



# BEDFORD TOWNSHIP THE TOWNSHIP UPDATE

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## When You Need Help!

**M**any times, we get phone calls or residents who stop in at the Township Hall looking for help with various humanitarian needs. It could be looking for assistance for food, fixing a home, or senior citizens services just to name a few. Because we are a Township we cannot provide the many social services that residents may need or request. At this time, I would like to highlight a few organizations that can help who are located in Monroe County.



### From The Supervisor's Desk

By: Paul Pirrone • Bedford Township Supervisor

The first is **Monroe County Opportunity Program (MCOP)** was created in 1965 under the Economic Opportunity Act by the federal government. This was done to combat poverty in the United States and help those who are in need on a county wide basis.

MCOP to this day still provides services to low-income individuals and families in Monroe County. They are able to meet the needs of our low-income community by administering millions of dollars of federal, state, local, and private funds to achieve the mission to reduce poverty, improve the quality of life, and promote self-sufficiency through community action. Their Vision is Helping People, Changing Lives.

#### Some of the services provided by MCOP

- Specialized Transportation - Door to Door services for non-emergency medical appointments.
- Emergency Services - To help those with homelessness, utilities and mortgage assistance.
- Food Programs - They have a food bank and emergency food boxes.
- Senior Services - Home Care, snow removal, Medicare D enrollment and ramps.
- Energy Conservation and Weatherization for homes.
- Veterans Assistance.

If you need help call **MCOP** at **734.241.2775** or go to their website [www.monroecountyop.org](http://www.monroecountyop.org)

**Bedford Township offers a Rehabilitation Home Loan Program up to \$5000<sup>00</sup> repayable over ten years at zero percent interest. Eligibility and restrictions apply for this loan.**

- New Roofs
- Correct minimum code violations
- New electrical or plumbing

Call **Bedford Township Treasurer's Office** at **734.224.7342** for further details and applications.

#### Bedford Township Veterans Center offers service for veterans in need or advice

- Advocates for Veterans
- Food needs
- Auto assistance
- Job & Career Services

For more information please call **Tim Fitzgerald** at **419.489-9912** or go to their website [www.bedfordtwpvets.com](http://www.bedfordtwpvets.com).

#### Bedford Township Ordinance

- Snow Bird Program - Will check on your home while vacationing.
- Senior Volunteer Program
- Lost Dog Program

Call **Damon Cecil** if you have questions at **734.224.7350** or if you would like to volunteer to help seniors.

#### Bedford Dial a Ride

- Bedford, call **888-664-5984** for reservations at least one (1) hour before you want to be picked up. Our bus picks you up at the curb in front of your home and takes you anywhere you want to go within the township.
- M-F 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. No Saturday, Sunday or holiday service. For information **888-664-5984**.
- Bedford Dial-A-Ride also can take you to the following stops in Toledo (*where you can transfer to a TARTA bus, if needed*): Franklin Park Mall - 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

#### Monroe County Health Department offers so many services these are just a few below.

- Medical Clinic Services
- Education on Communicable disease
- Low income Dental Services
- Environmental Services
- Pregnancy testing
- Hearing and Vision Testing
- Children Services

Call the **Monroe County Health Department** at **734.240.7800** for all services provided.

As residents of Bedford Township, you have many services offered by the County of Monroe to possibly assist you. If you ever have questions please feel free to call my office at **734.224-7321**. ■

## From Time To Time I Like To List The Many Services The Bedford Clerk's Department Offers To Bedford Township Residents.

### The Clerks Corner

By: Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk



#### Door to Door Soliciting

When solicitors or peddlers knock on your door, the first thing to do is ask "Do you have a Bedford Township permit to solicit and can I see it?" If they answer "No", or cannot show the permit to you (*it's yellow in color, listing their name, item being solicited, permit dates, and signed by myself or one of my assistants*), then they are soliciting illegally.

In that case, get as much information as possible about their company (*ask for a business card*) then call the **Bedford Township Hall, 734.224.7320** during weekday business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm), or the **Monroe County Sheriff's Department** non-emergency phone number **734.243.7070**, if it's after business hours, to report them. The only way we can control or stop these unlicensed solicitors is to ticket and fine them, which will make these persons and/or companies realize they do not have the right to come into our township and bother our residents. By requiring a license, we can control the times during which they can solicit, as well as make sure they are a legal business entity. Solicitors/Peddlers permits are available at my department, following completion of the application and a fee.

