

# City of Bedford Newsletter

## August 2020



### Important Dates

#### ◆ Council Meeting

August 3  
8:00 p.m.

#### ◆ Saturday Drop off for Round-Ups

August 22  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### 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.

### Household Hazardous Waste Round-up Bedford Parks & Recreation



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 3:00 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 3:00 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. at the Service Garage.**

#### Chipper Service

Chipper service will be the weeks of 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.

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

- **Food Truck** - The Parks & Recreation Department and City of Bedford will have our second food truck lunch of the summer on Thursday, August 20, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Barrio Taco Truck will be parked at 730 Broadway in front of the square. All COVID-19 protocols including social distancing must be followed. Members of the public may purchase lunch from the truck with cash or credit.
- **Craft Bags** - Our Sunshine Grab and Go Bags and our Creation Bags for Home have been a success. Visit our website, bedfordoh.gov or call our office at 440-735-6570 to see if registrations are still available. Supplies are limited. The Sunshine Grab and Go Bags are available at no charge to residents. The Creation Bags for Home have a small fee, but also feature an opportunity to join a Zoom call and assemble them with a group and instructor.
- **Geocaching** - Check out our website for more information on geocaching and the caches that can be located in the parks!

#### Stay Tuned!

We are busy planning new programs and events for the fall. For the latest information, visit us at bedfordoh.gov, like us on Facebook @BedfordRecreation, or follow us on Twitter @BedfordRec.

#### Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is seeking people who are willing and able to work on the November, 2020 Presidential Election. The Board needs 5000+ people to commit to working as Election Day Officials on November 3, 2020. Applicants must be registered to vote in Cuyahoga County, and cannot have a felony conviction. For more information contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, Election Officials Department at (216) 443-3277, or apply on-line @ <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/becomeapollworker.aspx>.



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Please respond to the 2020 Census. You can respond online, by phone or by mail.

Online:  
<https://2020census.gov/>

Over the phone:  
1-844-330-2020

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

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, Governor 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](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) and various social media platforms.

Late last month, Governor DeWine announced the creation of Ohio's Public Health Advisory System, which consists of four alert levels that provide Ohioans with guidance as to the severity of COVID-19 spread in the counties in which they live. Each level is calculated based on seven data-driven health indicators. Those in counties designated as Red Alert Level 3 or Purple Alert Level 4 are now required to wear a face covering:

- In any indoor location that is not a residence;
- When outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household;
- While waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, a taxi, a private car service, or a ride-sharing vehicle.

The Governor's order does not apply to children under the age of 10 or any other minor who cannot safely wear a face covering. The order also reflects the mask guidance in place for employees and businesses which does not require a person to wear a mask if their physician advises against it, if wearing a mask is prohibited by federal regulation, if communicating with the hearing impaired, when alone in an office or personal workspace, and other similar measures. The Ohio Department of Health will update county rankings every Thursday. Any county that increases to Red Alert Level 3 will automatically be included in the face-covering mandate. Any county that decreases from Red Alert Level 3 to Orange Alert Level 2 will automatically be released from the face-covering requirement.

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 will continue 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/>.

Please continue to check on your friends and neighbors and continue to practice social distancing. The Administration and I thank you for your cooperation, partnership and continued support of the City of Bedford.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Mallis  
City Manager

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