



BEDFORD TOWNSHIP THE TOWNSHIP UPDATE

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OFFICE HOURS:
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Monday-Friday

TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King's Birthday
- President's Day
- Good Friday (afternoon)
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday following Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Eve

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From The Supervisor's Desk

By: Greg W. Stewart Bedford Township Supervisor

So Long and Thanks!

I want to express how honored I am to have been chosen to serve this great community for the last four years, and the pride I have in the accomplishments of this board and the community as a whole.

I am proud of our record to generate jobs, attract new industrial businesses, and update our Master Plan for a bright future.

I am proud of those that fought for a more sensitive approach to our environmental issues. It is no secret that I was reluctant to make this commitment, but thanks to my Administrative Assistant we have begun to make a difference. Recycling and burning alternatives are issues that many in the community worked hard to establish in order to make a positive impact on Bedford. We are not there yet but we are moving toward the day when we all can see the benefits of caring about our environment.



I am proud of our youth, their compassionate initiatives and events, their world class innovation and competitiveness, and the strength they exhibited in too many tragedies that they have had to endure over the past few years. We are a blessed community.

I am proud of the roads that are finally being done and that there is a plan in place to continue to make our roads the best in the county. Our Roads Committee has worked so well together, we engaged with our partners at the county and federal agencies such as TMACOG and SEMCOG to bring our fair share of road dollars to Bedford.

I am proud of those that have stepped forward when we faced the water crisis emergency and the Volunteer Fire Department having so many challenges and changes, and yet coming out stronger through it all.

I am proud that we have served by the letter of the law, maintaining the balance between a business and a tranquil residential neighborhood is an art, but it is determined by the ordinances. We at the Township must have a good attitude and help businesses understand our requirements, but we should never let them ignore them. If the ordinance is wrong, change it, but use the proper procedures.

I am proud of the people I have worked with, they are dedicated individuals who care for this community and work hard in our behalf. My Administrative Assistant has helped build relationships with the county and state, as well as businesses and organizations which has streamlined our communications to resolve residents' concerns. We cannot fulfill the demands from the state, as well as provide the quality services to the public, without devoted employees.

In addition, I am humbled by the outreach when I went through my health issues. I now understand the importance of visiting the sick. I am still in awe of the volunteer emergency team that came to my rescue, thanks again.

One last request, remember that Bedford is a great place to live and we must respect all those who work to make it that way. Leaders set the example, please continue to make Bedford Township even Better. ■

News From The Assessing Department

By: Alan Matlow, MAAO & Lewis Smith, MCAO • Bedford Township Assessing Department

Michigan Department of Treasury Warns of Fraudulent Phone Calls!

In an effort to combat potential income tax fraud, the Michigan Department of Treasury is cautioning taxpayers of fraudulent phone calls being made demanding taxpayers pay an immediate amount of money or face actions from the department. Victims are told they owe money to the Department of Treasury and if not paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer the caller will face arrest, legal action or suspension of business. Please be advised The Michigan Department of Treasury WILL NOT:



- Demand immediate payment without first mailing you a letter. If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the Michigan Department of Treasury please use caution. NEVER provide personal information unless

you are sure the situation is legitimate.

Note: You can contact The Michigan Department of Treasury at 517.636.5265 to verify any contact from the office.

We hope this information has been helpful.

Small note to the Bedford Business Community:

The 2017 Personal Property Statement form(s) will be sent out in December. Please review the Form 5076 Affidavit to Claim Small Business Tax Exemption under MCL 211.90. If you qualify for the Exemption, YOU MUST COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THE FORM BY FEBRUARY 10, 2017 TO RECEIVE YOUR QUALIFIED EXEMPTION.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Bedford Township Assessing Department at 734.847.6791 Ext. 7353. For additional property information, you may visit our office during normal business hours or you can visit the Bedford Township website, www.bedfordmi.org. ■

SCAMS

By: Trudy L. Hershberger • Bedford Township Clerk

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is reminding residents to be alert for ruse burglaries. This is the season where scam artists, typically of 2 to 3 people, pose as utility workers who portray an electrical, gas, or water problem and either ask to enter your home to inspect or get you to leave your home, typically to the back yard. Once distracted, the 2nd or 3rd person will enter the home and steal jewelry and other valuables. As of late, we have been receiving reports that scammers, posing as a DTE worker has been knocking on doors in Bedford.