#### Passports

From time to time we like to remind residents that our department is a designated passport agency. We have been approved to accept passport applications since 2003. Without going into details regarding costs and the differences between passport books and passport cards, I encourage you to contact my office **734.224.7320**, for information on how to obtain a passport, how long it will take to get one, set up an appointment and any other question(s) you may have regarding this process. I feel this is an excellent way for my department to provide service to our residents over and above the normal services that many clerk's departments offer.

#### Notary Services

The Clerk's Department has three full-time employees who are notaries public. We do not charge for our services, and either I, or one of my staff, is available from 8:00 am till 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday to take care of any notary issues you may require.

#### Bedford Township Cemeteries

As many of you are aware, the township owns and maintains four (4) cemeteries. They are the **Hitchcock Cemetery (Lewis Avenue south of Sterns Road)**, **Lambertville Cemetery (Dean & Monroe Roads)**, **Bedford Memorial Cemetery (Samaria Road east of Crabb Road)**, and the newest cemetery is **Bedford Memorial Gardens (Lewis Avenue south of Samaria Road)**. We have been selling grave lots in the new cemetery since fall of 2011. For more information and/or details on prices, please call my office at **734.224.7320**, and we will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

#### Special Assessment Districts

If you and your neighbors are interested in a road improvement project in your subdivision, or interested in extending water or sewer lines to include your home, please contact my office to find out how to begin the process of creating a special assessment district. I will be happy to explain the petition process, help you get started, and assist in any way possible with whichever project you are interested in.

#### Bedford Township Website

Have you seen the Bedford Township website? You can go to [www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org) and you can get information regarding the township and look on the calendar for board meetings and park rentals. We put election news, tax and property information, and so much more on the website. You can also watch Township Board meetings live through a **YouTube** link on our website, or view archived meetings at your convenience.

#### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

The Clerk's Department is the FOIA coordinator for the Township. In an effort to be transparent, it is our policy that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. However, there are guidelines and laws that regulate what is obtainable and what can be released. A fee may be charged for the labor costs and for copying/duplication costs. Please contact our office for further information.

#### Government Cable Channel

If you have Buckeye cable you can view the government channel 11 or 7 with a cable box. We have listed all the township meeting dates and times, township park information, recycling information and the different township board and committee meetings are broadcast live on this channel.

#### Roles & Responsibilities

In addition to the services I've listed above, by Michigan Law I have other statutory duties, which include: custody of all records, books and papers of the township; the responsibility of keeping detailed accounting records and the preparation and maintenance of the journals and ledgers necessary to reflect the assets, liabilities, fund equities, revenues and expenditures for each fund of the township; maintenance of accurate records of township contracts, resolutions ordinances and other special proceedings of the township board; recording and maintaining the minutes of all township board meetings; and chairman of the Bedford Township Election Commission charged with running all elections for Bedford Township.

So you see, our department is very busy, trying our best to provide services for residents in our community. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the services we provide, please don't hesitate to contact me, at **734.224.7320**. ■

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**WWW.BEDFORDMI.ORG**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**8 AM - 5 PM**  
**Monday - Friday**

- Paul Pirrone ..... Supervisor
- Trudy L. Hershberger ..... Clerk
- Paul R. Francis ..... Treasurer
- R. LaMar Frederick ..... Trustee
- TC Clements ..... Trustee
- Rick Steiner ..... Trustee
- Nancy Tienvieri ..... Trustee
- Dennis Kolar ..... Building Inspector
- Alan Matlow ..... Assessor



To access the complete Bedford Township Website from your Smart Phone download a QR Code Reader and scan the above code.

