

Bedford Heights New Resident Packet

Greetings from Mayor Fletcher Berger,



The year 2021 was an extremely challenging year as the entire world was affected by the deadly COVID-19 virus pandemic. However, there is hope for better days ahead. As I enter the 2nd year of my fourth term in office, I remain confident that the city's leadership is equipped to meet each challenge, be they economic, infrastructural, or community welfare with a steadfast attention to detail in an effort to preserve our community's safety, long-term sustainability, and growth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our residents and businesses for your continued support and understanding during these uncertain times.

As of January 2022, we have put a plan in place to begin to safely reopen the community center and city hall when there is more control over the virus. This limited gradual reopening is subject to our ability to create and maintain a safe environment for both our patrons and staff. A viable and readily available vaccine will speed up the reopening process. Once we have reopened, I would like to encourage every resident, new and long-standing, who has yet to visit our community center to do so. Nearly 8% of the city's overall budget (*\$1.5 million*) has been designated for the administration and upkeep of the facility for the benefit of the community. As part of our Healthy Bedford Heights initiative, we hope that you will consider us for all of your fitness and wellness needs, as well as allowing us to become your social retreat from the stresses of daily life.

With an annual average of 80 new homebuyers purchasing homes over the past 3 years, along with a sub-1% vacancy rate, Bedford Heights continues to welcome a diverse mix of young adults and their families either moving back to the community they grew up in, or simply relocating to Bedford Heights.

I am fortunate to have had the great privilege to represent the residents of Bedford Heights for more than 20 years as a councilperson (*10 years*) and Mayor (*13 years*), and it truly remains an honor to do so. I have never taken the responsibility of this office casually and I never will. I value the opportunity that residents have given me to serve this great community that Melva and I have called home for more than 40 years.

As a reminder, my door is always open, however during these uncertain COVID-19 times, we are not able to meet personally. With that said, I look forward to the day we will again be able to meet and greet in person.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department is in charge of implementing and enforcing the local and state Building and Housing Codes. This department is also responsible for establishing the standards necessary to maintain a safe and sanitary dwelling. They approve all permits, signs, proposals, and construction projects. Because Bedford Heights is a progressive city it is important for the Building Department to be involved in the Planning Commission, Zoning Board and Architectural Board of Review.

To accomplish the goals set by the Building Official, the Building Department conducts citywide inspections of all residential, commercial and industrial properties. The most valuable asset of any city is its dwellings. The Bedford Heights Building Department appreciates the cooperation and support of all its citizens.

Codified Ordinance, Chapter 1333, Section 1333.03

Contractors engaged in Building or Allied trades within the city boundaries, must be registered. This includes:

Carpentry	Refrigeration Air Conditioning
Cement and Asphalt	Roofing
Electrical	Sewer Building
Exterior Painting	Side Applicator
General Building Contractor	Sign Installer
Heating and Air Conditioning	Structural Steel
Landscaping	Swimming Pool
Masonry	Tile Installer
Piping	Water Proofing
Plumbing and Heating	

All contractors and sub-contractors must be registered and bonded before obtaining a permit. After work is completed, please call the Building Department to set up an inspection.

Registration is issued for the calendar year, starting January 1st or any date thereafter during the year and expired December 31st of the same year.

If you would like a current list of all registered contractors, please contact the Building Department.

The Building Department accepts credit card payments in person for any fees collected in the Building Department. These include building permits, contractor registration, point of sale inspections for commercial and residential, occupancy permits, garage sales, apartment inspection fees, Planning, Zoning and Architecture Board of Review fees, etc.

Hours of Operation
Open for Business – 9:00 a.m.
Closed for Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Closed for Business – 4:30 p.m.

