

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP The Township Update

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Township Offices Will Be Closed For The Following Holidays:

- Independence Day
(July 5)
- Labor Day
(September 6)

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ELECTION NEWS

The May 4, 2021 Special Election has been certified by our Board of Canvassers and stored away. The ballot presented voters with two millage issues. The first was the **Monroe County Museum System** which was seeking to renew its current millage of 0.10 and increase that amount to 0.15 mills. The second millage was the **Monroe County Intermediate School District Enhancement Renewal** (also known as the county's technology millage) which looked to renew its current .9866 mills levied. Both millage proposals were passed by the voters.

This election, though a small one, still required many hands to help it run as smoothly as it did. I would like to thank my amazing staff of **Nancy** and **Angie**, in the Clerk's Department, and our office volunteer, **Daisy**, for their dedication and hard work. I would also like to thank the many election chairpersons and inspectors at our 14 voting precincts and our absentee counting board that put in the long hours on election day. Some of them were new to elections this year, but many of them have worked for us for many years. With that being said, we always have room for more inspectors, if you are interested, please stop by the Clerk's office to fill out an application.

Lastly, I would also like to thank **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, the United Methodist Church, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the Assembly of Christians Church, Northwest Christian Church, the Compelled Church, Shelton Park Church of God, and the Bedford Branch Library** for their willingness to allow us to use their facilities as polling locations on Election Day, especially dealing with COVID-19 protocols. We appreciate the willingness of our precinct sites to allow us to provide a convenient location for our residents to vote. ■

The Clerks Corner
By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Clerk



Passport Information

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk

The Clerk's Department at Bedford Township has been a designated passport agency since 2003. We are delighted to be able to assist our residents as well as residents of other communities in acquiring a passport so that they can travel abroad.

The **U. S. Department of State** now issues a "passport card" in addition to the "passport book". This "passport card" may only be used for land and sea travel to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. It cannot be used for air travel. It is a wallet sized card, and will provide a less expensive, smaller and more convenient alternative for those who travel frequently to the above destinations by land or sea. A passport card is not required for children aged 15 or under to travel by land or sea to Canada, but they do have to have proof of citizenship (*birth certificate*) with them while traveling. The fees for a passport card are as follows:



PASSPORT CARD

	Adults-age 16/over (valid for 10 years)	Age 15/under (valid for 5 years)
Passport Card Fee.....	\$30.00	\$15.00
Execution Fee.....	\$35.00	\$35.00
Total.....	\$65.00	\$50.00

The same information and photo will be required to be submitted as for a regular passport. You will fill out the application, submit a certified copy of your birth certificate, identification (*such as a driver's license*), and one (1) passport photo.

The fees for a regular passport, are listed as follows:

PASSPORT BOOK

	Adults-age 16/over (valid for 10 years)	Age 15/under (valid for 5 years)
Passport Fee	\$110.00	\$80.00
Execution Fee.....	\$35.00	\$35.00
Total	\$145.00	\$115.00

The fees to the **U.S. Department of State** must be in the form of a check or money order for citizens who wish to apply for a passport at **Bedford Township Hall**. If you wish to have Bedford Township take your passport photos, a \$10.00 additional fee will be charged along with the \$35.00 execution fee. The \$35.00 execution fee and \$10.00 fee for photographs can be paid by cash, check, or charge.

All minors under age 16 are required to have a passport to travel out of the United States by air, and need the consent of both parents or legal guardians in order to apply. For further information on this subject, access the **Department of State's** website www.travel.state.gov, or contact my office at **734.224.7320**, Clerk's Department.

If you are planning a trip outside of the United States, please allow at least 10 to 12 weeks processing time for passport applications. If you need a passport sooner than that, you may want to consider expediting your passport application. The U.S. Passport Service will "expedite" your application for an extra \$60.00 fee per application. With this extra fee, your passport application will be processed in 4-6 weeks. Passport applications are processed, by appointment only, daily between 9 AM and 4 PM in our department. Call the **Bedford Township Clerk's Department** at **734.224.7320** to schedule your appointment.

For any other information, you can go to our website, www.bedfordmi.org and "click" on passport information. From this site you can get general information or access the **U.S. State Department's website**. If you do not have internet access, please call me or one of my staff at **734.224.7320**. ■

A NOTE FROM YOUR ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

By: Damon Cecil, Ordinance Supervisor

Greetings from the **Bedford Ordinance Department**. As we enter the summer season, we would like to remind our residents of some of the issues the Ordinance Department encounters as the weather turns warm and neighbors venture outdoors.