**Township Office Directory**

(Dial 734.847.6791 and the extension or email address shown)

**Supervisor's Office..... 7322**  
 Paul Pirrone, Supervisor

**Clerk's Department..... 7320**  
 Trudy Hershberger, Clerk

**Treasurer's Department..... 7342**  
 Paul R. Francis, Treasurer

**Finance Department..... 7325**  
 David Manning, Finance Director

**Planning Department..... 7331**  
 Karen Kincaid, Planning Administrator

**Building Department..... 7330**  
 Dennis Kolar, Building Official

**Assessing Department..... 7353**  
 Alan Matlow, Lead Assessor

**Ordinance Department..... 7350**  
 Damon Cecil, Supervisor

**Trustee's Office..... 7344**  
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**Fire Department..... (734) 847-2359**  
 Adam Massingill, Fire Chief

**Sheriff's Department Bedford Township Non-Emergency 734-847-6146**

**Emergency..... 911**  
 Monroe County Non-Emergency (734) 243-7070  
 (Bedford Substation)  
 Detective/Sergeant..... 7315  
 Detective..... 7316  
 Deputy..... 7318

**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

Graphic and Printing services provided by Bedford Township residents

## The Bedford Planning Department Update

# Floods in Bedford Township?

For most Bedford Township residents, thoughts of flood disasters are probably the last thing on most minds. Yet floods can and do happen in our relatively flat community. Bedford Township is crisscrossed by many public and private drains and creeks. Most of this drainage system is natural and some of it is manmade. During periods of heavy rain, this drainage system can become overloaded, and floodwaters often spill over the banks. The most severe flooding in Monroe County occurs near areas around several rivers that traverse the county, and along the Lake Erie Shoreline. The rivers are the **River Raisin** and its tributaries, the **Huron River** and **Plum Creek**. Communities that are most affected by flooding of these rivers include **Dundee Township**, the **Village of Dundee**, **Raisinville Township**, **Monroe Charter Township**, **Frenchtown Charter Township** and the **City of Monroe**. Bedford Township is generally more affected by urban flooding from runoff during heavy downpours. During heavy rain events, the Monroe County Emergency Management Division will issue flood warnings by notifying the local broadcast media.

Flooding in Bedford Township is generally not a problem unless your home is located in or near a 100-year flood plain. What many homeowners don't know is that standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage caused by flooding.

Since 1981, Bedford Township has participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program, or NFIP. By participating in this program, many homeowners in Bedford Township are eligible for flood insurance coverage through their insurance agents. In addition, because Bedford Township participates in FEMA's Community Rating System and adheres to stringent flood plain management practices, homeowners receive an automatic percentage discount on flood insurance premiums.

Through an initial study completed in 1981, FEMA identified many areas in the community that were susceptible to flooding. The flood boundaries are defined as 100- year and 500-year flood zones. The 100-year flood zone, or Zone A is an area along either side of a stream that will likely flood during a heavy storm. The 500-year flood zone is a much wider area that extends beyond the 100-year flood zone and would flood during a very heavy storm that happens less frequently.

On October 2, 2014, FEMA adopted revised flood maps that may affect properties that were not in a flood zone but now may be under the revised maps. Some properties that were once in a flood zone may have been removed. It is advisable that property owners review the new maps to determine the current status.

There may be existing homes in Bedford Township that are in a 100-year flood zone that do not have flood insurance. This could be because the home existed prior to Bedford Township's involvement with the NFIP. When these homes are sold or refinanced, the lending institutions are required to determine if the home is in a 100-year flood plain. If it is, they must inform the homeowner or buyer that flood insurance is mandatory.

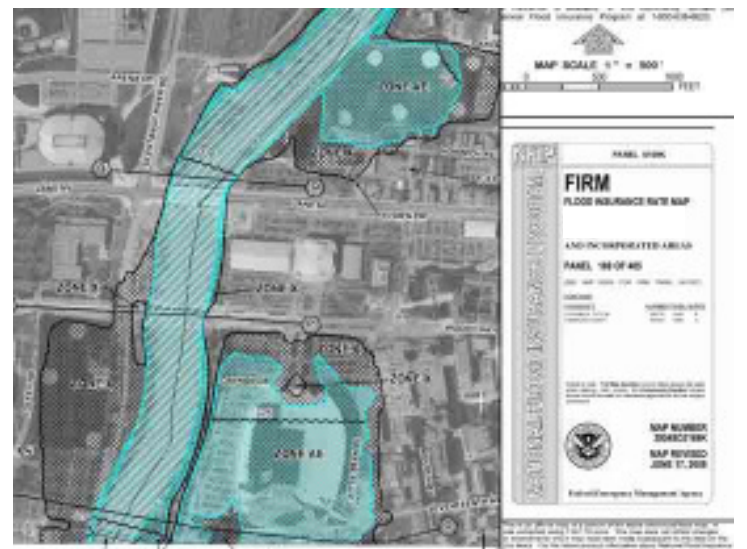
If a home is located in a 100-year flood zone, there are protective measures that can be taken to flood proof the structure and reduce the risk of damage. Furnaces, water heaters, laundry appliance and electrical panel boxes should be relocated to an area that is not prone to flooding. In the basement, floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed. It is also a good idea to keep valuable items out of flood prone areas or at least make them easily accessible if flooding is expected. In many cases, there will not be ample warning time to move essential items from the flood prone area, so you may want to permanently store them in another area.

