



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 December 3, 2018

5:30 p.m. Downtown Development Commission @ 2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday December 4, 2018

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Live)
6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live)

Wednesday December 5, 2018

6:00 p.m. Planning Board (Live)

Monday December 10, 2018

6:30 p.m. Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday December 12, 2018

4:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission

Click here to view updates on the full city calendar!

HEART OF BIDDEFORD'S TREE AND MENORAH LIGHTING



Friday, December 7, 2018

Downtown Biddeford will be even brighter this year, with the addition of a Hanukkah Menorah along with the arrival of Santa and lighting of the tree in City Square!

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Reilly's Bakery hosts free cookie decorating. Starting at 3:45 p.m., select students from the Biddeford Middle School 7th and 8th grade Chorus will be at Reilly's to sing carols. McArthur Library will offer special crafts and activities in the children's room.

5:30 in City Square

Lighting the Hanukkah Menorah and music from Congregation Etz Chaim

5:45 in City Square

Music from the Salvation Army Brass Band

6 p.m. in City Square

Santa arrives and lights the tree

More in City Square:

New Life Church has some special surprises in store, and Biddeford Recreation Department will provide make-your-own s'mores.

6:15 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Photos with Santa, provided by McKenney Photography! Free sleigh rides will run through the downtown.

Several retail shops and ArtWalk venues will remain open until 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. City Theater will present A Christmas Carol: The Musical. Tickets are available on the City Theater website and box office for \$20.



REMINDER: DOWNTOWN PERMIT PARKING IS IN EFFECT



The City of Biddeford's permit parking system is now in effect.

If you have purchased a monthly permit, your license plate number has been registered into the kiosk already. You may park in your assigned lot without entering any information into the kiosk.

If you will be using a municipally-owned parking lot for short-term parking, you must enter your license plate number into a parking kiosk, select the amount of time that you will need to park, and complete your purchase with a credit or debit card. Your car will be automatically registered into the enforcement system, and you will not need to display a ticket or receipt in your window. The introductory hourly rate for short-term parking is \$1 per hour.

Additionally, parking permits can be purchased through a free mobile app called **WayToPark**. The app is a convenient option to help you buy and extend your parking permit while on-the-go. Once you set up an account and store a payment method, you will simply need to find your location on the map, enter the hours you plan to park, and confirm your purchase.

There will be a \$50 fine for parking in a downtown municipal lot without a permit.

Downtown Committee Meeting Update

At their November 26 meeting, the Downtown Committee established the **Yellow Lot (Downtown Lot)** as a reserved lot for short-term parking only. **The first hour of parking in this lot will be free of charge**, and additional time in the lot can be purchased for the hourly rate.

The Downtown Committee also removed the restrictions on the number of long-term parking permits that can be sold for each lot, allowing permits to be sold until the lot reaches capacity. The City Council had originally established a cap on long-term parking permits in the parking ordinance, requiring that no more than 65% of available spaces in each lot could be sold for monthly parking.



The Yellow Lot is pictured in the map above.

For a complete list of the details of the permit program, visit www.biddefordmaine.org/parking.

WALMART GRANT HELPS THE BIDDEFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKE THE CITY SAFE

The Biddeford Fire Department has received a \$2500 grant from the Walmart Community Grant Foundation to help support the Fire Prevention Education Program! The funding will be used to provide community outreach efforts that help keep the city safe.

“Educating the community from the young to the elderly is one of the most critical lines of defense to help save lives,” said Assistant Fire Chief Paul Labreque.

Pictured: Assistant Fire Chief Paul Labreque accepts the grant award from Suzan Bradstreet, the Biddeford Walmart Store Manager.



SANTA'S YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

When: Friday, December 14th
Where: J. Richard Community
Center Auditorium
Times: 6:00—7:30pm
Ages: 10 And Under
Cost: FREE



Sled On Down To The Community Center And Join Biddeford Recreation For An Evening of Holiday Fun & Entertainment! Activities include cookie decorating, holiday arts and crafts, snacks and drinks, holiday music, and writing letters to Santa! **Santa will also be stopping by to take photos!**

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Biddeford Rec Teen Center will be accepting dry goods for their **People and Pets Food Drive** at the event.