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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](#) or on the Public Access Channel.

- Monday August 19, 2019**
4:30 p.m. Cable TV Committee Meeting @ Public Access Building
- Tuesday August 20, 2019**
5:00 p.m. City Council Workshop on Low Income Housing/Elderly Housing (Live), immediately followed by City Council Meeting (Live)
- Wednesday August 21, 2019**
6:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting (Live)
6:30 p.m. Solid Waste Management Commission Meeting @ Public Works
- Thursday August 22, 2019**
6:30 p.m. Airport Commission Meeting (Live)
- Tuesday August 27, 2019**
5:30 p.m. Downtown Committee Meeting (Live)
- Wednesday August 28, 2019**
6:00 p.m. Comprehensive Plan Meeting

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

Finding the Pieces is a two-week summer camp in Biddeford for children in grades K-5 with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The intent and purpose of the Finding the Pieces Camp is to provide an enriching summer camp experience



for children that celebrates differences and provides opportunities to interact with peers both on and off the spectrum. The program is a collaboration between the City of Biddeford, the Biddeford School Department, the University of New England, and the Autism Society of Maine. It is free for all participants. Students from UNE's Health, Wellness and Occupational Therapy program serve as camp counselors to provide one-on-one support for the campers. 2019 was the third year of the camp, and ten very unique campers ranging from nonverbal to highly functioning Asperger participated in the program. Most of the campers were from Biddeford, and the others were from Berwick, Wells, and Arundel. The campers enjoyed therapeutic horseback riding, a special showing of Toy Story 4, bowling, and a day at the farm!

Watch a [News Center Maine story](#) on Finding the Pieces!

GREEN AND YELLOW PARKING LOT UPDATE

Paving of the Green Lot area is now complete. New wayfinding signage will be installed early next week. Please also note that Franklin Street is now open to two-way traffic. We hope that these changes make it easier to navigate the Franklin Street area and find hourly parking.

AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

August 17, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Come on down to the Biddeford Municipal Airport Open House to enjoy planes on display, helicopter and plane rides, food and lots more. The Airport's community partners and businesses will also be attending the event and setting up displays. Admission to the event is FREE! Items such as food, aircraft rides, raffle tickets and souvenirs will be available for purchase.



AFTER SCHOOL CUB CARE

The 2019-2020 School Year is almost here! Biddeford Recreation offers an after-school care program called [Cub Care](#) for students in Grades K-5. The program takes place at Biddeford Intermediate School and will run from August 28, 2019 – June 10, 2020. Activities during the program include indoor and outdoor playtime, arts & crafts, free time & structured play, and help with homework. A snack and drink will be provided. **To register, contact the Recreation Office at 207-283-0841.**

Time Options

After Care Time: 2:30pm - 5:30pm

1-Hour Option Time: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

2019-2020 School Year Monthly Rates

Annual Registration Fee: \$25.00

After Care: 2 Day Option - \$140.00
3 Day Option - \$170.00
4 Day Option - \$200.00
5 Day Option - \$230.00

1-Hour Option: \$8/Day (Min. 2 Days)



***After Cub Care 1 Hour Option Family Max:** \$50.00/Week for a maximum of 3 children!

Parent/guardian must be legal guardian to all 3 children to receive the family max. discount. Please contact the Recreation Office to receive the 1 hour family discount.*

The two days of school in August will be part of the September Cub Care payment.



We are still seeking After School Cub Care Counselors for this year! This is a part-time position with hours Monday – Friday from 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. following the Biddeford School Department calendar. (Extra hours may be available for Early Release Days, Full Day Trips, and School Vacation Weeks.)

Counselors are responsible for program planning and facility preparation for Cub Care, as well as for the care and safety of participants. The right candidate must demonstrate creativity, ability to motivate children, good communication skills, and a positive attitude, and have past experience supervising children. For more information or to apply for the position, please [click here](#).

LOSS EXPERIENCE AND LOSS PREVENTION PROGRAMMING DIVIDENDS

The City of Biddeford has received a \$33,938 dividend check from the Maine Municipal Association as a result of its effective loss experience and loss prevention programs.

At its May meeting, the Maine Municipal Association board approved a dividend distribution from the Workers Compensation Fund to communities whose 2018 loss ratio is less than 40% and whose three-year loss ratio is less than 75% as of June 30. The City of Biddeford qualified for a dividend this year for its good management practices and favorable loss experience, according to Michelle Pelletier, Director of Risk Management Services for MMA.

The City formed a Safety Committee earlier this year that is comprised of employees that work in each of the City's buildings. The purpose of the committee is to promote total safety awareness to every employee by discussing safety practices, procedures, concerns and approaches on a routine basis. The committee conducts random safety audits of the departments and promotes safety education and workplace hazard reporting.

"This dividend check is very exciting news and speaks to the hard work that our Safety Committee is doing to make safety a top priority in the workplace," said Diana DePaolo, the City of Biddeford's Human Resources Director. "I am very hopeful that with a continued commitment to safety and wellbeing and a close relationship with MMA that we will be able to continue with this trend of quality risk management and loss prevention."

CPR Courses at the Biddeford Fire Department

Did you know that the Biddeford Fire Department offers CPR and AED courses at Central Station? All courses are taught according to the standards of the American Heart Association. Preregistration is required.

Heartsaver CPR/AED

- ⇒ Designed for members of the public interested in learning life-saving skills
- ⇒ Learn adult/infant CPR and how to use an AED
- ⇒ Wednesday evenings, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
 - ⇒ Cost: \$50
- ⇒ Upcoming dates: August 21, September 18, October 9, November 6, and December 4.

BLS for Healthcare Providers

- ⇒ Designed for individuals who provide healthcare as part of their job responsibilities
- ⇒ More in-depth than basic CPR skills
- ⇒ Wednesday evenings, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
 - ⇒ Cost: \$55
- ⇒ Upcoming dates: August 28, September 11, September 25, October 23, November 20, and December 18.

Call BFD at 207-282-6632 to preregister!

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Guides

Looking for a new place to grab a bite or a beverage in Biddeford?

Check out this new [guide](#) from *Find. Eat. Drink!*

Post your ArtWalk photos to Instagram #biddefordartwalk

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2019 BIDDEFORD ARTWALK

**NEW
TIME
& DAY:
4-7PM
THIRD
SATURDAY
OF THE
MONTH**

NEXT EVENT: AUGUST 17

Saturday's ArtWalk is the last of the regular season! This month, there will also be a sidewalk sale featuring downtown retail businesses. Visit biddefordsacoartwalk.com for a list of participating businesses.

End your night with a show!
[An Evening at City Theater with Maine Humorist Tim Sample](#), 7:30 p.m.

Below: Biddeford Physical Therapy recently celebrated the grand opening of their new business at 6 Barra Road!



Right: Mayor Alan Casavant joined Senator Susan Collins and Biddeford's Fiber Materials, Inc. to celebrate their 50th birthday on Wednesday.

"The work done here in Biddeford is spurring a new manufacturing economy for Maine and America." – Senator Collins

Would you like to see a Food Cooperative in Biddeford? Visit

Polco.us/Biddeford

to let us know!



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POLCO

At a workshop entitled 'Local Foods Local Places' that took place at Engine last summer, the idea of a **food cooperative** here in Biddeford was presented. A food co-op is a food store that is neither publicly or privately owned; rather, it is owned cooperatively by consumers who shop there, workers employed there, or producers that supply the goods. We are exploring this idea, and a steering committee has been formed to evaluate the feasibility of a food co-op here. Please share your thoughts on food co-ops by taking [this survey](#) on Polco. The results will help the committee understand public interest in this type of store.

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 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.

