



# BEDFORD TOWNSHIP THE TOWNSHIP UPDATE

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#### Township Office Directory

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<b>Supervisor's Office.....</b>	<b>7322</b>
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<b>734-847-6146</b>	
<b>Emergency.....</b>	<b>911</b>
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

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**FIRST OF ALL**, I would like to thank all of our election inspectors who worked the **November 7, 2017 School Election**. They attended training classes on the new voting equipment, arrived on time and worked the long hours of Election Day. Our inspectors do an outstanding job performing the many election duties assigned to them, especially when you consider that Bedford Township is the largest voting bloc in Monroe County, with the most precincts (14). While the task seems overwhelming, our inspectors/chairmen do an amazing job.

Periodically, I invite any residents interested in becoming a precinct inspector/chairman to apply. If you are interested in applying, you can go to the **Bedford Township Website** at [www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org), in the bottom right corner, select "**Voter/Election Information**" and find the "**Election Inspector Application**" on the left panel.

Complete the form and return it to **Bedford Township, Attn: Clerk's Department, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182**. I will be scheduling training classes the end of June so that you will be able to work in the August and November 2018 elections. This is not a volunteer position, you will be reimbursed for your time, both in training classes and during the actual work day. If you have any questions, please contact me or my staff at **734.224.7320**. A township of our size takes many hands to run an election in a timely and efficient manner, a regular election uses at least seventy-five (75) inspectors, including fifteen (15) chairmen to staff/work in the precincts and absentee ballot counting board.



#### AUGUST 7, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

The **August 2018 Primary Election** is an election held to narrow the field of candidates for the positions to be voted on in the **November Gubernatorial Election**, an opportunity for Precinct Delegates to be elected to their respective parties, and to vote on any millage proposals the township may have. To date, Bedford Township will have a **.5 mil Fire protection proposal** and a **local public transportation service renewal (aka Lake Erie Transit)** on the primary election ballot. One important thing to remember when



**O**VER THE YEARS, **BEDFORD TOWNSHIP** has come together for so many different celebrations, causes, and events. The support of many families like the Scout's during their time of illness and loss, constructing the community stadium with no tax dollars, and retired Local 55 Iron Workers greatly lowering the cost of repairing the **Temperance Road Fire Station** by working on a volunteer basis. These are just a few things that show Bedford's astounding camaraderie. I am confident of the potential Bedford has to become even greater because of the strength of its residents.

There's a great quote by **Edward Everett Hale** that says "*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.*" Since becoming your Supervisor in 2016, I've had the privilege of leading members of this great community in efforts to better serve the residents of Bedford and to make Bedford an even better place to call home. Some of the best experiences as Supervisor thus far have been having residents come into my office with a vision or cause dear to their heart, and helping these people take a leadership role to make a difference. One example of this has been the **Blizzard Fest**. Several women who have a love for Christmas wanted to see Bedford's spirit over the Christmas season. Before long, these residents formed a committee and we now have a great event scheduled for December. Another shining example of greatness is the new **Bedford Veteran's Center**. It started with an idea and is now a reality thanks to a resident who saw a need, the many volunteers who stepped up, and generous donations from the community. Other great ideas from



### The Clerk's Corner

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk



voting in a Primary, you must choose one party to vote for and then continue to vote for candidates in that party. According to **Michigan Election Law**, you cannot cross over vote. If you do, your ballot will be returned by the machine and you will need to revote a new ballot or override the error. If you have any questions about this issue, **I would be glad to try to explain it to you either in person, by telephone at 734.224.7320, or by E-mail at [thershberger@bedfordmi.org](mailto:thershberger@bedfordmi.org).**

#### NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

The **November 6, 2018 General Election** will allow voters to elect a **Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Representative, State Senator**, as well as **Monroe County Commissioners** and a **Township Trustee**. Having the opportunity to vote is a privilege as well as a responsibility we should not take lightly. Please remember to vote on November 6, 2018.



