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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	July 15, 2019
6:30 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting (Live)
Tuesday	July 16, 2019
5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
5:30 p.m.	Budget Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting (Live)
Wednesday	July 17, 2019
6:00 p.m.	Planning Board Comp Plan Meeting
Thursday	July 25, 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.

12th Annual Family Fun Festival: Save the Date!

(formerly Bacon St. Festival)

August 4, 2019, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

39 Sullivan Street (St. Andre's Senior Housing Parking Lot)

Join your neighbors to enjoy live music, a petting zoo, pony rides, games, food, face painting, rock climbing, a bouncy house, water slide, and more!

RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK

Plastic bags cannot be recycled in the curbside recycling program!

You may have noticed local stores have begun to offer paper bags in place of plastic bags. This is because starting on Monday, July 15, retailers in Biddeford are banned from offering plastic bags. Issues with recycling contamination were a major reason that the ban was approved.

If you are looking for an alternative bag for shopping, consider Hannaford's Community Bag. \$1 from the purchase of each bag is donated to a local nonprofit organization. This month, [Blandings Park Wildlife Sanctuary](#) (located off Pool Street) has been selected to benefit from sales at the Biddeford Hannaford.

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



COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY ON POLCO

[Click here](#) or visit Polco.us/Biddeford to participate!

What would you like to see in future issues of The Biddeford Beat? What additional platforms would you like to use to connect with the City of Biddeford? Please take the quick 5-question survey above to let us know! As a subscriber to The Biddeford Beat, we would especially appreciate your feedback.

We often receive questions about why Polco, our online civic engagement platform, requires you to create an account. This is because Polco uses the information you provide to verify your residency in Biddeford and ensure that responses are only counted once. The City does not have access to your data, and you will only receive an email when we post a new survey.

GREEN AND YELLOW LOT RECONFIGURATION

This week, our Public Works Department began construction on a reconfiguration of the downtown parking lots in the Federal and Franklin Street area (known as the Green Lot and the Yellow Lot). The new design is intended to make the parking lots easier to navigate and reduce confusing and repetitive signage. The changes will also result in a net gain of hourly parking spaces.

What is changing?

- **The Yellow Lot is expanding to provide MORE spaces reserved for hourly parking, with the first two hours FREE.** The expansion will add 27 more spaces to the Yellow Lot.
- MORE free 30-minute parking spaces (up from 12 to 14).
- The Green Lot will be converted to a reserved lot for long-term parking permit holders only.
- Physical barriers will be installed between the Yellow Lot and Green Lot so that visitors know which spaces they can and cannot park in.
- The amount of entrances to the parking lots will be reduced to control traffic flow. The improved design with limited entrances will allow unclear and repetitive signage to be replaced with simple and straightforward directional signage.
 - Franklin Street will be converted from a one-way street to a two-way street, connecting Main Street and Jefferson Street.
 - Federal Street will be eliminated completely.
 - The Washington Street entrance to the parking lots will be removed, but an exit to Washington Street will remain. The exit to Alfred Street next to Louis Pizza will also remain.

What isn't changing?

- You will still need to purchase a monthly parking permit to park in the Green Lot.
- The Yellow Lot will remain hourly parking only with the first two hours FREE.
- You must still enter your license plate number into the kiosk to park for free in the Yellow Lot (but you do not need to use a credit card unless you are parking in the lot for more than two hours).
- You still will not need to use the kiosk if you park in a free 30-minute parking space.

Construction on this project began July 9 and is expected to be completed in about two weeks. Our Public Works Department is working to complete this project with as little disruption to parking availability as possible, but please adhere to any "No Parking" signs that are posted in the lot.

We hope that these changes will make it easier for shoppers and diners to find short-term parking!

PRUNING ON MAIN ST.

Beginning on Mon. July 15 at 7:00 am, the trees on Main Street between Elm Street and Jefferson Street on the City Hall side of the road will be pruned. Parking will be prohibited in this section of Main Street from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm, or until pruning is complete. Additional pruning on Main Street will be completed in phases to limit the impacts on parking.

This week, we celebrated the retirement of our Comptroller, Richard Dutremble! Richard has given over 30 years of service to the City of Biddeford. He will be missed here at City Hall, but we wish him the best in his next chapter!