Ask questions about their company. Ask to see their company photo identification. If they are trying to sell a product, ask to see their permit.

Should you encounter this situation, or something similar, and you feel that someone is attempting to scam you or commit a ruse burglary, do not allow them into your home. Shut and lock your door and call 911. A Sheriff's Deputy will respond to investigate. For any non-emergencies, please call 734.243.7070.

Another scam being reported has to do with your Social Security Information. It could be a call from the SSA (Social Security Administration), stating they will be making a home visit and need to ask "preliminary" questions before their visit. Be aware, the SSA never schedules home visits and does not call citizens at home. They only operate out of their offices, via postal mail. Should you receive a call or visit, do not give them any personal information, such as "verifying" your social security number, but try to get information from the scammer and report it to the SSA's toll free number 1.800.772.1213. ■



Treasurer's Department News

By: Paul R. Francis, Bedford Township Treasurer



ON THE ROAD(s)....Again! (A Mini Roads Committee Update)

As you may recall, the township Roads Committee requested, and in August 2014 the Bedford Township Board received and approved a five year Pavement Asset Management Plan, prepared by our engineering consultants, Mannik & Smith Group, evaluating Bedford's primary county roads and the major local roads, but not the subdivision streets. Township roads were evaluated utilizing the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating) system, combined with additional factors including drainage conditions, road base conditions, shoulder conditions and average daily traffic volumes. These and other factors were combined into a formula developed by Mannik & Smith Group to form a basis for prioritizing specific road repairs and improvements needed. The Plan includes recommended project timing and estimated costs by road project, spread over a five year period, amounting to approximately \$1.2 million per year for five years (\$6.0 million total).

The goal of the Township Roads Committee is to review and adjust the Plan at least annually to reflect the changing conditions of our roads, and to use it as the basis for developing a running five year plan to maintain our roads in a proactive manner. Waiting until the roads deteriorate into major safety problems, as we have experienced in the past, is not the most effective or efficient way to maintain our roads. It takes careful

thought and concerted effort to achieve the benefits that a running five year plan can provide - something that the township Roads Committee is committed to do.

By again joining in a county - wide asphalt material purchasing plan, combining the asphalt paving needs for all townships in the county, substantial material cost savings were generated. Several recommended road projects on our five year plan were moved forward into 2014 - 2015, 2015 - 2016, and 2016 - 2017 fiscal years in order to take advantage of these cost savings. Our expenditures for road projects for fiscal 2014 - 2015 were \$1.155 million. Our expenditures for road projects for fiscal 2015 - 2016 were \$1.793 million. Total planned road projects for fiscal 2016 - 2017 amount to a total of \$2.011 million, the township share of which amounts to approximately \$1.091 million, with the balance being paid by federal aid funds, Monroe County Road Commission funds, and other sources, which we hope to have completed in this fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 (*weather permitting*). Because by Michigan statute, the county road commission actually owns the roads in townships, all repair and improvement projects must be bid out and administered by the road commission. We do not control when completed road projects are billed to us (*by the road commission*) - we simply pay project billings when they are received by us.

DON'T FORGET YOUR 2016 SUMMER TAX BILLS

As you are probably aware, your **2016 Summer Tax Bills** are due and payable on or before **September 14, 2016** without interest being assessed. By Michigan statute, on **September 15**, a **1% interest charge** must be added to your unpaid tax bill, and an additional **1% must be added the first of every month thereafter until the tax bill is fully paid**.

Taxes may be paid by cash or check payable to the Bedford Township Treasurer, by mail (*using the return envelope provided*), by using our convenient drive-up window, drop box,

or service counter inside the **Bedford Township Government Center, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182**. In addition, payments may be made by debit or credit card, and electronic check. A **3% third party convenience fee** (*user fee*) will be charged. Also for your convenience, taxes may be paid at any branch of **Monroe Bank & Trust**, **Fifth Third Bank** (*Lambertville Branch*), and **First Merrit Bank** (*Temperance Branch*).

DEFERRED PAYMENT FOR 2016 SUMMER TAX BILLS AVAILABLE

Senior citizens (*age 62 and over*), veterans, and persons with total and permanent disabilities may qualify for deferment of their 2016 Summer taxes, if your household income (taxable and non-taxable) is \$40,000 or less. Qualifying agricultural property also qualifies for deferment. A deferment application form must be filled out every year and filed with the **Bedford Township Treasurer's Office** before the **September 14** deadline. If you qualify, payment of your **2016 Summer taxes** may be deferred until **February 14, 2017** without any interest or penalty added. Please call the **Bedford Township Treasurer's Office** at **734. 847.6791**, extension **7342** for the

required forms and/or information regarding the deferment process. This may be important to you, so please don't overlook it.