#### THANKS TO OUR PRECINCT LOCATION SITES

I would also like to thank **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lambertville United Methodist Church, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Assembly of Christians Church, Northwest Christian Church, Compelled Church, the Bedford Library**, and our new location, **Shelton Park Church of God**, for their willingness to allow us to use their facilities as polling locations on Election Day. ■



residents that led to great results are seen in the Bedford Farmer's Market, the Bedford Bike Cruise, and the re-establishment of the Summerfest. I would love to see this continue as those with a passion are the greatest people to lead these charges.

Since 1836 when Bedford Township was formed, Bedford has transformed from starting out as a quiet, agricultural area to now

### From The Supervisor's Desk

By: Paul Pirrone • Bedford Township Supervisor



having over 30,000 residents and being home to an industrial park (thanks to the leadership of former Township Supervisor, Pearl Albert Green). Many business owners have found great opportunity in Bedford and we are now home to over 700 businesses. These modern-day business owners are not unlike those in 1889. **Jacob Anstead** is a shining example as he owned the largest general store in Samaria and boasted he "*sold lower than the lowest prices*". Today's Bedford business owners see great things in our community's future and trust so strongly in our community that they have established themselves here over any other location. The people of Bedford Township have so many great businesses to support and to help meet the needs of themselves and the families they are raising here.

These days, social media can breed so much negativity and criticism that we can tend to overlook all the positive things that are happening in Bedford Township. I have seen so many negatives turned into positives by bringing together individuals to discuss ideas openly and in turn solve problems. As a community we need to focus on what can be done to keep Bedford Township growing and headed in a positive direction.

I want to continue our rich history of engaging our residents to participate in their community through volunteerism and I want Bedford to grow for future generations. If you want to help on a committee or have an idea that could better Bedford Township, please contact me by phone at **734.224.7322**, by e-mail at [ppirrone@bedfordmi.org](mailto:ppirrone@bedfordmi.org), or visit my office at **8100 Jackman Road, Temperance**. ■

# FREE Mosquito Dunks Available!

The Township has Free Mosquito Dunks for all Bedford residents. They just need to show their driver's license when they come in. The Dunks kill the mosquito larva and only work in standing water. They last for 30 days and each Dunk covers an area of 100 square feet (after 30 days, if the resident still has standing water, they would need to come back in for more). The township is giving out six per household every 30 days.

Help Control Mosquitoes that Spread Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika Viruses

Bzzzz.



Aside from being itchy and annoying, the bite of an infected female mosquito (*Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus*) can spread dengue, chikungunya, or Zika viruses. People become infected with dengue, chikungunya, or Zika after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

- Female mosquitoes lay several hundred eggs on the walls of waterfilled containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. When water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.
- Adult mosquitoes live inside and outside.
- They prefer to bite during the day.
- A few infected mosquitoes can produce large outbreaks in a community and put your family at risk of becoming sick.

## Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Community from Mosquitoes

### 1. Eliminate standing water in and around your home:

- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (*buckets, cisterns, rain barrels*) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
- For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

### 2. If you have a septic tank, follow these steps:

- Repair cracks or gaps.
- Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

### 3. Keep mosquitoes out of your home:

- Use screens on windows and doors.
- Repair holes in screens.
- Use air conditioning when available.

### 4. Prevent mosquito bites:

- Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. All EPA-registered insect repellents are evaluated to make sure they are safe and effective.

Active ingredient	Some brand name examples*
Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection	
DEET	Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon
Picaridin, also known as KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and Icaridin	Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, Autan (outside the United States)
IR3535	Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, SkinSmart
Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)	Repel

\* Insect repellent brand names are provided for your information only. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cannot recommend or endorse any name brand products.

- Always follow the product label instructions.
- Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.
- Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
- If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
- Treat clothing and gear (such as boots, pants, socks, and tents) with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- Treated clothing remains protective after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
- If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully.
- Do not use permethrin products, intended to treat clothing, directly on skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

For more information, visit:  
[www.cdc.gov/dengue](http://www.cdc.gov/dengue), [www.cdc.gov/chikungunya](http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya),  
[www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika)

CDC Form CS258303



Put plants in soil, not in water



Drain water from pools when not in use.



Recycle used tires or keep them protected from rain



Drain and dump any standing water.