GRASS: Keeping your yard up and mowing your lawn is required by the township's noxious weed ordinance. If our office receives a complaint regarding tall grass, and that grass is 6" inches or higher, you will receive a certified letter giving you, the property owner, (10) days to cut it. If the grass is not mowed in that time period the Ordinance Department will send out our contracted mowers to cut your lawn. The cost of this service will then be placed on your property tax bill.

BURNING: Open Burning ends on May 30. After this date, if you wish to burn your yard waste you must obtain a permit. The cost of the permit is \$25.00 and can be picked up in the Treasurer's Department during normal business hours. Campfires during the summer do not require a permit, however, you must use clean fire wood and not leaves or brush. Campfires must be contained in a pit or grill and cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet in height.

The permitted times for such fires are between the hours of 3pm and midnight. Please remember, fires must be attended at all times and need to be put out and not left smoldering.

OUTDOOR PARTIES: According to the Ordinance "It shall be unlawful to create, continue or cause to be created any yelling, shouting, hooting of singing on the public streets between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., on those nights of Sunday through Thursday and from 12:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. on Fridays and Saturdays, or any time or place so as to reasonably upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity". Be mindful of the noise your party or gathering makes and the effect it has on your neighbors. That being said, you cannot blast your music or other noise as loud as you want during the other hours..

SIDEWALKS: The warm weather brings out an increase of joggers, walkers and children on bikes. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the sidewalks that abut their property. Please be considerate of your neighbors by keeping your sidewalk level and clear of any low hanging branches, bushes or vehicles which might impede their passage. ■

2021 SUMMER TAX BILLS

2021 Summer Tax Bills will be printed in-house and mailed out around July 1. They are due and payable on or before September 14, 2021 without interest being assessed. On September 15, 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 paid in full.

You may pay your taxes by cash or check payable to **Bedford Township Treasurer**, by mail (using the envelope provided), 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 accept payments by debit or credit cards, and electronic check (fees apply). We also accept a pre-arranged direct debit (ACH) from 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. Also, for your convenience, taxes may be paid at **First Merchants Bank** (Temperance Branch only) and **Fifth Third Bank** (Lambertville Branch only).



DEFERRED PAYMENT OF 2021 SUMMER TAX BILLS

Senior citizens (age 62 and over), veterans, and persons with total and permanent disabilities may qualify for deferment of 2021 Summer taxes if your household resources (taxable and non-taxable income) are \$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, 2021. If you qualify, payment of your Summer 2021 taxes may be deferred until February 14, 2022 without any penalty or interest added. Please call the **Bedford Township Treasurer's Office** at **734.224.7342** for the required forms and/or information regarding the deferment process. This may be important to you, so please don't overlook it.

If you have an escrow account or refinanced your mortgage with another bank or have paid off your mortgage, please call our office to make sure we have the most up to date information. The Banks and Mortgage companies don't always notify us that you no longer have an escrow account.

SEWER & WATER INFORMATION

We have two separate systems for billing sewer and water, you will receive two separate bills, a **Bedford Township Sewage Disposal** bill that is billed quarterly and a **South County Water** bill that is billed monthly. Because they are billed separately and are deposited in two different bank accounts, we need two separate checks for payment. Summer is upon us, if you plan on filling your swimming pool or watering your grass you may want to consider having a secondary meter installed. Having a secondary meter can reduce your sewer bill since we do not make adjustments for any outside usage. To find out the cost of a secondary meter please contact **South County Water** at **734.847.0579**. ■



Bedford Branch Library News

By: Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian

Your Library Is Open!

YOUR LIBRARY IS OPEN! As of this writing we are still dealing with a few restrictions designed to help keep everyone safe, however, your **Bedford Branch** of the **Monroe County Library System** is pleased to be open to the public for computer use, browsing our collection of library materials, and copy/fax/scanning services. We do still recommend those needing a computer call 734-847-6747 to make an appointment as space is limited. Our hours are **Monday–Thursday, 10 am–7 pm** and **Friday and Saturday from 10 am–4 pm**. We are pleased to continue to provide curbside service for those who prefer that. We provide copy and fax services, and offer wi-fi printing either in-person or via curbside.

