

Bedford Heights New Resident Packet

Greetings from Mayor Phillip Stevens,



Mayor Phillip Stevens began his career teaching in 1984 in the Cleveland Municipal School District in the area of Industrial Technology and Computers. After one year in Cleveland, he was offered a position in Cleveland Heights/University Heights School District where he taught, coached, and became a building administrator for 14 years before pursuing his administrative career with the Warrensville Heights City School District. He coached multiple sports at the middle/and high school levels during this time.

Mayor Stevens did his undergraduate work at Central State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, and a Master's Degree at Ashland University in Athletic Administration and Educational Administration Leadership. With the combination of teaching and Administration, Mayor Stevens retired with 31 years in Education 2012 from the Warrensville Heights City School District as an Athletic Director and Building Administrator. Mayor Stevens Also taught part-time Athletic Administration at Cleveland State University in their Physical Education Department. After retiring from Warrensville, the same year, he was asked to oversee the Athletic Department at Lutheran East High School part-time for two years until 2014. Shortly after that in the same year, he was asked to serve as the Dean of Students, and Director of Operations at Richmond Heights Local Schools where he had to oversee all of the day-to-day operations of the school district from 2014-2021. Including the day-to-day operation of the school district, Mayor Stevens was very instrumental in building a new high school and overseeing a 27-million-dollar project where he stayed until 2021 until the new building project was completed, and all teachers and administrators were transitioned to the new school building. Throughout his years as an administrator, Mayor Stevens served on the Bedford City School District Board of Education from 2009-2021 where he served as president in 2011, 2016, 2017, and 2020. He also served as Vice President, 2013, 2015, 2016. During his tenure on the board, he was selected School Board Member of the Year in 2021 by the Northeast Region Ohio School Board Association.

In addition to Mayor Stevens Leadership, he was selected by the Superintendents and Athletic Directors in the State of Ohio to serve as the President of the Ohio High School Athletic Association being on the Board of Directors in 2012 where he had to oversee 857 high schools and 834 middle schools throughout the State of Ohio. This includes 400,000 Student-Athletes in grades 7-12, 15,000 officials, and 70,000 coaches. Mayor Stevens was also inducted into the Athletic Directors O.H.S.A.A Hall of Fame in 2012. In addition to Mayor Stevens' accomplishments, he served on the Northeast District Athletic Board. He served on several committees for OHSA, (Diversity Committee, Official Advisory Committee, and the Equity Committee for the National Federation of High School Sports. Mayor Stevens also received the Meritorious Service Award from O.I.A.A.A. (Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association).

In 2021, he was also elected by the community residents to serve on the Bedford Heights City Council where he is the Chairman of the Legislative/Education Committee; He also serves on the Safety, and Cable Committees. He started the Community Engagement Meetings every second Saturday of the month, along with starting the food distribution every first Friday of each month throughout the city. Mayor Stevens is also a Precinct Leader in Ward 1B in Bedford Heights; he is also on the Executive Committee for the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party. Mayor Stevens served on the Planning Committee before being elected to serve on City Council.

Mayor Stevens has been a resident of Bedford Heights for 35 years and is married to Barretta for 38 years. They are proud parents of Kristen Smalls (Rashad) and Phil Jr. Three grandchildren, Rashad Smalls Jr. Aiyanna Smalls; and their new addition Amirah Smalls.

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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 the 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 expiring 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

Mayor's Office

Phillip Stevens	Mayor	440-786-3211
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Building Department

Darylyn Hopes	Building Department Secretary	440-786-3237
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City Engineer

Don Bierut	City Engineer	440-439-1999
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Clerk of Council Office

Pat Stahl	Clerk of Council	440-786-3220
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Community Life Department

Vacant	Director of Community Life	440-786-3292
	Front Desk	440-786-3290

Economic/Community Development

Vacant	Economic Development Director	440-786-3211
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Finance Department

Ted Gordon	Finance Director	440-786-3223
Mitch Michalec	Assistant Finance Director	440-786-3227