Weekly, scrub vases and containers to remove mosquito eggs.



Keep rain barrels covered tightly.



Weekly, empty standing water from fountains and bird baths.



Keep septic tanks sealed.



Install or repair window and door screens.

## THE BEDFORD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

# Water-Wise Gardening

**YOU CAN HAVE A LOVELY GARDEN**, even though your yard is sunny and dry, without spending hours every day watering or putting in a sprinkler system. All it takes is starting with the right plants that thrive in these conditions. Plants that require little, if any, supplemental water have developed a variety of ways to obtain and retain water.



The **Oak Openings Native Plants** are naturally adapted, many with deep taproots that store water. For a list of Oak Openings natives go to [www.oakopen.org/plant\\_species/](http://www.oakopen.org/plant_species/).

Sedum, both the taller varieties such as 'Autumn Joy' and the ground cover types, as well as Hens and Chicks (*Sempervivum*) have thick, fleshy leaves and stems that retain water. Silver leafed plants like Russian Sage, Artemesia and some pinks (*Dianthus*) have tiny hairs or a waxy coating that serve as protection from the sun.

Other drought tolerant plants include Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias*), Verbascum, Salvia (both annual and perennial varieties), Penstemon such as the popular 'Husker's Red', most grasses, Coreopsis, Catmint (*Nepeta*), Daylilies, and both Bearded and Siberian Iris. ■

## Videos on Bedford Website: [www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org)

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.



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# DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING PERMITS

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk

**WHEN SOLICITORS OR PEDDLERS** knock on your door, the first thing to do is ask "DO YOU HAVE A BEDFORD TOWNSHIP PERMIT TO SOLICIT?" If you get any answer other than "YES", and they **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 **Township Hall, 734.224.7323** during weekday business hours (8 to 5 pm), or call the **Monroe County Sheriff's Office non-emergency** phone number **734.240.7070** 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/Peddler permits are available at my department, following completion of the application and a fee. ■



# 2018 Summer Tax Bills

## Treasurer's Department News

By: Paul R. Francis, Bedford Township Treasurer



**2018 SUMMER TAX BILLS** will be printed in-house and mailed out around July 1st. They are due and payable on or before **September 14, 2018** without interest being assessed. On September 15th 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 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, we are pleased to accept payments by debit or credit cards, and electronic check. We also accept a pre-arranged direct debit (ACH) to your bank account for both Summer and Winter taxes, using an ACH Authorization form which you would need to file with the Treasurer's office. Detail information regarding payments by debit or credit cards, and electronic check is provided below. Also for your convenience, taxes may be paid at any branch of **Monroe Bank & Trust** and **Fifth Third Bank (Lambertville Branch)**.

### DEFERRED PAYMENT OF 2018 SUMMER TAX BILLS

Senior citizens (*age 62 and over*), veterans, and persons with total and permanent disabilities may qualify for deferment of 2018 Summer Taxes if your household resources (*taxable and non-taxable income*) is \$40,000 or less. Qualified agricultural property also qualifies for deferment. The deferment application form must be filled out every year and filed with the Township Treasurer's office before **September 14, 2018**. If you qualify, payment of your Summer 2018 taxes may be deferred until **February 14, 2019** without any penalty or interest 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.

### DEBIT & CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS NOW ACCEPTED

For your convenience, the Bedford Township Treasurer's office is pleased to accept debit card, credit card and electronic check payments for any payments you wish to make to Bedford Township for property taxes, sewer usage bills, building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits, passport fees, park facility rental fees, planning and zoning fees, cemetery lot sales and burial fees, etc. A Convenience fee (*user fee*) will be charged by a third party (*Point and Pay, LLC*) as follows: for tax payments (*only*), a user fee of 3% of the payment amount will be charged; for all other debit and credit card payments, a user fee of \$1.50 per \$50.00 increment will be charged; for electronic check payments (*online*), a user fee of \$3.00 for payments up to \$10,000.00, \$10.00 for payments in excess of \$10,000.00 will be charged. Debit card and credit card payments can be made at our convenient drive-up window, our service counter inside the **Bedford Township Government Center**, or online, using our **Township Website [www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org)**. E-Check payments can only be made online by using our township website.

