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*Happy Holidays From The
Bedford Township Board & Staff*

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Treasurer's Department News

By: Paul R. Francis, Bedford Township Treasurer

**Tax Department Alert
 2015 WINTER TAX BILLS**

The 2015 Winter tax bills were mailed on or before December 1, 2015, and can be paid any time between December 1, 2015 and February 16, 2016 without late penalty or interest being assessed.

-PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING WHEN PAYING YOUR TAX BILLS-

- Please make your check payable to the Bedford Township Treasurer for the exact amount of your tax bill only. We cannot accept overpayments and carry over amounts to future tax bills.
- Please **DO NOT** combine tax payments with water or sewer payments on one check. Each account is separate, and must be paid by a separate check.
- Please make certain that your check is dated and signed, and that the written amount and the numerical amount are identical.
- We **DO** accept partial payments on tax bills between **December 1, 2015** and **February 16, 2016**.
- If you have refinanced your home mortgage or paid off your mortgage in the last year, please call our office. Many times the banks or mortgage companies **DO NOT** let us know that you have an escrow account for payment of your property taxes.
- We offer Direct Debit or ACH payment as an optional method for payment of your taxes. Authorization forms are available in the Treasurer's Department or online at www.bedfordmi.org.
- For your convenience, you may pay your tax bills by mail (using the envelope provided), or in person at the **Bedford Township Government Center, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI** (*convenient drive-up window, drop box or inside service counter*), the Lambertville Branch office of Fifth Third Bank, the Temperance Branch office of First Merit Bank, or at any Branch office of Monroe Bank & Trust in Monroe County.
- Tax bills can also be paid by debit card, credit card (*a 3% user fee is charged*).
- If your **2015 SUMMER TAX BILL** is not yet paid, there will be interest and penalty assessed. Please call the Bedford Township Treasurer's Department at **(734) 847-6791, ext. 7342** for the current balance due.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DEFER PAYMENT OF YOUR 2015 WINTER HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAXES UNTIL APRIL 30, 2016 IF:

- You are a senior citizen (*age 62 or older*).
- You are an eligible veteran, eligible service person, eligible widow/widower, paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegic, totally and permanently disabled or blind.
- Your total 2015 household income (taxable and nontaxable) is \$50,000 or less.
- The taxable value of your homestead does not exceed \$135,000

In order to qualify for deferred payment of 2015 Winter property taxes, you must file **2015 Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit form MI-1040CR or MI-1040CR-2** with the **State of Michigan**, and provide the Bedford Township Treasurer's office with a copy on or before February 16, 2016 **WITHOUT A COPY OF THESE FORMS, THE TOWNSHIP CANNOT GRANT DEFERRED PAYMENT.**

R.S.V.P. volunteer help will be available to assist senior citizens in preparing these tax forms at the Bedford Township Government Center (*Conference Room C*) BY APPOINTMENT on Monday, February 8, Wednesday, February 10 and Friday, February 12, 2016 between the hours of 9:00am - 3:00pm (*BY APPOINTMENT*). Please call the **Bedford Township Treasurer's Department** at **(734) 847-6791, Ext. 7342** to arrange an appointment. Walk ins will be served on the first come, first served basis between appointments if time permits. Please bring proof (Forms 1099, etc.) of all 2015 income such as social security, IRA's, pensions, interest, dividends, and any other income you may have received in 2015, plus medical health, dental and vision insurance premiums paid in 2015. You may also qualify for a home heating tax credit, so bring your home heating bill amounts for the period 11/01/14 - 10/31/15. If you have any questions regarding deferring your 2015 Winter tax bill payment, please call the **Bedford Township Treasurer's Department** at **(734) 847-6791, ext. 7342.** ■

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WWW.BEDFORDMI.ORG



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OR VISIT US AT THE:

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- Trudy L. Hershberger Clerk
- Paul R. Francis Treasurer
- Larry O'Dell Trustee
- Paul Pirrone Trustee
- Rick Steiner Trustee
- Nancy Tienvieri Trustee
- Dennis Kolar Building Inspector
- Alan Matlow Assessor

OFFICE HOURS:
8 AM to 5 PM
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

Working on Township Business, Positively!

