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**Police & Fire Emergency:**  
911

**Animal Control:**  
817-952-2191

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**Police (non-emergency):**  
817-952-2440

**Boys Ranch Activity Center:**  
817-952-2323

**Code Enforcement & Inspections:**  
817-952-2140

**Fire (non-emergency):**  
817-952-2500

**Parks & Recreation Hotline:**  
817-952-2314

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817-952-2112

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817-952-2100

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817-952-2200

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## Pardon Our Progress

There is a lot of construction and growth happening in Bedford and the same goes for the Bedford Connection. We will be adding additional feature stories about places and faces you are used to seeing in your town in upcoming editions.

Business is booming in Bedford and it can be difficult to keep up with all of the new business moving in. Visit [Bedford4Business.com](http://Bedford4Business.com) for the latest information on new business development.

Another exciting development is the Bedford Connection will be going digital. A digital flip-book will be available to download at [bedfordtx.gov/NewsToUse](http://bedfordtx.gov/NewsToUse).

This digital book will load faster than a PDF and will contain live links throughout the magazine. If you would like to receive your Bedford Connection digitally, please send an email to [web.bedford@gmail.com](mailto:web.bedford@gmail.com) and we will send you a copy. Don't worry, you will still receive a copy by mail, but now you can download it to your e-reader or view it on your Smartphone.

If you are a Facebook fan, then you may have seen an increase in event postings. Be sure to check in often to keep up on the most current events happening in Bedford.

We hope you like the changes we have made to the Bedford Connection and look forward to hearing your feedback by email at [web.bedford@gmail.com](mailto:web.bedford@gmail.com)

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## Splash Grand Opening

Come help us kick off the summer. Bedford Splash includes three different pools: tot pool, leisure zero grade entry pool, and a multi-purpose recreation pool. Each pool has its own unique features. Bedford Splash also offers "The Tiki Hut" (a concession stand), restrooms with showers and lockers, a family restroom, shaded eating areas and a rental party pavilion.

Date: Saturday, May 25  
 Time: Noon – 7 p.m.

## School Safety Meeting

Please join us for a Community Affairs Outreach Meeting about school safety at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, at the Old Bedford Library (1805 L. Don Dodson). This public meeting combining residents, businesses, and faith-based organizations is sponsored by the Bedford Community Affairs Commission. *\*Note: this is a change of date and location from what was originally published.*

Take this opportunity to learn about the safety procedures in the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford ISD, which includes crisis plans, secure building entrances, background checks on volunteers, a strong relationship with local law enforcement, and more. Also, find out from the Bedford Police Department how nearby residences and businesses might be impacted if there is an incident in one of our schools.

Guest speakers will include both Steve Chapman, Superintendent of Schools for Hurst-Euleless-Bedford ISD and Randy Gardner from the Bedford Police Department.

## Police Open House

The Police Department will be hosting their Annual Open House on Saturday, May 18, between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring your family out for this FREE fun-filled and educational event.

Equipment demonstrations and tours of the Law Enforcement Center will be provided along with a balloon artist, face painter, hot dogs, drinks and more!

Check out [bedfordpolice.com](http://bedfordpolice.com) for more details

## May 11 General Election

The Regular Election for Place 3 and Place 5 on the City Council, and the Municipal Court Judge, is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pat May Center located at 1849 Central Drive. The early voting schedule is as follows:

April 29 - May 3	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
May 4	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
May 5	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
May 6 – May 7	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The main early voting location in Bedford is the Public Library at 2424 Forest Ridge Drive; however, residents can vote at any Tarrant County early voting location. More information can be found on the City's website at [bedfordtx.gov/election/](http://bedfordtx.gov/election/) or by calling the City Secretary's office at 817-952-2100.



## Animal Control Shelter Pet Fair Adopt-a-Thon

Many cats and dogs are looking for a new and loving family.