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BEDFORD HEIGHTS CITY HALL DIRECTORY

<u>Mayor's Office</u> Fletcher D. Berger	Mayor	440-786-3211
<u>Building Department</u> Dwayne Ford	Interim Building Official	440-786-3237
<u>City Engineer</u> Don Bierut	City Engineer	440-439-1999
<u>Clerk of Council Office</u> Pat Stahl	Clerk of Council	440-786-3220
<u>Community Life Department</u> Vacant	Director of Community Life Front Desk	440-786-3207 440-786-3290
<u>Economic/Community Development</u> Vacant	Economic Development Director	440-786-3211
<u>Finance Department</u> Ted Gordon	Finance Director	440-786-3223
<u>Fire Department</u> Ken Ledford Vacant Dispatch	Fire Chief Assistant Fire Chief	440-786-3251 440-786-3250 440-786-3232
<u>Housing Department</u> David Bell	Housing Coordinator	440-786-3244
<u>Human Resources</u> David Morris	Human Resources	440-786-3257
<u>Law Department</u> Ross Cirincione	Law Director	440-786-3213
<u>Police Department</u> Michael Marotta Dave Leonardi Detectives Payne, Reed, Daniels Kathy Leggett	Chief of Police Assistant Police Chief Detective Division Clerk of Courts	440-786-3259 440-786-3259 440-786-32(66,65,64) 440-786-3280
<u>Public Service Department</u> Nick Baucco Eric King	Director of Public Works Supervisor of Public Works	440-232-8832 440-232-8832
<u>Water Reclamation Department</u> Dave Pocaro Michael Mearini	Director of Water Reclamation Supervisor of Water Reclamation	440-439-5343 440-439-5343
Community Tip Line Drug Tip Line	(Strictly Anonymous) (Strictly Anonymous)	440-786-3287 440-735-6595
Community Center Room Rental (closed until further notice)		440-786-3290
Dog Warden (Call Police Department Non-Emergency Line)		440-786-3222

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The mission of the Bedford Heights Community Center is to provide a refuge for residents and guests from the rigors of the daily grind. We want your experience to be positive, energetic and exhilarating. Each time you step through the doors of our center, we want to greet you warmly and assist you in whatever experience you would like to take part in on that particular occasion. We hope that each time you visit will be like the first time: fresh, exciting, regenerative, informative, relaxing, and a sheer joy. Please visit

our webpage regularly (www.bedfordheights.gov/activities-classes-and-more) to keep abreast of the events and activities taking place at the Bedford Heights Community Center.

A membership pass is required to participate in city sponsored activities, programs and events held in the community center with the following exceptions: fee-based activities, special events, and those activities, programs and events presented by organizations registered with the Community Center.

Memberships:

Household Membership (subject to changes in 2021)

Bedford Heights

Yearly membership	\$100
Six-month membership	\$60
Extra fee per member over 4 years of age	\$15

Bedford School District Residents

Yearly membership	\$350
Six-month membership	\$210
Extra fee per member over 4 years of age	\$20

Individual – Single Resident age 18 and over

Yearly membership	\$75
Six-month membership	\$45

Yearly membership	\$275
Six-month membership	\$150

Senior/Disabled – Senior age 60 and over

Disabled eligibility must have proof of permanent disability.

Yearly membership	\$15
Six-month membership	\$80

Yearly membership	\$115
Six-month membership	\$80

Student – Children age 10 to 18 (and in high school) years of age

Yearly membership	\$50
Six-month membership	\$30

Yearly membership	\$125
Six-month membership	\$85



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COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD NUMBER, STREETS & EMERGENCY/NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Lloyd Anderson (Ward 1, Council President)	5740 Perkins Rd	(216) 392-5337
Harvey L. Brown (Ward 2)	23888 Kennedy Dr	(440) 232-8910
Michael Willis (Ward 3)	6381 Stonehaven Ln	(330) 203-5463
Kay Gary (Ward 4, Council VP)	6703 Balsam Dr	(440) 232-0583
Alton A. Tinker (At-Large)	5951 Sunset Dr	(216) 202-4533
Kathie Kelso-Perez (At-Large)	24678 Ronan Rd	(440) 439-7324
Phil Stevens (At-Large)	2026 Sycamore Dr	(440) 439-1045

City Council meetings are 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Additional information can be found on the city's website. Council is in recess in the month of August



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(440) 232-0583

Ward 1

Aurora Rd
Bartlett Rd
Bedford St
Bluestone Ln
Cannon Rd
Carlton Rd
Columbia Dr
Columbus Rd
Daniel Dr
Erie St
Fargo Ave
Juniper Ct
Kenmore Ln
Lori Dr
Meadow Ln
Majestic Pkwy
Michelle Dr
Miles Rd SE
Omega Rd
Perkins Rd
Picone Ln
Price Rd
Richmond Rd
Rockside Rd
Sycamore Dr
Vickie Ln
Wickley Ln

