information is never shared and cannot be accessed by the City or other users.

The platform launched on January 30, 2019 with a set of questions about usage of Biddeford's public parks. These questions will be available until February 16, 2019. **To begin providing input, visit [polco.us/biddeford](http://polco.us/biddeford) or download the Polco app for iOS or Android.**



**THE SMALL BUSINESS  
REVOLUTION UPDATE**



The crew from The Small Business Revolution TV show visited Biddeford last week and is traveling around the country to visit all of the Top 10 communities. **We will find out if Biddeford was selected as one of the Top 5 communities on February 12.** Stay tuned!

If Biddeford makes the Top 5, there will be a week-long public vote to select the winner. *Remember, if we are selected to be featured on the show, six small businesses will receive business support from the show to the tune of \$500,000!* A very special thanks to Heart of Biddeford for applying for the show!

**NOW HIRING**



The City of Biddeford is seeking applications for **Career Firefighter/Emergency Medical Services.**



[Click here](#) to learn more about the position and how to apply!