Date: April 13  
 Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Location: 1809 Reliance Pkwy  
 Bedford, TX 76021

## Twilight Thursdays

A FREE concert series brought to you by Arts Council Northeast and the City of Bedford. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Old Bedford School, 2400 School Lane (on the front lawn).

Whether you like Rock & Roll, Jazz, Motown, Oldies or Rhythm & Blues "Twilight Thursdays" has a concert for you. Thanks to a free eclectic concert series staged by the City of Bedford.

### Upcoming 2013 Shows:



#### Bone Doggie

April 18 - Blues Music  
A whiskey voice, lightning fingers, and a strong love of the nostalgic are a only few ways to describe this 25 year veteran of countless Classic Rock, Blues, Jazz and Progressive bands. Drawing from influences ranging from Robert Johnson to Miles Davis to Led Zeppe-  
lin, Bone Doggie's music is both bold, and brash.



#### Les Elgart Orchestra

April 25 - Big Band Music  
The fabulous Les Elgart Orchestra represents one of the few remaining "Big Bands" from the forties. The orchestra has and continues to entertain around the world. Les Elgart wrote the theme for the popular show American Bandstand ("Bandstand Boogie").



#### The Killdares

May 2 - Celtic Rock Music  
Originally formed in 1996, The Killdares have come to be known as one of the hottest, cutting edge bands in music today - Celtic or otherwise. World-class musicians from all over the U.S., they have come together in Texas to create and perform a brand new version of hard-driving, alternative Celtic rock music.



#### Vocal Trash

May 9 - Stomp Style Music  
Described as "Glee,' with a kick," Vocal Trash asks you to recycle your imagination as their urban-themed, Broadway-style show energizes audiences of all ages with first-class singing, industrial-style drumming, comedy antics and award-winning break dancing. With an emphasis on recycled instruments, this green-minded ensemble tours globally on its relentless pursuit to bring people together, utilizing the universal language of song and dance.



#### The Rumble Kings

May 16 - Variety  
Three guys that flat-out get the job done! The Rumble Kings take it to the MAX. From Elvis to Stevie Ray Vaughan to Hendrix to Dick Dale and everything in between, they rock it like never before and put on an explosive show you've got to see. They regularly perform for private parties, corporate events, and car/bike shows.



#### Havana NRG

May 23 - High Energy Salsa/Latin  
Havana NRG stands for the new rhythm generation. This highly-charged and energetic group is the creation of producers and creators, Mariela Suarez, Ivan Martinez, and Maiquel Romero, all hailing from Cuba. Havana NRG is definitely not your typical tropical orchestra. Havana NRG has managed to set their own trend by taking on major challenges and producing not only hot salsa-themed music but also very intense Cuban Timba, Merengue, Bachata, and a first time Mambo Rap titled, "Wrap the Mambo."

## North Central Ballet Presents "Peter and the Wolf"

Date: May 11  
Time: 1:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$10/ Per person (three years and over)  
Where: Old Library Building (1805 L. Don Dodson)

## Bedford Summer Day Camp

If you're looking for a great camp for your kids this summer, look no further. Bedford Summer Day Camp is a week-long day camp loaded with exciting indoor/outdoor adventures and a lot of hands-on learning for ages 6-12 years.

Summer Camp 2013 will include themes such as: recycling, reading, fitness, sports, animals, and rescue. Camp is open from 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. daily, with structured activities each day between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Resident registration begins April 13 at 7 a.m. Non-resident registration begins April 15 at 7 a.m. Full payment is due at time of registration.

