

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 has been communicating regularly and receiving 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.

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. Due to the current health crisis, City Hall and other municipal buildings will remain closed through June 1, 2020. However, 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/>. We will continue to evaluate the fiscal impact of COVID-19 and take appropriate measures to continue providing the best service to our residents and business community.

While it seems all of our attention has been focused on the COVID-19 situation, I want to take a minute and share some exciting news taking place in Bedford as we move into spring.

- The Bedford Fire Department recently took delivery of and placed in service a new Advanced Life Support Rescue Squad. The squad will serve as the primary rescue squad in our fleet and is equipped with all of the latest safety features. In addition, the Department will also be taking delivery of a new engine which should go into service by mid-May.
- Our Service Department is taking the necessary steps towards starting the 2020 Road Program and a Sewer Maintenance Program which was made available through a \$150,000.00 grant from Cuyahoga County.
- Bedford’s second Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Canopy Grant Program trees were delivered and will be planted in the coming weeks. 100 new trees will be planted where Ash trees infected with Emerald Ash disease were removed from tree lawns.
- The City was awarded an additional \$50,000.00 which will go towards completing a new sign initiative that involves updating and increasing signage throughout Bedford.

The Administration assisted Art of Beauty in acquiring necessary federal approvals allowing the Bedford business to begin manufacturing a hand sanitizer product. This product is now being used locally by our Police, Fire and Service Departments.

Again, thank you for your cooperation, understanding, partnership and for being a good neighbor during these unprecedented times. It is through challenges that we are reminded what is most important – how we treat people. Please 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

City of Bedford Newsletter

May 2020



Important Dates

◆ Council Meeting

May 4
8:00 p.m.

◆ Council Meeting

May 18
8:00 p.m.

◆ Memorial Day - City Hall Closed

May 25

◆ Memorial Day Parade & Ceremonies

May 25
10:15 a.m.

◆ Community Shred Day

May 30
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.



City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Refuse pickup will be delayed one day this week.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies



The annual Memorial Day parade will be Monday, May 25 at 10:15 a.m. The parade will begin at Bedford City Hall and proceed on Center Road to Broadway Avenue, halting at the Bedford Commons for brief ceremonies.

The Memorial Day parade is coordinated by the Bedford Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Community Shred Day

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 documents. Grant funding for shredding event provided by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District.



Cuyahoga County
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
CuyahogaRecycles.org

Chipper Service

Chipper service will be the weeks of 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.

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. A link to this website is on the City home page at www.bedfordoh.gov.

If you do not have access to a computer, please call City Hall at 440-735-6514 for assistance.

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.

2020 Census

Please respond to the 2020 Census as soon as you receive the invitation.

You can respond online, www.my2020census.gov, by phone, 1-844-330-2020 or submit the Census questionnaire you received in the mail.

We would like to make you aware of some upcoming changes as it pertains to refuse collection.

- Solid Waste: Please fit all materials into the Kimble provided waste cart leaving no materials on the ground to be loaded by hand. Collection will occur as usual.

- Recycling: Please fit all recycle items in the Kimble provided recycle cart, leaving no materials on the ground to be collected by hand. Include only clean paper, cardboard, metal cans and #1 and #2 plastic containers and jugs. Collection will occur as usual.

- Bulk items: Please temporarily hold bulk items that require hand loading, such as sofas, mattresses, appliances, toilets and other bulky items. Items that can be broken or disassembled and placed in the Kimble waste cart will be collected.

- Yard Waste: As a non-essential waste stream, we ask that you suspend placing yard waste at the curb in excess of what fits in the Kimble waste cart. Please consider options such as composting, taking the materials to a community collection point, or holding until a later time.

