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2026 NEWSLETTER  
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## Biddeford Pool Community Center

### President's Letter

Spring has arrived—at least according to the calendar and the hardy daffodils blooming along the coast. It also marks the start of planning for a busy summer at BPCC.

The board has approved a new 10-bike rack for the side yard for those who plan to bike to the Center. If you'd like to meet new people and get involved, now is a great time to reach out to one of our committee chairs to volunteer. The library will be expanding their hours shortly from two hours a week to two hours a day. Last year, the July 4th parade required 27 volunteers, and the Seaside Fair required 29.

Future newsletters may on occasion include a columnist with a story line toward history in the BPCC area. Stay tuned.

Committee chairs, the event calendar, the newsletter, and more are available on the Center's website: <https://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org>

The board and I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Jim Oleson, President



**Saturday, July 18**

**SAVE  
THE DATES!!**

*Artists BY THE SEAS*

**July 31 - August 2**

~~ [www.biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org](http://www.biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org) ~~



## Bridge Options at BPCC

**Monday Drop in Bridge 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

*with Debbie Melican*

Those of us who played this winter are looking forward to welcoming the “away” folks back to the table!

**Reminder:** \$1 donation is appreciated and all levels are welcome. Players rotate partners, giving you a chance to play with different people.

While Monday is drop-in style, it is helpful to know if we have complete tables.

**To be added to the Sunday email reminder list,** please contact Debbie Melican - [burnsmelican@gmail.com](mailto:burnsmelican@gmail.com).

**Bridge & Mah Jongg played on 1st Floor**

**Friday is Duplicate Bridge** *with Carol Bassett*

**1:00pm – 4:00pm**

(or whenever all the cards are played)

**Advanced sign-up is required** so that we have full tables.

**Note:** *this is fun duplicate, not a sanctioned game, no Master points awarded! We'd love to have you play bridge with us!*

Contact: Carol Bassett at [cjobmaine@gmail.com](mailto:cjobmaine@gmail.com) to play.



## Mah Jongg at BPCC

*with Lynne Cox*

**Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm**

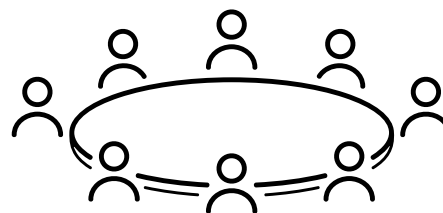
Mah Jongg continues Wednesdays at 1:00 at the BPCC on Yates Street. It's a very friendly group and we welcome new players.

A \$1.00 donation is appreciated. Any questions please let me know.

Lynne Cox

**Email:** [m.lynnecox@gmail.com](mailto:m.lynnecox@gmail.com)

**Text:** 978-807-2598.



## BPCC Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (Summer recess July-Aug.) at 4 pm. You are welcome to attend. Board Minutes may be found in the *Members Only* section of the website.

## Center Rentals or other Requested Center Uses

*contact Janet Gerding*

[membershipteam@](mailto:membershipteam@)

[biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org](http://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org)



**Pizza by Alex and Trivia  
Friday  
May 29, 5:30pm.**

**MENU**

Price with Pizza - **\$17.00**  
Price for Ice Cream only - **\$1.00**

**RSVP**

**Summer Beach Yoga  
begins Tuesday, May 12**



Meet **Tuesday and Thursday**  
**7:15am - 8:15am** at  
Bath House Beach (Gilbert Boucher  
Park)  
Gilbert Place, Biddeford Pool, ME.  
**\$15 per session**

For More Information  
Text or Call Barbara Lisa  
207-415-6955

**BPCC Welcome Summer Social**

**Saturday, June 6  
4:00 - 5:30pm**

A fun afternoon with live music by **Hot Honey Jam**, a group of *five fun women* who play a mix of bluegrass, fiddle, and folk music.

Assorted beverages will be available as well as "nibbles" by **Nibblesford**

**Tickets: \$20 each**

**RSVP by May 27** Questions?  
Contact Eve @ [eve@maine.rr.com](mailto:eve@maine.rr.com)



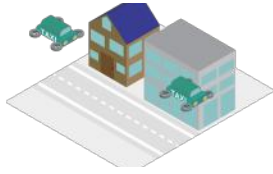
**A tour of UNE's Arthur P. Girard  
Marine Science Center**

with **Dr. Wesley Renfro**,  
Instructor and Dean,  
College of Arts and Sciences at UNE

is being planned for **June** - date and time is  
not yet finalized.