**Price:** Application fee of \$50 per camper,  
\$25 for each additional child per family.  
\$100 per week for residents  
\$105 per week for non-residents

**Dates:** Parent Meeting May 21, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Week 1 June 3 - 7  
Week 2 June 10 - 14  
Week 3 June 17 - 21  
Week 4 June 24 - 28  
Week 5 July 1 - 5  
**(No camp on July 4th)**  
Week 6 July 8 - 12  
Week 7 July 15 - 19  
Week 8 July 22 - 26  
Week 9 July 29 - August 2  
Week 10 August 5 - 9  
Week 11 August 12 - 16  
Week 12 August 19 - 23

## Energy Smart Expo- A Free Consumer Expo

Hosted by the Community Affairs Commission and Sponsored in part by My Credit Union, The Heat Busters, Energy One Windows, Stark Air (indoor booth and outside trailer) and Locke Supply. Exhibitors will include Ambit, Oncor, Allied Waste, Atmos (with CNG powered car), NTREG (North Texas Renewable Energy Group) -Green Mountain Energy, Spenser Air Conditioning, Classic Chevrolet (outdoors with Chevy Volt) - Roofing Solutions of Texas Champion Insulation.

**Date:** Saturday, April 20  
**Time:** 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Location:** Old Bedford Library (1805 L. Don Dodson)

Don't be afraid of high energy bills this summer. Before you push your air conditioning into overtime, learn how to tackle your energy costs and head to Energy Smart Expo on April 20, at the Old Bedford Library. Energy Smart Expo is a free public event for Bedford and the Mid-Cities, focusing on residential consumers and local businesses that will provide a first-hand and in-depth opportunity to experience energy-saving options. This is a terrific opportunity to discover basic and practical cost-saving solutions for the home and the road. Presented by the City of Bedford through its Community Affairs Commission, the event will host vendors and exhibitors from energy-saving retailers and renewable energy providers, along with presenting options for natural gas and other alternatives. In its second year, the Energy Smart Expo addresses questions centered on containing costs for the homeowner through insulation and other efficient uses of heating and cooling. The fair, scheduled from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (rain or shine), will feature electric cars and expert speakers in various fields of consumer energy. It will offer an up-close and hands-on look into energy options just in time for summer.

## Economic Development Spotlight

The North Tarrant Express (NTE) project is just over 45 percent complete. Construction along Bedford's corridor may not be pretty and may be a bit of a challenge to navigate, but it is this construction that is encouraging new and existing businesses to select Bedford as their home. The existing, potential and new businesses share a vision, that when the NTE east segment is finally complete, the Bedford corridor will offer an abundance of opportunity for businesses of all types.

While all businesses along the highway corridor have been inconvenienced to some extent by the NTE construction, there are some that were physically impacted, forced to remodel or even relocate in order to transition along with the highway project. We are pleased to have successfully retained many of these businesses here in Bedford.

Professional service companies, include: Psychology Services of North Texas, Bailey Galyen Law Firm, State Farm, Craniofacial Pain Associates, Self Storage USA, and Craig's Collision; restaurants include Jason's Deli, On The Border, Chili's and Pho V Noodle House; retail outlets including Cycle Gear, Bedford Gold and Silver, and Biker's Bay, and Bedford's Super 8 hotel, have all embraced the NTE changes and will continue to call Bedford "home".

Bedford values our existing businesses, but we're also excited to have many new businesses prospecting and opening in the highway corridor and elsewhere in Bedford.



Chevy Volt: An Electric Car

## Teen Court Seeking Volunteers

The Hurst-Eules-Bedford Teen Court is a program that allows juveniles with Class C misdemeanor offenses an alternative to the criminal justice system. Offenders' cases are presented to a jury of their peers by volunteer teen attorneys.

Teen jury members assign community service sentences and upon completion of the program, the offenders' citations are dismissed.

HEB Teen Court is currently looking for both ADULT and TEEN VOLUNTEERS. Adult volunteers can serve as Jury or Master Jury Monitors. Teens can serve as clerks, bailiffs, and attorneys. Teen Court is held on various Monday evenings, usually twice a month. If you have a few hours you can spare on a Monday evening, come volunteer with H-E-B Teen Court.

There are many great benefits for teen volunteers such as earning community service hours for school (National Honor Society, CAS, International Baccalaureate), college resume, and scholarship opportunities.

