



The Biddeford Beat

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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 October 7, 2019**
3:15 p.m. Youth Advisory Council Meeting
5:30 p.m. Downtown Development Commission @ 2nd Floor Conference Room
- Tuesday October 8, 2019**
4:30 p.m. School Committee Meeting (Live)
6:15 p.m. Downtown Committee Meeting (Live)
- Wednesday October 9, 2019**
4:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission @ 2nd Floor Conference Room
- Thursday October 10, 2019**
6:00 p.m. Public Meeting on Proposed Remediation and Cleanup Activities at the Riverdam Mill Site (Bldgs 3&4)
6:30 p.m. Airport Commission Meeting (Executive Session)
- Tuesday October 15, 2019**
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live)
- Wednesday October 16, 2019**
6:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting (Live)
6:30 p.m. Solid Waste Management Commission @ Public Works
- Thursday October 17, 2019**
7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission @ 2nd Floor Conference Room

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

STATE REFERENDUM AND MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

November 5, 2019

**Biddeford High School (20 Maplewood Ave)
Poll will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Biddeford Voters will be voting on two State Referendum Questions; and Municipally, will be voting for Mayor, City Council, School Committee, Wardens and Ward Clerks. Please visit the City's [website](#) to view sample ballots.

Voters may request an absentee ballot by telephone (207-284-9307); or by coming into the City Clerk's Office during the business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; or voters may also go to <https://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> and request an absentee ballot electronically. Absentee ballot requests must be received by the City Clerk's Office by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019, unless special circumstances exist. There will be no absentee voting on Friday, November 1st or Monday, November 4th.

A graphic with a white background and a yellow border. The text "HAPPY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY" is written in large, bold, orange letters. There are stylized orange and yellow shapes around the text, resembling leaves or abstract patterns.

**HAPPY
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE'S DAY**

City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 14 in observance of Indigenous People's Day. Trash and recycling pickup will not be affected.

2019 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Mayor Alan Casavant named Roch Angers the City of Biddeford's 2019 Volunteer of the Year at Tuesday's City Council Meeting.

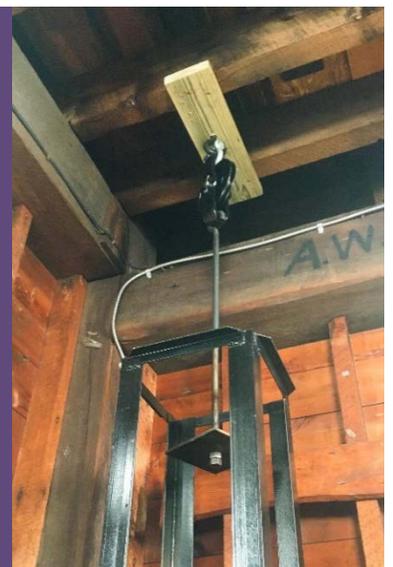
During his lifetime, Angers has served on various City committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council, School Committee, Planning Board, and Economic Improvement Commission. Angers also currently serves as the President on the McArthur Library Board of Trustees. He is known by many in the community for having a big heart and always being willing to help when asked.

"I have known Roch for over forty years, and he is extremely honest, charitable, and helpful," said Mayor Alan Casavant. "He is the perfect example of a community volunteer, because he gives so much of himself. He is a friend to many in this community, because of the relationships that he has forged through giving of his time, energy, and talents. I was very pleased to honor Roch with this year's Volunteer of the Year Award."



CLOCK TOWER UPDATE

The City Hall clock is in the process of being reinstalled! Balzer Family Clock Works has completed the installation of the dials, but the hands are not yet attached. The preliminary work to get the clock back in the tower, including installing the pulley system shown on the right, is also complete. The final step is to return the clock to the tower this week! (Note: This restoration project was funded thanks to Heart of Biddeford's grant from the Partners in Preservation: Main Street campaign.)



OCTOBER 1, 2019 MEETING RECAP

At their October 1 Workshop, the City Council discussed a possible FY 21 Senior Tax Rebate Program. [Click here](#) to review the materials that were discussed at the meeting. To watch a video of the discussion, [click here](#).

