

MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council
 From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager
 Date: October 18, 2018
 Re: Manager's Report

News & Noteworthy:

- 1) Our Blueprint Bedford Master Planning process continues with our "Planapalooza" events as outlined below on November 1-5:

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Master Plan Update - All Events Open to the Public

Thursday	Nov. 1st	6:30PM - 8:30PM Opening Presentation & Workshop Door Prizes will be Awarded. Bedford Village Inn - Great Hall 2 Old Bedford Way
Friday	Nov. 2nd	12:00PM - 8:00PM Open Studio* Old Town Hall 70 Bedford Center Rd.
Saturday	Nov. 3rd	9:00AM - 8:00PM Open Studio* Old Town Hall 70 Bedford Center Rd.
Sunday	Nov. 4th	9:00AM - 5:00PM Open Studio* Old Town Hall 70 Bedford Center Rd.
Monday	Nov. 5th	9:00AM - 12:00PM Open Studio* Old Town Hall 70 Bedford Center Rd.

FOCUS DISCUSSIONS

- 8:00AM - 9:00AM** Bedford Means Business! A forum on economic development.
- 3:00PM - 4:00PM** Moving Around Town! A discussion on how to move everyone around.
- 4:30PM - 5:30PM** Designing Bedford A forum on community design and character.
- 9:00AM - 10:00AM** All Things Green! Accomplishing the best balance.
- 10:30AM - 11:30AM** Right Sizing Bedford! What's Just Big Enough? median!
- 12:00PM - 1:00PM** Home Sweet, Bedford! A roundtable on housing.

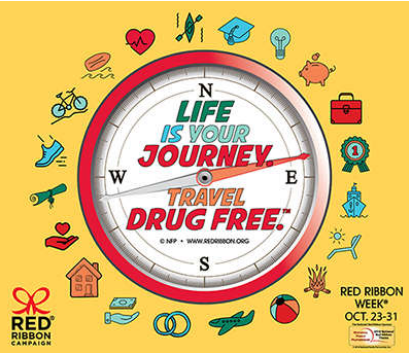
Art Contest Gallery in Open Studio!
 Stop by to view and vote!

*Join us during open studio hours to talk with the team and provide your feedback. Or simply visit the project website to provide your input on the web.
 Turn over for more Focus Discussion information.

Visit the project website at BLUEPRINTBEDFORD.COM

f LIVE Event will be broadcasted on **FACEBOOK LIVE!**
 @BedfordBlueprint12018

- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.



- 4) 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.



Project Updates:

- 1) 2018 CIP & Budget – The Manager and Finance team have been working on revenue projections, fund balance standing, and tax impacts of the proposed budget. The budget will be presented to the Council on October 24th.
- 2) 2018 Roads Program – The Cider Mill Road Bridge project is proceeding very well and has an anticipated November 8th opening. Limited paving along Liberty Hill Road is being completed in the worst sections to allow us to effectively plow the road this winter. Full reconstruction will take place in 2019. 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 will receive base pavement in the next two weeks. Hopefully the team will have time in the season to complete work on Barrington Drive. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at www.bedfordroads.com



Events:

- October 29th – BeBold Speaker Series, Two recovering drug users will tell their stories, 7 PM, Bedford High School Auditorium.
- October 31st - Trick or Treating 6:00-8:00 PM.
- November 1-5, - Blueprint Bedford "Planapalooza"
- November 6th – General Election, Bedford High School, 7 AM – 7 PM
- November 4th – Sunday Concert Series, Ramblin Richard, 2:30-4 PM, Bedford Library.
- November 4th – Library Foundation Gala, 5:30-7:30 PM, Bedford Library.
- November 11th – Veterans Day, Library closed
- November 12th – Veterans Day observed, Town Office, Library, Transfer Station closed

Upcoming Meetings:

- 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
- ~~November 5th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board~~
- ~~November 6th – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission~~
- **November 7th - 5:00 PM, Town Council Budget Workshop**
- November 8th – 7:45 AM, Water and Sewer Committee
- **November 14th - 5:00 PM, Town Council Budget Workshop**
- **November 14th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- November 19th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- November 20th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- November 27th – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- November 27th – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **November 28th - 5:00 PM, Town Council Budget Workshop**
- November 29th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission

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