MENTIONED to a Michigan Township Association employee that we televised all our Township meetings; I was surprised at his reaction when he was surprised at my statement. We are one of the few Townships to do this, and I am proud that we do.

It is important that the citizens of Bedford have the opportunity to see us do the business of the Township and it is important for us to do the job that the State of Michigan demands.



Our first order of business is to deliver services in a positive and professional manner. A trained staff is imperative to provide these services and retaining these good employees ensures that our citizens are taken care of and saves the Township in constant retraining costs.

I think it is important that we understand why Township government was created. I have kiddingly told folks that talk to me that they can vote me out for not doing what they demand, but the State can throw me in jail. It is the state that defines our job descriptions.

First and foremost we are tax collectors for the county and state. Our **Assessing Department** all trained and certified by the state, tracks land, parcels, value and ownership. Next our **Treasurer's Department** sends and receives tax bills and our **Clerks Office** documents all meetings, all transactions and pays the bills. For these services a General Law Township gets about 4% of the property tax you pay.

What makes a Township more than a tax collector is how it

gets involved in making the Township a real community. Leadership needs to promote the positive efforts that are going on, in the schools, in the communities, and individual efforts to make Bedford a better place.

The **Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremonies in Temperance and Samaria, **Temperance** and **Samaria Days**, and **The Bedford Business Association's Trade Fair** are examples of the community coming together, not put on by the government but leaders being supporters and participants.

I have said many times that good economic and community health depends on infrastructure. From roads to safe drinking water, although not one of the "Statutory" duties of a Township, Leadership works together to make it happen. I feel it is necessary to build relationships with those entities around us to work in a regional manner that best serves the residents of Bedford. Be it building a better relationship with the Monroe County Road Commission for roads or the Council of governments in Michigan and Ohio to assure safe water for the future.

Another important aspect of a Community working together is your efforts to recycle and find alternative ways to take care of yard waste. The Township can work with the County to provide recycling bins or pay for dumpsters for fall clean up, but it is you that has made the effort a success. This fall alone there will be an estimated 150 tons of leaves and yard waste hauled away instead of burned.

Lastly what makes a great community is volunteers. The folks that have stepped up to the plate to serve on citizen boards such as the planning commission, the Board of Review and the Library Board all are citizens that realize their efforts can make a difference. If you are interested give me a call at the office. ■

Sidewalk Snow Removal

With the Winter Season quickly approaching, the Bedford Township Board has anew ordinance in effect regarding snow removal from sidewalks throughout Bedford. Of particular concern is the school bus routing and pick up procedure that will require students to walk to a central pick up point within the subdivisions. Many parents have expressed concern that without a requirement in place to shovel sidewalks, students will be forced to walk in the street. The new ordinance will require that property owners shovel snow from the sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a snow storm. Most property owners generally do shovel their sidewalks without any intervention. The ordinance is meant to provide some guidance and to deal with those instances where snow accumulates over a period of time making the walks inaccessible.



Enforcement will be on a case by case basis so that senior citizens and those who leave the area for a period of time will be able to make arrangements for snow removal. The full amendment can be picked up at the Township hall, or can be viewed on the Township website at www.bedfordmi.org. ■



The Clerk's Corner

By: Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Election News

2016 WILL BE A BUSY YEAR for the Clerk's Department, and now is a good time to get information out so that all of our registered voters can be informed and prepared. In 2016, the following elections are scheduled:

- March 8, 2016** **Presidential Primary Election**
- May 3, 2016** **School Election - County Wide Technology Millage Renewal**
- August 2, 2016** **Primary Election**
- November 8, 2016** **Presidential Election**

The upcoming March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary which was previously held in February, has been changed to March due to a decision made by State Legislators. The State has also determined that there will be separate ballots for Democrats and Republicans in this election. This will mean that when you go to the polls, you will have to declare whether you want a Democratic ballot, or a Republican ballot. Absentee ballot applications for this election will be mailed out to our permanent absentee voters the end of December. The application for an absentee ballot will also require you to declare whether you want a Democratic or Republican ballot. If you wish to vote in this election, and vote absentee, you merely need to complete the application and send it back in the pre-addressed envelope. Absentee ballots will be available and mailed out on the 22nd of January.