Ward 2

Aurora Rd NE
Bartlett Rd S
Campton Ct
Cannon Rd SW
Comstock Rd
Corbin Dr
Cranfield Rd
David Dr
Fairtree Rd
Fenlake Rd
Gary Ave
Grimes Rd*
Hist Rd
Holly Dr
Kane Rd*
Kennedy Dr
Libby Rd
Lincoln Dr
Louis Dr
Marberry Commons
Mardale Rd
Millbrook Rd
Northfield Rd
Norton Rd
Rankin Rd
Rockside Rd
Sandalwood Rd
Taylor Rd
Washburne Dr
Westlawn Dr

Ward 3

Bear Creek Condos
Cambridge Dr
Columbus Rd DE
Easy St
Forest Ridge Dr
Holiday Hills Ct
Kimberly Dr
Lehman Dr
Marra Dr
Randy Rd
Robina Dr
Ronan Rd
Scarlet Oak Dr
South Perkins Ct
South Perkins Rd
Staghorn Dr
Stonehaven Ln
Sunset Dr
Sweet Birch Dr
White Pine Dr

Ward 4

Balsam Dr
Basswood Dr
Buckthorn Rd
Deer Ct
Eaton Ct
Eldridge Blvd
Forbes Rd
Harrow Ct
Hedgeline Rd
Laing Rd
Mark Dr
Oxford Ct
Pau Pau Ct
Randolph Rd
Ridgeline Dr
Ridgeway Rd
Rugby Ct
Sandhurst Rd
Sherborne Rd
Solon Rd
Strathallan Dr
Tamarind Rd
Tonbridge Ct
Tupelo Dr
Uppingham Rd
Woodline Dr

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BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

475 Northfield Road • Bedford OH 44146-2201 • 440-439-1500

The Bedford City Schools District serves more than 33,500 individuals in Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood, and Walton Hills. Within the 22-square mile district are six schools. These include two primary schools, two intermediate schools, one middle school and one high school. Our schools are:

Bedford High School (grades 9-12)
481 Northfield Road
Bedford OH 44146
(440) 439-4848



Khalisha Lewis, Principal

Carywood Intermediate School (grades 4-6)
1387 Caryl Drive
Bedford, OH 44146
(440) 439-4509



Cory McDaniel, Principal

Central Primary School (grades K-3)
799 Washington Street
Bedford, OH 44146
(440) 439-4225



Monique Winston, Principal

Dr. Cassandra Johnson, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Bill Parkinson, Treasurer
Tad Ellsworth, Exec. Dir. of Operations
Kenya Harrington, Exec. Dir. of Academic Achievement
JaTina Threat, Exec. Dir. of School & Community Relations
Sam Vawters, Exec. Dir. of Human Capital, Equity & Inclusion
Denise Dick, Communications Coordinator



(440) 439-4777
(440) 786-3502
(440) 439-4110
(440) 439-4412
(440) 439-3516
(440) 439-3505
(440) 439-4520

Bedford City Schools have a “sister-school” arrangement at the elementary grades. Students who attend Glendale Primary School are promoted to Carywood Intermediate School. Those who attend Central Primary School are promoted to Columbus Intermediate School. This arrangement allows for continuity in helping children develop basic skills and healthy, sustaining school relationships with peers in a challenging academic environment.

BEDFORD CITY SCHOOLS BOARD MEMBERS



Eva Boyington
President



Danielle Turner-Birch
Vice President



Anthony Akins
Board Member



Sharyn Macklin
Board Member



Brandon Lipford
Board Member

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CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN BEDFORD HEIGHTS

Dear Homeowner:

Regarding our curbside recycling program, you may have seen recent media reports about the problems facing recycling these days. These problems include people not recycling correctly or contaminating recyclables with garbage and shrinking markets caused by China's decision to restrict imports of recyclables.

These problems affect us here locally and your cooperation is needed to reduce recycling contamination. This will help keep recycling viable.

