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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 April 8, 2019
5:30 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting (Live)

Tuesday April 9, 2019
4:30 p.m. School Committee Meeting (Live) @ BHS Little Theater

Wednesday April 10, 2019
4:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
4:45 p.m. Wastewater Management Commission Meeting @ 2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday April 16, 2019
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live)

Wednesday April 17, 2019
6:00 p.m. Planning Board (Live)

Thursday April 18, 2019
5:30 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting (Live)
7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting @ 2nd Floor Conference Room

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



Now Hiring Public Works Positions

Ready to join our Public Works team? We are hiring for three full-time positions: Civil Engineer, Street Supervisor, and Fleet Mechanic. Visit [our website](#) or [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) to apply!



BIDDEFORD RESIDENTS
EARTH DAY
Saturday, April 27
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES
Recycling Center
Public Works Department
371 Hill Street

The Biddeford Police Department and the Solid Waste Management Commission will be participating in the National Take Back Initiative of Prescription Drugs
Display and sale of backyard compost machines

ALL REGULAR RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION ACTIVITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE

For more information, please call the Biddeford Public Works Department At 282-1579 or the Biddeford Police Department at 282-5127.



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20, 2019

These unseen first responders are responsible for responding to calls from the public for police, fire and emergency medical help and dispatching assistance to save the lives and property of our citizens. We urge the community to show appreciation to our dispatchers during this week!



SPRING AND EMERGING ANIMALS

Garth Russell, Animal Control Officer

With springtime on our doorstep, animals such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, porcupines, foxes, and many others will be emerging from their cold weather abodes looking for food.



Below is a list of some basic prevention tips to help avoid potential human / animal conflicts that can arise this time of year:

- Keep all trash in sturdy containers; preferably in a garage or other enclosure.
- Don't place your dog's or cat's food outside. If you must, put the food out in the late morning and make sure to take it in before dark.
- Clean up seed from under bird feeders. Stray seed attracts skunks, opossums and small rodents. The small rodents in turn will attract foxes and coyotes that are obviously hazardous to cats and small dogs.
- Ensure your compost is secured in a closed container.
- Consider using a commercial pest repellent to either keep animals away or to remove them from a den or structure.
- Trapping animals is not a recommended solution because it does not eliminate the root causes that attract animals such as food, nesting site, et cetera. Additionally, it is illegal to trap and relocate certain animals.

During the spring and early summer, it is normal for animals that are typically nocturnal to be out and about during the day. Often during the spring, animals are out at what might seem odd times. This by itself does not mean that they have contracted rabies; typically they are on the hunt to provide for their young. However, please contact a Game Warden or your community's Animal Control Officer if an animal looks confused or uncoordinated.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 282-5127 or by email: garth.russell@biddefordmaine.org.

PREPAID PARKING CARDS

In order to accommodate cash-only households, the City is now offering prepaid parking cards that can be used at the downtown parking kiosks. The cards are now available for purchase at the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours in increments of \$10, \$25, \$40, \$50, \$75, and \$100.





APRIL IS NATIONAL
AUTISM
AWARENESS
 MONTH

The Biddeford City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Biddeford, have proclaimed April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month and pledged their support and encouragement to all those affected by autism. Autism is a complex developmental disability that affects the functioning of the brain and social interaction and communication skills. In the United States, one in 59 children is diagnosed with this spectrum disorder. For more information about National Autism Awareness Month in Maine, please [click here](#).

Biddeford Fire Department March 2019 Incident Analysis

Incident Type

| <u>Incident Type</u> | <u>Occurrences</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| BFD FIRE IN OR ON A BUILDING | 3 | 0.8 |
| BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD FIRE CONFINED TO COOKING APPLIANCE | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD CHIMNEY OR FLUE FIRE | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD FUEL BURNER/BOILER MALFUNCTION, FIRE CONFINED | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD DEBRIS FIRE OUTSIDE | 1 | 0.3 |
| Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY NO TRANSPORT | 42 | 10.6 |
| BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG NO TRANSPORT | 12 | 3.0 |
| BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL | 125 | 31.5 |
| BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL | 73 | 18.4 |
| BFD EMS TRANSPORT SMHC TO A MEDICAL FACILITY | 43 | 10.8 |
| BFD RECEIVE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL | 7 | 1.8 |
| BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL | 10 | 2.5 |
| Motor vehicle accident with injuries | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD MVC W/OUT INJURY | 5 | 1.3 |
| BFD MVC W/ INJURY | 8 | 2.0 |
| BFD CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MALFUNCTION | 3 | 0.8 |
| BFD CABLE LINE DOWN | 2 | 0.5 |
| BFD TELEPHONE LINE DOWN | 2 | 0.5 |
| BFD WIRES ARCING | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD POWER LINE DOWN | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD LOCK OUT VEHICLE OR STRUCTURE | 2 | 0.5 |
| BFD WATER PROBLEM | 2 | 0.5 |
| BFD INSIDE SMOKE OR ORDOR INVESTIGATION | 5 | 1.3 |
| BFD PUBLIC ASSIST | 3 | 0.8 |
| BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID NON STRUCTURE FIRE | 2 | 0.5 |
| BFD EMS CALL CANCELLED ENROUTE | 4 | 1.0 |
| BFD BFD FIRE CALL CANCELED ENROUTE | 3 | 0.8 |
| BFD CANCELLED ENROUTE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE | 2 | 0.5 |
| BFD OUTSIDE SMOKE OR ODOR INVESTIGATION | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX WATER FLOW | 1 | 0.3 |
| BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX PULLS/SMOKES | 15 | 3.8 |
| BFD FALSE ALARM MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX SYSTEM MALFUNCTION | 2 | 0.5 |
| BFD FALSE CALL-GOOD INTENT | 2 | 0.5 |
| BFD PULLS/SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION RESIDENTIAL | 4 | 1.0 |
| BFD RESIDENTIAL ALARM MALFUNCTION | 5 | 1.3 |
| TOTAL | 397 | 100.0 |

For Districts: All
 For Situations: All
 For Jurisdictions: All
 For Street(s): All
 For Location: All