The City Council took the following action at their October 1 meeting:

- Approved the purchase of lockers for a renovation of the Police Department men's locker room. \$30,000 of the project will be funded from a previously-approved Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), with the remaining \$75,767 to be funded from the re-designated Assigned Fund Balance.
- Approved the purchase of a dual-faced sign that will be installed at the Public Works building. The sign will be used to communicate construction information, trash collection information, and more.
 - Approved the paving of Morin Street and Drapeau Street
- Approved the purchase of a pedestrian warning light that will be installed on Main Street in front of Biddeford Savings Bank. The warning light will be purchased with funds from the TIF.

[Click here](#) to watch the City Council meeting.

FREE DEMOLITION DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Tuesday, October 22 - Saturday, November 2
Biddeford Transfer Station (371 Hill Street)

Residents only (No Contractors) can dispose of acceptable demolition debris free of charge from 10/22 - 11/2. Accepted debris includes but is not limited to framing lumber, trim boards, plumbing fixtures, flooring, and wall-to-wall carpeting. All debris must be cut down to 3 ft lengths. Any questions, please call Public Works Department at 282-1579.
Sheetrock, Drywall, Roofing Paper and Shingles Cannot Be Accepted



**COURAGE
HONOR
INTEGRITY**

BPD KEY METRICS

Through Month Ending - Monday, September 30, 2019



	2016	2017	2018	2018-YTD	2019-YTD	% Change	Sept 2019 9/1/19 - 9/30/19
Total PSAP Calls For Service¹	53,723	49,883	50,582	38,593	38,670	0%	4,343
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>4,477</i>	<i>4,157</i>	<i>4,215</i>	<i>4,300</i>	<i>4,308</i>		<i>4,343</i>
Public Initiated	15,496 41%	15,897 47%	16,125 51%	12,542 52%	10,843 46%	-14%	1,305 51%
Agency Initiated	22,143 59%	17,891 53%	15,743 49%	11,779 48%	12,699 54%	8%	1,259 49%
Total Calls For Police Services	37,639 100%	33,788 100%	31,868 100%	24,321 100%	23,542 100%	-3%	2,564 100%
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>3,137</i>	<i>2,816</i>	<i>2,656</i>	<i>2,710</i>	<i>2,623</i>		<i>2,564</i>
Criminal OF Reports	1,868 52%	1,892 53%	1,909 54%	1,500 55%	1,159 51%	-23%	144 54%
Non-Criminal OF Reports	1,699 48%	1,693 47%	1,646 46%	1,250 45%	1,096 49%	-12%	125 46%
Total Offense Reports²	3,567 100%	3,585 100%	3,555 100%	2,750 100%	2,255 100%	-18%	269 100%
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>297</i>	<i>299</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>251</i>		<i>269</i>
Felony Offenses	525	510	534	442	292	-34%	40
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>40</i>
All Criminal Offenses	4,976	4,715	4,248	3,316	2,729	-18%	317
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>415</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>354</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>304</i>		<i>317</i>