Recycling contamination is caused when unacceptable or non-recyclable items are placed into their **Light Green** recycle bin. Some examples include every day garbage, food waste, yard waste, garden hoses, syringes, batteries, plastic bags, scrap metal, shredded paper and even bowling balls to name a few. These items don't belong in your curbside recycling because they are not recyclable, or were not designed to be sorted at the recycling plant. The cost to remove these items from the recycling process and then transfer them to the landfill is expense and unproductive. Subsequently, this cost is passed on to the community through price increases. **Please recycle properly. Here are the rules:**

RECYCLE THESE 5 ITEMS ONLY IN YOUR **LIGHT GREEN RECYCLE BIN**



1. **FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS** – empty and rinse.
2. **MILK, JUICE AND BROTH CARTONS** - empty, rinse and replace cap.
3. **GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS** – empty, rinse and replace cap.
4. **PAPER AND BOXES** - include all paper, mail, magazines, newspaper cereal boxes and flattened cardboard. Do not include shredded paper.
5. **PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS** – empty, rinse and replace cap. Disregard the numbers on plastic. Recycle bottles and jugs only. Other plastics are not recyclable at this time.

REMEMBER

- PLACE ITEMS LOOSE, NOT BAGGED IN YOUR LIGHT GREEN BIN.
- RECYCLABLES SHOULD BE FREE FROM FOOD RESIDUE AND EMPTY.
- BOXES SHOULD BE BROKEN DOWN
- VISIT **CUYAHOGARECYCLES.ORG** FOR OTHER RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION OPTIONS.

For more information contact our Public Works Department (440) 232-8832

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BEDFORD HEIGHTS CITY ORDINANCES

343.03	Prohibits the discharging or depositing of snow by truck, plow, blower, or other snow removal equipment into the roadway, except for accumulations which are necessary residuals of street or roadway cleaning operations by the City.
351.12	Prohibits parking on all city streets.
351.13	Night Parking of Commercial Vehicles – No person shall park a school bus, commercial tractor, agricultural tractor, truck of more than one-half ton capacity, bus, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or moving van on any street within the residential districts of the municipality between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.
371.05	Walking in the street - (a) Where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable, no pedestrian shall walk along and upon an adjacent roadway; (b) Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.
505.22	Animal Defecation - (a) No owner or person in charge of any animal shall permit such animal, while at large or upon a leash in the City, to defecate upon any public land or any private land other than the land where the owner or person in charge of such animal resides; (b) The owner or person in charge of any animal, which defecates on any such prohibited land shall immediately clean such defecation and cause its removal to a proper receptacle; (e) Whoever violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
509.08	Loitering – No person shall loiter or prowl in any public or private place at a time, in a manner or under circumstances which warrant alarm for the safety of persons or security of property in the surrounding area.
509.09	Unlawful Congregation – No person shall congregate with others on any sidewalk or street corner, within any park or public ground or in or about any retail business district of the City, including but not limited to, any area designated by the property owner for off-street parking or the ingress and egress thereto, driveways, sidewalks, malls, arcades, service areas and entranceways into stores and buildings, with intent to provoke a breach of the peace.
511.06	Noises Prohibited – The unreasonable making of, or knowingly and unreasonably permitting to be made, any unreasonably loud, boisterous or unusual noise, disturbance, commotion or vibration in any boarding facility, dwelling, or place of business or other structure, or upon any public street, park or other place or building.
557.02	Grass cutting - Grass/Weeds/Underbrush cannot exceed 6" as well as overgrown bushes/hedges/flower beds. All grass clippings must be removed from the sidewalks and street.
951.06	Collection Practices – All garbage and refuse shall be placed in the containers approved by the city and its contractor. If a resident refuses or fails to use the approved refuse containers, even after written notice, they will be in violation of this ordinance and guilty of a minor misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$150. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. <i>(New residents, upon receiving a valid occupancy permit, may request a bin via the Building Department)</i>
951.07	Refuse and recyclable pick-up , should be placed on the tree-lawn for collection not earlier than 6pm on the day prior to the scheduled pick-up. Whoever violates any provision shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). If any of the following holidays occurs on a weekday prior to or on your collection day, service will be delayed 1 day: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
1131.05	Certificate of Occupancy - No owner, lessee or tenant shall occupy any structure, building or land, or part thereof, hereafter erected, created, changed, converted or enlarged, unless a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Zoning Inspector after inspection.
1333.01	Registration of contractor is required before starting work on your home.
1375.01	Occupancy permit required – No person shall move into any dwelling located within the city limits (residential or apartment) until an occupancy permit has been obtained from the Building Department.
1377.02	Rubbish & garbage disposal – All rubbish must be disposed of in a clean and sanitary manner; placing it in approved receptacles or in other approved rubbish disposal facilities. Rubbish and recyclable collection will occur once each week. Thursday's pick-up – residents south of Columbus Road; Friday's pick-up – residents on Columbus Road and north of Columbus Road.
1377.04	General Maintenance requirements – All dwelling structures shall be maintained in good repair and shall be capable of performing the function for which such structure was designed or intended to be used.