For more information, contact Mindy Eichorst in Teen Court at 817-952-2468 or email [mindy.eichorst@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:mindy.eichorst@bedfordtx.gov).

## Drug Take Back Event

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be sponsoring another Drug Take Back Event on April 27, 2013 between 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This FREE community event will take place at the Law Enforcement Center where officers and Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association volunteers will be on hand to collect expired or unused prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and used syringes for proper disposal.

## Important Websites to Know

[Oldbedfordschool.com](http://Oldbedfordschool.com)

For booking meeting spaces, weddings, birthdays and other events, use Old Bedford School as your destination location.

[Visitbedfordtx.com](http://Visitbedfordtx.com)

When family comes for a visit, offer these eight hotel options in Bedford. Need suggestions for activities, click on the various tabs of EAT, PLAY & STAY to give you fun ideas to keep the boredom away.

[Bedford4business.com](http://Bedford4business.com)

Updated information on new business development in Bedford.

[ShopBedfordFirst.com](http://ShopBedfordFirst.com)

Keep it local and shop in your town. Businesses update their discounts and promotions on a regular basis. If you are a new business, it is FREE to sign up.

### Wellness Institute & Medical Spa

1999 Forest Ridge Drive  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-358-5880



**30% off a Wellness Facial or Wellness Massage**

Valid on regular priced service only.

Valid thru 4/30/2014

### Christian Counseling Associates

405 Harwood Road  
Bedford, TX 76021  
214-223-5902

**Initial Consultation FREE**

Initial consultation free when requesting counseling through Mary Betts, DMin

Valid thru 5/31/2013

### Marea White, DDS

2117 Central Dr. Suite 100  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-283-0047



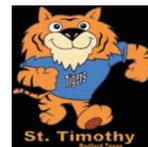
**\$199 New Patient Package (A \$514 Value)**

Includes exam, xrays, cleaning, fluoride treatment, home care supplies and whitening. Not valid to patients with insurance.

Valid thru 8/30/2013

### St. Timothy Preschool

3001 Forest Ridge Drive  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-685-6751



**50% off registration fee**

Enroll your child and receive 50% off the registration fee. New and first time students only. [www.sttimothy-preschool.com](http://www.sttimothy-preschool.com)

Valid thru 8/31/2013

### Colors to Cocktails

2816 Central Drive Suite 140  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-283-0464



**\$10 off Wednesday & Thursday Events - Enter Code: COLORS or \$5 off Friday & Saturday Events - Enter Code: COCKTAILS**

Online registration required at: [colorstococktails.com](http://colorstococktails.com)

No refunds unless 48 hr notice has been given via email at [colorstococktails.com](mailto:colorstococktails.com). Cannot be applied to private party events, fundraisers or combined with any other offer.

Valid thru 5/31/2013

### Bikers Bay

3164 Harwood Rd  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-354-1400



**50% off spring checkup special**

Spring Checkup Special: Regularly \$49.99 Tire Wear & Pressure \* Brake Pads \* Brake & Fuel Lines \* Air Filter Rear Drive \* Sprockets \* Engine, Primary & Transmission Fluid Levels Throttle & Choke Controls \* Engine\* Links \* Engine Mounts Fork Pivot \* Battery & Connections \* Lights PLUS! If repairs are needed, the Checkup Charge will be applied as a credit on that Invoice.

