



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	May 28, 2019
7:00 p.m.	School Committee Meeting (Live) @ BHS Little Theater
Monday	June 3, 2019
5:30 p.m.	Downtown Development Commission @ 2 nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday	June 4, 2019
5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting (Live)
Wednesday	June 5, 2019
6:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting (Live)

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

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION EXTENDED HOURS

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

May 26th and June 2nd



MEMORIAL DAY

City Hall will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Trash and recycling pickup will not be affected.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Biddeford's Memorial Day events are held to honor those who serve in our community, and particularly the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. The events will begin with an opening ceremony at 9:45 a.m. at Biddeford's Veterans Memorial Park on the corner of Alfred and Pool streets. Sergeant First Class Clifford W. Oliver, who served in the US, Germany, Kuwait and Afghanistan and is now the Program Director at the Community Bicycle Center, is the featured guest speaker. The ceremony will also serve as a dedication for a restored World War I Mortar by local historian Dana Peck.

Immediately following the ceremony, the Memorial Day parade will proceed from Alfred Street to Main Street then onto Saco's Main Street, ending at Burns School in Saco. Veterans from the American Legion and AmVets will be featured, as well as local school bands, scout troops and dance groups.

The community is invited to AMVETS Post #1 for a luncheon following the parade. The events will be held rain or shine.

Thank you to [Heart of Biddeford](#) for organizing!

CHRONICLE ON WCVB 5 FEATURES

The May 22 episode of *Chronicle*, a newsmagazine program that airs on WCVB 5, featured several stories about Biddeford! One story discussed Biddeford's history and the revitalization of the mills, and it also showed a status update on the City Hall clock restoration project that was funded by Heart of Biddeford's *Partners in Preservation: Main Street* grant. Additionally, *Chronicle* spotlighted some of downtown Biddeford's staple destinations, including the Palace Diner, Elements, and City Theater! You can watch the pieces below:

["Repurposing an old mill town"](#)



["Biddeford's revival story"](#)



TRAFFIC CALMING PLANTERS

When you drive down Main Street this week, you may notice that new flower planters were installed along the street. In addition to improving the street's aesthetics, these planters are a traffic calming measure and are intended to slow down traffic. Traffic calming uses physical design elements to improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists by encouraging safer, more responsible driving. In this case, the placement of the flowers on the side of the roadway narrows the street, which tends to naturally cause vehicle traffic to slow down and make drivers pay more attention to their surroundings. Many of these planters are located next to crosswalks to provide extra protection for pedestrians while crossing the street. They are all located in no-parking zones, so no parking spaces were eliminated as a result of their installation.



INFORMATION FOR NON-RESIDENT RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH LICENSE APPLICANTS

In an effort to eliminate having to wait outside in line, the City has implemented a VOUCHER program for Non-Resident Recreational Shellfish Licenses. These VOUCHERS will be given to the first **60** people who desire to purchase a license **starting on May 31**.

Since the City Clerk's Office is closed on June 1 and June 2, you may stop by the Biddeford Police Department, located at 39 Alfred Street any time after 5:00 p.m. on May 31 where you may pick up a voucher that can be used to purchase your Shellfish License at the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on June 3, 2019. This voucher is valid ONLY until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. After this date and time, all remaining licenses will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

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