**PLEASE NOTE: We are no longer able to accept payments for any South County Water System bills at the Township offices.** Payments for water bills must be mailed to **South County Water System, 9489 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI 48182**, or paid in person at that office, or any **Monroe Bank & Trust** branch. **South County Water System** business hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday thru Friday. ■



## Bedford Township Fire Department Update

By: Adam Massingill, Fire Chief

### Happy Summer Bedford Residents!

**I**N PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS we have shared information on how your volunteer fire department works. We shared statistics such as call volume, response times, training requirements, and initiatives to improve service this past year. In this issue I would like to share information on the upcoming ballot proposal to address fire department equipment and apparatus needs.

We appreciate the incredible support of our citizens which allows us to serve our community. Without your unwavering support, we would not be able to respond to the 2700 calls for service each year and provide reliable fire protection and medical care to our residents. Further, we are proud to share that at no time in our history have we provided faster service to our residents, and that the service provided is at the highest level ever for the residents of Bedford Township. This service is being delivered despite serious challenges we are currently facing.



At present, we face several challenges with our aging fleet of vehicles and equipment. Three of our five fire trucks have reached 26 years in age and have exceeded national standards for useful life. These vehicles, while serving the community well for over two decades, have become unreliable when being used in emergency operations. Last year for example, three of our five fire trucks were out of service for repairs more than a month each.

Even more concerning than days out of service and repair expenses were instances in which fire trucks broke down while fighting fires, or ambulances broke down while responding to emergencies. Unfortunately, with the aging fleet these are happening with increased frequency. We simply need reliable equipment in order to deliver the level of service our residents deserve.

The department has developed a long term, sustainable plan to manage apparatus and equipment in an effort to continue the level of service presently afforded to our residents. In the coming weeks, we will be inviting the community to meet with volunteer firefighters, tour the stations, and better understand what it takes to provide this service to our community.

Our goal is to provide residents with as much information as possible so that as a community, we can make an informed decision on the future of the Fire Department. ■



## Bedford Branch Library News

By Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian

### Your Library Rocks This Summer!

- **Summer Reading** kicks off June 18, 2018 We have programs for school aged kids, teens, and adults with prizes at every level. The real bonus is... **READING!** There's no better place to find great reads than your public library.
- **Toddler Storytime** continues through the summer on Friday and Saturday mornings. Children 18 - 36 months old and their adult are invited to join us to sing, dance and play. Registration is required. 
- **Movies** the whole family can enjoy together will begin on Wednesday, June 6. At 10:00 am a fun G-Rated movie will be shown. Beginning on June 20, a movie for older kids will show at 1:00 pm. Come watch on the big screen and bring your own movie snacks to enjoy.
- **Fandom Friday** continues through the summer on the fourth Friday of each month at 5:30 pm. Teens and pre-teens, join us after hours and spend the evening celebrating the month's fandom theme. We have food, games, movies, and more!
- **Fandom After Dark** is specifically for high school aged kids the first Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm. Hang out after hours at the library celebrating the fandom of the month.
- **Saturday Afternoon STEAM** stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Stop in anytime between 2:30-4:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month for a variety of activities in the STEAM areas, geared toward families, specifically elementary aged kiddos. Join us for fun with experimenting, coding, building, painting, counting, and more!
- We've always got great programs for adults at your library too. Computer classes, tech help, book clubs, and lots more! You'll be surprised what your library has to offer. Stop in and see us. We'd be happy to give you a tour.
- Speaking of tours...The **Bedford Flower and Garden Club's Annual Garden Tour** will begin at the library on Saturday, July 14, 2018. Look for more information from the club coming soon. 
- Call your library at **734.847.6747** or visit our website at **<https://mymcls.com>** for more information and to register for programs. ■

# Bedford Park Board News

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



## Annual Bedford Fireworks!

Mark your calendar and bring the family to our Bedford Fireworks. This event will held on June 22 (at dusk) with a rain date of June 23 at the Bedford High School Stadium.