PLEASE NOTE: Because we are a completely separate entity from the South County Water System, we are unable to accept debit card, credit card or e-check payments for water usage bills. We can only accept cash or checks payable to the South County Water System, which we then forward on to them as a convenience to you. ■



Election News

By: Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you're a new resident to Bedford Township, have moved, just turned 18 years of age, or haven't voted in several years, you may not be sure if you're registered to vote here. The easiest way to check, if you have a computer, is to go to our website, www.bedfordmi.org. This site will connect you with the state's website (Michigan.gov/vote) which will give you election information and tell you if you're registered to vote or where your precinct location is. If you do not have access to the web, just call my office, **734.224.7323**. Either I or one of my staff will be happy to assist you. If you find that you are not registered to vote and wish to vote in the **November 8, 2016 Presidential Election** (and any future elections), Michigan Election Law requires you to do so at least 30 days before the election, which means you would have to do so by October 11, 2016.



ABSENTEE VOTERS

With the upcoming General Election in November, I would like to remind our permanent absentee voters to get your applications signed and returned to my office, if you haven't already done so. If you are not sure if you have returned your



application, or if you would like to be added to our permanent absentee voter list (*you must be 60 years of age or older or unable to go to the polls because of a physical disability*) please call my office, **734.224.7323** and we will add you to our list of permanent absentee voters. Once you are on this list, for each scheduled election, you will be automatically sent an absentee ballot application form that must be signed and returned in order to receive the ballot.

ELECTION INSPECTORS

I would like to thank all of our election inspectors who worked the **August 2, 2016 Primary Election**. They attended training classes, arrived on time and worked the long hours of Election Day, without complaint. Our inspectors do an outstanding job in performing the many election duties assigned them, especially when you consider that Bedford Township is the largest voting



block in Monroe County, with the most precincts (14). While the task seems overwhelming, our inspectors/chairmen do an amazing job.

AUGUST 2, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION

The August Primary Election is over, with voter turnout in Bedford at 25%, which was the same as the 2012 Primary Election, but still a low turnout. The **Monroe County Canvassing Board** finished their canvass back in August and the official local election results are posted on our website, www.bedfordmi.org. There isn't enough space in the newsletter to adequately report this information.

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



The **November 8, 2016 Presidential Election** will allow voters to elect a **President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, a State Representative, all County and Local Officials, College Trustees, and Local School Boards of Education**. Please remember to vote on **November 8, 2016**.

THANKS TO OUR PRECINCT LOCATION SITES

I would also like to thank **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, the United Methodist Church, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the Assembly of Christian Church, Northwest Christian Church, Compelled Church (Assembly of God), and the Bedford Branch Library** for their willingness to allow us to use their facilities as polling locations on Election Day. Difficulties with illegal campaign signs at these locations and candidates campaigning within 100 feet of the polling place entrance have caused minor problems in past elections, but with your help we were able to resolve these issues.





The Clerk's Corner

By: Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Passport Information

The Clerk's Department at Bedford Township has been a designated passport agency since 2003. We are delighted to be able to assist our residents as well as residents of other communities in acquiring a passport so that they can travel abroad. The U. S. Department of State has now implemented a "passport card" in addition to the original "passport book". This new "passport card" may only be used for land and sea travel to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. It cannot be used for air travel. It is a wallet sized card, and will provide a less expensive, smaller and more convenient alternative for those who travel frequently to the above destinations by land or sea. A passport card is not required for children aged 16 or under to travel by land or sea to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda, but they do have to have proof of citizenship (*birth certificate*) with them while traveling. The fees for a passport card are as follows:



PASSPORT CARD

	Adults-age 16/over (valid for 10 years)	Age 16/under (valid for 5 years)
Passport Card Fee.....	\$30.00	\$15.00
Execution Fee.....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total.....	\$55.00	\$40.00

The same information and photo will be required to be submitted as for a regular passport. You will fill out the application, submit a certified copy of your birth certificate, identification (*such as a driver's license*), and 1 passport photo. The fee for a regular passport, as listed as follows:

PASSPORT BOOK

Adults-age 16/over (valid for 10 years)	Age 16/under (valid for 5 years)
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Passport Fee.....	\$110.00	\$80.00
Execution Fee.....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total	\$135.00	\$105.00

The fees payable to the **U.S. Department of State** must be in the form of a check or money order for citizens who wish to apply for a passport at Bedford Township Hall. If you wish to have Bedford Township take your passport photos, a \$10⁰⁰ additional fee will be charged along with the \$25⁰⁰ execution fee. The \$25⁰⁰ execution fee and \$10⁰⁰ fee for photographs is payable to Bedford Township can be paid by check, money order or cash.

