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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 September 3, 2019
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live)

Wednesday September 4, 2019
6:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting (Live)

Monday September 9, 2019
6:30 p.m. Policy Committee Meeting (Live)

Wednesday September 11, 2019
4:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission @
2nd Floor Conference Room

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

Latest Meetings:

[Downtown Committee \(8/27/19\)](#)

[City Council Workshop \(8/27/19\)](#)

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP RECAP

On Tuesday, the City Council held a workshop to discuss a financing proposal for a parking garage on the 3 Lincoln Street property.

[Click here](#) to watch the City Manager's presentation at the meeting. A copy of the presentation is also available [on our website](#).

The City Council has requested to hold an additional public meeting to discuss the proposal. The date and time for the meeting, as well as additional information about the proposal, will be made available on the City of Biddeford website.

END OF SEASON LIFEGUARD COVERAGE

This weekend marks the end of Biddeford Recreation's summer season. After Labor Day, there will be no lifeguard coverage at our beaches, and parking permits are not required to access the parking lots.

There will be full-time lifeguard coverage (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) at Pool Beach and Fortunes Rocks from Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2. Coverage at Middle Beach will be intermittent throughout Labor Day Weekend. Rotary Park Beach will have no coverage starting on August 30. Check the Recreation website at www.biddefordrec.com for additional updates.



City Hall will be CLOSED on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. Trash and recycling pickup will not be affected.

FRANKLIN STREET PARKING AREA MAP

Recent changes to the Franklin Street parking lot area have increased the availability of free two-hour parking spaces. The spaces in blue on the map below are FREE two-hour parking spaces (no use of the kiosks required). Your first two hours of parking in the Yellow Lot are also free, but you must enter your license plate number into the kiosk if you park in these spaces.

Franklin Street Parking Area

Yellow Lot
First two hours of parking FREE,
\$2/hour for additional time
Must enter license plate number
at kiosk

On-Street Parking

Blue spaces
2 hour parking, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
except Sundays and holidays
No overnight parking restrictions

Orange spaces
30-minute parking

Red spaces
Reserved Parking
Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Green Lot
Permit Parking
ONLY

Yellow Lot

Washington Street
Franklin Street
Alfred Street
Jefferson Street

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

September 14, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Biddeford Public Works

[Click here](#) for a list of accepted hazardous waste items.

The Recycling/Transfer Station will be CLOSED on September 14 to accommodate Household Hazardous Waste Day.

E2E LEADERSHIP PANEL



Staff members from each of our departments have been nominated to participate in the Engage to Empower Leadership Academy. The members have been participating in monthly leadership training sessions. At this month's session, we welcomed three special guests for a panel on leadership:

Jeremy Ray, Biddeford Superintendent of Schools
James D. Herbert, Ph.D., UNE President
Margo Walsh, Founder and Owner of MaineWorks

Thank you to our panelists for sharing your insights and experiences with our group!



AGE-FRIENDLY BIDDEFORD

Age-Friendly Biddeford is a volunteer group introducing programs and projects to create a more livable community, connecting those growing up with those growing older. They offer several helpful programs for Biddeford residents that you may want to take advantage of:

Comfortably Home: AFB partners with Biddeford Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and UNE to provide FREE minor home repairs and basic safety changes to help older and/or disabled Mainer stay in their home. Call **207-282-6357** to begin an application.

Monthly Food Boxes: AFB is introducing this USDA program to all residents 60+ or disabled. Food staples are boxed monthly and you can pick yours up at the New Life Church in Biddeford. There is no income requirement. Please call **207-284-8520** to get an application.

Free Medical Equipment Closet: AFB has a wonderful resource for anyone, any age, any income, who needs any kind of medical equipment available. It is FREE just for the asking! Call Dennis from Saco Bay Sunset Rotary at **207-468-0443** with your request.

If you purchase a Because You Care bag at the Biddeford Hannaford during the month of September, Age Friendly Biddeford will receive \$1 to help fund these programs! With Biddeford's plastic bag ban in effect, these bags are a great alternative to single-use plastic bags.

UNE DAY OF SERVICE

On Monday, Heart of Biddeford and UNE partnered up for a day of service here in Biddeford! Nearly 600 students from UNE's incoming class completed community service work around the city, including cleaning up the City Hall clock tower and various city parks. About 250 of the students worked together assembly-line style to put together 10,000 healthy breakfasts for local families. The meals will be distributed at local food pantries, Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center, and Biddeford Primary School. We thank the UNE Class of 2023 for their hard work and welcome them to our community!

