



# City of Bedford Newsletter




## April 2020

### Residents Need to Again Register for CodeRED

The City of Bedford is now a part of Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management (CCOEM) CodeRED service at no cost to the City. In order to receive emergency and general notifications via phone call, text or email, you will need to register through the Office of Emergency Management website at [www.readynotify.us](http://www.readynotify.us). A link to this website is on the City home page at [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov). Although you have previously registered with CodeRED, you have to re-register in order to continue to receive notifications. The County is not able to obtain the data from the previous City contract.

If you do not have access to a computer, please call City Hall at 440-232-1600 for assistance.

### Important Dates

-  **Council Meeting**  
April 6  
8:00 p.m.
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City Hall Closed**  
April 10
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### Bedford Residents Well Checks

The City of Bedford has a program for residents age 65 and older and/or those who may be isolated and desire a periodic wellness check. Those who participate in the program will be contacted via telephone by City staff periodically as a means of ensuring the well-being of the resident. All residents are urged to call 9-1-1 for any life threatening emergency, and to contact a physician should they exhibit signs or symptoms of coronavirus or other illnesses of concern. To enroll in the program or for additional questions, residents can call the Parks & Recreation Department at 440-735-6570, email [recreation@bedfordoh.gov](mailto:recreation@bedfordoh.gov), or visit the City's coronavirus/COVID-19 web page, <https://bedfordoh.gov/departments/coronavirus-information> to submit an electronic form.

### Community Shred Day and Food Drive

The City of Bedford will be hosting two shred days this year, Saturday, May 30 and Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Bedford City Hall. These free events will provide community members with a safe and secure resource to shred their confidential personal documents. At the same time, non-perishable food items will be collected for the City of Bedford's food commodities program. Grant funding for shredding event provided by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District.

### Garden Club Plant Sale

The Bedford Garden Club Plant Sale will be Friday, May 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ellenwood Recreation Center, 124 Ellenwood Avenue, in Bedford. This year this annual sale will be celebrating 32 years of bringing affordable perennials, annuals, herbs, flowers, vegetables, and shrubs to the residents of Bedford. Bedford Garden Club members can attend the pre-sale on Friday at 12:00 p.m. and get a 10% discount.

Want to become a Garden Club member and help keep Bedford beautiful? Visit [BedfordGardenClub.com](http://BedfordGardenClub.com) for more details.

### Bedford Downtown Alliance First Fridays

The Bedford Downtown Alliance is hosting "First Fridays" from May until October. Join us each First Friday of these months from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a different theme of fun. We will have different arts, crafts, food and games based around a monthly theme. The best part of it all is it's... **FREE!**

Bring the entire family out for a free meal and free fun. Each month will have something for all ages. If you would like to help plan these and other events, become a volunteer for the BDA. Visit [BedfordDowntown.org](http://BedfordDowntown.org) for more information.





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Dear Residents:

I know you have all been watching the news about the COVID-19 virus and the additional preventive measures announced by the State of Ohio and Governor Mike DeWine. The City of Bedford also continues to monitor this evolving situation. While there is no reason to panic, the City of Bedford is following direction from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the Ohio Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. I would like to reassure residents that although these preventive measures are intensifying and you may encounter increased disruption in ordinary life, these decisions are made out of abundance of caution and our strategy now is to mitigate the “community spread”. To that end, the City of Bedford has made decisions as it pertains to programming, meetings, and services. This information is on the City of Bedford’s website at [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) and social media platforms.

There is a link on the City website home page titled “City of Bedford Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information and Resource Page”.

This page has been created to give residents and business owners links to relevant news and information regarding coronavirus/COVID-19 and resources that may be available to assist those in need. Staff will continue to add information as it becomes available.

Due to COVID-19, City Hall is limiting visitors and will only be open by appointment only. We are encouraging City business be conducted via phone, email and online. A City Department and staff directory is on the City website at <https://bedfordoh.gov/contact/>. Rest assured, our Police and Fire Department staff will continue to serve and support our community. The health and safety of our residents and staff is of the utmost importance.

As this situation continues to change, information will be updated on the City website and Facebook page.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and partnership during these unprecedented times. As a community we will get through them together through flexibility and common sense.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Mallis  
City Manager

### Chipper Service

Chipper service will be the weeks of April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7 and October 5, 2020.

All items need to be on the curb and called into the Service Department, 440-735-6583, before the start of brush pick up for that month. We will not add addresses once pick up has begun for that month. Place branches on tree lawn with cut end facing the street.



### 2020 Census

Friendly reminder that 2020 Census materials were recently delivered to your home. You are able to respond online, by phone or by mail. For further information, please visit the census website at <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

### Bedford Community Garden

Bedford Community Garden, located behind Central Primary School, is constantly growing. If you are interested in joining this group, call Brenda Junkin at 440-735-4774 or email at [junkin.brenda@gmail.com](mailto:junkin.brenda@gmail.com).

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