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## RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK

Make sure you know what types of plastics belong or don't belong in the recycling bin!

- You **CAN** recycle empty kitchen, laundry and bath containers such as plastic bottles, jugs, tubs, and lids. These items should be rigid plastic and should have a #1-#7 on them.
- These items are commonly thrown in the recycling bin but are **NOT** accepted:
  - Plastic bags! Many local stores have plastic bag collection bins at their entrances – please bring your bags to these drop-off locations or reuse them!
  - Plastic wrap or sandwich bags
  - Six-pack rings (but please cut these up before throwing them in the trash!)
  - Plastic Utensils, straws, or coffee pods are too small to recycle
  - Plastic hangers clog the sorting equipment
  - Styrofoam (even if it has a #6 on it!)
- Make sure all containers you recycle are empty, rinsed, and dried.
- If you are ever unsure whether an item is recyclable or not, try consulting [this guide](#) from Casella, the City's recycling provider. If you are still unsure after checking the guide, the best option is to throw it in the trash.

Thank you for doing your part to reduce recycling contamination in Biddeford!



## 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](#) or on the Public Access Channel.

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>July 8, 2019</b>  |
| 4:30 p.m.        | Cable T.V. Committee @ Public Access   |
| 5:30 p.m.        | City Council Special Meeting/Executive Session @ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room |
| 5:30 p.m.        | Downtown Development Commission  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>July 9, 2019</b>  |
| 4:30 p.m.        | School Committee Meeting (Live) @ BHS Little Theater                                   |
| 5:30 p.m.        | City Council Workshop (Live)   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>July 10, 2019</b>   |
| 10:00 a.m.       | Staff Review Committee @ Planning Office   |
| 4:00 p.m.        | Historic Preservation Commission   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>July 11, 2019</b>   |
| 6:00 p.m.        | Planning Board Comp Plan Meeting   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>July 15, 2019</b>   |
| 6:30 p.m.        | Policy Committee Meeting (Live)  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>July 16, 2019</b>   |
| 5:00 p.m.        | Finance Committee Meeting (Live)   |
| 6:00 p.m.        | City Council Meeting (Live)  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>July 17, 2019</b>   |
| 6:00 p.m.        | Planning Board Comp Plan Meeting   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>July 18, 2019</b>   |
| 7:00 p.m.        | Conservation Commission Meeting @ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room                |

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Biddeford Historical Society is partnering with City Theater to present "**Liberty Defended**" for one weekend only at the First Parish Meetinghouse in Biddeford, located at the corner of Old Pool Road and Meeting House Road.

On July 30, 1774, the citizens of Biddeford and Saco (at that time the same town), met in the Meeting House to decide whether or not they would support the Town of Boston, the capitol of the Province of Massachusetts (of which Maine was then a part), in its call for a voluntary non-importation agreement directed against Great Britain. These

events led to the Boston Tea Party, and the Revolution of 1776. "Liberty Defended" depicts Biddeford's historical protest against Great Britain's Boston Port Act "and other Acts of Parliament inimical to the peace and Welfare of the Province of Massachusetts and the District of Maine."

Suggested donation \$5-\$10 at the door. After the show, guests are invited to stay for gingerbread and whipped cream courtesy of Thyme and Honey Bakery.

Joining the Historical Society for the weekend will be the regiment of Eames Rangers, a New England group of Revolutionary Militia reenactors. The encampment will be from Friday evening, through Saturday, and breaking camp on Sunday, early afternoon. Come visit and talk with the militia about life in the Revolutionary era!



Heart of Biddeford's **Music in the Parks** is a great way to get some fresh air and enjoy FREE music with friends! New this summer, the music series is being held in four different city parks. All of the remaining shows of the series will kick off at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

July 10: El Grande @ Rotary Park

July 17: Girls Just Want To Have Fun @ Mechanics Park

July 25: Sabouyouma @ Rotary Park

August 7: Casco Bay Tumblers @ Shevenell Park

## BEACH PERMIT REMINDERS

Biddeford residents must visit the City Clerk's Office with proof of residency to purchase their seasonal resident beach permit. The kiosks in the beach parking lots offer non-resident 1-Day, 3-Day, and 7-Day parking passes ONLY.

Parking permits are not required to visit the beach before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.