Valid thru 6/1/2013

## Jazzercise

Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center  
2801 Forest Ridge Dr  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-577-3692



**One Free Month + No Joining Fee with EFT Registration**

New members. One offer per person. Jazzercise Fitness and Exercise AM/PM Classes  
**Valid thru 7/31/2013**

## ONSTAGE in Bedford

Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center  
817-354-6444 Message Center



**Enjoy \$4 worth of snacks- FREE during the show!**

Present this coupon for two free cups of popcorn and two drinks (soft drinks, coffee or bottled water) during any OnStage in Bedford 2013 Season production. Coupon cannot be combined with other discounts. [onstageinbedford.com](http://onstageinbedford.com)  
**Valid thru 12/31/2013**

## Classic Gymnastics

1309 Brown Trail  
Bedford, TX 76022  
817-285-7517



**New Student Discount**

1/2 off Registration and \$10 off first full month.  
[classicgymnastics.com](http://classicgymnastics.com)  
**Valid thru 7/31/2013**

## AutoSound

1420 Airport Freeway #B  
Bedford, TX 76022  
817-685-8227

**\$20 off purchase**

Receive \$20 off \$100 minimum purchase. One coupon per person. Car stereo sales and installations.  
**Valid thru 5/31/2013**

## Dr. Jerry L. Latham, O.D.

Harwood Vision Clinic  
2600 Harwood RD  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-571-6688



**FREE bottle of Lens Cleaner**

Come in and check us out and receive a bottle of glasses lens cleaner.  
**Valid thru 5/31/2013**



## Scott Real Estate

[savewithscott.com](http://savewithscott.com) 817-703-1165

**\$1,000 discount on selling your home**

Receive a \$1,000 discount on selling your home in the off season. Scott Real Estate specializes in the Bedford Market. Home value minimum of \$95,000. 817-703-1165. For details, simply call Scott and mention this ad.  
**Valid thru 12/31/2013**

## Bark Park, Bedford's First Dog Park

The groundbreaking for the Bark Park took place on Saturday, February 23, at Meadow Park to begin the first phase of construction. Bring the family and furr-kids to the Grand Opening ceremony on Saturday, June 1 with activities kicking off at 9 a.m. and a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. Bark Park is located at 3200 Meadow Park Drive.

Jeanette Cook, Chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board said, "We are pleased to bring the Bark Park to Bedford. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members for all their hard work on this project and a huge thanks to the City Council members who approved our plan."

"I am excited that the City of Bedford is finally able to create a dog park for the residents. This fulfills a long term goal of our Park and Recreation Advisory Board and provides a safe and inviting place to exercise your dog. I am also very grateful to the HEB ISD for their continued partnership with the City of Bedford in creating this new dog park," said Bedford Mayor Jim Griffin.

Generous donations have been made by the Brown Trail Animal Hospital, My Credit Union and Cheddar's. There is plenty of opportunity to donate and corporate sponsorships are still available.



## Bark Park Sponsorship Opportunities



## City of Bedford EXPO Wrap Up

The Community Affairs Commission sponsored the first ever Bedford City Expo on Saturday, March 2, located at the Old Bedford Library. Over 200 residents and neighbors attended to learn about City services. All the departments from the City of Bedford were on hand to answer questions and inform residents of their function within the City. Outside vendors included Oncor, Atmos and Allied Waste.

Located outside of the Old Library, various work vehicles were on display for children to view and have their picture taken. The Bedford Animal Shelter had two dogs available for adoption and both found furr-ever homes that day. The feedback was tremendous and there is talk about making the City Expo an annual event.



### Micon - The Ballroom

3507 Harwood Road Suite 202  
Bedford, TX 76021  
972-815-6001

#### 10% Off Any Rental

Get 10% off any banquet rental or item rental. Coupons may not be combined.

Valid thru 5/31/2013

### Bedford Farmers Market

2824 Brown Trail  
Bedford, TX 76022  
817-358-9510

#### 20% off your entire purchase

[bedfordfarmersmkt.com](http://bedfordfarmersmkt.com)

Valid thru 7/31/2013



### Elite Hair

3340 Harwood Road  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-283-4211

#### FREE eyebrow wax with any salon service.

New Customers Save 20% on your first visit.

Valid thru 5/31/2013

### Miz. G's House of Pies

817-217-0976 Call for details.

[mizgshouseofpies.com](http://mizgshouseofpies.com)

#### \$4 off any purchase \$20 or more.

Excludes specialty cakes.