Although we have not received official word from Monroe County, it's been brought to our attention that the county-wide millage for school technology expires in 2016. If the county does decide to put a renewal of this millage on the May ballot in 2016, all permanent absentee ballot voters will receive an application for an absentee ballot just as they do for all other elections. We will have more information regarding the May election in our spring newsletter.

I'm sure that everyone is aware, with all the political information that's already in the news, that the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election is generating a lot of interest, which will also generate many voters. I feel this is a good time to remind everyone who

will be aged 60 or older as of 2016, of the option to be added to the township's permanent absentee listing. We currently have over 2,500 residents on this list, and if you already have signed on, you do not need to complete the form. Simply stated, being on the permanent absentee list will guarantee that you will be sent an absentee ballot application, automatically, for each election. This form must be signed and returned (we include a return envelope with the application) in order to receive a ballot and vote absentee. Should you receive the application and decide you do not wish to vote or would rather vote in the polls for an election, just throw the application away and you can go to the polls instead, or not vote at all, whichever you choose. The advantage of voting absentee is, you receive the ballots early, before the election, which gives you time to look the ballot over before making your decisions, and you will not have to stand in lines (*and I'm sure we will have lines in November of 2016*), or leave your home to vote if the weather is bad. At the bottom of this page I've included a form for you to tear off, sign and return to my office. Please address the return envelope to: **Bedford Township Hall, P.O. Box H, Temperance, MI 48182, Attn: Clerk's Department.**

I would like to remind residents that if you go to the polls to vote for any election, you must provide a photo ID in order to get a ballot. If the voter states that he or she does not have photo identification or did not bring it to the polls, the voter will be allowed to vote if he or she signs an "Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification". This form will be available at the polling location.

In addition, if you would like to check to make sure you're registered to vote or to check to see where you would go to vote, the easiest way is to go to our website, **www.bedfordmi.org**, "*click*" on Government, then Township Board, then Clerk. On the left side of the page, "*click*" on Voter Registration Information. This site will give you election information, tell you if you're registered to vote, and where your precinct location is. If you do not have a computer or access to the web, just call my office, **734.224.7323**, and we will be glad to help you. ■

REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE PERMANENT ABSENTEE LIST FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

Yes, I would like to be added to the Permanent Absentee List:

Name <i>(please print)</i>	Signature	
Address		
City	State	Zip

(PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN)

Civic Engagement - Citizens' Responsibility?

By Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP is a community of 30,000 residents and governed by a Township Board of seven (7) elected officials. That is a ratio of a little over 4,000 to 1; 4000 residents to each 1 Board Member. But then the State and Federal government representation is far more out of balance when it comes to the ratio of representative to the population. It is not surprising that in our township, county, state, and country the population is not always happy with the people they elect since contact with those we elect is so remote. Is it possible for only seven (7) people in 30,000 to make "**the right decision**" on every topic that confronts this Township without additional input from the public? A reasonable person would most likely say, "Probably not". So how do we help to bring the will of the people into balance with the few who are elected to make decisions of behalf of the many? Civic engagement can go a long way toward helping the elected know the desires and meet the needs of the people. Citizens who live in a community should make their voice heard, embrace the activities and undertakings, and participate in the decisions that face the community as a whole. Elected officials **NEED** to be held accountable for the declarations and speeches that are made during campaigning. In order to accomplish the accountability of those elected, the public must be informed and engaged after the election.



The citizens of Bedford make up this community - not simply the Township Board, or the school system, or the churches, or the organizations or any one factor. We are Bedford Township collectively; and community means bringing all facets of this exceptional place we call "home" together. In order to do that we all must become involved with making our choices heard, and actively participating beyond our doorstep. Our government officials, school representatives, churches, businesses, senior citizens, and organizations must unite to effectively "brand" this community.

Civic engagement is getting the people of a community involved in the workings of the governing body in order to make known the needs of the community. Sometimes that means volunteering to be on a committee or attending the meetings of the governing body to make your ideas known. Other times it simply means meeting personally with the elected officials or a phone call to share your concerns or views. It might mean sending an email or note to the Township Hall or an elected official. The elected officials should then bring those ideas to the rest of the governing body so it can be considered. Whatever the avenue the citizenry must actively engage with their government to have input, and design the kind of community in which they want to live. There are many opportunities - it just takes doing!