When there is extensive urban runoff and small stream flooding, there are several safety factors to keep in mind.

1. Pay close attention to special storm warnings issued by the National Weather Service.
2. Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream by foot or by car since undercurrents from fast moving water can knock you down or even move a large vehicle.
3. Do not allow children to go near flooded areas, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
4. If your vehicle stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and move to higher ground.
5. Evacuate flood hazard areas in time of impending flood or when instructed to do so by emergency personnel.
6. Shut off electric circuits at the electrical panel. If this is not possible, disconnect all electrical appliances. Also, shut off all gas valves and water services in the home.

If you suspect that your home may be in a flood hazard area, Bedford Township maintains copies of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for the Township. Township personnel can assist you in reading the maps, provide you with basic information found on the map panel, assist in locating your subject property on the map and, if needed, provide flood insurance information as well. Staff can also:

- 1) Provide basic information found on a FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that is needed to write a flood insurance policy,
- 2) Provide non-insurance rating information that appears on the community's FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM),
- 3) Provide information about flood problems other than those shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM),
- 4) Provide information about flood depths,
- 5) Provide information about a special flood related hazard that does not appear on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and
- 6) Provide information about past flooding at or near the site in question. Bedford Township can provide you with instructions on what steps can be taken to reduce the potential for flood damage. We also maintain a supply of informational pamphlets on flooding in the Zoning/Building Department.



### Notice to all Lenders, Realtors, Builders, and Property Owners

In accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements, Bedford Township provides assistance in helping you determine whether parcels located in the Township are affected by flood plains. It is important that you take advantage of this service prior to offering any property for sale or for construction. If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the Bedford Township Planning/Zoning Department at 734.224-7331. ■

# Treasurer's Department News

By: Paul R. Francis, Bedford Township Treasurer



## Secondary Water Meters

Please be aware that your sewer usage bill is based on your water usage as recorded by your water meter. If you are connected to the **South County Water System** and you are planning to water your lawn or fill your swimming pool, you should consider having a secondary water meter installed to monitor and record the water consumed for non-sanitary sewer purposes (*i.e. lawn sprinklers, swimming pool, etc.*). Installing a secondary water meter will prevent your sewer usage bill from reflecting water gallons consumed for non-sanitary sewer purposes. There is a cost for the secondary water meter and installation, but the potential savings in your quarterly sewer usage bill may help offset this cost. Contact the **South County Water System** at **734.847.0579** for further information and specific details.

## Swimming Pool Information

The **South County Water System** will fill swimming pools located in subdivisions within **300 feet** of fire hydrants, or located on section roads within **300 feet** of fire hydrants on the same side of the road as the pool. For more information please contact the **South County Water System** at **734.847.0579**.



