



The Biddeford Beat

THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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 14, 2019

Indigenous People's Day – City Hall CLOSED

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

Tuesday October 22, 2019

7:00 p.m. School Committee Meeting (Live)

Thursday October 24, 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.

THE LINCOLN GROUNDBREAKING

On October 9, City officials joined Tim Harrington and Eric Chinburg to kick off construction on The Lincoln. Upon completion, The Lincoln will feature apartments with deluxe amenities, as well as a boutique hotel featuring a rooftop pool with a bar. The project will also include an 11,000 square-foot Quest Fitness gym and a 5,000 square-foot Batson River Social Club restaurant. The Lincoln will bring 150 permanent jobs to the market and over 115 tradesman will work on the project throughout the construction period. The first phase of the project with the apartments will open in 2020, with the hotel and restaurant set to open in Spring of 2021. We are pleased that the transformation of the historic Lincoln Mill is now underway!



**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.

NEW FREE PARKING OPTIONS DOWNTOWN

The **Alfred Street Lot** (located next to the Police Department) now offers your **first two hours of parking FREE!** Just type your license plate number into the parking kiosk to redeem your free parking. You will not need to insert your credit card into the kiosk unless you plan to park for more than two hours. Additional hours of parking beyond the first two hours can be purchased at a rate of \$2 per hour. This same policy is also in place in the parking lot on Franklin Street.

DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT MAP

On-Street Parking

Always free!

Find FREE perpendicular on-street parking on Franklin Street



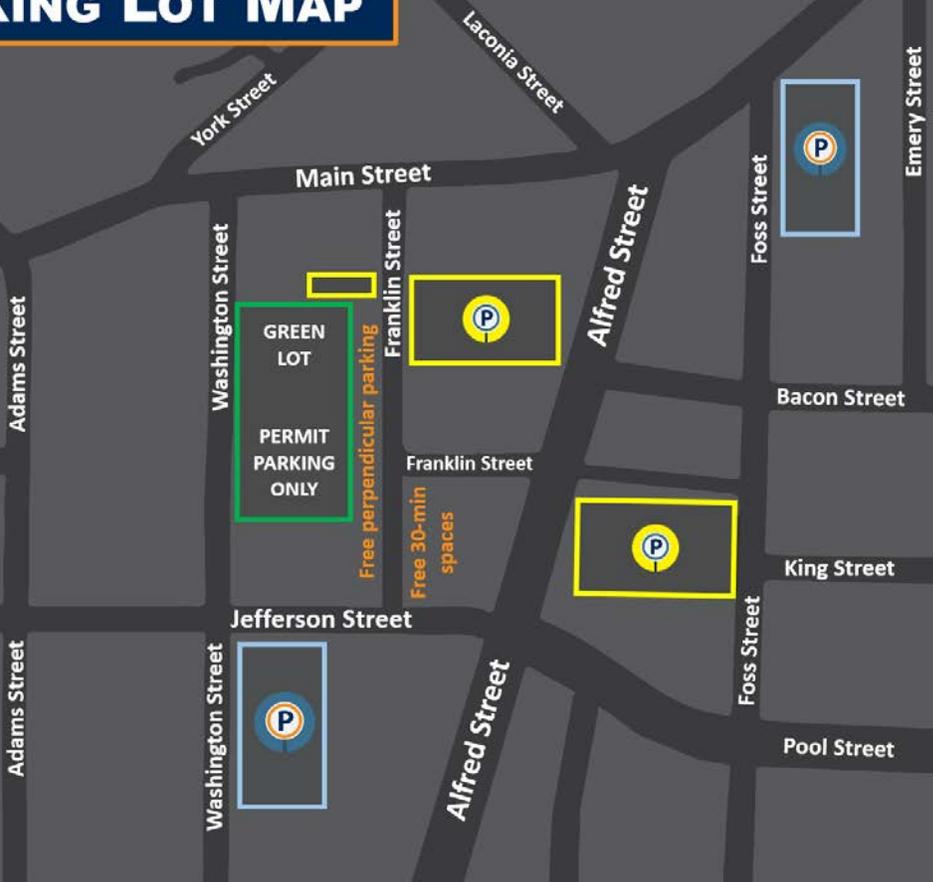
Franklin Street Lot Alfred Street Lot

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



Foss Street Lot Washington Street Lot

Use kiosks to pay for parking
\$2 per hour



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.

CLOCK TOWER UPDATE

The restored City Hall clock has been returned to the clock tower! You can once again check the time by looking up at the tower.

The before and after comparison below shows the amazing work that Balzer Family Clock Works has completed over the past few months. A large portion of their work was to convert the electrified mechanical timepieces back to their fully mechanical operation as they were originally designed. Many of the original mechanical components, including the pulleys, weights, and pendulum bob, were missing and were replaced. The Balzers also installed an automatic winding system for the weights so that staff will not have to manually wind the clock.

Thank you again to everyone who voted to get Heart of Biddeford the \$150,000 grant from the American Express Partners in Preservation program! The grant also included funding to repair the woodwork surrounding the clock. The remainder of the project will be completed by June 2020.

Before



After



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