

City of Bedford Newsletter

October 2021



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- ◆ **Council Meeting**
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First Friday

Fall Fun and Pooch Parade hosted by Bedford Downtown Alliance
Friday, October 1, 2021
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Veterans Park in downtown

The last First Friday of 2021 will be celebrated with fall themed crafts and games for all ages. Show up in a Halloween costume and receive a free candy treat bag.

Bring your canine friend too for the BDA 2021 Pooch Parade! Categories are: cutest, smallest, largest, most talented, individual best dressed and owner/pooch best dressed combo. Stay tuned for more details!

First Friday fun includes:

- Extended shopping hours at participating stores
- Free raffles & giveaways
- First Friday specials
- Food & more!



Children's Fall Festival

Bedford's annual Children's Fall Festival event will be held on Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Bedford Square, 730 Broadway Ave. Children and their families are invited to enjoy a variety of fall activities including: hay rides, hunting for a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch, crafts, dancing and singing along to music and much more!

Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat in Bedford will take place on Sunday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treat brings significant pedestrian traffic throughout Bedford's neighborhoods, so please be mindful of that fact and watch out for children.

Those that do not wish to participate in Trick-or-Treat, please turn your front light off.

Thank you to all that make this event memorable for our children. Happy Halloween!

Chipper Service

Chipper service will be the week of October 4, 2021. This will be the last pick up for the year. **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 going the same direction (either facing the street or going with the flow of traffic). Branches cannot be larger than 10 inches in diameter. Leave limbs as long as possible for continuous feed into the chipper.

Limbs exceeding 10 inches in diameter, or less than 3 feet in length will not be picked up.

UNACCEPTABLE – rose bushes, grape vines, pricker bushes, firewood, fence post, wood pallets or wood with nails or screws (these items need to be placed in trash bag or bundled and put out for weekly trash collection). Railroad ties and stumps have to be hauled away at homeowner's expense.

Leaf Collection



The Service Department begins leaf collection on or about the beginning of October every year and continues until all leaves are picked up. **Leaf pick up is only done in the fall, there is no leaf pick up in the spring.** The city is divided into four sections and continuous rounds of each section will be made.

Rake leaves to the tree lawn, do not rake them into the street, this blocks our storm system. **Do not call** the Service Department for pick up, we will do continuous sweeps of the city until all leaves are picked up. Please be considerate of parking on the street during leaf season. Workers are not able to pick up leaves if there is a car parked in front of a pile.



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Trick or Treat Street

The Bedford Parks & Recreation Department's Trick or Treat Street will be held on Saturday, October 30, for Bedford residents only.

This year's Trick or Treat Street is completely outdoors. Kids will receive candy and treats; as well as a Halloween craft to go and a pumpkin.

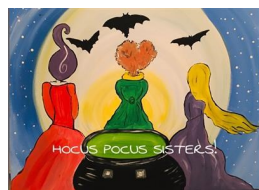
REGISTRATION: Begins October 1 (Bedford Residents Only) Adults \$5 and Children \$2 - Participants must register online at www.bedfordoh.myrec.com and will register for a specific time slot starting at 10:00 a.m. **Registration will not be taken the day of the event.**

Groups of no more than 10 will enter Trick or Treat Street at the registered time. Registration is limited to the first 120 participants.

Painting in the Park

Adults & Older Teens join Melinda with So-So Artsy for outdoor painting, at the Ellenwood Center Pavilion. Participants follow step-by-step instructions to recreate a painting. No experience required. All supplies included, \$25 per participant per class. Classes are from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

- Hocus Pocus Sisters - October 7
- Day After Halloween - October 14
- Thankful Box - October 21



Spooktacular Pumpkin Contest



The City of Bedford and Bedford Parks & Recreation are hosting a pumpkin contest again this Fall! Registered participants can paint, carve, and decorate their pumpkin and email us a photo for judging.

We will choose winning pumpkins in the following categories: Most Creative, Scariest, Cutest, Funniest, Most Realistic. We will also choose additional group winners for Ages 3-5, Ages 6-8, Ages 9-12, Ages 13-17, Adults and Family. We will also give out a "Facebook Famous" award to the pumpkin with the most likes through October 30. Prizes vary by age group.

Deadline to register and submit a photo of your completed pumpkin is October 26. Submissions will be shared on Facebook on October 28 and voting will end on October 30 at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced on Halloween!

Participants provide their own pumpkin (real or plastic) to paint, carve and decorate. Bedford residents only.

Register for these programs online at bedfordoh.myrec.com. Questions call Bedford Parks and Recreation at 440-735-6570.

Visit bedfordoh.myrec.com for more information and to register for these upcoming programs

- Hip Hop Dance
- Cheerleading
- Aerobic Line Dancing
- Foil Fencing
- Tai Chi
- Kickboxing
- Gamebot Club
- Learn to Skate
- Little Hoops Basketball
- Chess Club