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BEDFORD HEIGHTS CITY MAP

Bedford Heights is a unique community of nearly 11,020 residents located 12 miles southeast of Downtown Cleveland and 11 miles east of Hopkins International Airport. What makes us unique is our direct proximity to Interstates 271 and 480 along with the unusually large number of steel related companies, distribution, manufacturing, and warehousing companies residing in this 4.5 square mile community.

We have ended each year with a balanced budget, a contingency fund for emergencies and a reasonable surplus.

A few of our accomplishments in 2012 are as follows: we replaced the city's 25-year-old telecommunication system with a highly advanced and more reliable voice-over IP system. This system will not only enable us to improve our service to the community, it will also save us money. We upgraded Reed Park (24780 *Eldridge Blvd*) with a new playground area. We also completed the update of our pools and whirlpool with ADA compliant hydraulic lifts to assist our seniors and disabled in gaining safe and secure access to the water.

We continued our roadway revitalization projects, the largest being the water and sewer line replacement and roadway revitalization of Columbia Drive.

POPULATION

Census: 2020

Population: 11,020 (*per 2020 census*)

Homes: 2,803

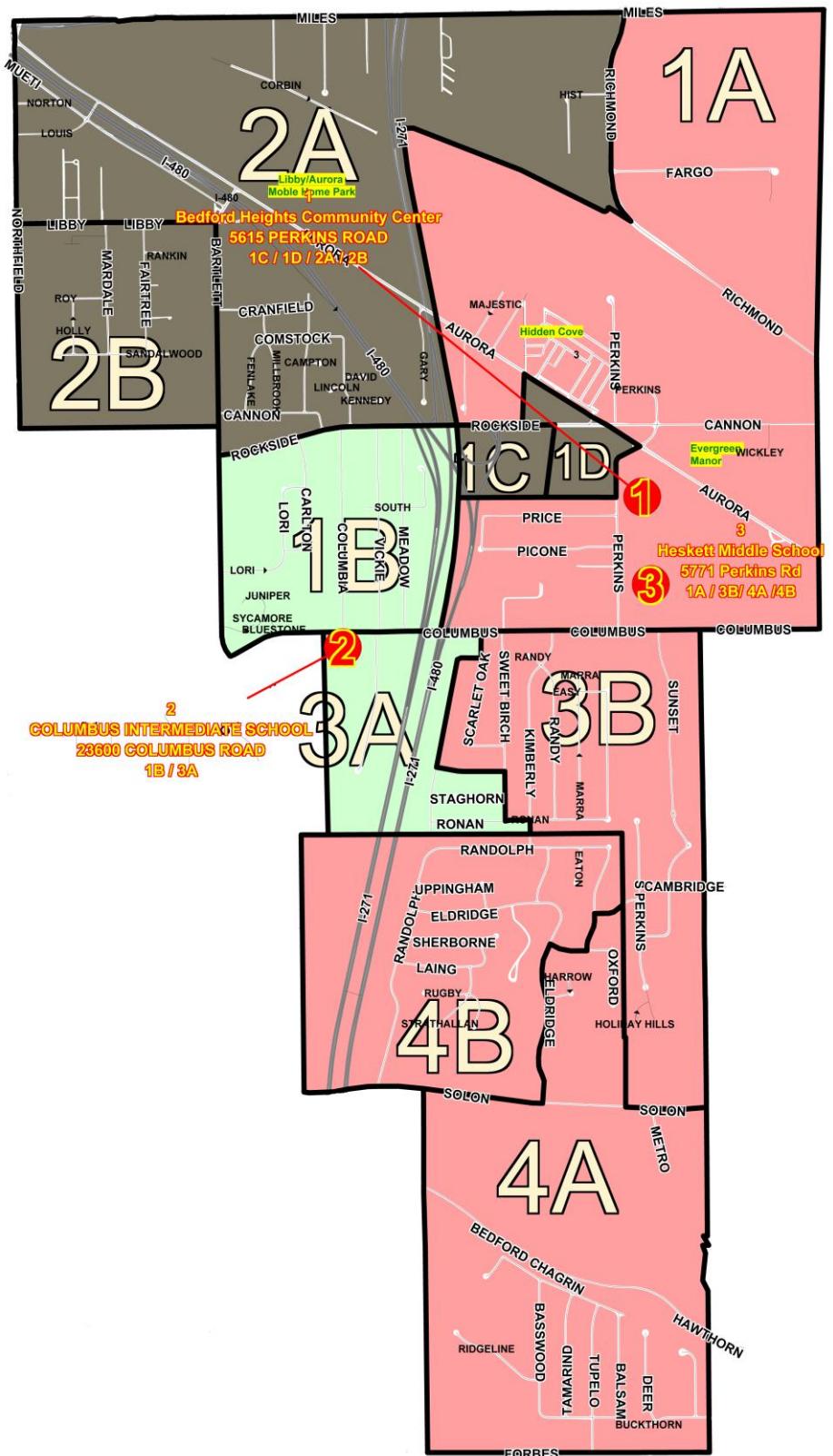
Owner Occupied Homes: 2,598

Housing Units: 5,762

Persons per household: 2.49

Median Housing Value: \$95

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BEDFORD HEIGHTS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

25401 Solon Road, Bedford Heights (440) 232-8832

Days/Hours of Operation

Tuesday and Friday – 7:30am-10:30am / 11:30am – 3:00pm

Truck Loan Program (*for construction debris*) (\$45.00 fee)

(440) 232-8832

(No fee required)

Emergency Sewer Line Back-up Program

Small Wildlife Removal Program (*Animal Warden*)

Table and Chair Loan Program

(Deposit Required)

25 Tables	\$10.00/table
150 Chairs	\$5.00/chair