Fire Department

Ken Ledford	Fire Chief	440-786-3251
Sam Strausser	Assistant Fire Chief	440-786-3250
Dispatch		440-786-3232

Housing Department

Vacant	Housing Coordinator	440-786-3211
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Human Resources

Vacant	Human Resources	440-786-3257
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Law Department

Marlene Ridenour	Law Director	440-786-3223
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Police Department

Michael Marotta	Chief of Police	440-786-3259
Kenneth Hatcher	Assistant Police Chief	440-786-3259
Detectives Reed, Daniels, Edmondson, Steele	Detective Bureau	440-786-32(64,65,66,67)
Kathy Leggett	Clerk of Courts	440-786-3280

Public Service Department

Nick Baucio	Director of Public Works	440-232-8832
Eric King	Supervisor of Public Works	440-232-8832

Water Reclamation Department

Dave Pocaro	Director of Water Reclamation	440-439-5343
Michael Mearini	Supervisor of Water Reclamation	440-439-5343

Community Tip Line	(Strictly Anonymous)	440-786-3287
Drug Tip Line	(Strictly Anonymous)	440-735-6595

Community Center Room Rental		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

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	Yearly membership	\$275
Six-month membership	\$45	Six-month membership	\$150

Senior/Disabled – Senior age 60 and over Disabled eligibility must have proof of permanent disability.

Yearly membership	\$15	Yearly membership	\$115
		Six-month membership	\$80

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

Yearly membership	\$50	Yearly membership	\$125
Six-month membership	\$30	Six-month membership	\$85



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

Lloyd Anderson (Ward 1)	5740 Perkins Rd	(216) 392-5337
Enid Thomas (Ward 2)	23025 Cannon Rd	(216) 856-0604
Michael Willis (Ward 3)	6381 Stonehaven Ln	(330) 203-5463
Danielle Henderson (Ward 4)	24840 Woodline Dr	(440) 703-0373
Alton A. Tinker (At-Large, Council President)	5951 Sunset Dr	(216) 202-4533
Kathie Kelso-Perez (At-Large, Council VP)	24678 Ronan Rd	(440) 439-7324
Vacant as of January 5, 2024 (At-Large)		

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



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(216) 392-5337



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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

Heskett Middle School (grades 6-8)

5771 Perkins Road
Bedford Heights OH 44146
(440) 439-4450



Tawanna Hamm, Principal

Carylwood Intermediate School (grades 3-5)

1387 Caryl Drive
Bedford, OH 44146
(440) 439-4509



Dominick Gruttadauria, Principal

Columbus Intermediate School (grades 4-6)

23600 Columbus Road
Bedford OH 44146
(440) 786-3222



Jermainne Huff, Principal

Central Primary School (grades Preschool – 2nd)

799 Washington Street
Bedford, OH 44146
(440) 439-4225



Angela Siwik, Principal

Glendale Primary School (grades preschool – 2nd)

400 West Glendale Avenue
Bedford Heights OH 44146
(440) 439-4227



Karen Taylor, Principal

Dr. Cassandra Johnson, Superintendent of Schools

Tabitha Armstrong, Treasurer

Tad Ellsworth, Exec. Dir. of Operations

Kenya Harrington, Exec. Dir. of Academic Achievement

Dr. JaTina Threat, Exec. Dir. of School & Community Relations

Sam Vawters, Exec. Dir. of Human Capital, Equity & Inclusion

Jamie Cole, Communications Coordinator



(440) 439-4777

(440) 786-3501

(440) 439-4110

(440) 439-4412

(440) 439-4377

(440) 439-3517

(440) 439-4520

Bedford City Schools have a “sister-school” arrangement at the elementary grades. Students who attend Glendale Primary School are promoted to Carylwood 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



Sharyn Macklin
Vice President



Danielle Turner-Birch
Board Member



Anthony Akins
Board Member



Angelic Carter
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 expensive 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)

