



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.

Monday May 6, 2019
5:30 p.m. Downtown Development Commission @ 2nd 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 @ 2nd Floor Conference Room
6:00 p.m. City Council Special Meeting (Live) – First Reading of Budget

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

Biddeford Recreation Spring Fling Craft Fair

Saturday May 4th
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

J Richard Martin Community Center Gymnasium
(189 Alfred Street)

CITY HALL CLOCK RESTORATION UPDATE

Balzer Family Clock Works was back in the clock tower on Thursday to remove the dials for restoration! The clock will have blank faces temporarily while they complete their restoration work.



Note: no City funds will be used for the clock repairs. The project was funded thanks to Heart of Biddeford's grant from the Partners in Preservation: Main Street campaign!

[Click here](#) to watch a video of the dial removal process.

PERMIT PARKING REMINDER



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 went into effect:

	Introductory rate	Rates beginning May 1
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.

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

BIDDEFORD YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The City of Biddeford is now accepting applications for the first program year of the Biddeford Youth Advisory Council! Applications must be submitted by May 24, 2019.

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.

For more information about the program or to apply, visit www.biddefordmaine.org/BYAC or contact Communications Coordinator Danica Lamontagne at danica.lamontagne@biddefordmaine.org.



ROSS CENTER COMMUNITY PAINTING EVENT

Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Sherwin Williams and Biddeford Painting are teaming up to paint the Ross Center at the J Richard Martin Community Center and could use your help! Come and learn how to paint and show off your skills for a couple of hours or for the day. Supplies, lunch and snacks will be provided.

Please call 207-282-9093 or email kim@biddefordpainting.com to sign up.

BPD USES BCROT STUDENTS TO DESIGN LOCKER ROOM



Ed Driscoll, a teacher from Biddeford Center of Technology, has graciously agreed to work with BPD in the design of the Men's Locker Room. After initial measurements were taken of the former indoor firing range, they will be diagraming the room's layout that will include showers, toilets and lockers. Additionally, they will incorporate and design working space for the Opiate Outreach Liaison, whose office is being funded by a State of Maine Grant titled People Recover.

These students are Seniors who will be completing this as a school project. From left to right: Jared Pierce, Basam Abdulhay, and Clement Gasana.

ETC CERTIFICATION COURSE (EMERGENCY DISPATCHER) OFFERED AT YCCC

Do you enjoy being a part of the solution regarding the betterment of your community? Then the Emergency Telecommunicator Course (ETC) may be just what you need. The ETC program is designed and produced by the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch (NAED). The course (40 hours) is designed to train new employees unfamiliar with emergency communication centers, making you work-ready for day 1 on the job. The program takes an approach that features an interactive classroom and hands-on training.

First option - Course Dates: June 24th- 28th

Second option - Course Dates: August: 19th -23rd

M-F 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at YCCC Wells Campus (112 College Dr. Wells, ME) - Room TBD

Cost: \$450.00

Instructor: Sue Gorham

Questions? Email Rob Klaiber, Dean of Workforce Development and Community Education, at

rklaiber@yccc.edu

To register: [Click Here](#)



MY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK MEETING FOR SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD

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.

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.