We are excited to announce, coming soon, our very own **Story Walk** in Bedford Township! Thanks to a very generous grant from the **Youth Advisory Council of the Bedford Community Foundation**, we have been able to purchase 20 weather proof signs and posts that will hold a children's picture book and will be placed throughout the back grounds of the library. The idea is to get families outside enjoying nature and reading together. A double positive! We hope to have installation complete by the beginning of July. We really do have a lovely space behind the library and we encourage you to come check it out. The Story Walk will begin on the south side behind the building and end in our **Children's Garden** on the north side. (You can go to YouTube and search Story Walk to find examples from other libraries.)

We would also like to give a shout out to **Jacob Wingate**, Eagle Scout candidate with Boy Scout Troop 770, who cleaned up and moved several of our raised bed gardens, constructed new supports for our rain barrels, and built a new compost bin in our garden space. In addition, the **TWB Company** spruced up the rest of our raised beds and added a fresh fill of compost, donated by **Mulch King**. We're gardening at your library! Countless volunteers help to keep the grounds beautiful and we thank all of you for your time and energy. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Jodi** at the library at **734.847.6747**.

Another great project now on display at your library is solar powered! The project was designed by a group of **University of Toledo Engineering students** who partnered with **First Solar**, **Glass City Solar**, the **Friends of the Bedford Library**, **GLIC Electric**, and other volunteers and supporters to demonstrate for kids how solar energy works. A solar panel outside the building powers the display inside the building. By the time you're reading this article, this project should be completed.

The **Bedford Township Library Advisory Board** continues to work diligently to ensure that all of the projects promised during the 2018 millage campaign are completed in a timely manner with the tax dollars Bedford residents were gracious enough to approve for your library. Landscaping, carpet replacement, added quiet study rooms, restructuring of service desks to create more public space, and replacing the chiller are in process now. Next up, updating our antiquated phone system. When all projects are complete, the remaining fund balance will be used for the continued maintenance and operation of the library building so that the Township's General Fund does not have to provide for that expense.

We know that our meeting room space is a valuable resource to our community, and we look forward to the time when we are able to loan these out for meetings again. These rooms remain unavailable to the public until occupancy restrictions are lifted. We do anticipate that our Friends of the Bedford Library used book sale room will be re-opening soon. For now, your **Monroe County Library System** is providing a variety of programming that you can attend online, including our summer reading program. Shout out to the **Indian Creek Zoo** for partnering with your library to provide a great experience for kids this summer. Visit our redesigned website at <http://mymcls.com> for more details.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and look forward to seeing you at your library! ■

Bedford Township Fire Department



Our Mission Is To Save, Serve, & Protect!

Bedford Fire Department Update

By: Adam Massingill, Fire Chief

Department responses continue to trend up as we approach the mid-point of the year. We anticipate another triple digit increase in call volume again based on projections as of today. Our department make-up consists of 12 volunteer paid-on-call members, 31 part-time members, and 7 full-time staff. We continue to recruit both part-time and paid-on-call staff to help with demands of increasing call volume.

Department-wide training sessions in 2021 have included EMS Competency Checkoffs, Vehicle Extrication, Pumping and Drafting Drills, Live-Fire Training Scenarios, and Firefighter Safety and Survival. In addition to the monthly training sessions, you will see our on-shift crews training multiple times each week at the training facility behind the township hall.

Since 30 of our 50 members have been with the department less than five years, we focus largely on training to make sure we are well prepared for fire and other emergency scenes. As a combination fire department, we don't know which of the



50 members will respond at any given time to assist our on-shift crews at fires or other large events. For this reason, we continually rotate different members in various training evolutions so that regardless of which members show up, we can effectively address the situation in the safest manner possible.

A new fire engine has been ordered which will replace both of our 1992 fire engines. The 1992 engines will remain in-service in a limited capacity until July 2022 and then will be retired after 30 years of service each. The new engine has been designed so that we can reduce the overall fleet by one engine without losing any capacity. The new engine's 2,200-gallon tank exceeds both 1992 tanks combined and the pump capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute equals the combined capacity of the two 1992's as well.

We have been fortunate to receive \$98,000 in grant funding that will assist us in renovations to the Dean Road station as we move further into the summer. Station 1 on Temperance Road and Station 3 on Lewis Avenue have both benefitted from upgrades the past few years. This has improved code compliance, energy efficiency, and safety features in the aging stations. Our goal for 2021 and 2022 is to address these same issues at the Dean Road location so that each of our stations remain viable for many years to come. ■

Public Safety!

