

MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, Acting Town Manager
Date: February 26, 2016
Re: **Manager's Report**

News & Noteworthy:

- 1) Town/School Election will be held on Tuesday, March 8th with the polls open at the High School from 7 AM to 7 PM. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office Building until 5 PM on Monday, March 7th. Absentee Ballots must be delivered in person to the town Office Building by 5 PM on March 7th, or received in the Town Office Building by US Mail by 5 PM on March 8th. Sample Ballots are available on the Town Website.
- 2) The last day to register to vote or to make name and address changes prior to the March 8th Election is Saturday, February 27, 2016. The Town Office Building will be open extra hours on Saturday, February 27th from 11:00 AM to Noon. Residents may also register to vote at the polls on Election Day.
- 3) The Town Budgetary Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at the High School Auditorium at 7 PM. An informational handout for this meeting is available on the Town Website which includes details on the three articles that will be considered (fire & police contracts, and the town budget).
- 4) Bedford Citizen's Police Academy is accepting applications until March 11th for this year's class which runs for 10 weeks on Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 9:30 PM starting March 22nd. Applications are available on the Police website.
- 5) Members First Credit Union on Route 101 is now open.
- 6) The Bedford Food Pantry is now open to all Bedford residents. The pantry is currently being run out of the Bedford Presbyterian Church and more information can be found at their website: www.bedfordnhfoodpantry.org
- 7) Whole Foods Market has announced that it will be celebrating its grand opening with a breaking of bread on April 8th, at 9:45 AM.

Project Updates:

- 1) Library HVAC/Geothermal – The well drilling contractor will be mobilizing to the site over the next two weeks with an expected March 15th first day of drilling.
- 2) WBNH, 105.1 the Bedford Safety Radio Station is now broadcasting.
- 3) Work on the new town website continues with the next milestone being the migration of data by CivicPlus on March 2nd. Any additions to the existing website after the migration will have to be manually re-added to the new site once it is available.
- 4) The online payment project is proceeding with an April 8th go live date for motor vehicles and dog licenses. Tax billing as other billing will be brought online later in the spring. The

development team met to view demonstrations of the system from Invoice Cloud and Avitar. Work is being completed on marketing which will start to be rolled out in March.

Events:

- March 4, 5, 11, & 12 – Bedford Off Broadway will present “Making God Laugh” at 8 PM and on Sunday March 6th at 2 PM.
- March 6th – Sunday Concert Series, 2:30-4:00 PM, Bedford Library, “Neiho – Irish Harp”.
- **March 8th – Local Election Day, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Bedford High School.**
- **March 9th – Budgetary Town Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bedford High School.**
- March 11th – Thursday Theater 2-4:30 PM and 6:30-9 PM Bedford Library, “Bridge of Spies”.
- March 16th – Lunch & Learn, “Family Love Letters” (a program about gathering information your family will need at the end of life) – Noon-1 PM, at the Bedford Town Hall. Lunch is free, but please RSVP. More information is available on the Recreation Department website.
- March 16th – BeBold/McKelvie parent only drug, alcohol, & tobacco awareness discussion, 6:30-8:00 PM, Mckelvie Intermediate School Cafeteria. Principal Fournier & Guest Speakers.
- March 19th – Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt, at the Bedford Village Common (rain location: Town Hall), at 2 PM.
- March 20th – Bedford Lions Club, 38th Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, 7:30-11:30 AM at the Bedford Town Hall.
- March 20th – Sunday Matinee Series, 2 PM, Bedford Library, “Something’s Gotta Give”.
- March 24th – 3D Printing Sessions, 3-5 PM and 6:30-8:30 PM, Bedford Library.
- **March 27th – The Bedford Library will be closed for Easter.**
- March 28th – Coffee & Classic Movie, 9:30 AM Bedford Library, “Father’s Little Dividend (1951)”.
- April 3rd – Sunday Concert Series, 2:30-4:00 PM, Bedford Library, “Reunion Trio with Paul B.”.
- April 6th – Bedford Historical Society will hold a program on the Manchester – Milford Railroad, at 7 PM in the Bedford Library.
- April 10th – Community Forum on substance abuse, 6:30 PM, presented by Pastor Sawyer of the Bedford Presbyterian Church with support from Chief Bryfonski, Superintendent McGee, and BeBold.
- April 14th – Thursday Theater 2-4:30 PM and 6:30-9 PM Bedford Library.
- April 17th – Sunday Matinee Series, 2 PM, Bedford Library, “Nobody’s Fool”.
- April 19th – Special Travel Presentation for the proposed March 27-31, 2017 trip to New Orleans. The presentation will be at 4:30 PM at the Bedford Town Hall. For more information

about this trip and to RSVP contact Jane O'Brien in the Recreation Department or pick up a brochure in the Town Office Building.

- April 20th – Lunch & Learn, “Confident Retirement” – Noon-1 PM, at the Bedford Town Hall. Lunch is free, but please RSVP. More information is available on the Recreation Department website.
- April 25th – Coffee & Classic Movie, 9:30 AM Bedford Library, “Singing in the Rain (1952)”.
- April 30th – Touch-A-Truck, 10 AM – Noon, at the Town Playground/Pool parking lot, 20 County Road. This is a free event.

Upcoming Meetings:

- March 1st – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- **March 2nd – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- March 7th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- **March 9th – 7:00 PM, Budgetary Town Meeting**
- March 10th – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee
- **March 14th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- March 14th – 7:30 PM, WBNH-LPFM Board of Overseers
- March 15th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- March 16th – 7:00 PM, Parks & Recreation Commission
- March 21nd – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- March 22nd – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- March 22nd – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **March 23rd – 7:00 PM Public, Town Council**
- March 24th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- March 28th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board (special meeting)
- March 31st – 7:00 PM, BCTV Board of Overseers

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