

# City of Bedford Newsletter

## July 2020



### Important Dates

◆ **City Hall Closed**  
July 3

◆ **Council Meeting**  
July 6  
8:00 p.m.

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August 3  
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Visit [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) for additional Parks and Recreation Department summer programs and events...

- Fourth of July celebration
- Summer movies
- Summer concerts
- Food truck lunches
- Community Unity Project
- Line dancing in the park
- Painting in the Park
- Yoga in the park
- ...and more!



### Chipper Service

Chipper service will be the weeks of 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.

### Bedford/Bedford Heights 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Cities of Bedford and Bedford Heights have cancelled their traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade to comply with the State's public safety guidelines. We are exploring options of alternate ways to celebrate our Independence and Community and will post on website and social media.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Friendly Reminder

Garbage can be placed out the evening prior to pick up after 6:00 p.m., or the morning of pick up before 7:00 a.m. All cans must be removed within 12 hours after trash collection.



### Summer Programming for All Ages

Visit the Parks and Recreation Department website and social media pages to see new summer programs.

- **Community Zoo-** During the month of July, decorate your home, windows, porches and yards with an assortment of zoo animals! Spread some joy and fun through our town with a Community Zoo!
- **Video/Call-in BINGO** -Join us on Zoom (telephone or video call) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 1:00 p.m. –2:00 p.m. for a fast paced, fun-filled virtual BINGO game! We will play classic “5 in a Row” BINGO plus some other fun games like “Postage Stamp” and “Picture Frame”. Play for fun with your Bedford neighbors!
- **Bedford Experience Photo Contest** - Participate in our photography competition! We encourage all shutterbugs and nature lovers to capture their favorite views of Bedford and the adventures throughout our beautiful city and parks. You can submit your photos via email or social media.
- **How To Zoom** - Zoom has become a popular platform for virtual meetings and learning; it is a free web-based and mobile app for users. Bedford Parks & Recreation will be utilizing Zoom to host several of our virtual programs. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, browse our resources and video tutorials prior to a scheduled program. We will be hosting practice Zoom phone/video conference calls to help you navigate this technology.

Visit the Parks and Recreation Department website, [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) for further details and programs.



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## City of Bedford Summer 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.

Bedford Municipal Pool is closed for the season.

Please check our website for further updates.

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### Household Hazardous Waste Round-up Income Tax Alert Effective Immediately



The following can be dropped off at the Service Garage, 100 Solon Road, August 3 - 31 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (NO AFTER HOURS DROP OFF); Sealers, primers, or coatings – Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs – Paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine – pesticides, herbicides, fungicides – caustic household cleaners – automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries – adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer – kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid, mercury.

CFL – Compact or tube fluorescent bulbs are not accepted in our round up.

No latex paint accepted, (Remove lid, add drying agent i.e., kitty litter, oil dry, or let completely air dry until contents are solid) then set out with your household trash. Bedford residents only.

### Computer Round-Up

The following can be dropped of at the Service Garage, 100 Solon Road, August 3 - 31 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (NO AFTER HOURS DROP OFF); CPU's, monitors, keyboards, software and cell phones.

**Bedford residents only, no businesses.**

**There will be a Saturday drop off date for Household Hazardous Waste and the Computer Round-Up open to residents on Saturday, August 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

### 2020 Census

Please respond to the 2020 Census. 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.

The City of Bedford is taking every possible precaution to protect the health, safety and welfare of its taxpayers and employees while continuing to provide quality and timely tax services to our residents.

In the best interest of the public's health and welfare and our employees, we are closing the tax department window and ceasing all in-person preparation of City income tax returns for the public until further direction is afforded to us.

The City of Bedford provides a means of paying income tax and filing returns in a convenient secure and simple manner utilizing the online income tax filing program.

These services are located on the City of Bedford website at BedfordOh.gov. You will need to register and establish your PIN, then file your return online. There is a tutorial on the website for filing returns for your convenience. Payments of taxes due can be made by credit card or electronic bank check online on the same City of Bedford website.

The online income tax program upon completion will file your return with our Income Tax department. You can pay any balances due online, or send a check in the mail to the address below.

When submitting tax returns and filing online only, the City of Bedford, will not require the W-2s or 1099's forms to be afforded to us this year, unless you are requesting a refund, or are instructed to submit these documents for verification purposes by our Tax Department personnel.

Please do not place tax papers or tax returns into the parking lot water box.

All other income tax payments and tax filings must be sent by regular mail to this address:

City of Bedford Tax Department  
PO BOX 72450  
Cleveland, Ohio 44192-0002

We thank you for your patience and understanding. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available.