We deliver.

Valid thru 7/31/2013



### Abundant Health Massage Therapy & Wellness

1117A Bedford Road  
Bedford, TX 76022  
817-284-4443

#### Buy one get one free

Buy one get one free regularly priced hour long Private Yoga Sessions regular price: \$60 per hour (2 sessions for \$60)

[AHMTW.com](http://AHMTW.com)

Valid thru 9/01/13

### Mid-Cities Pest Control

1101 Airport FWY  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-354-5350

#### \$200 off a complete home termite treatment or \$50 off a spot home termite treatment

Two year warranty. Not valid with any other offer. With coupon only.

Valid thru 7/01/2013



## Body Retreat Day Spa

2905 Brown Trail Suite B  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-881-7010

*Body Retreat  
Day Spa*

**60 minute aromatherapy massage for \$50**

Regularly priced at \$85. Cannot combine with other promotions.  
**Valid thru 8/30/2013**

## North Central Ballet

2819 R.D. Hurt Pkwy  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-428-8232



**Two Weeks FREE**

2 free weeks at our Bedford School\*  
Ages 3 and up. Classes held at the Arts Council Northeast  
BLDG. \*New students only. [northcentralballet.com](http://northcentralballet.com)  
**Valid thru 5/31/2013**

## Mid Cities Gold and Silver Exchange

3346 Harwood Road  
Bedford, TX 76022  
817-545-3363

**FREE Ring Sizing**

Bring your ring in and have Mid Cities Gold & Silver size it up or  
down- one size at no charge to you (a \$35 value). Any additional  
sizes will be at a nominal charge. We will at the same time,  
clean and check your ring for any needed repairs.

**Valid thru 6/30/13**

## First United Methodist Church of Bedford Early Childhood Academy

1245 Bedford Road  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-283-5780



**Buy three get one free**

Enroll your child and get your fourth week free. Present this  
coupon at time of enrollment. New students only.  
**Valid thru 6/3/2013**

## pro\*cuts

237 North Industrial Boulevard  
Bedford, Texas 76021  
817-354-5462

**pro\*cuts**  
— BEST ON THE BLOCK —

**\$3 off regularly priced adult haircuts**

**\$2 off regularly priced kids haircuts**

Can only be used at this location. Not valid with any other offer.  
**Valid thru 6/30/13**

## DFW Cruises and Travel

2252 Bedford Circle  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-897-7884



**\$25 off your next vacation booking**

Valid for new bookings only. May not be used for deposit, re-  
deemed for cash, or combined with any other discounted offers.  
**Valid for bookings made by June 30, 2013 and \$25 off any  
booking made by 6/30/13**

## CI Host Building Demolition

The media and public were invited to attend the demolition and press  
conference event of the former CI Host building, on Wednesday,  
March 6, at 9 a.m. The CI Host building was located at 1851 Central  
Drive off of HWY 183. Mayor Jim Griffin was joined by Cheddar's  
Chief Brand Officer, Tom Koenigsberg.

"The demolition of this CI Host building is another major step in our  
City's continued plans to enhance key entrances to our city and bring  
new businesses to Bedford. I am excited about the great partnership  
we have with Cheddar's and I am encouraged by all the im-  
provements they are making to their restaurant and the sur-  
rounding property," said Mayor Jim Griffin.

The location of the former CI Host building is the gateway  
to the Bedford community and has been considered an eye-  
sore by residents and businesses for years. The structure  
was built in 1984 and was 25,629 square feet. It had housed  
numerous offices since then, including Southwestern Bell  
and Comerica Bank before CI Host bought the building in May 2005.

"We care deeply about the Bedford community and have made a sig-  
nificant investment to refresh our Bedford restaurant both inside and  
out," said Cheddar's Chief Brand Officer Tom Koenigsberg. "This  
demolition not only makes room for more parking for our guests, but  
more importantly beautifies the entire area for all to enjoy."



