



THE BEDFORD ADVANTAGE

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Bedford Newsletter

March 2019

The City of Bedford to Host Ward Meetings

The City of Bedford will be hosting community ward meetings on March 25, April 8 and April 22. Each meeting will take place in Council Chambers at Bedford City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meetings will be Mayor Stan Koci, ward council representatives and City Manager Michael Mallis.

The schedule for the meetings are as follows:

Wards 1 & 4: March 25

Wards 3 & 5: April 8

Wards 2 & 6: April 22

If you are unsure which ward you live in, please call 440.232.1600

“Flushable” Household Items Create Problems in Sewage System

Sewage systems get sick too. The sewage system was designed to dispose of specific things. However, many people now use their toilets for the disposal of many of the modern products now available, and for which the system was not designed for. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste – often no wider than 4 inches.

Just because the package says “flushable” doesn’t mean it’s true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and have the potential of causing messy sewage backups into homes. Due to the topography of Bedford the sewage system also relies on pump stations in many areas to convey the sewage to the treatment plant where gravity flow is not possible. Swifter microfiber dust pads and other like household cleaning products flushed down the toilet do not smoothly pass through pumps and can get caught up on the impellers of the pumps, creating maintenance and operational problems. These products can also cause problems with the mechanical equipment at the sewage treatment plant, and have to be removed during the treatment process.

You can help by not flushing these or similar items:

- Diapers – cloth, disposable or “flushable”
- Sanitary napkins, tampons or any non-organic material
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Sheet plastic or plastic of any kind
- Hair
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swifter pads
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels
- Dental Floss



Important Dates

Council Meeting
March 4
8:00 p.m.

Council Meeting
March 18
8:00 p.m.

Wards 1 & 4 Meeting
March 25
7:00 p.m.





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Futsal (Indoor Soccer)

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering spring Futsal for young soccer players. The program will run for four weeks on Thursday evenings at Ellenwood Recreation Center beginning March 7. Space is limited.

Ages 6-8 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Bedford Resident \$15 Non Resident \$20

Limit 15 participants

Ages 9-12 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Bedford Resident \$20 Non Resident \$25

Limit 20 participants

Spring Youth Soccer

Registration for spring soccer for boys and girls ages 5-14 is now in a late registration period. The cost is \$45 per resident and \$65 per non-resident, subject to a \$15 late fee after February 28. Registration is open until all spaces are full. Some divisions may already be closed. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 440-735-6570 or visit www.bedfordoh.gov for more information.

Youth Baseball

Summer 2019 Youth Baseball registration is now open. The Parks and Recreation Department offers Tee-ball (ages 5-6), Coach Pitch (ages 7-8), Minors (ages 9-10), Majors (ages 11-12). The cost is \$45 per resident and \$65 per non-resident. Deadline is March 31. Registrations after the deadline may be accepted based on availability and are subject to a \$15 late fee. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 440-735-6570 or visit www.bedfordoh.gov to register. Look for additional information on youth fast pitch softball and baseball opportunities for older players coming soon.

Summer Day Camp

The Summer Day Camp is a fun-filled, action packed summer of adventure and new experiences for children ages 5-12 (must be minimum 5 years old on first day of camp and maximum 12 years old on first day of camp). Camp consists of age appropriate activities, games, swimming, field trips and much more. Held at Ellenwood Center, this 8 week camp runs Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., June 10 through August 2. Bedford residents save on Early Bird through February 28. Non-Bedford resident registration begins March 1.

Dates

Two sessions to choose from or sign up for both sessions and save!

Session 1: June 10 - July 5 (No 7/4)

Session 2: July 8 - August 2

Fees

8 weeks/Bedford Resident - \$475 (Early Bird \$435)

8 weeks/Non-Bedford Resident - \$500

4 week session/Bedford Resident - \$265 per session (Early Bird \$250)

4 week session/Non-Bedford Resident - \$280 per session

Partial Payment Option

Register prior to April 30, and use our partial payment options. This allows you to pay 50% upfront with the remaining balance due by May 30.

Register online at www.bedfordoh.gov, or in-person at Bedford City Hall, M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Extended care options are available.

