



Biddeford Pool Community Center

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November - December 2024 Newsletter



BPCC Website Trainings

Would you like to know more about the functionality of our new website? Would you like to update your profile information and pay your membership dues online? Would you like to register for events and pay for them if needed? If so, this training is for you.

Janet Gerding and Carol Weldin, BPCC Trustees, will walk you through the website and its functionality. We will answer your questions and hope that you leave the training feeling confident! Please bring your own devices to the training if possible.

Click [here](#) to RSVP for **Wednesday, November 6 at 10:00am** or [here](#) for **Tuesday, November 19 at 2:00pm**. Classes will run with two or more people.

Trainings classes are FREE and will be at BPCC, 2nd Floor

Drawing / Painting



Thursday mornings, 10:00am – 12:00pm, upstairs at BPCC

November 7, 14, 21; December 5, 12

Bring whatever drawing/painting materials you like.

We will work from a still life or set up of objects.

\$10 **cash** donation per session will be split between BPCC & Hills Beach Association.

Please RSVP from within the Event Calendar on our website [HERE](#)

(pick the date or dates you would like to attend).

Paint a MINI Painting!

Sunday, November 10 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm upstairs at BPCC.

Come paint an acrylic 'mini' 5x5 canvas with a stand-up easel for a gift for someone or for yourself.

All supplies provided, just bring your ideas.

All ages welcome!

\$15 donation requested

Please RSVP from within the Event Calendar [HERE](#)



Holiday Cookies 'To Go'

Thursday, December 5th, at BPCC



Pick up between 10:00am and 12:00pm (during Library hours).

Another Christmas Cookies sale to benefit Seeds of Hope in Biddeford. Each of the past three years' profits were over \$700 and we're hoping to do it again. Cookies make a perfect gift for neighbors and friends. A box includes at least 12 cookies wrapped in holiday ribbon for just \$10 cash (at pickup) or \$10.50 via credit card.

You won't be disappointed.

Please click [here](#) to place your orders – no later than Monday, December 2nd.

Holiday Potluck Supper

Friday, December 20th, BPCC

Social 5:30pm (BYOB) - Pot Luck 6:15pm

Bring your favorite 'dish' to share - appetizer, entrée, salad, or dessert.

Come spread Holiday Cheer with friends.

RSVP [here](#) by Wednesday, December 18th.



Bridge Options at BPCC

Welcome Bridge Players, old and new!

Monday is drop in bridge, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. All levels are welcome. Players rotate partners, giving you a chance to play with different people. Advanced sign-ups are helpful to the organizer, but not required. A reminder will be sent to the current list of players.

Please RSVP from within the Event Calendar on our website [HERE](#) if you would like to play.

Friday is duplicate bridge from 1:00pm – 4:00pm (or whenever all the cards are played). Because an even number of players is necessary, advance sign up is required. Therefore, please RSVP from within the Event Calendar on our website [HERE](#) if you would like to play.

Note: this is *fun* duplicate and is not a sanctioned game, no Master points awarded!

A \$1.00 donation to BPCC at the door is appreciated by both groups.



Carol Bassett and Debbie Melican

Mah Jongg Wednesdays at 1:00pm, BPCC

Pleased to announce we have three new players but always looking for more. If you would like to observe before committing to learning the game, you are welcome. Mah Jongg continues Wednesdays at 1:00pm at BPCC.

Any questions, please email me at m.lynnecox@gmail.com or 978-807-2598.

Got Musical Talent?



Looking for local musical talent to perform at BPCCC some Sunday afternoons indoors starting in November through winter and outdoors during our beautiful summer season. Do you play an instrument, sing, or play the keyboard? Interested?

Respond to Diane Noble dbmn27@maine.rr.com

LIBRARY NEWS



What a beautiful fall we are enjoying here! Hopefully you've had time to relax with a great book in hand! Just a brief reminder this month that your **library is open on Thursday mornings only (10:00am - 12:00pm)**. We have a great selection of recently published books! We hope you stop by and select a book you've been looking forward to reading. Suggestions always welcomed and appreciation always extended for your generosity.