Scan the QR Code to See the Video



## Bedford Cultural Commission

The Cultural Commission works to support the development of the Bedford Cultural District and to support the City's efforts to brand Bedford as a unique destination for the arts and culture within the Metroplex. The Cultural District includes Arts Council Northeast, Onstage, Trinity Arts Guild, The Boys Ranch Park and Activity Center, Old Bedford School, and Bedford Public Library.

This year the Cultural Commission is continuing their efforts of cultural awareness with a free family event to take place this fall. This outside fall festival will showcase local artisans, children's art, crafts, theatre and music performances, plus much more. Details are forming and further announcements will be made as the event develops.

## North Central Ballet Presents "Peter and The Wolf"

**Date:** May 11  
**Time:** 1:30 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$10/ Per person (three years and over)  
**Where:** Old Library Building (1805 L. Don Dodson)

Peter, a young boy, lives with his grandfather deep in the forest. One day, Peter goes out into the clearing, leaving the garden gate open. Peter's grandfather scolds Peter for being outside in the meadow ("Suppose a wolf came out of the forest?"), and, when Peter defies him, saying that "Boys like me are not afraid of wolves", his grandfather takes him back into the house and locks the gate. Soon "a big, grey wolf" does indeed come out of the forest.



Some hunters, who have been tracking the wolf, come out of the forest ready to shoot, but Peter gets them to help him take the wolf to a zoo in a victory parade that includes himself, the bird, the hunters leading the wolf, the cat and a grumpy Grandfather.



## Trash Rate & Recycling Changes

Allied Waste Services of Fort Worth, LLC was granted a five year extension by City Council and will renew in January, 2014. Allied has been the City's waste service and recycling provider for the last ten years and a long-time supporter of the City by assisting in trash collection at large City events. There have been several years without an increase and due to rising fuel and disposal rates, there will be a 3.75 percent increase this May, again in May 2015, and May 2017 for a total of \$1.06 over the next six years.

### Solid Waste Collection

Current Residential/Senior Rate: \$7.15

May 2013: \$7.42

May 2015: \$7.70

May 2017: \$7.98

### Recycle Collection

Current: \$1.96

May 2013: \$2.03

May 2015: \$2.11

May 2017: \$2.19

Current Senior: \$1.43

\$1.48

\$1.54

\$1.60

Allied Waste Services of Fort Worth, LLC is a part of Republic Services which is one of the largest waste and recycling companies in the United States. "Republic Services has a long and proud history of reliably meeting the needs of our customers. As those needs change, we are changing too. We handle, heave and haul more than 100 million tons of waste each year for more than 13 million customers nationwide. We've always had a great respect for doing the hard work required to be your garbage man," said President and CEO, Don Slager.

## Jake, the Dog Reunited with Firefighters

Jake, a black Labrador mix showed no signs of injury, as he ate BBQ scraps from the Firefighter's fingers and wagged his tail at anyone willing to give him a pat on the head. Jake's owner, Vernon Dede told a Star Telegram reporter, "If you look at him now, you'd swear he's back 100 percent." It was a chilly afternoon on Friday, February 16, as Firefighters from Colleyville and Bedford reunited with Jake the dog that was rescued from a fire on January 22, 2013, when the Kwik Kar service center was completely engulfed in flames.

Dede would bring Jake to work with him every afternoon and on the day the fire, Dede ran downstairs to make sure all the staff had gotten out of the building safely. But Jake was still in the upstairs office and had become overcome by smoke. "I feared the worst, as I saw them bring Jake out," Dede said. Firefighters immediately administered oxygen and inserted an IV. Jake was then transported to the Animal Hospital of North Texas in Southlake and was not given much of a chance for survival.

Vernon and his wife, Mary Dede provided lunch for the Firefighters and presented a donation to both the Colleyville and Bedford Fire Departments to buy additional fire rescue equipment for animals in need. "It's the least we can do," Mary Dede said.



