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Bedford Newsletter

March 2017

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Important Dates

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March 6
8:00 p.m.
- ⊕ **Wards 3 & 4 Meeting**
March 16
7:00 p.m.
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March 20
8:00 p.m.
- ⊕ **Wards 5 & 6 Meeting**
March 27
7:00 p.m.

The City of Bedford to Host Ward Meetings

The City of Bedford will be hosting community ward meetings on March 16 and March 27. Each meeting will take place in Bedford City Hall's Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meetings will be Mayor, Stan Koci, ward council representatives and City Manager, Michael Mallis. A portion of this meeting will be dedicated to discussing the upcoming income tax increase proposed for the May 2, 2017 ballot. The schedule for the meetings are as follows:

- Wards 3 & 4: Thursday, March 16
- Wards 5 & 6: Monday, March 27

If you are unsure which ward you live in, please call 440.232.1600.



PROPOSED .75% EARNED INCOME TAX WITH A TAX CREDIT OF 2.25%

Retired residents or those who have no earned income will not pay this tax.

Residents working in another City, Village, or JED taxing district with a tax rate of 2.25% and higher will not pay any more tax from the new tax issue than they are paying now.

FOR BEDFORD'S SAFETY, STREETS, COMMUNITY

Friendly Reminder:

Please place rubbish out for pickup, no later than 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Trash and recycle totes must be placed at least 3 feet apart.

IF IT PASSES:

- 3 police officers will be hired
- The road and sidewalk programs will be restored
- All other city services remain the same

IF IT FAILS:

- 3 Firefighters will be eliminated which will force us to run one emergency squad instead of 2
- The municipal swimming pool will be closed
- Senior programs will be eliminated
- The senior citizen van will be eliminated
- 2 service employee positions will be eliminated canceling the chipper and sewer services



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Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

From April 3 - April 28, the following can be dropped off at the Service Garage, 100 Solon Road, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (NO AFTER HOURS DROP OFF): oil or solvent based paint, sealers, primers, or coatings - Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs - paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine - pesticides, herbicides, fungicides -caustic household cleaners - automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries, Skaline batteries -AA, AAA, C, D, 9volt (rechargeable batteries not accepted) - adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer - kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid - mercury, fluorescent bulbs.

No latex paint accepted. Bedford residents only.

Recycle Your Computer Month

From April 3 - April 28, the following can be dropped off at the Service Garage, 100 Solon Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (NO AFTER HOURS DROP OFF): CPU's, monitors, keyboards, software, and cell phones. **No televisions. Bedford residents only, no businesses.**

There will be a Saturday drop off date for Household Hazardous Waste and Computer round up open to residents on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00p.m.

Youth Baseball and Softball



Registration

Mark your calendars for youth baseball and softball registration! Registration begins on March 13 and continues through April 12. The cost for Bedford residents is \$40 and the cost for school district non-residents is \$60. Following are leagues available for boys and girls:

Boys: Co-ed T-Ball, Manager Pitch, Minors, Majors, Pony, Colt

Girls: Co-ed T-Ball, Regular Pitch #1, Fast Pitch #2

City Tax Help

The Bedford Tax Department will be open on Saturday, April 1 and Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to assist residents with their Bedford city taxes. City taxes are due on Monday, April 18.

RX DRUG DROP BOX PROGRAM

A drug Pill Drop Box, supplied by the County, has been permanently installed in the lobby of the Bedford Police Department. Anyone with expired or unused prescription pills can dispose of their medication in the Pill Drop Box 24/7. **PILLS ONLY. No needles or liquids.**

Prescription opiates are often the gateway to heroin addiction and are commonly found in many medicine cabinets. It is vital that old prescriptions be properly disposed to keep one's family safe. Pills left unattended in a bathroom or medicine cabinet can be easily taken and misused. Please utilize Cuyahoga County's Rx Drug Drop Box Program to keep your loved ones safe.