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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	June 3, 2019
5:30 p.m.	Downtown Development Commission @ 2 nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday	June 4, 2019
4:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee
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)
Monday	June 10, 2019
6:30 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting (Live)
Wednesday	June 12, 2019
4:00 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission @ 2 nd Floor Conference Room

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 Sunday, June 2.

BEACH PERMIT INFORMATION

Beach season is almost here! Beginning on **June 15**, you will need a parking permit to park at Biddeford's public beaches between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. until Labor Day. Beach permits can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office, and you must provide the registration for the vehicle that you will be putting the permit in.

Resident Permit Prices

First Vehicle: **\$25**

Additional Vehicle Registered at the Same Address: **\$15**

Residents ages 65 and older: **\$15**

Non-residents may purchase parking permits at new parking kiosks which will be located in each of the beach parking lots.

Note: Dogs are prohibited on the City's public beaches between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from May 25 to September 15.



NOW HIRING: LIFEGUARDS

Biddeford Recreation is still seeking full- and part-time summer lifeguards! Starting pay is **\$12/hour**. For more information, please contact the Biddeford Recreation Department at **207-283-0841**.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RECEIVES \$7.5 MILLION FAA GRANT

The Biddeford Municipal Airport has received a \$7.5 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. The grant funding will be used to make updates to the airport's runway, taxiway, and tarmac. The FAA grant is funded at 100% through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) 2018-2020 Supplemental Appropriation with no local share required, saving the City of Biddeford \$375,000 and the State of Maine \$375,000. The airport was one out of only 127 airports chosen from across the country to receive funding through this round of grants.

The project outlined in the grant application enhances airport safety by reconstructing the runway, runway lighting and markings, improving runway safety areas and drainage, and preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for compliance with stormwater standards. These necessary infrastructure improvements will improve the safety and efficiency of airport operations and assist the airport in complying with FAA standards. The projects were identified as part of the airport's master plan in 2005 and have reached a level of critical need.

The FAA grant comes as the airport begins preparations for its first Master Plan update in nearly 15 years. The completion of this project will allow the airport to build on its progress and plan for additional projects in a modernized master plan.

Work on this project is expected to begin in 2020. For more information about the grant, please contact Airport Manager Kristopher Reynolds at 207-282-1893 or at airportmanager@biddefordmaine.org.

UPGRADES AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Wastewater Department has recently finished the replacement of two mechanically cleaned bar screens and compactors in the preliminary treatment building at the Water Street Wastewater Treatment Facility. This much-needed upgrade replaces the previous equipment that was installed during the 1998 upgrade.

The purpose of this equipment is to remove all the trash, rocks, "flushable" wipes (definitely NOT flushable) and other unmentionables from the wastewater before it moves on to the rest of the treatment process. A set of bars with small openings between them allows the water to pass through and traps the larger solids. An automatic rake system moves across the bars every few minutes to keep them clean and then deposits the material into the compactor where it is washed, the water is squeezed out, and then conveyed into a dumpster for disposal.



This improvement could not have been accomplished without the skills and commitment of the wastewater crew. These dedicated employees selected the equipment, took all measurements, reviewed all the plans, removed the old equipment, and installed the new equipment without any assistance from outside contractors. Their hard work cut the total cost of the project almost by half, saving the city tens of thousands of dollars.

Our crew is happy to give group or individual tours to help people better understand how we keep you safe and the river clean. If you are interested in learning more, contact the Wastewater Superintendent, Alex Buechner at alex.buechner@biddefordmaine.org or call at 207-282-1350.

POLICE OFFICER GRADUATION



Four officers from the Biddeford Police Department graduated from the 18-week Basic Law Enforcement Training Program last week! They will now begin their 15-week Field Training Program. Congratulations!



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*, the BPD has been working to reduce underage drinking through evidence-based strategies, including Underage Retail Compliance Inspections of licensed liquor establishments. To conduct the inspections, officers have been working with pre-screened underage Criminal Justice students. The following is an update on the most recent inspections:

May 9, 2019: 16 minor compliance inspections of off-premises liquor establishments resulted in violations at two local businesses. Administrative Notices were served to licensees and sellers, charging Sale of Liquor to a Minor.

May 16, 2019: 16 inspections of off-premises liquor establishments resulted in a criminal investigation with pending charges of Illegal Sale of Liquor.

May 29, 2019: Two teams of officers and minors conducted 36 inspections of on-premises establishments with no violations.

May 30, 2019: 25 checks of on-premises establishments resulted in Administrative Notice to one licensee and server, charging Allowing Minor to Possess Liquor On Premises.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

Two Fire Department officers were recently promoted and were recognized and sworn in by the City Clerk at a recent Council meeting.

Congratulations to Captain Eric Wheeler and Lieutenant Kenneth Thorpe!