Sue Maccalous



June 1st Deadline

****Calling All College Students****

Joan Beaudry Memorial Education Award



This award was created in memory of Joan Beaudry, a longtime Biddeford Pool resident and passionate educator, to provide assistance for any college student who has ties to the Biddeford Pool Community Center. Applicants' immediate family shall be members of BPCCC (grandchildren of active members are also eligible). **Candidates interested in applying MUST have applications completed and submitted no later than June 1st, or forfeit eligibility for the year.**

The application is available on the website and includes a 500-word essay describing personal goals and objectives and addressing what the student perceives his/her role in the community to be. All award recipients will be asked to give back to the Biddeford Pool community by completing some community service (minimum 2 hours). The amount of the reward is based on available funds and will be no more than \$1,000 per year. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply. Complete guidelines can be found on the BPCCC website: <http://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org/education-fund/> Any questions can be directed to co-chairs Tracy Callahan gftfamily@comcast.net and Greg Tarbox gftbox@gmail.com.

News from the Biddeford Coastal Preservation Coalition

The mission of the Biddeford Coastal Preservation Coalition (BCPC) is collaborating with the City of Biddeford, applicable state/regional agencies and residents in coastal communities to enhance Biddeford's policies and interventions addressing climate change to preserve the environment and economic viability of Biddeford's coast, and to enhance the resilience of coastal residents who are meeting climate challenges.

Upcoming Event: Will Kochtitsky, a UNE Professor who has been doing drone research on coastal erosion and marshes, in conjunction with the Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge research team on drone research about the Pool marshes, presents their research via ZOOM, the evening of **November 12 at 7pm @ <http://une.zoom.us/j/98510627500>**

Get Involved: The Biddeford Pool Coalition Work Group is needing volunteers who would communicate with the BP organizations and arrange an efficient system to educate those residents in BP about climate change challenges and what to expect from the City of Biddeford, as well as the state and federal agencies. We want to help BP residents learn about climate change and anticipate challenges that our Coastal Communities will encounter and learn what to do to prepare and respond to an event or a changing problem. We predict it would be a couple of hours/month time in 2025.

The next newsletter for BCPC in November has a summary of the SOS-Saco Bay Conference and summary of Roby Fecteau's talk on zoom about FEMA activity related to the winter storms. We had about 50 people attend.

If you want to be on the Coalition Work Group or would like to receive the BCPC Newsletter please email Mary Taft, a member of the Coalition Operating Committee and full-time resident of Biddeford Pool, at mataft@aol.com.

Interesting Info:

The Mayor has appointed Jeff Goldsmith to the Sustainability Committee as one of 9 commissioners for the City of Biddeford.

The dates of the next two King Tides this Fall are: Portland Head Light 11/16 and 12/15 on NOAA chart. Combined with a storm, these might produce extra high sea levels for coastal areas.



BPCC Board Meetings

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

Center Rentals and other Requested Center Uses please contact Jim Oleson at **508-641-7768** or **jimoleson57@gmail.com**.

Biddeford Food Pantry Holiday Appeal

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Fortunes Rocks Beach and Biddeford Pool

Gary and I have been volunteering at the Biddeford Food Pantry since January. Each week we see how thankful families are to receive two bags and a large box full of groceries, bakery, meats, vegetables, milk, and eggs.

The Biddeford Food pantry provided food for 12,000 families in 2023. This year the need has grown. We are on track to help 13,000 families by December.

This holiday we hope to provide turkeys for Thanksgiving, hams for Christmas and Halal meats to make every Biddeford family's holiday special.

We are asking you to help achieve our immense financial goals for the year as the Food Pantry survives on donations alone.

We ask that you give what you are able and are grateful for your donations and support.

You can donate by visiting the website www.biddefordfoodpantry.org. Or you can purchase a frozen turkey or ham and drop it off at the **Food Pantry at 162 Elm St in Biddeford**, on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 8:00 – 11:00 am. You'll see us if you come by on Wednesday. All donations are completely tax deductible.

With appreciation and thanks,

Cary & Gary Frye and the volunteers of the Biddeford Food Pantry

The Biddeford Food Pantry is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization that provides food at no cost to the citizens of Biddeford and surrounding towns who cannot afford to purchase food for themselves and their families.



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