## PLEASE NOTE: Delinquent Taxes

If you are unable to pay your property taxes by **February 28, 2018**, the **Bedford Township Treasurer** is required by law to transfer them to the **Monroe County Treasurer's Office** for collection proceedings. In order to protect yourself from the foreclosure process, you need to call the **Monroe County Treasurer's Office** at **734.240.7365** as soon as possible to discuss your specific situation. The **Monroe County Treasurer** can offer suggestions for emergency loans and grants, sources for legal assistance, partial payment arrangements, special resources for veterans and senior citizens, hardship extensions, etc. **PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE DELINQUENT TAXES** and run the risk of losing your home. Help is available for you, but **YOU** must take the initiative and call the **Monroe County Treasurer's Office**. ■

## Property Tax Information at Your Finger Tips

If you itemize deductions when preparing your 2017 Income Tax Returns, you will need the amount you paid for property taxes during calendar year 2017. Remember: Special assessments for various improvements such as sewer or water lines, drains, roads, street lights, etc. are generally **NOT** deductible for income tax purposes. If you file for a 2017 Michigan income tax credit on Form MI 1040-CR or MI 1040-CR2, the tax amount required for credit calculation is the total 2017 Summer and Winter taxes billed, regardless of when those amounts were actually paid. You can obtain that information in several ways: from your mortgage escrow statement (*if you have a mortgage escrow account*); from the actual paid tax bills, or by accessing the Township website at [www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org).

If you use the township website, click on the Property/Tax Information tab on the right side, then click Tax Information Search under the Current Tax on the left side of the page. The Tax Information Search screen will allow you to search by owner name, address or parcel number. You only need to fill in one of the fields. Then click Search, and the next screen may list several parcels. Click on the parcel you wish and the detailed tax information page will come up. Scroll down for the year and season (*winter and summer*) you need, then click on the plus sign (+) in front of the year. You will see the amount due, the amount paid, date it was paid, a breakdown of what was paid, assessed and taxable values, etc. This information can be printed for your records. If you have any questions or need help with the web page, please call the **Bedford Township Treasurer's Department** at **734.224.7342**.

## 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rate Information

Your quarterly sanitary sewer usage bill is comprised of three components: operation and maintenance costs, depreciation, and debt service. The operations and maintenance component is calculated per thousand gallons of metered or estimated water consumption. The depreciation and debt service components are calculated on the single-family residential equivalents basis.

2018 Current monthly sewer disposal rates are as follows (billed quarterly):

Operations and Maintenance (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.07
Depreciation (per Residential Equivalent [R.E.I])	\$ 3.13
Debt Service (per Residential Equivalent [R.E.I])	\$ 7.67

Average 2018 quarterly residential bill, based on a household of three is:

Operations and Maintenance (20,000 gallons) .....	\$101.40
Depreciation (3 months) .....	\$ 9.39
Debt Service (3 months) .....	\$ 23.01
Total Average Quarterly Residential Bill .....	\$133.80 ■



## Bedford Branch Library News

By Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian

*There really is Something for Everyone at your Bedford Branch Library!*

### For Children:

- Toddler story time on Friday and Saturday mornings.
- Preschool story time on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

### For Tweens/Teens:

- Board game club Mondays 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.
- Teen Tuesdays every Tuesday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.
- Drawing club every Friday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.
- Fandom Fridays fourth Friday of the month after hours 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.
- Fandom After Dark (*high school age*) first Saturday of the month 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

**Family Movie Nights:** Friday after hours Check calendar for dates 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

**For Adults:** Tax Forms! Paper copies of basic forms and instructions or we will print from government sites - 15 pages *no charge*.

**Travel with Friends!** Refreshments are served as you view travel pictures and hear tales and tips of our **Friends' Vacation Travels**. Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 pm, **Doc Fletcher** will present a one-hour paddling program, "**So Many Rivers, So Little Time**". At least one attendee will win a gift certificate for a *free* canoe/kayak day trip, donated by various Michigan canoe/kayak liveries. Additional dates also. Contact the library for details.

**Painting with Betzi:** Thursdays, March 22, April 5, and May 17 at 6:30 pm Local artist, **Betzi Lievens**, will be sharing her talents in this series on different artistic techniques and assisting you with making your own masterpiece. Supplies provided by the **Friends of the Bedford Library**. Registration required.

**D.I.Y.@Bedford:** Do you love those creative crafts that you see on **Pinterest** or **HGTV**? If so, join us on the second Thursday every month at 6:00 pm. You can make your own one of a kind creation under the guidance of our creative gurus. All materials will be provided. Space is limited so be sure to register soon!

**Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm - An Evening of Shakespeare: Friends of Carol & Co.** will take place in the community room. Join us for a look back on our Shakespearian presentations with selected readings from scenes and sonnets of the Bard. This tribute to **Carol Emptage** and **Nate Miller** is always good entertainment!

