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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 June 18, 2019**  
 4:30 p.m. Capital Projects/Operations Committee Meeting @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Live)  
 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live)

**Wednesday June 19, 2019**  
 6:00 p.m. Planning Board Comprehensive Plan Meeting (Live)  
 6:30 p.m. Solid Waste Management Commission Meeting @ Biddeford Public Works

**Thursday June 20, 2019**  
 7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

**Thursday June 27, 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.

## CITY HALL CLOCK TOWER UPDATE

Balzer Family Clock Works has now completed their repairs to the City Hall clock! The picture below shows what the clock looks like with new working parts that will allow it to tell time again.

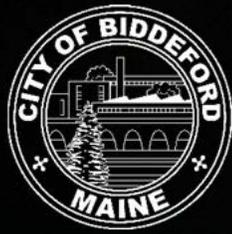
The clock will have to be taken apart in the Balzer family's workshop and put back together inside the clock tower. The reinstallation process is expected to take place this fall. Currently, the Balzers are working on restoring the clock dials.



The historic preservation project has been made possible thanks to the \$150,000 grant Heart of Biddeford received through the *Partners in Preservation: Main Street* campaign. No City funds will be used to complete the project.



The **School Budget Validation Referendum Election** was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. The \$38.9 million budget for the 2019-2020 School Year passed 196-58 (77%). This budget is a 2.99% increase from the previous year's budget, with 0.45% of the increase from core academics & operations and 2.54% from capital improvements. [Click here](#) for more information about the budget from the School Department website.



## [SURVEY LINK](#)

The survey will close on June 22, 2019.

REMINDER: You must sign up for a Polco account to take the survey. This allows Polco to verify whether you are a resident of Biddeford. Your name and personal information will remain anonymous and will not be shared with the City.

The City of Biddeford's Downtown Development Commission is seeking information from community members about when and why they visit Biddeford's downtown. Visit [www.polco.us/Biddeford](http://www.polco.us/Biddeford) to take the survey!

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## 2019 BIDDEFORD HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

The Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center has selected the 2019 Biddeford Hall of Fame Award Winners! The nominees will officially be inducted on Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the La Kermesse Festival. The ceremony will be held in the large entertainment tent.

**Dr. Norman Beaupre** (7/7/1935 – Present): Professor of Francophone and World Literature at the University of New England for 30 years, early president of the La Kermesse Festival, and author of 24 books in French and English.

**Monsignor Arthur Decary** (10/12/1872 – 12/30/1957): Missionary from Montreal who founded St. Andre's home for unwed mothers, Notre Dame Hospital, Marie Joseph Academy, and the St. Francis College for young men. These institutions provided health, education and welfare services to the residents of Biddeford.

**Father Zénon Decary** (6/15/1870 – 7/26/1940): Monsignor Arthur Decary's brother and fellow priest and missionary. In addition to founding critical institutions with his brother, he is also revered as a healer by many due to accounts that he provided cures that defy explanation.

**Dr. Andre Fortier** (6/6/1920 – 10/16/2008): Served the Biddeford community as a doctor from 1949-1995, taking care of all who needed care regardless of their ability to pay.

**Bernard Osher** (9/7/1927 – Present): Started *The Bernard Osher Foundation*, which seeks to improve quality of life through support for higher education and the arts.

**Joseph A. Plamondon** (1/1/1928 – 5/7/1983): Biddeford High School teacher who helped establish many community agencies, including the BHS Cooperative Education Program, York County Counseling Services, York County Community Action Corporation, Biddeford Vocational Technical School, and the La Kermesse Festival.

The Biddeford Hall of Fame celebrates those who have made significant contributions to our city or the world at large. The plaque honoring all of the nominees is located in the City Hall Council Chambers for public viewing. [Click here](#) to read full biographies of the nominees!