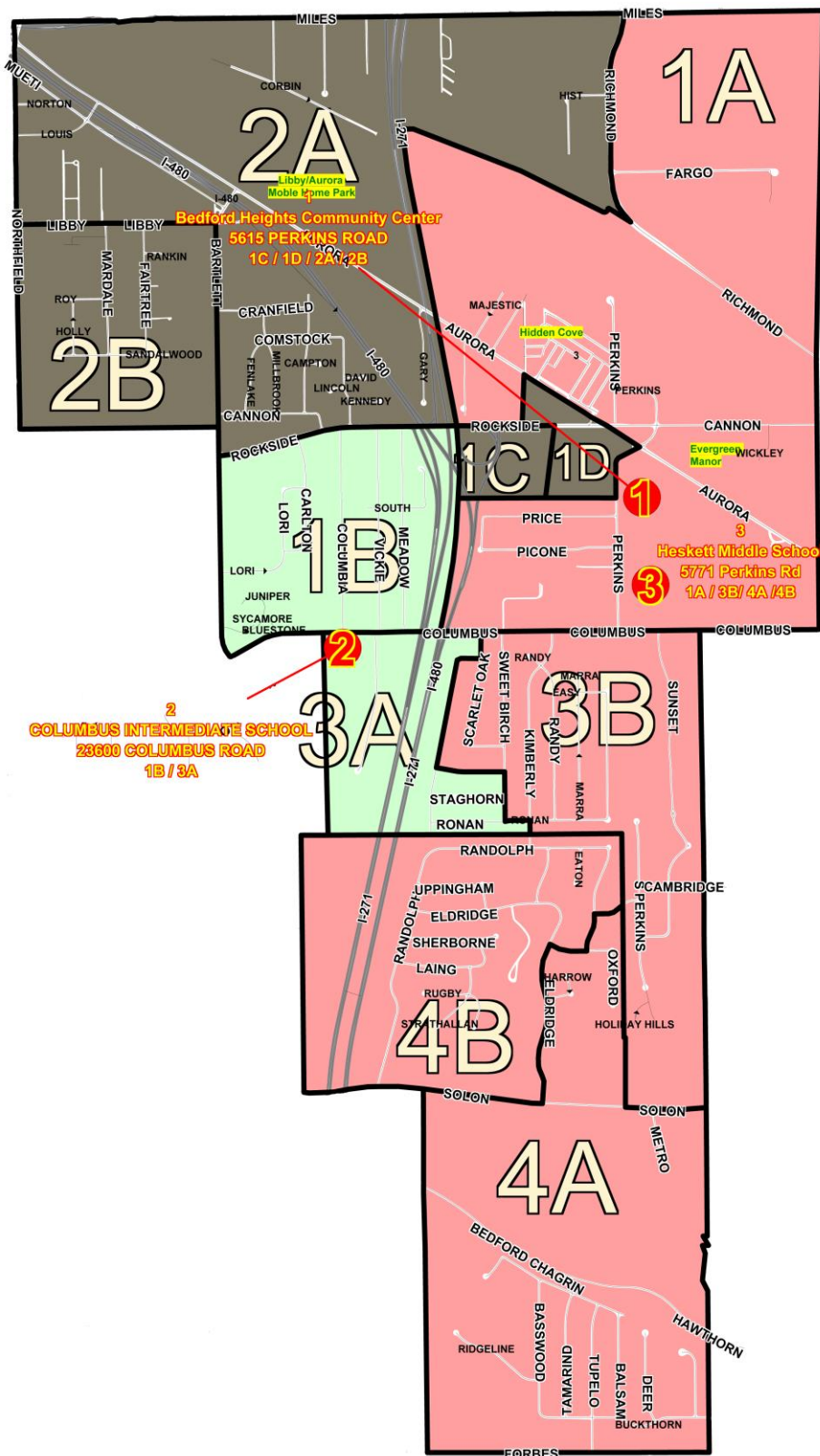
Homes: 2,803

Owner Occupied Homes: 2,598

Housing Units: 5,762

Persons per household: 2.49

Median Housing Value: \$95,100



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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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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

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 2024)