**MORE INFORMATION will be provided  
when available.**

## Urban Sketchers with Diane Noble



**Fridays 10:00am – 12pm**  
**May 8, 22**  
**June 5 & 19**

If you love to draw or just want to try it out, join our group that will meet at different locations in downtown Biddeford or Saco.

Contact **Diane Noble** direct at: [dbmn27@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbmn27@maine.rr.com) to be put on the list. Diane will send out the meeting places every other week. Classes are **FREE**.

## BPCC Book Club



The BPCC Book Club meetings are held on Wednesdays at the **BPCC Library, 1st Floor** at **4:30pm**.

The **May 20** Book is:  
"Writers and Lovers"  
by Lily King

The **June 17** Book is:  
"Loan Dog Road"  
by Kent Nerburn

**RSVP: May 20    RSVP: June 17**



## Gather Here with Pat Burke

The Community Center welcome's anyone who would like to come and sit for a cup of coffee or bring something to work on to make, sort, mend, or just chat...in good company on Mondays,  
**May 18 and June 22**  
**10:00am to 12:00pm**  
in the **Library**.

Please **RSVP** so we can reach you in case the weather is inclement and we need to cancel.

Email *Pat Burke* at  
[PatBB@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org](mailto:PatBB@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org)  
with any questions.

**RSVP HERE** for May 18

**RSVP HERE** for June 22

**Drawing/Painting**  
with Diane Noble



**Movies & Popcorn**  
at the Center



**COMING  
BACK  
THIS FALL**



## We Are the Medicine: Dialogues to Generate Meaning & Action



**“The problems of the world are not a function of a lack of knowledge; they’re a function of an inability to talk together.”** William Isaacs

We’re living in unsettling, even perilous times. What can we *do* and how can we *be* together to remember our true nature and restore agency? We can practice dialogue in community.

Dialogue is a special type of conversation. It invites us to share worlds, speak from the heart and gain insight. The purpose of dialogue is not to reach agreement. That would be a negotiation. Instead, we seek to enhance understanding and meaning-making. It enables us to stand together in our shared humanity, despite differing perspectives.

People say *talk is cheap*—but what if speaking is one of the most profound ways of acting?

We warmly invite you to join us for three generative and themed dialogues. Together we will listen, respect, suspend, and voice what lies on our hearts.

**Dialogues:** Tuesday evenings May 5, May 12 and May 19.

**Time:** 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm (Please arrive 15 min. early to settle in.)

**Location:** Biddeford Pool Community Center Library. We welcome 18 people to share the space with us. For more information please e-mail [joyce@joycemorrisette.com](mailto:joyce@joycemorrisette.com)

### Your Hosts:



**Joyce Morrissette** is a creative catalyst for transformative change. She partners with clinicians, organizations and communities to provide innovative learning, growth and development. Joyce believes that we are the medicine and that effective dialogues can change the way we see and choose to act in the world.

**Jennifer Comeau** inspires us to restore our sacred partnership with the rest of the natural world. In her crucible from *engineering to enchantment*, she has learned about courage, trust, and honoring the way of the human heart. “When we deprogram the ingrained story of ‘the other’ and align ourselves with the life force of the planet, unimagined miracles are possible.”

**[RSVP HERE](#)**



***Fourth of July Parade***  
***Let's make this year one to remember***

**Saturday, July 4th, 2026**  
(rain date Sunday the 5th)

This summer, our beloved Biddeford Pool parade takes on special meaning as we celebrate the 250th birthday of our country. With our small but spirited community, this is a chance to create something truly memorable—together.

In recent years, many of us have enjoyed the tradition of decorating cars, bikes, and golf carts in red, white, and blue. This year, we're hoping to bring back even more creativity and community participation—think themed floats, themed trucks, walking groups, decorated bikes, dogs, music, costumes, and anything that celebrates the spirit of independence, history, and summer in the Pool.

You don't need anything elaborate—just a few neighbors, a fun idea, and a willingness to join in. Some ideas to spark inspiration:

- A "Founding Fathers & Mothers" group in costume
- A decorated pickup or trailer telling a piece of American history
- Kids on bikes representing different states or community heroes (fire, police, military, teachers, doctors, etc)
- A "Through the Decades" float (1776 → today)
- Life in Biddeford Pool Float (Lobstering, beaching, surfing, sailing, golfing, etc)
- Patriotic music, dancing, or simple performances (maybe you have a hidden talent... dance, sing, play an instrument, juggle, yodel? We'd love to see it!)

**As an incentive, we are bringing back judging at the Point.** Show your spirit as you round the turn and you may just win Most Creative, Best Use of Theme, Most Biddeford Pool Spirit, Best Kids Entry, etc.