Due to one of our board members moving out of the district, this member has had to leave their Park Board position. Thank you to Lew Smith for serving on our Bedford Park Commission!



## Helpful Information

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk

### These are contacts and numbers that are often hard to find.

- You can sign up for the **National Do-Not-Call List** either by telephone or through the internet. Either visit [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or call toll-free **1-888-382-1222** from the telephone if you wish to register.
- Information about homeowners and automobile insurance is available at: [www.michigan.gov/difs](http://www.michigan.gov/difs).
- Consumers can find **Michigan Public Service Commission** help at: [www.michigan.gov/mpsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc).
- If you have state issues you wish to discuss, contact either **Senator Dale Zorn** at [SenDZorn@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenDZorn@senate.michigan.gov) or **1- 517-373-3543**; or **Representative Jason Shepard** at [JasonSheppard@house.mi.gov](mailto:JasonSheppard@house.mi.gov) or **1-517-373- 2617**.
- If you have issues at the federal level, contact either **Hon. Tim Walberg** at <http://walberg.house.gov/contact> or **1-202-225-6276**, **Hon. Debbie Stabenow** at [senator@stabenow.senate.gov/contact](mailto:senator@stabenow.senate.gov/contact) or **1-202-224-4822**, **Hon. Gary Peters** at [senator@peters.senate.gov](mailto:senator@peters.senate.gov) or **1-202-224-6221**.
- Other important federal phone numbers are:

<b>Medicare Help Line</b> .....	<b>800-633-4227</b>
<b>Social Security Help Line</b> .....	<b>800-772-1213</b>
<b>Department of Veteran Affairs</b> .....	<b>734-240-3287</b>
<b>Secretary of State (Licenses)</b> .....	<b>888-767-6424</b>
<b>State Department of Treasury (Income Tax inquiry)</b> .....	<b>517-636-4486</b>

- Information and applications for passports are available at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). The **Bedford Township Clerk's Department** is a **Passport Acceptance Facility**, offering this service since 2003. We can take passport photos for a **\$10.00 fee** as well as processing the applications. For any questions about passports or to make an appointment to apply, you can call me or one of my staff at **734-224-7320**.
- For **Monroe County Road Commission** questions or problems, call **734-240-5102**. The Monroe County Road Commission also has a website available [www.mcrc-mi.org](http://www.mcrc-mi.org).
- For **Monroe County Drain Commission** questions or problems, call **734-240-3101** or go to the website at [www.co.monroe.mi.us/government/departments\\_offices/drain\\_commissioner](http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/government/departments_offices/drain_commissioner).
- The **1-888-354-5500** toll free number enables you to reach all **County Offices or Officials**, however, you will have to go through a menu system to get to the office or official you wish to speak to.
- The officials and employees of **Bedford Township Hall** are committed to giving the residents of Bedford Township the best customer service we can. Please don't hesitate to call us if we can be of assistance. The township telephone number is **734-847-6791**. Dialing this number, you will reach a menu from which you can choose which department you wish to speak to. Or, if you are not sure about which department you want, contact my department at **734-224-7320** and we will either help you with your problem/concern or direct you to the correct department. Our office hours are **8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.** ■

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

<b>Bedford Township Board</b> .....	<b>Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month</b>
<b>Beautification Committee</b> .....	<b>Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month</b>
<b>Board of Review</b> .....	<b>Meets in March and possibly in July and December</b>
<b>Board of Zoning Appeals</b> .....	<b>Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month</b>
<b>Fire Advisory Committee</b> .....	<b>Meets As Needed – Fire Station</b>
<b>Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee</b> .....	<b>Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Communications/Media Commission</b> .....	<b>Meets at 6:30 PM the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month</b>
<b>Bedford Library Board</b> .....	<b>Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month</b>
<b>Housing Commission</b> .....	<b>Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM – Ivor Lindsay – 8745 Lewis Avenue</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b> .....	<b>Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month</b>
<b>Park Commission</b> .....	<b>Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month</b>
<b>Downtown Development Authority</b> .....	<b>Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 3:00 PM</b>

- 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.