Tool Loan Program

1 Appliance dolly	\$75.00
1 Axe	10.00
1 Extension Ladder	75.00
1 Hedge Trimmer	25.00
3 Lawn Mowers	50.00
2 Leaf Blowers	
1 – Handheld	50.00
1 – On wheels	75.00
1 Post Hole Diggers	20.00
1 Rototillers	100.00
1 Sledgehammer	10.00
2 Thatchers	100.00
1 Tree Trimmers	25.00
1 Wheelbarrows	25.00
1 Weed Eaters (electric)	25.00

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Tool loan is open Tuesdays and Fridays, 8am – 3pm by appointment (no tables or chairs at this time) (440-232-8832).

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SENIOR CITIZEN'S SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Bedford Heights Community Center (440) 786-3207

The City of Bedford Heights established the senior citizen/special assistance office in 1983. It was designed to assist our senior and special assistance residents by providing answers to questions in a wide variety of areas such as Social Security and Medicare, as well as making them aware of the programs and services offered by the City and County.

Senior Office is located in the Bedford Heights Community Center

Generally Open: Monday-Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

This entire facility is closed to the general public until further notice.

Programs

Food Basket Program for residents in need (*once per month for qualified residents*)

Grass cutting (*Monday's north of Columbus Road and Tuesday's south of Columbus Road*)

Home Energy Assistance Program (H.E.A.P.)

Homestead Exemption

Ohio Energy Credit Program

Snow removal

Services

Blood pressure screening (twice per month)

Flu shots (in the fall)

Hearing test (semi-annually)

Social Worker (as need basis)

Podiatrist (quarterly)

Transportation van

Social Activities

60+ Club

Arthritis class in pool

Geri-Fit exercise class

Seniors pay \$15 for membership at the Recreation Center (subject to change in 2023)

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Senior transportation services have resumed on a limited basis (440-786-3290).