All minors under age 16 are required to have a passport to travel out of the United States, and the consent of both parents or legal guardians in order to apply. For further information on this subject, access the **U.S. Department of State's** website www.travel.state.gov, or contact my office at **734.224.7323, Bedford Township Clerk's Department.**

If you are planning a trip outside of the United States, please allow at least 4 to 6 weeks processing time for passport applications. If you need a passport sooner than that, you may want to consider expediting your passport application. The U.S. Passport Service will "*expedite*" your application for an extra \$60.00 fee per application. With this extra fee, your passport application will be processed in 3 weeks.

Since the Temperance Post Office is no longer processing passport applications, we are now asking applicants to make an appointment to apply for a passport. Call the **Bedford Township Clerk's Department** at **734.224.7323** in order to do so.

For any other information, you can go to our website, www.bedfordmi.org and "*click*" on passport information. From this site you can get general information or access the **U.S. State Department's website**. If you do not have access to the internet, please feel free to call me or one of my staff at **734.224.7323. ■**



Videos on Bedford Website

www.bedfordmi.org

Now you can access the videos of the Township Board Meetings on the website. On the left side of the home page under Quick Links, "*click*" on Video of Bedford Township Board Meetings, then "*click*" on the date you want to view.

Bedford Park Board News

By: John Mohr, Connie Velliquette, Garnet Francis, Sally Dunn, and Michele DeLaney

Summer is winding down and school is starting, so now it's time to think about what's happening at our parks for the fall and early winter season.

If you have visited either **Ansted Park** or **Indian Creek Park** you may have noticed the new signage we have installed. We would like to thank **Graphic Signs** for assisting us with the design and installation of these beautiful signs. We are working hard to finish **Ansted Park**, all that's left to do is install a native wildflower area, a butterfly preserve, a small shelter and some fencing in order to complete this beautiful natural park.

We had a great **Fireworks Display** on **June 24**, and it's our hope that everyone enjoyed seeing them as much as we enjoy being able to present them. We would like to thank everyone who assisted financially or with donated time/talents to make our fireworks shows the great event that they are. In addition, we would like to especially thank the volunteers from the **Bedford Alliance Church** for coming out on Saturday morning to help us clean up after the event. With your help we were able to clean the place up quickly and before the day got too hot. Again, thank you for helping us keep Bedford clean.

In closing we would like to remind residents of a couple of late fall/early winter events to put on your calendars. On **Friday, November 25**, **Samarita** will hold its annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** at **Samarita Park**, and on **December 4**, **Temperance** will have its **Christmas Tree Lighting** at **Carr's Grove Park**. More information on these events will be in the newspapers as we get closer to those dates.

Please contact any one of us if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns about our parks. We want them to be as safe, usable, and people friendly (*to both old and young*) as possible. You can go to the Bedford Township website www.bedfordmi.org, "click" on **Government**, then **Boards and Commissions**, then **Park Commission**. You will see the park commissioner's names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, copies of our approved minutes, and pictures of our parks. You can contact any one or all of us, we would be glad to hear from you. If you do not have access to the website, call **734.224.7323** and they will be glad to give you the same information by phone.

Remember, if you wish to reserve one of our **two Community Centers** or one of our **six shelter houses**, call **734.224.7334** for information. ■



Ansted Park Trail Entrance

THE BEDFORD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Build It And They Will Come!

We hear a lot of buzz these days (*pardon the pun*) about **Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens**. How charming to watch lovely "flowers" take lazy fluttering flight while super charged miniature birds frantically dart hither and yon. And how simple it is to attract these little wonders. Build a garden that contains a buffet of favorite foods and "Voila!"

What are favorite foods? The menu should include some native plants to attract the widest variety of diners. While the **Ruby-Throated Hummingbird** is the single species that summers in our area, there is a wealth of diversity in butterflies. And remember that butterflies start out as caterpillars that need to eat too.