Over the years we have all seen or read stories on natural disasters, crime, terrorism, toxic water, and fires. These events can strike at any time and jeopardize our community's public safety. It was evident when the pandemic took hold, we may have all realized at that moment how important public safety was, and the reliance on our essential workers. Imagine what our everyday life would be if the trash in the park was never picked up, your tap water was not clean enough to drink, or you dialed 911 and no one answered. Public safety is often taken for granted until you need it or do not have it. Needless to say, public safety is a complex issue and one that is always being worked on. Rest assured **Bedford Township** and **Monroe County** are always looking for ways to enhance our public safety services.

Forget the comic superheroes when disaster hits. We have real life superheroes that provide us with public safety year-round day after day. These superheroes are police officers, firefighters, sewer plant operators, medical workers, water department operators, 911 operators, animal control officers, ordinance officers, road workers, grocery store workers, building inspectors, health department workers, utility workers along with many others that are working behind the scenes to service our community. Below are just a few of the agencies that are serving Bedford Township's critical needs that I would like to highlight.

Did you know the **Monroe County Sheriff's Office** and the **Michigan State Police** are only obligated to respond to calls? They are not required to have a substation in Bedford Township or set hours to patrol in Bedford. That all changed after Bedford Township went through its growth period from 1994 to 2006. It was determined the community needed additional policing to keep up with the growth. In 2006 a millage was passed, and using general fund dollars the Township now has 10 dedicated officers for Bedford. In addition, a substation which is located inside the (Township Hall) was created to serve Bedford Township. **Bedford Township Sub-Station** houses 10 officers, covering three shifts, 7 days a week 24 hours a day. Also, the Sheriff's department has gone to 12 hour shifts which not only gives a better quality of life for our officers but more policing hours for Bedford. In addition, the **Michigan State Police** patrols Bedford Township giving us additional protection and increased traffic enforcement. We are a unique community. Having the largest population in Monroe County and being on the border of a large city like Toledo, our community needs these dedicated officers to ensure our safety.



Did you know several years ago, Bedford entered into a joint agreement with **Bedford Schools** to share the cost of a Sheriff's Deputy? That officer goes to a different school everyday for additional protection for our students. When that officer is not working in the schools, he does road patrol in Bedford. We have more protection now from the Sheriff's Department than ever before.

Another element of public safety is having a strong **Fire Department**. Bedford has a population of 31,700 people and 13,577 structures to protect. In 1984 the fire department had 752 incidents compared to 3,037 in 2020. Medical runs have climbed because we have an aging population that needs more attention. In addition, the fire department conducts over 400 building inspections for compliance. In 2016 a new fire chief was hired with the goal of making the department the model for others to strive for. **Chief Massingill**, has taken the department to the next level in terms of response time, ability to offer advanced life support, updated computer technology, training, and new equipment. Bedford Township now has one of the premier fire departments in Monroe County!

Another aspect of public safety we often take for granted is sewage treatment.

When you flush your toilet, you assume all is taken care of. Sewage presents one of the biggest health hazards that exists for municipalities.

From The Supervisor's Desk
By: Paul Pirrone, Supervisor



When a sewage plant is not operating properly it can harm the environment and cause serious health hazards. Bedford's sewer plant was constructed over 40 years ago and needed renovation. In 2020 Bedford completed a 21 million dollar upgrade to our sewer plant. Our sewer plant is now modernized and can handle more capacity for future growth.

Water is one of the most important commodities that everyone needs daily. It is imperative to have a safe water supply. **South County Water System** provides that for Bedford Township. **South County Water System** is owned by Monroe County and is run by the **Monroe County Drain Commission**. The system is made up of **Bedford, Erie, LaSalle, and City of Luna Pier**. South County purchases water from Toledo for distribution for the above. Over the last several years Toledo has made over 500 million dollars in capital improvements to its water system to provide clean water. Toledo has safety procedures in place to avoid having to shut down the water supply during an algae bloom if one should occur. Toledo is currently spending millions on research and testing to ensure a safe water supply. Yes, you can turn on your water tap and know your water is safe.

Having well maintained roads in Bedford Township is critical for safe travels in and around Bedford. Unsafe roads cause accidents, undue damages to cars from potholes and rough passages are dangerous for emergency vehicles. Bedford Township and the **Monroe County Road Commission** have spent millions of dollars on our roads and it shows. Also, the Township (if budget permits) will continue to allocate money for road maintenance.

The **Bedford Township Building Department** is critical for the safety of the community. If building codes and inspectors didn't exist violations and unsafe structures would compromise our safety. The building department is making sure (along with the State of Michigan) that structures are being built to code and are safe. Our building department is always available to answer questions that you may have on codes and ordinances.