**Plus** we have **Knitting Groups, Tai Chi, Yoga, Veteran's Affairs Representatives, Book Clubs, Computer Classes, and Medicare Help** sessions.

Call your **Bedford Branch Library** at **734.847.6747** or visit our website at <https://mymcls.com> for more information and to register for programs. ■



## Bedford Township Fire Department Update

By: Adam Massingill, Fire Chief

*To Save, Serve, and Protect the Citizens and Property within Bedford Township*

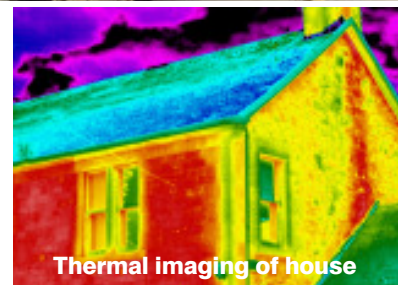
**O**ur job as your Fire Department is to save, serve, and protect the citizens and property within Bedford Township. There are essentially two basic components necessary to accomplish this task; highly skilled personnel and reliable equipment.

Each department member completes approximately one-hundred hours of training each year to ensure we are prepared to handle every imaginable emergency. In the last year we have recruited more than a dozen new members. The new members are receiving over five hundred hours of initial training in their first two years alone. We are well on our way to becoming even more effective through the recruitment and training efforts of the department.

The second component to our effectiveness is reliable equipment. When firefighters respond to a fire, the fire trucks must be able to deliver water needed to put out the flames. Thermal imaging cameras must be functional so that firefighters can see through the poisonous smoke to quickly find victims. Emergency messages must be conveyed by radio's that can transmit these messages.

Emergency medical responses make up the largest majority of our calls for service. It is important our EMT's and Paramedics have lifesaving equipment so that they may deliver the best care possible to our residents in their time of need.

In a few short months you will be asked to decide on a millage request for apparatus, equipment, and tools for the fire department. These tools will allow our highly skilled members to safely and effectively provide emergency protection to our community for years to come. ■



Thermal imaging of house

# Participation!

By TC Clements, Trustee / Park Board Liaison

In the last several months many of you have emailed, called, or talked to me in person about our township, issues that concern you, or things you believe would be a great idea for Bedford. **I THANK YOU** for all that input. Not only do I appreciate the ideas, but I appreciate you reaching out to me to tell me how you feel. **YOUR** voice is who I represent. But, in addition to this information I want to encourage you to participate.

For much of my life I wasn't involved in politics. That was something "other people" did. Then it dawned on me that those "other people" were being heard and I was not. I realized that if I was involved I could make a difference, I could make suggestions, and I could help to make new things happen. So...I got involved!

We are all busy. We all are stressed by commitments. Many of you have no desire to take on politics full time. However, there are a ton of areas where you can be involved...be heard...and make a difference. Your idea could be a great one, but your participation could make it a reality.

Here in Bedford we are reliant on our neighbors to serve in many areas. For instance, we have a bunch of committees in Bedford that you do not have to serve on to be heard. Let the Parks Board know if you want to volunteer time or have an idea. Attend a Communications Committee meeting if you have a way to fix a problem. Show up at a Library meeting if you want to share a suggestion.

The key to all of this is that government is best when it represents the people. And in our great community there are a lot of ways where you can be a part. Keep an eye out or call the township for upcoming meeting dates and times. Your great idea could be something that could improve our community. And if nothing else, your involvement ensures your voice gets heard.

Have a great spring and I hope to see you soon! ■



# Bedford Beautification Committee Update

## Building A Greener Tomorrow Today!

The Bedford Beautification Committee has adopted this new motto to reflect our focus for **2018-A Cleaner, Greener Township**. To bring awareness to the glut of plastic bags ending up in our landfills and to provide families with a good alternative, we will be handing out all-cloth shopping bags at the **2018 Bedford Business Association Trade Fair on March 10 - March 11**. Stop by our booth to pick up your bag plus information about recycling many types of household items and yard waste.