Juvenile Arrests	130	5%	147	7%	125	7%	89	0%	80	0%	-10%	11	7%
Adult Arrests	2,352	95%	2,111	93%	1,727	93%	1,340	94%	1,223	94%	-9%	142	93%
Total Arrests	2,482	100%	2,258	100%	1,852	100%	1,429	100%	1,303	100%	-9%	153	100%
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>207</i>		<i>188</i>		<i>154</i>		<i>159</i>		<i>145</i>			<i>153</i>	
Total Response to Resistance Reports³	130		132		143		101		108		7%	19	
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>11</i>		<i>12</i>		<i>11</i>		<i>12</i>			<i>19</i>	
Pounds of Drugs Collected^{4,6}	1,514		1,684		1,811		1,566		953		-39%	93	
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>126</i>		<i>140</i>		<i>151</i>		<i>174</i>		<i>106</i>			<i>93</i>	
Parking Tickets - Streets									1,604	41%		169	52%
Parking Tickets - Beaches									164	4%		3	1%
Parking Tickets - Downtown Lots									2,146	55%		152	47%
Total Parking Tickets	1,644		2,113		1,969		1,504		3,914	100%	160%	324	100%
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>137</i>		<i>176</i>		<i>164</i>		<i>168</i>		<i>436</i>			<i>324</i>	
Traffic Stops Conducted	12,534		10,078		8,884		6,688		7,275		9%	681	
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>1,045</i>		<i>840</i>		<i>740</i>		<i>745</i>		<i>811</i>			<i>681</i>	
Hands Free Warnings Issued ¹²									4			4	
All Traffic Warnings Issued	13,669	98%	10,637	97%	9,461	97%	7,009	96%	7,712	97%	10%	706	79%
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>1,139</i>		<i>886</i>		<i>788</i>		<i>781</i>		<i>859</i>			<i>706</i>	
Hands Free Citations Issued ¹²									0			0	
All Traffic Citations Issued	3,627	100%	3,420	100%	3,076	100%	2,490	100%	2,300	100%	-8%	188	21%
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>302</i>		<i>285</i>		<i>256</i>		<i>277</i>		<i>256</i>			<i>188</i>	
Motor Vehicle Crashes	692		814		804		599		486		-19%	52	
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>58</i>		<i>68</i>		<i>67</i>		<i>67</i>		<i>54</i>			<i>52</i>	
OUI Arrests	120		106		103		78		103		32%	12	
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>9</i>		<i>9</i>		<i>9</i>		<i>11</i>			<i>12</i>	
Operating After Suspension or Revocation													
Civil ⁷	75	28%	73	30%	58	28%	45	29%	39	25%	-13%	3	20%
Criminal ⁸	192	72%	174	70%	149	72%	109	71%	114	75%	5%	12	80%
Total	267	100%	247	100%	207	100%	154	100%	153	100%	-1%	15	100%
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>21</i>		<i>17</i>		<i>17</i>		<i>17</i>			<i>15</i>	
ACO - Dispatches	997	98%	1,152	99%	1,057	99%	858	99%	869	98%	1%	67	
ACO Backup - Dispatches	17	2%	10	1%	10	1%	9	1%	15	2%	67%	2	
Total Animal Control⁵ - Dispatches	1,014	100%	1,162	100%	1,067	100%	867	100%	884	100%	2%	69	
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>85</i>		<i>97</i>		<i>89</i>		<i>97</i>		<i>98</i>			<i>69</i>	
MENTAL HEALTH METRICS													
Calls - Mental Illness⁹	269		215		212		168	Calls	161	Calls	-4%	23	Calls
<i>Average Calls Per Month</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>18</i>		<i>18</i>		<i>19</i>		<i>18</i>			<i>23</i>	
Officers Hours On Mental Health Calls¹¹									172.5	Hours		24.7	Hours
<i>Average Hours Per Call Committed</i>									<i>1.1</i>			<i>1.1</i>	
Calls - Threatened/Attempted/Suicide⁹	253		263		279		225	Calls	175	Calls	-22%	14	Calls
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>21</i>		<i>22</i>		<i>23</i>		<i>25</i>		<i>19</i>			<i>14</i>	
Officers Hours On Suicide Calls¹¹									257.5	Hours		25.0	Hours
<i>Average Hours Per Call Committed</i>									<i>1.5</i>			<i>1.8</i>	
Police Transports for Crisis Evaluation¹⁰													
Transports - Juveniles	33	24%	42	32%	30	26%	21	27%	11	15%	-48%	0	0%
Transports - Adults	106	76%	88	68%	87	74%	58	73%	61	85%	5%	4	100%
Total Transports	139	100%	130	100%	117	100%	79	100%	72	100%	-9%	4	100%
<i>Per Month Average</i>	<i>12</i>		<i>11</i>		<i>10</i>		<i>9</i>		<i>8</i>			<i>4</i>	

Note¹: Represents total calls answered by the Communications Center for Biddeford Public Safety and the other six communities serviced by the Center.

Note²: Represents reports generated by officers to document information gathered when responding incidents.

Note³: 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.

