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Important Dates

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8:00 p.m.

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Attention Landlords

Annual Rental License Fees are now due. See our website for information and forms at www.bedfordoh.gov or call the Building Department at 440.735.6530.

FEES WILL DOUBLE ON APRIL 1, 2018.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Facts:

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Heritage Home Loan Program

The Heritage Home Program assists the owners of older homes in maintaining and improving their properties. If your home is 50 years old or older you can receive technical assistance and may qualify for a low-interest rehabilitation loan. The loan can be used for numerous interior and exterior projects that make your home more comfortable, while preserving architectural character.

For more information regarding the program contact the Heritage Home Program staff at 216.426.3116.

Confidential Tip Line

The City of Bedford maintains a confidential tip line. If you have something that you think we should be aware of you can call 1.800.850.9480 and leave a message. If you would like to leave your information you can, but it is not necessary. Your information allows us to call you back for any questions we may have. Your information is still kept confidential. This is not for immediate response. If you need help right away and it is an emergency, continue to use 911. If you need us right away for non emergency situations please use 440.232.1234.



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Ellenwood Project

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning improvements to Ellenwood Center. The project is expected to start winter/spring and take up to a couple of months to complete. It is anticipated that during this time that staff will relocate to City Hall. When Ellenwood Center is closed for construction, in-person registration for programs will still be available at City Hall during normal City Hall business hours. We appreciate your patience during this time.

AARP Tax Appointments

Due to the anticipated construction at Ellenwood, AARP will not be here doing senior taxes this season. They have moved to Bedford Heights. Anyone wishing to make an appointment needs to call Bedford Heights Recreation at 440.786.3290.



The Senior Club meets at Ellenwood Center on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To join the club you must be a Bedford resident, at least 55 years of age, and pay annual dues of \$15. At the gatherings, members share a brief business meeting, enjoy lunch with beverages and desserts, and take pleasure in plenty of social time with friends. Following a delicious lunch folks can choose from a variety of activities including bingo, card games, or a movie. The Senior Club also plans a variety of field trips and special outings to museums, theatres, concerts, and other great events. Food, friends, and fun! Come join us today!

Youth Soccer

Registration is now open for spring co-ed youth soccer. Divisions include ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, and 12-14. The cost is \$40 per Bedford resident, \$60 per non-Bedford resident. Registration deadline is February 28. In-person registration is required. Participants must have a birth certificate on file at the Recreation Department at the time of registration. Games are on Saturdays at Bedford High School Stadium and Hutchinson Fields. Games will begin April 7, weather permitting. Participants must provide and wear their own shin guards. For more information call 440.735.6570.



Summer Camp

As you plan for summer, keep the Bedford Recreation Summer Camp in mind. Camp is scheduled to run Monday through Friday; June 11 through August 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Before care and after care options, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. are available. This 9-week program will feature one field trip per week, swimming, games, and more. Look for pricing and registration details in March.