However, before the public senses the receptiveness of their governing body to listen or accept their input, the governing body **MUST** provide their citizens with a sense of ownership,

as stated in the October 2015 edition of the **Michigan Township Focus** (a publication by the **Michigan Township Association [MTA]** which your tax dollars pay for. I think we, as elected representatives of Bedford Township, can and should do a better job of being more welcoming of ideas from the public. It is our responsibility to flood every form of communication with times, dates, locations, and contact names for all meetings associated with government activities. We must make our **Township Board, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Library Board,** and **ALL** meetings that are associated with governing be more "**public friendly**" to encourage attendance **AND** participation. We should create an atmosphere of "**the Board cannot operate without you**". Local government is the most accessible form of government we have in America and those elected **MUST NOT** operate without being inundated with the thoughts and needs of those who elect them.

How do we do that without expecting unnecessary time commitments from the public? Here are some ideas:

- Post on our website current information regarding Township Board decisions and future agenda items to get input **BEFORE** the business comes before the Board .
- Post on our website **Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Downtown Development Authority,** Road Improvement decisions.
- Open our **Buckeye Cable Channel** to programming of other organizations in the township, community events, and human interest programs such as knitting, cooking, fishing, or any enthusiast (*we have many talented citizens who might be interested in airing a program*).
- Fill this Update with upcoming community events and showing appreciation of other things happening in our community.
- Add online engagement such as a Facebook page, etc., to offer opportunities for the public to post comments, and engage in discussions.
- Schedule more (*or regular*) Town Hall Meetings to listen to public.
- Educate the public on how our form of government works through brochures, classroom visits, open forums, and even the public access channel. Many of the questions I hear have to do with the public's misinformation about General Law Township government and how it is different from city government.

These are just some of the ideas I have on improving civic engagement. I am sure there are many more ideas beyond these that would go a long way toward bringing more thoughts, opinions and citizens into the decision-making process. We have a vast **UPTAPPED** source of talented residents in Bedford Township. The more we work together, the more our community will be what we all want it to be. ■



Bedford Township Fire Department Update



By: Ron Whipple, Acting Chief/ Fire Inspector
Bedford Township Fire Marshall

Safety Tips for Holiday Decorations

THE BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT and Fire Marshal Ron Whipple offer some safety tips for decorations for the Holiday Season. Candles and Christmas trees add a joyous and festive mood for the season, but when decorations such as these are not used properly or safely, they can cause fires, injuries and death. More and more holiday decorations feature candles and lights, lending a beautiful touch to ceremonies and events. However, consumers should remember that lighted candles that are left unattended could bring tragedy. The following safety tips will help prevent many of the holiday decoration-related fires and tragedies that occur each year.

TREES - When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "fire resistant". Although the label does not mean the tree will not catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly. When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are difficult to pull from the branches and the branches do not break when bent between your fingers. The butt of the trunk of a fresh tree is sticky with resin. When setting up the live tree in your home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Keep the stand filled with water to help prevent the tree from drying out. Trees should be checked daily and be removed when dryness occurs. The drier the tree, the greater the fire hazard.



LIGHTS - Whether indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL or ETL, which indicates conformance with safety standards.

Use only lights that have plugs containing fuses. Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections and throw out any damaged sets. If using an extension cord, make sure the extension cord is rated for the intended use. Before using lights outdoors, check the label to be sure they are certified for outdoor use. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use only insulated staples to hold strings of lights in place, no nails or tacks. Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire. Outdoor electric lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground fault interrupters (GFCIs).

DECORATIONS - Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be bumped or knocked over. Do not place candles on tablecloths when the edges of the tablecloth hang over the edge of the table and can be pulled by children.

FIREPLACES - Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. These look very pretty, but can spark and pop outward. Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as the wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

*Have a Safe and Joyous
Holiday Season!*

BEDFORD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE Bare Perspective

WINTER is a great time to evaluate your landscaping and gardens. First, are they providing enough interest during the winter months? Great garden design enhances your house and property year round. Second, do your gardens have good "bones"? Gardens need good basic structure and there is no better time to look at this than now, when your yard is relatively bare.