Our **Annual Free Seminar for 2018** is scheduled for **September 15** and will feature the renowned, now retired, outdoor editor for **The Toledo Blade, Steve Pollick**. Do not miss the opportunity to hear this knowledgeable, passionate and witty author and speaker discuss the importance of conservation and the parts we can all play in preserving and improving our community for ourselves and our future generations. Look for additional details in upcoming Township Updates. ■

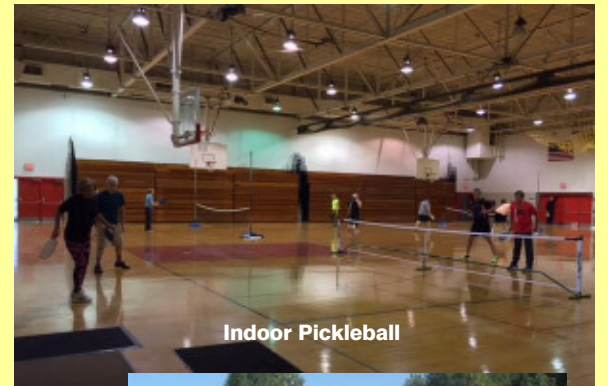


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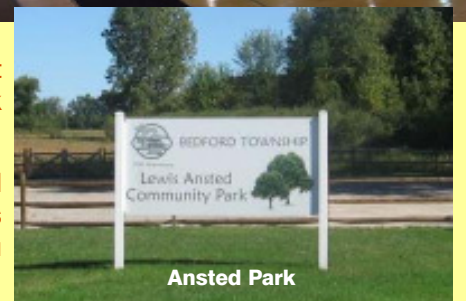
# Bedford Park Board News

By: Connie Velliquette, Lew Smith, Jerry Goodridge, Joan Dunton, and Sally Dunn

- **SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!** Get moving to get fit. Now is a perfect time to start walking on one of our park trails.
- **Good News!** The **Bedford Township Park Board** has received a donation of 22 acres for a nature preserve. More details will be coming soon.
- **Pickleball Players** are playing indoors at the **Bedford Junior High School Gym on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. through March 25**. Everyone is invited to play no matter if you are a beginning or an experienced player.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with the maintenance of the **Native Plant Gardens at Ansted Park** starting in May. If you can spare an hour or two, we ask you to please contact **Connie Velliquette, Bedford Park Commissioner at 419.297.1977**.
- Be sure to stop by our table at the **Bedford Trade Fair on March 10-11, 2018**. Let us hear from you regarding any suggestions you may have to make our parks even better.



Indoor Pickleball



Ansted Park

## News From The Bedford Township Assessing Department

Alan Matlow, MAAO • Christine Eichler, MAAO • Joe Keane MCAO • Kelly Elmer

Are you a new resident, a long time returning resident, or a resident that has moved into a different home in Bedford Township in the last year? We encourage you to verify with us that your **(PRE) Principal Residence Exemption** is in place for the current and upcoming tax year. With all the documents one signs at a closing, things can get missed.

If you have any questions or concerns about an upcoming real estate site review or your current **(PRE) Principal Residence Exemption**, please call the **Bedford Township Assessing Department at 734.224.7353**. For additional property information, visit our website at [www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org) or the **Assessing Office**. Our office is located on the first floor of the **Bedford Township Government Center at 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182**.

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The office is closed on major holidays. ■

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Bedford Fireworks

June 22, 2018 (Rain Date June 23)  
Bedford High School Stadium



## BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS 2018-2019 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Bedford Township Board .....	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
Beautification Committee .....	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month
Board of Review .....	Meets in March and possibly in July and December
Board of Zoning Appeals .....	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month
Fire Advisory Committee .....	Meets As Needed – Fire Station – 7016 Lewis Avenue
Grant Writing Committee .....	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month
Communications/Media Commission .....	Meets at 6:30 PM the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month
Bedford Library Board .....	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month
Housing Commission .....	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM – Ivor Lindsay – 8745 Lewis Avenue
Planning Commission .....	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month
Park Commission .....	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month
Downtown Development Authority .....	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 3:00 PM

- All meeting times are at 7:00 PM 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 of the 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:* Paul Pirrone, Supervisor, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182. You may also contact Bedford Supervisor, Paul Pirrone by calling (734) 224-7321 during normal business hours.

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.