What if you rode around the township and it was full of blight, trash, and falling down structures? Our community would not be an attractive or safe place to live. Communities that have an **Ordinance Department** tend to be safer, cleaner, and have higher resale values for real estate. Our ordinance officers are always available to answer questions or investigate complaints.

Bedford Township Maintenance Department does more than just take care of buildings. They contribute to helping keep parks rid of trash, maintain playground equipment for safety, cut grass and constantly look for safety issues in our parks. Maintaining safe parks and township properties is not an easy task. Our maintenance department does a great job taking care of over 40 properties.

Public safety involves protecting everyone and the job of doing it is massive. It takes many government agencies and essential workers to protect the public. Often many public servants, essential workers, and government agencies are often overlooked at what they do on a daily basis. At this time, I would like to thank them all for keeping Bedford Township safe. ■

MOSQUITOS

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Clerk

SPRING IS IN THE AIR! The weather has begun to warm, the rain has begun to fall and mosquitos are making their way towards becoming the pests we have all grown to know and hate. It has been said that knowledge is power, so perhaps a few tips on how to survive and avoid these insects will make for a more enjoyable spring and summer.

Did You Know?

- Mosquitoes only need a few inches of standing water for a female to lay her eggs. Common places around your home for them to linger are birdbaths, roof gutters, garbage can lids, saucers under flower pots and unchlorinated pools to name a few.
- Bug zappers don't attract mosquitos. While the light from a zapper will attract moths, beetles and gnats, it is the CO2 given off by humans and animals that draws them towards us.
- Not everyone is allergic to mosquito saliva. The bump on your skin and the itching that follows is an allergic reaction that not everyone will have.
- Only the female mosquitos bite humans. The female needs the proteins found in our blood to help produce their eggs. Males are happy to feed off the nectar and sweet juices of flowers.
- Mosquitos, as a species, have been around for millions of years. In the ecosystem, they serve as food for other species and also as pollinators. Only about 200 of the 3,000 species of mosquitos will bite us.

What Can I Do To Limit/Eliminate Them?

- Drill holes in the bottom of trash can or containers that sit outside and collect standing water.
- Keep your gutters and drain spouts unclogged.
- Keep your swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated.
- Make sure ornamental ponds are aerated.
- Check window screens for tears or gaps.
- Consider the use of citronella candles, mosquito coils, or plants such as: marigolds, citronella, catnip, lavender, basil and lemon balm to ward off these pesky insects.
- **STOP BY TOWNSHIP HALL FOR SOME FREE ENVIROMENT FRIENDLY MOSQUITO DUNKS.** This biological mosquito control can be placed in standing water around your property and kills the larvae before it has a chance to hatch. They are safe to use around animals and can even be placed in fish ponds. Dunks are offered free to our residents who can furnish an ID showing proof they live in the township. ■



MOSQUITO DUNK

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Who Do I Call?



Supervisor (734) 224-7322

Calls regarding buildings and grounds in township, report pot-hole repair, street light malfunctions.

Clerk (734) 224-7320

Calls regarding voter registration, elections, passports, cemeteries, peddler licenses, Freedom of Information requests and special assessment districts.

Treasurer (734) 224-7342

Calls for tax bills, tax payments and sewer bills. (for water call South County Water (734) 847-0579). The Treasurer's Office also issues Bonfires and Burning Permits.

Assessing Department (734) 224-7353

Calls relating to valuation of property in Bedford, property records and land divisions.

Building Department (734) 224-7330

Calls for building plan review, building permits, and the inspection of all work performed under permits.

Planning/Zoning Department (734) 224-7331

Calls for site plans, zoning changes, zoning ordinance language changes & geographic info, flood plain maps and Master Plan information.

Ordinance Department (734) 224-7350

Calls for complaints regarding tall grass, noxious weeds, noise, blight, or other violations. Permits for Burning and Bonfires are now issued by the Treasurer's Office.

(ILLEGAL BURNING) Fire Department (734) 243-7070

The Fire Department will now handle all complaints for Illegal Burning. Please contact Monroe County Central Dispatch at the number shown above ■

Bedford Park Board Update

By: The Bedford Township Park Board

Members: Charles Mann V, Christopher Schlegel, Carol Laurie, Aaron Adler, and Andrew Brenot

Summer 2021: Take the Bedford Parks Challenge!