If your summer gardens are filled only with herbaceous perennials and annuals, consider adding some shrubs and small trees that can be grown in their natural forms. Or think about ornamental hardscaping such as tuteurs and trellises on which to grow vines, or perhaps an outdoor sculpture. Not only do they create some winter interest, but also provide solid bones for the garden, which leaves and flowers will later flesh out.

In winter you can also clearly see the branches of trees and shrubs and late winter is generally a good time to prune. Concentrate on eliminating dead wood and crossing or injured branches, or thinning to produce a more open, graceful habit. Note, however, that for spring blooming woody plants, if you prune back hard at this time to control size, you will be eliminating flower buds. ■



Bedford Park Board News

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

The Bedford Township Park Board would like to wish everyone a Happy and Joyful Holiday and Wonderful New Year!

The board hopes everyone enjoyed our annual fireworks display that was held in June, and looks forward to the annual Christmas tree lighting at Samaria Park on November 27 and at Carr's Grove Park on December 6. Below are listed some of the projects we've completed (*or almost completed*) in 2015 as well as projects for 2016.

PROJECTS FOR 2015-2016

Ansted Park

- The new walking trail at the park is complete. In the spring of 2016 we will be placing signage at the entrance and along the trail, planting natural plants and grasses in the center area of the park, and looking at putting a small shelter on the premises.

White Park

- We have completed two pickleball courts at the park, and, in conjunction with Community Education, will be offering classes in this relatively new sport.
- With the assistance of Bedford 3-B Baseball and several companies and volunteers, the bathrooms in the concession stand at the park have been completely redone.

- We are looking at an expansion of the parking area, in conjunction with 3-B.

Carr's Grove Park

- We are planning to replace the outdoor lighting on the Carr Community Center building.

White & Indian Creek Parks

- We are still working with the township and the Monroe County Road Commission to resolve the parking and speed limit issues on Douglas Road, between the parks.

It's been a great year for Bedford's parks and we're looking forward to all that 2016 will bring. ■



Bedford Branch Library News

By: Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian

- Join us this Holiday Season for the **15th Annual Bedford Branch Library "Hall of Trees"**. Area organizations and businesses contribute to make this one of the largest displays of Christmas trees in Monroe County. Trees will be on display the entire month of December.
- You can give the **Gift of Blood** to help save a life at your Bedford Branch Library at our **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Monday, December 21** from **1:00 - 6:00 pm**. If you are interested in donating, please contact either **Jodi Russ** or **Marsha Langenderfer** at the library at **734.847.6747** to make an appointment.
- **Mystery Crochet-Along** - Crochet along with us each month and you will have a finished project by the end of the year. Each month you will get a pattern to work on until the next month. Before the first meeting stop into the library to pick up your list of supplies needed to work on during January's meeting. Each month a new stitch will be taught that goes along with the pattern. 2nd Tuesday every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. First meeting is **January 12, 2016**.
- **Donuts and Downloads** - So, did you get an eReader or tablet for Christmas...*Now What?* Are you wondering how to download to your device? Learn how to get free ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music and magazines through your public library. Then enjoy donuts and coffee while reading, listening or viewing on your tablet or ereader. This is a drop-in program.

Registration is helpful, but not required.

Saturday, January 9 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday, January 13 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, January 23 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday, January 27 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

- Mark your 2016 calendars now! The **Friends of the Bedford Library** will again host the **Travel with Friends Series** on **Sundays** in **February** (*7th and 21st*) and **March** (*6th and 20th*). When the weather outside is frightful, come warm up and enjoy armchair travel at the Bedford Branch Library. Each program begins at 2:00 pm.
- I have heard that there are people out there who think no one goes to the library anymore. Shocking! If you're one of those people, are you paying to rent or download movies, music and books? We offer free downloadable music and movies through Hoopla and continue to offer free ebooks, eaudiobooks, and emagazines as well. You don't have to leave the comfort of your home to find something either educational or entertaining from your library. You just need a valid **Monroe County Library System Library Card**. Don't know if you have one? Call us and find out, or better yet, stop in and see us! We're open 7 days a week during the winter for your convenience. Our phone number is **734.847.6747** or visit our website at <http://mymcls.com>. ■



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**BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
2015-2016 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 1 st 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**.

Township Board Meetings are broadcast on Buckeye Cable Channel 11 or 7 with a box the Wednesday after the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the following Thursday at 7:00 p.m.