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## BPD KEY METRICS

Through Month Ending - Sunday, June 30, 2019



	2016	2017	2018	2018-YTD	2019-YTD	% Change	June 2019
<b>Total PSAP Calls For Service<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>53,723</b>	<b>49,883</b>	<b>50,582</b>	<b>24,164</b>	<b>24,696</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4,576</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	4,477	4,157	4,215	4,027	4,116		4,576
Public Initiated	15,496 41%	15,897 47%	16,125 51%	7,810 50%	6,800 44%	-13%	1,242 45%
Agency Initiated	22,143 59%	17,891 53%	15,743 49%	7,713 50%	8,623 56%	12%	1,516 55%
<b>Total Calls For Police Services</b>	<b>37,639 100%</b>	<b>33,788 100%</b>	<b>31,868 100%</b>	<b>15,523 100%</b>	<b>15,423 100%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>2,758 100%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	3,137	2,816	2,656	2,587	2,571		2,758
Criminal OF Reports	1,868 52%	1,892 53%	1,909 54%	968 54%	759 52%	-22%	117 46%
Non-Criminal OF Reports	1,699 48%	1,693 47%	1,646 46%	826 46%	704 48%	-15%	140 54%
<b>Total Offense Reports<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3,567 100%</b>	<b>3,585 100%</b>	<b>3,555 100%</b>	<b>1,794 100%</b>	<b>1,463 100%</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>257 100%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	297	299	296	299	244		257
<b>Criminal Offenses - Actual</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>4,561</b>	<b>4,095</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>282</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	417	380	341	365	295		282
Juvenile Arrests	130 5%	147 7%	125 7%	65 7%	60 7%	-8%	11 9%
Adult Arrests	2,352 95%	2,111 93%	1,727 93%	897 93%	796 93%	-11%	115 91%
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>2,482 100%</b>	<b>2,258 100%</b>	<b>1,852 100%</b>	<b>962 100%</b>	<b>856 100%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>126 100%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	207	188	154	160	143		126
<b>Total Use of Force Reports<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>130</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-42%</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	11	11	12	12	7		7
<b>Pounds of Drugs Collected<sup>4,6</sup></b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>-43%</b>	<b>76</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	126	140	151	207	119		76
Parking Tickets - Streets					1,084 36%		200 49%
Parking Tickets - Beaches					48 2%		40 10%
Parking Tickets - Downtown Lots					1,876 62%		166 41%
<b>Total Parking Tickets</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>3,008 100%</b>	<b>199%</b>	<b>406 100%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	137	176	164	168	501		406
<b>Traffic Stops Conducted</b>	<b>12,534</b>	<b>10,078</b>	<b>8,884</b>	<b>4,566</b>	<b>5,005</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>892</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	1,045	840	740	761	834		892
<b>Traffic Warnings Issued</b>	<b>13,669 79%</b>	<b>10,637 76%</b>	<b>9,461 75%</b>	<b>4,822 74%</b>	<b>5,340 77%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>911 74%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	1,139	886	788	804	890		911
<b>Traffic Citations Issued</b>	<b>3,627 21%</b>	<b>3,420 24%</b>	<b>3,076 25%</b>	<b>1,705 26%</b>	<b>1,566 23%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>321 26%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	302	285	256	284	261		321
<b>Motor Vehicle Crashes</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>49</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	58	68	67	66	55		49
<b>OUI Arrests</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	10	9	9	9	10		6
<b>Operating After Suspension or Rev Civil<sup>7</sup></b>	75 28%	73 30%	58 28%	26 24%	26 25%	0%	4 22%
Criminal <sup>8</sup>	192 72%	174 70%	149 72%	83 76%	78 75%	-6%	14 78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>267 100%</b>	<b>247 100%</b>	<b>207 100%</b>	<b>109 100%</b>	<b>104 100%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>18 100%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	22	21	17	18	17		18
ACO - Dispatches	997 98%	1,152 99%	1,057 99%	503 99%	499 98%	-1%	128 98%
ACO Backup - Dispatches	17 2%	10 1%	10 1%	5 1%	12 2%	140%	3 2%
<b>Total Animal Control<sup>5</sup> - Dispatches</b>	<b>1,014 100%</b>	<b>1,162 100%</b>	<b>1,067 100%</b>	<b>508 100%</b>	<b>511 100%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>131 100%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	85	97	89	85	85		131
<b>MENTAL HEALTH METRICS</b>							
<b>Calls - Mental Illness<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>269</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>23</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	22	18	18	17	16		23
<b>Calls - Threatened/Attempted/Suicide<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>253</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>23</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	21	22	23	24	21		23
<b>Police Transports for Crisis Eval<sup>10</sup></b>							
Transports - Juveniles	33 24%	42 32%	30 26%	17 29%	9 20%	-47%	2 17%
Transports - Adults	106 76%	88 68%	87 74%	41 71%	37 80%	-10%	10 83%
<b>Total Transports</b>	<b>139 100%</b>	<b>130 100%</b>	<b>117 100%</b>	<b>58 100%</b>	<b>46 100%</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>12 100%</b>
<i>Per Month Average</i>	12	11	10	10	8		12

Note<sup>1</sup>: Represents total calls answered by the Communications Center for Biddeford Public Safety and the other six communities serviced by the Center.