Consider the following butterfly magnets: **Swamp and Butterfly Milkweeds** (*Asclepias incarnata* and *A.tuberosa*) are host plants for **Monarch Butterfly** larvae and a nectar source for many other butterflies, **Spicebush** (*Lindera benzoin*) hosts swallowtail larvae, **Joe Pye Weed** (*Eutrochium purpureum*), **Dense Blazing Star** (*Liatris spicata*), **Tall Ironweed** (*Veronia gigantea*), **Buttonbush** (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), and for a terrific send off in fall for migrating Monarchs plant **New England Aster** (*Aster novae-angliae*).

Hummingbirds love tubular flowers such as **Columbines** including our native **Wild Columbine** (*Aquilegia canadensis*), **Penstemons**, **Foxglove**, **Agastache**, native **Cardinal Flower** and **Blue Lobelia** (*Lobelia cardinalis* and *L.siphylitica*), **Beebalm** (*Monarda sp.*) and the annual **Cigar or Firecracker Plant** (*Cuphea ignea*). ■



Ruby-Throated Hummingbird



Monarch Butterfly

Continued Governance, and an Update!

By
Nancy Tienvieri
Bedford Township Trustee

YES, GOVERNANCE! I have written several articles on governance in this communication tool to Bedford residents. Government is defined as "the political direction and control exercised over the actions of the members, citizens, or inhabitants of communities, societies, and states". Governance, on the other hand is defined as, "the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented (*or not implemented*)". When your elected officials practice governance we are setting up a process by which we will lead those who elected us - not control over the actions of members of the community. This country was established on "of the people, by the people, and for the people". Our elected officials - federal, state and local - must practice that attitude.

A Trustee's responsibility does not involve day-to-day duties in the Township office, however it includes governance of the implementation of the decisions of the Township Board. The Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer (*full-time officials*) of a township are given by statute responsibilities that are uniquely assigned to that office. Any responsibility in addition to those outlined in the statute are given by a vote of the Township Board, and not by assuming the responsibility by a full-time official. An elected Trustee is responsible for the township's fiduciary health and is required to vote on all issues. This authority requires a Township Trustee to investigate, research and make every effort to be fully aware of every matter that is presented to the Township Board at every meeting. Input from the investigation of the four Trustees is as essential as the full-time officials.

A misinterpretation of township governance has permeated communities for quite some time. The entire Township Board is responsible for the governance of a township, not simply the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer. Each member of the Township Board is elected by the voters, compensated through taxpayer dollars, and should be held accountable by their contributions and actions while serving their community in the elected position. Although a trustee is not present in the Township office day to day, the Trustees must be informed, included, and a part of the information that transpires within the office from day to day. In this day and age there are many methods of communication that can be used to communicate this information between Board members.

This is where discussion or debate is important during a Township Board meeting. There are seven (7) minds that are elected to contribute to the process of decision-making. Debate must take place or the decisions end up being made by a minority of the Board. Seven minds should have seven different or similar thoughts working together to come to a consensus. Without debate/

discussion of the issue how will the public hear the input or ideas of each important Board member? I have heard some refer to debate as "bickering". The definition of bickering is, "arguing about petty or trivial matters". NEVER in township governance is there ever petty or trivial matters. Each and every matter before a body of leaders elected to handle the matters of the people is anything but trivial or petty. A matter may not affect every citizen, but even if it affects one it is not trivial. I have never experienced bickering on the Bedford Township Board - merely healthy debate.

That brings us to the update of governance on the Bedford Township Board. What has been lacking, from this Trustee's position, is communication between all members of this Board. As mentioned, communication is key to a healthy atmosphere of leadership. Open and honest sharing of information, ideas, opinions, public needs/concerns between those responsible to the public is all a must to ethical governance. This Board endeavored in the beginning of this term to adopt Board Policy. Policy - "a course of principle of action adopted or proposed by a governing body". It has not happened in these three plus years. Without policy agreed upon by the entire Board there are no principles by which all members follow. Lack of policy and communication has hampered many decisions by this Board.

We attempted to establish a Communications and Cable Committee, and all Board members were in agreement that this was an excellent idea. It was intended to bring better communication between local officials and the community as well as between Board members. At present, it has not come to fruition, although it is in that "the wheels of government turn slowly" drawer. It may end up along with the Board Policy - at the bottom of that drawer.

