

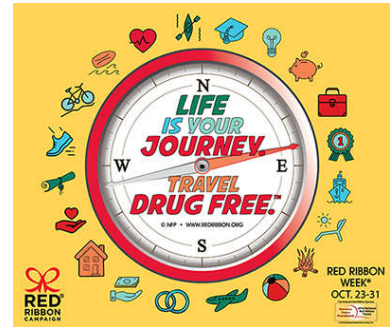
MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager
Date: October 7, 2018
Re: **Manager's Report**

News & Noteworthy:

- 1) National Red Ribbon Week October 23-31, 2018, "Life is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free", please join us in recognizing this week by decorating your home, mailbox or fence. Several town buildings and grounds will be illuminated in red during the week.
- 2) National Drug Take Back Day – Saturday, October 27th between 10 AM and 2 PM. Residents can dispose of their prescription drugs at the Bedford Police Station, 55 Constitution Drive 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, but we bring special attention to issue on the National Drug Take Back Day.



- 3) We have not yet received our Tax Rate but we are hopeful it will be received soon so that we can issue tax bills with a December 1st due date.
- 4) Blueprint Bedford Art Contest is open until October 19th. There are two ways to participate: 1. Take a PHOTO of your current favorite building, park or space in Bedford. 2. DRAW a picture of what you imagine Bedford could be like in 20 years. (One entry per person per category will be allowed) All entries will be displayed in the Planapaloza Studio Space and public voting will open on November 2, 2018 during Planapalooza. Winners will be announced on November 5, 2018 during the Planapalooza Closing Event. Visit www.blueprintbedford.com for more information.



Project Updates:

- 1) 2019 CIP & Budget – The Department Heads have completed their proposed budgets and review meetings are being held with the Manager and Finance team. Work continues on revenue projections, fund balance standing, and tax impacts of requested elements and programs. The budget will be presented to the Council on October 24th.

- 2) 2018 Roads Program – The Pulpit Road and the Bedford Three Corners area has been milled and will be paved in the next two weeks. The majority of the Sebbins Pond and Sandy Pond Parkway areas where gas mains have been installed have received base pavement. Hopefully the team will have time in the season to complete work on Barrington Drive. The Cider Mill Road Bridge project is proceeding. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at www.bedfordroads.com

Events:

- October 8th – Columbus Day – Library will be closed to the public for staff training; all other facilities will open. The Transfer Station will be closed as is typical on Mondays.
- October 8th – Police Department Swearing In Ceremony, Safety Complex, 9 AM.
- October 9th – The Bedford Fire Department Open House, 5-8 PM at the Safety Complex, 55 Constitution Drive.
- October 11th – Thursday Theater, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” 2 PM and “RGB” at 6:30 PM.
- October 14th – Library Sunday Concert Series, Sean Gaskell – Traditional songs on the Kora, 2:30-4:00 PM.
- October 31, 2017 - Trick or Treating 6:00-8:00 PM.
- November 1-5, 2018 - Blueprint Bedford “Planapalooza”
- November 6th – General Election, Bedford High School, 7 AM – 7 PM



Upcoming Meetings:

- October 8th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- October 9th – 7:00 PM, Parks & Recreation Commission
- **October 10th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- ~~October 11th – 7:45 AM, Water and Sewer Committee~~
- October 15th – 7:00 PM, WBNH Board of Overseers
- October 16th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- October 18th – 11:30 AM, Telecommunications Subcommittee
- October 22nd – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- October 23rd – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- October 23rd – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **October 24th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- October 25th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- October 30th – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission Workshop

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