**And this year we are thrilled to honor **Eve McPheeters** as our Grand Marshal.** A Grand Marshal is a prestigious honor designed to recognize outstanding community service, career achievements and represent the theme of the celebration. This is typically a person of distinction, a local hero or celebrity who rides (or walks) at the front of the parade. Who is better than Eve?

We would also love help connecting with local groups who might want to participate—marching bands, dance schools, community organizations, or performers from the greater Biddeford area. If you have any contacts, please let us know!

**HELP is always needed with assembly, blocking side streets, and spacing the parade.**  
**Willing to help? Please email Tracy at [gtfamily@comcast.net](mailto:gtfamily@comcast.net) or Cathleen at [rjoyce7688@comcast.net](mailto:rjoyce7688@comcast.net)**



## Seaside Fair – Summer Fun

Saturday, July 18th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mark your calendars to come shop at BPCC!

23 local artists & crafters with unique handmade jewelry, stained glass, paintings and prints, weaving, fabric, books, pottery, crocheted critters, stone, shell, and driftwood art. There will be Lunch, Raffles, and Kids' crafts.

*Volunteers are needed for set-up, breakdown in the kids' craft area, and raffle ticket sales.*

Contact **Cary Frye: 202-841-0066 or [cfrye1216@gmail.com](mailto:cfrye1216@gmail.com)**



**Celebrating 25 Years!**

**UNION CHURCH PRESENTS**

# SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

**7 PM THURSDAYS**  
**3 STONECLIFF ROAD, BIDDEFORD POOL**

**SERIES TICKETS : \$75 / INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS: \$25**

100% of proceeds benefit such local charities as Seeds of Hope, Maine Needs, A Place to Start, Biddeford Food Pantry, Saco Meals Program, APEX Youth Connection, Ever After Mustang Rescue, plus individuals and families in need and students in the barrios of Guatemala City

	 <b>Lily King</b> Novelist, Short Story Writer		 <b>Juliette Fay</b> Novelist	
	 <b>Kent Nerburn</b> Author, Artist		 <b>Beck Dorey-Stein</b> Novelist, Memoirist	

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**UNIONCHURCHME.COM, QR CODE or**  
**REGISTRATION/TICKETS**



## Welcome Spring!

Your library has been open once a week throughout the winter. Overall, it has been quiet with about 100 books signed out January through March. We continue to be open Thursdays 10am-12pm. We will add Tuesdays the week of June 23.

**Beginning July 6th** open hours will be Monday thru Friday 10-12. To all who have generously donated books over the winter, we thank you! Below is a listing of recently added books. Suggestions for new books always welcomed! Please return all borrowed books promptly! The Puzzle Exchange will continue for several weeks. Enjoy!

*The Book of Lost Names / Kristin Harmel*  
*Queen Esther / John Irving*  
*Say You'll Remember Me / Abbey Jimenez*  
*The Sisters / Jonas Hassen Khemiri*

*Long Dog Road / Kent Nerburn*  
*1929 / Andrew Ross Sorkin*  
*A Far-Flung Life / M. L. Stedman*  
*Mrs. Orcutt's Driveway / C.V. Wooster*

**NOTE:** A complete book list appears on our website as well as in a notebook within the library. All adult titles acquired since 2017 are listed. Thank you to Jim Oleson.

*Sue Maccalous - Library Coordinator*



## Joan Beaudry Education Award Application Deadline July 1st

This award was created in memory of Joan Beaudry, a longtime Biddeford Pool resident and passionate educator. With the recent expansion of the scope of students who are now eligible to apply for the scholarship, we are hopeful for a robust application cycle in 2026.

**Members of the BPCCL, as well as students working in the Biddeford Coastal Community (Biddeford Pool, Hills Beach, Fortunes Rocks and Granite Point) may apply.** We welcome any student furthering their education beyond high school (college, university, graduate programs and technical/vocational programs) to apply for the Joan Beaudry Education Award.

The scholarship deadline is July 1st. The application can be found [here](#). Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and value leadership, citizenship and community service. Complete eligibility guidelines can be found [here](#). Each JB Award recipient is required to do a minimum of 2 hours of community service. If you know of any local community service opportunities for our recipients, please contact Tracy or Greg below.

If you have any other questions, please contact co-chairs Tracy Callahan [gfamily@comcast.net](mailto:gfamily@comcast.net) and Greg Tarbox [gftbox@gmail.com](mailto:gftbox@gmail.com). (Biddeford High School students may apply through their guidance department but can opt to apply through the BPCCL if they have family ties.)

If you would like to make a contribution to the education fund, so that we may continue to reach as many of our local students as possible, please click [here](#). Thank you.