



The Biddeford Beat

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RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION EXTENDED HOURS

The Recycling Center/Transfer Station will be open from 7:00am to 2:45pm on the following SUNDAYS:

May 19th, May 26th and June 2nd

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	May 21, 2019
5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting (Live)

Thursday	May 23, 2019
6:30 p.m.	Airport Commission Meeting (Live)

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

SHUTTLEBUS-ZOOM PUBLIC HEARING

The Biddeford-Saco-Old Orchard Beach Transit Committee (ShuttleBus-ZOOM) will be hosting public hearings to gather input on changes to the Portland InterCity Route and an introduction to the new Pulse System. The Pulse System will be implemented on August 1, 2019. Share your input at one of the scheduled public hearings:

- May 28, Old Orchard Beach Town Hall
- May 29, Saco Transportation Center
- May 30, McArthur Library

All meetings will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY

May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Join Biddeford Recreation at Memorial Park (Mayfield) for arts and crafts, youth pickleball clinics, music, games, free giveaways, and an exploration of the Born Learning Trail!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: NEW RECYCLING/STREET SUPERVISOR

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Dylan Jewett to the position of Public Works Recycling/Street Supervisor. Dylan has been with the City for six years. He has held various titles, including that of Laborer and Equipment Operator. In his new role, he will oversee the Transfer Station and various Public Works projects. [Click here](#) to get to know Dylan in an employee spotlight video on our Facebook page!



FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET

The City Council passed the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget at their Special Meeting on May 14.

- The budget includes \$33.1 million for City expenses, \$38.9 million for education expenses, and \$1.2 million for the county tax. The total amount of taxes to be raised is about \$48.3 million.
- The tentative mill rate is \$20.06, up \$0.36 from last year's tax rate. The final mill rate will be set in late June.
- \$0.04 of the mill rate increase is from the municipal budget, and \$0.32 is from the education budget.
- Voters will have the opportunity to approve this year's education budget in the School Budget Validation Referendum Election on Tuesday, June 11.
- At the anticipated mill rate, the median single family homeowner with a house worth \$227,100 could expect to pay \$4,154.42 in property taxes this year (when factoring in the Homestead Exemption). This would be a \$74.55 increase from last year. The actual tax impact will be confirmed after the School Budget Validation Referendum Election.
- All Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Documents showing more detail about the budget are posted [on our website](#) for your review.

YORK COUNTY BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Public Hearing on the 2020 proposed budget for the County of York will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Emergency Management Agency room of the York County Government Building located at 149 Jordan Springs Road in Alfred.

In total, the proposed fiscal year 2020 County of York general fund budget proposal contains a \$486,590 increase above FY 2019. That increase amounts to 2.42%. If the proposal is adopted as presented, the City of Biddeford will be responsible for collecting \$1,282,292.46 in county tax. This amount is 6.23% of the County's total budget.

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 still 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.

Composting in Biddeford

BEGINNING IN MAY 2019, the City of Biddeford will be partnering with We Compost It! to offer a free composting drop-off service. All Biddeford residents may collect their organic waste in any container and bring it to the collection bins at the Biddeford Recycling Center.



Why should I compost?

Good for the City

Did you know that food waste makes up about 22% of municipal solid waste? Removing more organic waste from the waste stream will help reduce the costs of solid waste disposal.

Good for the Planet

Composting diverts organic waste from landfills and gives it another useful life. Compost also reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Good for You

Do you need to purchase Pay-as-you-Throw bags each week for overflow trash? Separating out organic waste and composting it will reduce the amount of waste that ends up in your trash can.

Accepted Compost

- Fruit and Vegetables
- Meat & Fish Scraps (including bones)
- Eggshells
- Paper Towels and Napkins
- Coffee Grounds and Filters
- Bread, Bagels, and other Baked Goods
- Rice and Pasta



Not Accepted

- Liquids
- Plastics (utensils, straws, packaging, cups, etc.), Metals (silverware, canned good containers, bottle caps, etc.), Styrofoam
- Wax Coated Packaging
- Tin Foil
- Condiment Packets
- Bulky Wood
- Leather
- Hygiene Products
- Pet Waste

NEW CAREER STAFF

The Fire Department's new career staff, Peter O'Hara, Ben Carraux, and Adam Scheppard, were sworn in on Thursday by City Clerk Carmen Morris. These new recruits have been undergoing trainings, including practicing forced entry with a mock training door.

