

City of Bedford Newsletter

June 2020



Important Dates

◆ Council Meeting

June 1
8:00 p.m.

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July 6
8:00 p.m.

◆ Council Meeting

August 3
8:00 p.m.

Dear Residents,

I hope this message finds all of you and your families well. I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation, flexibility and patience as we all navigate through what has become a “new normal”. Our team continues to communicate regularly and receive updates from the County Emergency Management Offices, FEMA, Mayors and Managers Association, Cleveland Clinic Officials, Gov. DeWine’s office and others. As a result of these discussions and updates, the City of Bedford continues to make decisions as it pertains to upcoming programming, events, meetings, and services. All of this information can be viewed on the City of Bedford’s website at www.bedfordoh.gov and various social media platforms. Although some of these decisions are difficult, ensuring the health and safety of our community is our top priority. It is our hope that all residents and visitors will continue practicing social distancing and keeping any gatherings to ten people or fewer.

As the situation continues to evolve regarding outdoor activity, we will be evaluating ways to safely support such activities and events while keeping with CDC guidelines.

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 provide 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. Our staff continues to add information as it becomes available. As this situation continues to change, information will be updated on the City’s website and social media platforms.

Please know, the City continues to perform all essential functions, including our first responders and public works. Rest assured, our Police and Fire Department staff will continue to serve and support our community. The health and safety of our residents, businesses and staff is of the utmost importance. All of our staff remain available by phone or email and we are encouraging City business be conducted in this manner and online. A City department and staff directory is on the City’s website at <https://bedfordoh.gov/contact/>.

Again, thank you for your cooperation, understanding, partnership and for being a good neighbor during these difficult times. Please continue to check on your friends and neighbors and continue to practice social distancing. Through continuing to demonstrate thoughtfulness, cooperation and kindness, we will come out of this time stronger.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Mallis
City Manager

2020 Census

Please respond to the 2020 Census as soon as you receive the invitation. You can respond online, by phone or by mail.

Online: <https://www.my2020census.gov>

Over the phone: 1-844-330-2020

By mail: Submit a paper form – you will receive Census questionnaire in the mail.

Exterior Residential Permit Fees Waived!

During the month of June, the City’s Building Department will be waiving the residential building permit fees associated with exterior improvements for owner occupied single family dwellings! Those wishing to tackle some much needed exterior home improvements will still need to obtain the required approvals and associated permits during this opportunity. The contractors must still be registered with the City. Should you have any questions, contact the Building Department at 440-735-6530.



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Chipper Service

Chipper service will be the weeks of 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.

Police Department

The Bedford Police Department is in the process of gathering known security cameras to set up a mapping system. This map will allow the Police Department to quickly locate those cameras in the event a crime has occurred, or if someone has gone missing. If you have security cameras on the exterior of your home or business, and are interested in participating, send your name, address, phone number and a screen shot of what your cameras can show to Lt. Stask @ mstask@bedfordoh.gov.

This will not give the Police Department access to your cameras, this will allow the ability to have video evidence if a situation occurs in the area. This is voluntary, but could be helpful in many situations.

City of Bedford Events

The City of Bedford is currently not accepting applications or approving permits for the use of the Bedford Commons. When the Governor releases new orders reducing mandates regarding social distancing and gatherings, the City will work to establish a tentative date to allow gatherings after carefully considering the safety of the public.

All events have either been postponed or cancelled. Please check our website for further updates.

COVID-19 Information

Information regarding COVID-19 can be found at www.bedfordoh.gov, Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health at www.ccbh.net.

Bedford Parks and Recreation

The City of Bedford has been working with county and state health officials in regard to COVID-19. The Governor of Ohio has mandated social distancing and closures during this difficult time. Due to these mandates and our desire to do all we can to limit exposure and maintain a safe, healthy environment, Ellenwood Center is closed and all Parks & Recreation programs and activities; including Ellenwood rentals, have been suspended.

The City will continue to monitor the situation to establish a tentative re-open date of Ellenwood Center, programs and activities.

- Ellenwood Center remains closed per the order issued by the Ohio Department of Health
- Parks remain open with social distancing requirements
- Playgrounds remain closed per the order issued by the Ohio Department of Health
- Baseball/Softball/Soccer Fields – remain open with social distancing requirements – games, practices, and organized programs are not permitted
- Archibald Willard Pavilion remains closed per the order issued by the Ohio Department of Health
- Community garden will remain open with social distancing requirements – signs to be posted
- Youth baseball has been cancelled and refunds will be issued to all participants
- Summer Day Camp has been postponed for Bedford residents through June 30
- Summer Day camp has been cancelled for non-Bedford residents and refunds will be issued to all non-resident participants
- Summer Day Camp before and after camp has been cancelled and refunds will be issued to all participants
- Municipal Pool opening has been postponed. A possible opening date has not been determined.