Note<sup>2</sup>: Represents reports generated by officers to document information gathered when responding incidents.

Note<sup>3</sup>: Represents reports generated by officers when any level of force is required to control an aggressive or resistant person. Total does not include any reports in process.

Note<sup>4</sup>: Represents pounds of outdated and/or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter drugs turned in to BPD by the public.

Note<sup>5</sup>: Represents only calls that the ACO or ACO Backup were dispatched to (excludes Animal Complaint calls responded to by Patrol Officers).

Note<sup>6</sup>: Starting in 2019, the Pounds Of Drugs Collected has been adjusted to be the net weight (excluding tare weight) of drugs.

Note<sup>7</sup>: Represents the number of traffic summonses issued for the civil violation of failing to pay a fine or a reinstatement fee for previous traffic violation.

Note<sup>8</sup>: Represents the number of criminal offenses for operating a vehicle while a driver's license is suspended or revoked.

Note<sup>9</sup>: Based on the originating reason code for the call for police services.

Note<sup>10</sup>: Represents the number of transports by officers to crisis evaluation at SMHC for non-crime incidents.

## Incident Type

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Occurrences</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Not Reported	6	1.5
BFD FIRE IN OR ON A BUILDING	3	0.8
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE	2	0.5
BFD FIRE CONFINED TO COOKING APPLIANCE	2	0.5
BFD CHIMNEY OR FLUE FIRE	1	0.3
BFD MULCH FIRE	3	0.8
BFD BRUSH/WOODS/GRASS FIRE	1	0.3
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY NO TRANSPORT	30	7.5
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG NO TRANSPORT	13	3.3
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	130	32.5
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	72	18.0
BFD EMS TRANSPORT SMHC TO A MEDICAL FACILITY	29	7.3
BFD RECEIVE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	7	1.8
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	8	2.0
BFD MVC W/OUT INJURY	4	1.0
BFD MVC W/ INJURY	6	1.5
BFD MVC W/ EXTRICATION	2	0.5
BFD ELEVATOR RESCUE	1	0.3
BFD HAZARDOUS CONDITION (STRUCTURAL, SAFETY, OTHER)	1	0.3
BFD HAZMAT (MINOR) (GAS OR OIL SPILL)	1	0.3
BFD CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MALFUNCTION	1	0.3
BFD ELECTRICAL PROBLEM	1	0.3
BFD CABLE LINE DOWN	5	1.3
BFD TELEPHONE LINE DOWN	1	0.3
BFD WIRES ARCING	1	0.3
BFD ATTEMPTED BURN ILLEGALLY	1	0.3
BFD INSIDE SMOKE OR ODOR INVESTIGATION	1	0.3
BFD PUBLIC ASSIST	4	1.0
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID NON STRUCTURE FIRE	1	0.3
BFD UNPERMITTED BURN	4	1.0
BFD STATION COVERAGE/STAND-BY	1	0.3
BFD EMS CALL CANCELLED ENROUTE	9	2.3
BFD BFD FIRE CALL CANCELED ENROUTE	1	0.3
BFD CANCELLED ENROUTE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE	4	1.0
BFD CHECK ON PERMITTED BURN	1	0.3
BFD OUTSIDE SMOKE OR ODOR INVESTIGATION	3	0.8
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX WATER FLOW	1	0.3
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX PULLS/SMOKES	10	2.5
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX TAMPER OR TROUBLE	1	0.3
BFD FALSE ALARM MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX SYSTEM MALFUNCTION	7	1.8
BFD FALSE CALL-GOOD INTENT	7	1.8
BFD PULLS/SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION RESIDENTIAL	3	0.8
BFD RESIDENTIAL ALARM MALFUNCTION	10	2.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>100.0</b>

For Districts: All  
 For Situations: All  
 For Jurisdictions: All  
 For Street(s): All  
 For Location: All