



The Biddeford Beat

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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	April 30, 2019
5:30 p.m.	Budget Committee Meeting (Live)
Wednesday	May 1, 2019
6:00 p.m.	Planning Board (Live)
Monday	May 6, 2019
5:30 p.m.	Downtown Development Commission @ 2 nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday	May 7, 2019
5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting (Live)
Wednesday	May 8, 2019
10:00 a.m.	My Neighborhood Network Meeting (South Street Neighborhood) @ Seeds of Hope
4:00 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission @ 2 nd Floor Conference Room
Thursday	May 9, 2019
5:30 p.m.	Council Budget Workshop (Live)

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

Do you want to:

- * **Make a difference in your community?**
- * **Find innovative solutions to issues you are passionate about?**
- * **Have your voice heard by your government representatives?**

Join the Biddeford Youth Advisory Council!



Biddeford Youth Advisory Council

The BYAC completes research and service projects on issues that affect youth in Biddeford and reports their findings to the Biddeford City Council.

Program dates: July 2019—June 2020

Must be entering 9th—12th grade in Fall 2019

Apply online at www.biddefordmaine.org/BYAC



For more information, please contact Communications Coordinator Danica Lamontagne at Danica.lamontagne@biddefordmaine.org

The City of Biddeford is now accepting applications for the first program year of the Biddeford Youth Advisory Council!

The Youth Advisory Council was established to give Biddeford youth a voice in their local government. Members will advise the Biddeford City Council on issues that affect youth in the community and complete service projects that make Biddeford a better place to live.

The first session of the Youth Advisory Council will begin in July 2019 with an orientation program. Meetings will be held at least once per month in City Hall.

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PERMIT PARKING UPDATE



Both hourly and long-term parking rates for the downtown parking lots were set at an introductory price for the first six months of implementation. Beginning on **May 1**, the rates listed below will go into effect. Long-term parking permit holders have already been notified of this rate change via email.

	<u>Introductory rate</u>	<u>Rates beginning May 1</u>
Hourly Parking	\$1/hour	\$2/hour
24/7 Parking Permits	\$40/month	\$65/month
Monday-Friday Parking Permits	\$30/month	\$50/month
Nights & Weekends Parking Permits	\$20/month	\$35/month

Reminder: The first two hours of parking in the Yellow Lot in any calendar day is **FREE**, and all on-street parking is free. There are also twelve free 30-minute parking spaces located in the Green Lot. [Visit our website](#) for maps of all of the downtown parking lots and more information about visitor parking.

Gift cards for the parking kiosks are now available for purchase in the City Clerk's Office for members of cash-only households and for convenience.

BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

On April 25, the City of Biddeford hosted the first annual Bring Your Child to Work Day. Seventeen children of City employees learned about what each of the different departments do each day and how that work impacts their lives. The day's agenda was filled with activities, including a tour of the City Hall clock tower and City Theater, a Design a Park event in the new Community Room, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. After a lunch with the Mayor at the Fire Department, the kids got to check out the inside of fire trucks and ambulances. At the Police Department, everyone was sworn in as junior police officers and learned how to dust for fingerprints. The day ended with a tour of Public Works where the children got to see the garage and sit in the plow trucks and other machines. We hope this event becomes a tradition for years to come!



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, members of defined neighborhoods meet to discuss what they like about their neighborhood and what changes they would like to see in their communities. This meeting is intended for residents of the South Street neighborhood, but all are invited to attend. 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. For more information, call 207-284-9105 or email linda.waters@biddefordmaine.org.

Biddeford Recreation

Spring Fling

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, May 4th 9:00am - 3:00pm

J Richard Martin Community Center

@ 189 Alfred Street-Biddeford

in the Gymnasium



**CURRENTLY
LOOKING FOR
CRAFTERS!!!**

**TABLES AVAILABLE
Call Linda or Deb at the
office 282-5005**

EARTH DAY EVENT AT RECYCLING CENTER

**Saturday April 27
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Celebrate Earth Day with Biddeford Public Works on Saturday, April 27!

The Solid Waste Management Commission and Biddeford Police Department will be participating in the National Take Back Initiative and invite you to bring any unwanted, unused, or expired prescription drugs for safe disposal. (Flushing prescription drugs can cause environmental contamination.)

The event will also feature the display and sale of backyard compost machines. Composting is an environmentally friendly choice because it keeps food and organic materials out of the waste stream while reducing the need for harmful chemical fertilizers.

All regular recycling and transfer station activities will be available during the event.



BIDDEFORD'S NEWEST OFFICER

Officer Scott M. Corey



Officer Scott M. Corey joined the Biddeford Police Department on March 18, 2019. Scott began his career in public safety nearly 20 years ago as a corrections officer with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. He has been a member of municipal and state law enforcement agencies and most recently he was a deputy sheriff with the York County Sheriff's Office.

Scott earned an Associate of Science Degree from Southern Maine Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Husson University.

He is a member of the Patrol Division's third shift team. Welcome to Biddeford, Scott!

ENFORCING UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS

The Biddeford Police Department has been granted the authority to enforce select Title 28-A Maine Liquor Laws by Legislative Act and Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (BABLO). In cooperation with BABLO and State of Maine grant funding, Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws, officers of the Biddeford Police Department will participate in a specific set of evidence-based strategies including proactive and reactive enforcement, environmental, and informational / educational, and early intervention efforts that collectively reduce underage drinking. These strategies include Underage Retail Compliance Inspections of licensed establishments. The unannounced inspections will include off-premises carrying out businesses and on-premises consumption establishments. Minors volunteering for the inspections are pre-screened college students with no prior criminal history. The most recent inspections occurred on April 22, 2019 and resulted in zero violations of twenty-nine checks. The Biddeford Police Department will continue to conduct premises inspections along with other enforcement tactics and or seller-server licensee training to insure responsible business practices by licensed liquor retailers.

FREE RESIDENT DEBRIS DISPOSAL

April 23 – May 4
Transfer Station
(371 Hill Street)

Residents only (No Contractors) can dispose of acceptable wood debris (wood wastes cut into 3-foot pieces) in 1 cubic yard quantities free of charge. Sheetrock, roofing paper, and shingles cannot be accepted.

The roads to the ball fields and boat launch at Rotary Park are closed at this time due to flooding.