The Bedford Parks Board is encouraging every resident of Bedford to visit every Bedford Park during the Summer of 2021! Residents of Bedford love living here for a variety of reasons, but topping that list are the seven beautiful and accessible public parks conveniently located throughout the Township. Use the hashtag's **#BedfordParks** or **#BedfordParksChallenge** and give your friends and neighbors a snapshot of all there is to do and see in the Parks this summer. If there's a park or two you haven't visited or aren't familiar with here's a few suggestions of things to do at the Parks:

NATURE WALKS

Location(s): Ansted Preserve/Park (Lewis Avenue south of Samaria Road) and Wheeler Preserve/Park (Section and Whiteford Center Roads)

Bedford's two newest parks are great places for a little exercise or just a walk through a natural setting. **Ansted Park** on Lewis Avenue south of Samaria Road and **Wheeler Preserve** on Section Road at Whiteford Center Road, offer demarcated walking trails encircling each park that will take you through a gorgeous and diverse array of flora and biodiversity.



Ansted Preserve Park

another favorite team make a date to visit a park close to home and watch Bedford's sluggers and superstars play!

DISC GOLF

Location: Parmelee Park

One of Bedford's best-kept secrets is the **Disc Golf Course at Parmelee Park**. If you haven't played a round yet, come on out and give it a try; you'll be surprised how fun and easy it is to play! **Parmelee Park** is located off Summerfield Road between Monroe and Consear Roads.



Parmelee Park

ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW

**Friday, June 25 at Dusk
(Rain Date Saturday, June 26)
Location: Indian Creek Park**

Bedford's favorite event is the **Annual Fireworks Show**. This year's show will be held at **Indian Creek Park**, and can also be viewed well from across Douglas Road at **White Park**. (Please allow ample time for parking and exiting if you plan to drive to this year's fireworks.) ■

Bedford Assessing Department News

Real Estate Site Reviews & Field Work

The Bedford Township Assessing staff is busy conducting real estate site reviews and field work for 2021. The following types of properties will be visited during the year; **Agricultural, Residential, Commercial, and Industrial** as well as **New and Partial Construction Sites**.

Property reviews take place during regular township business hours of **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays through December**. All Assessing Staff members will be in **marked township vehicles** and have **Bedford Township identification cards**.

If you are not home when we visit, we will leave an information request card on your front door. We ask that you please complete this card and return it to our office for record keeping accuracy.

If you have any questions, please contact the **Bedford Township Assessor's Office** at **734.224.7353**. ■

Bedford Green Initiative Committee



3 ingredient WEED KILLER

DIY.....Weeds Be Gone with three homemade ingredients: **ONE GALLON OF WHITE VINEGAR, TWO CUPS OF EPSOM SALT OR REGULAR SALT AND 1/4 CUP DISH SOAP**. Pour vinegar in a large container, add salt and mix well, add dish soap and mix all ingredients very well. Pour solution into a spray bottle. On a sunny day spray and saturate the solution on the weeds. Good for weeds in sidewalk cracks. **BE CAREFUL** to not spray other living plants. In a few days the weeds will start to turn brown and **"BE GONE."**



Follow "Bedford Green Initiative Committee" on Facebook for more information on environmental issues. ■

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS 2021 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Bedford Library Advisory Board	Meets 4 th Monday of each month at 6:30 PM
Bedford Township Board	Meets 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Board of Review	Meets in March and possibly in July and December
Board of Zoning Appeals	Meets 1 st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
Communications/Media Commission	Meets at 6:30 PM the 2 nd Monday of every 3 rd month
Downtown Development Authority.....	Meets 2 nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM
Fire Advisory Committee	Meets 3 rd Thursday of every other month · Fire Station at 7:00 PM
Green Initiative Committee	Meets at 10:00 AM the 1 st Wednesday of each month
Housing Commission	Meets 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM · Ivor Lindsay · 8745 Lewis Avenue
Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee	Meets 1 st Monday of each month at 4:45 PM
Park Commission	Meets 2 nd and 4 th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
Planning Commission	Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

- 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, Bedford Township Supervisor, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182**. You may also contact **Bedford Township Supervisor, Paul Pirrone** by calling **734.224.7321** during normal business hours.

Bedford Township Board Meetings are broadcast on Buckeye Cable Channel 11 or 7 with a Cable Box the Wednesday after the meeting at 9:00 AM and the following Thursday at 7:00 PM

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic many of the Bedford Township Meetings are now being held virtually on the Bedford Township Website www.bedfordmi.org. For those who desire to watch and/or participate in these meetings we post the needed passcodes to access the meeting on the front page of our Website. For questions please contact the Bedford Township Government Center.