Note⁴: Represents pounds of outdated and/or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter drugs turned in to BPD by the public.

Note⁵: Represents only calls that the ACO or ACO Backup were dispatched to (excludes Animal Complaint calls responded to by Patrol Officers).

Note⁶: Starting in 2019, the Pounds Of Drugs Collected has been adjusted to be the net weight (excluding tare weight) of drugs.

Note⁷: 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.

Note⁸: Represents the number of criminal offenses for operating a vehicle while a driver's license is suspended or revoked.

Note⁹: Based on the originating reason code for the call for police services.

Note¹⁰: Represents the number of transports by officers to crisis evaluation at SMHC for non-crime incidents.

Note¹¹: Represents the sum of hours that individual officers spent on calls (calculated by the difference between time dispatched and time cleared)

Note¹²: Hands Free Law 29-A 2121 went into effect on Thursday, September 19, 2019



[Click here](#) to take an online tour of Biddeford Fire Department's Truck 32, hosted by Lt. Kenneth Thorpe.



BIDDEFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER INCIDENT ANALYSIS

Incident Type

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Occurrences</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
BFD FIRE IN OR ON A BUILDING	2	0.5
Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.2
BFD FIRE CONFINED TO COOKING APPLIANCE	4	1.0
BFD FUEL BURNER/BOILER MALFUNCTION, FIRE CONFINED	1	0.2
BFD VEHICLE FIRE	1	0.2
BFD MULCH FIRE	2	0.5
BFD BRUSH/WOODS/GRASS FIRE	2	0.5
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	8	1.9
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY NO TRANSPORT	44	10.5
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG NO TRANSPORT	16	3.8
BFD EMS CALL RESCUE ONLY TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	116	27.8
BFD EMS CALL RES/ENG TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	76	18.2
BFD EMS TRANSPORT SMHC TO A MEDICAL FACILITY	30	7.2
BFD RECEIVE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	16	3.8
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR EMS CALL	5	1.2
BFD MVC W/OUT INJURY	10	2.4
BFD MVC W/ INJURY	7	1.7
BFD SPECIALIZED RESCUE/ ABOVE/BELOW GRADE/CONFINED	1	0.2
BFD WATER RESUE/ PERSONS IN THE WATER	1	0.2
BFD HAZMAT (MINOR) (GAS OR OIL SPILL)	2	0.5
BFD PROPANE/NG LEAK	1	0.2
BFD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	1	0.2
BFD CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MALFUNCTION	1	0.2
BFD CABLE LINE DOWN	1	0.2
BFD WIRES ARCING	1	0.2
BFD TREE DOWN	1	0.2
BFD POWER LINE DOWN	4	1.0
BFD ATEMPTED BURN ILLEGALLY	1	0.2
BFD LOCK OUT VEHICLE OR STRUCTURE	1	0.2
BFD INSIDE SMOKE OR ORDOR INVESTIGATION	2	0.5
BFD PUBLIC ASSIST	4	1.0
BFD ASSIST POLICE OR OTHER AGENCY	3	0.7
BFD PROVIDE MUTUAL AID NON STRUCTURE FIRE	6	1.4
BFD STATION COVERAGE/STAND-BY	2	0.5
Good intent call, other	1	0.2
BFD EMS CALL CANCELED ENROUTE	6	1.4
BFD BFD FIRE CALL CANCELED ENROUTE	3	0.7
BFD CANCELLED ENROUTE MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID STRUCTURE FIRE	1	0.2
BFD CHECK ON PERMITTED BURN	1	0.2
BFD OUTSIDE SMOKE OR ODOR INVESTIGATION	3	0.7
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX PULLS/SMOKES	13	3.1
BFD MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX TAMPER OR TROUBLE	1	0.2
BFD FALSE ALARM MASTER/SUPERVISED BOX SYSTEM MALFUNCTION	2	0.5
BFD FALSE CALL-GOOD INTENT	4	1.0
BFD PULLS/SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION RESIDENTIAL	5	1.2
BFD RESIDENTIAL ALARM MALFUNCTION	4	1.0
TOTAL	418	100.0