Many issues over the last three years have been suggested and never come to realization. A Project Status Checklist was mentioned, but has not materialized. This kind of ongoing project reporting would be an excellent opportunity to keep all Board members on an equal playing field with regard to information and communicating project status - but it has not been implemented.

Government's wheels may turn slowly, but governance should never turn slowly. Diligence to initiate and complete a project, idea or method should be paramount in the arena of governance. We owe it to the public whom we serve, and to those who elected us to a leadership role in which to serve! Governance - "the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented" should be timely and focused, demonstrating that the leaders are fixated on putting the residents first and not lost in the quagmire of government. I remain FOCUSED AND FIXATED! ■



Bedford Branch Library News

By: Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian

Coming To Your Bedford Township Branch Library

Your Bedford Township Branch Library is hosting two **Medicare Coverage & Enrollment Series** programs this fall.

- **September 13, 2016 from 6:00-7:30 PM - Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Medigap Updates.**
- **October 18, 2016 from 6:00-7:30 PM - Medicare 2017 updates and Open Enrollment Period.**

Certified Medicare Counselors from the **Area Agency on Aging 1-B Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program** will present a series of informative programs for those exploring retirement insurance options, and provide info about the changes coming to **Medigap in 2017.**

Author Visit -

Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 PM We all love the Great Lakes but so many of us fail to understand the threats they face. Author **William Rapai** will join us to talk about his book **Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes** and demystify the issue. We will learn who these lake invaders are, where they came from, the damage they are doing, and what we might be able to do about them in the future.

Free Computer Classes -

Computer Basics 1 starting **Thursday, October 6.** This class is designed to work with the specific requests of participants. Topics may include learning mouse/keyboard, typing, internet basics, MCLS catalog and downloadable books, various software, folders and documents, and saving and printing. There are no skill prerequisites. Class meets once a week for six weeks. Class size is limited. Registration is required.

1 on 1 Computer Help -

Sessions will be the first Friday of each month from **1:00-3:00 PM.** Patrons can receive assistance with laptops or mobile devices. Dates are **September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2.**

"B" Movie Matinee -

Join us on the third Thursday of the month at **2:00 PM** to watch our favorite "B" movies and answer some movie trivia. Our **September 15** selection is **Jailhouse Rock** and on **October 20,** we will watch **Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein.** Refreshments! Prizes! Fun for all!

Please visit our website at <http://monroe.lib.mi.us/bedford-branch-library> for more information on our programs and events and to get registered. ■



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**BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
2016-2017 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Bedford Township Board	Meets 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of each month
Beautification Committee	Meets 2 nd Thursday of each month
Board of Review	Meets in March and possibly in July and December
Board of Zoning Appeals	Meets 1 st Monday of each month
Fire Advisory Board	Meets 2 nd Wednesday of even numbered months • Fire Station • 7016 Lewis Avenue
Bedford Library Board	Meets 4 th Monday of each month
Housing Commission	Meets 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. • Ivor Lindsay • 8745 Lewis Avenue
Planning Commission	Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of each month
Park Commission	Meets 2 nd and 4 th Monday of each month
Downtown Development Authority	Meets 2 nd Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m.
Temperance Action Committee (TAC)	Meets 1 st Monday of Each Month • Ivor Lindsay • 8745 Lewis Avenue
Lambertville Pride Committee	As Needed
Samaria Heritage Committee	Meets 2 nd Tuesday of each month • Samaria Hall (Park) at 6:30 p.m.

- **All meeting times are at 7:00 p.m.** unless otherwise stated.
- **All meetings are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of 1976.** Meetings are normally held at the **Bedford Township Hall - 8100 Jackman Road - Temperance, MI 48182** unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are subject to change of date, time and place, pending notification.
- The **Library Advisory Board** meetings are held at the **Bedford Township Branch - Monroe County Library System - 8575 Jackman Road - Temperance, MI 48182.**
- **Bedford Township Housing Commission** meetings are held at the offices of the **Ivor J. Lindsay Senior Housing Complex - 8745 Lewis Avenue - Temperance, MI 48182.**
- The **Township of Bedford** will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities attending Township meetings upon one week’s notice to the Township of Bedford. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township of Bedford in writing. *Please address all correspondence to: Greg W. Stewart, Supervisor - 8100 Jackman Road - P. O. Box H - Temperance, MI 48182.* You may also contact **Supervisor, Greg W. Stewart** by calling **(734) 847-6791, ext.7321.**

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