## DeltAlert® Emergency and Mass Notification System

The City of Bedford has implemented the DeltAlert platform so Fire, Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, and Public Works Officials can directly notify, update and provide direction to residents in an effective and timely manner. The DeltAlert program will allow officials to record and send personalized voice messages to residences, businesses and mobile phones in just minutes, such as: natural disasters (tornados, floods, winter weather events) evacuations, man-made disasters (chemical spills), Silver Alert, Amber Alerts and water outages.

Bedford residents and business owners are encouraged to go to the City of Bedford's website at [bedfordtx.gov](http://bedfordtx.gov) and select DeltAlert and "Sign up Now."

"We feel the best way to keep our residents informed and safe is through meticulous and effective communication. DeltAlert has provided the City of Bedford another tool that allows city officials to easily send critical information to the entire community even in the most extreme conditions." James Tindell, Fire Chief. If you have any additional questions or need information, please contact the Bedford Fire Department at 817-952-2500.

## Vial of Life Pocket

The Vial of Life Pocket (VOLP) could save your life. Your Bedford Fire Department Paramedics will look for the Vial of Life Pocket on the outside of your refrigerator door. Inside the pocket they will find the medical form providing information you have completed along with any other important documents about you.

The medical information you printed on the form about yourself will help the paramedics better understand your medical emergency. This information will be taken with you to the hospital for the emergency department staff to review as well.

The Vial of Life Pocket is free to Bedford residents. You can get a VOLP at the Bedford Central Fire Station, 1816 Bedford Road, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m - 5 p.m. A medical form is included with each VOLP.

Extra blank medical forms are also available at the Central Fire Station and online at [bedfordfire.net](http://bedfordfire.net) under Community Programs. You can also call our office if you need assistance and information at 817-952-2500.

## Ambulance Subscription Program

Bedford residents may purchase an annual subscription for ambulance service fees which are not paid or reimbursed by medical insurance coverage.

Annual subscription memberships shall provide benefits for the member, his/her spouse, unmarried children under twenty-five (25) years of age and other qualified dependents, as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, and who live at the same address as the member. Medicaid recipients are not eligible.

Membership covers out of pocket expenses for emergency ambulance services only within the City of Bedford. No coverage for non-emergency transfer ambulance services shall be provided.

Membership enrollment periods will be based on the calendar year and must be renewed annually. Coverage begins immediately upon enrollment. The current membership fee is \$60 per household.

For information and applications, please call the Bedford Fire Department at 817-952-2500 or visit [bedfordfire.net](http://bedfordfire.net)

## Staying Safe in Residential Pools

Adding as many water safety steps as possible is the best way to assure a safe and fun experience in a residential swimming pool or spa. Parents and families can build on their current safety practices by adopting water safety steps at home pools and spas.

CPSC recommends that you create a pool safety tool kit to have near your pool or spa to ensure that if the worst happens, you are ready to respond. Listed below are the essentials of a pool safety tool kit for your home pool or spa.

- A first aid kit.
- A pair of scissors to cut hair, clothing or a pool cover, if needed.
- A charged portable telephone to call 911.
- A flotation device.

The Pool Safety campaign is designed to alert consumers and industry professionals to the numerous water safety steps that can be adopted to significantly reduce the number of child drowning deaths and submersion injuries that occur each year in the United States.

- Staying close, being alert and always watch children in and around the pool.
- Teach children basic water safety tips.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- Have a portable telephone close by at all times when you or your family are using a pool or spa.
- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first.
- Learn and practice water safety skills.
- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
- Learn to perform CPR on children and adults, and update those skills regularly.
- Understand the basics of life-saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency.

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- 5 miles From DFW International Airport
- 12 Miles From Cowboy Stadium
- 10 Miles From 6 Flags Over Texas
- 15 Miles From Downtown Fort Worth
- 18 Miles From Downtown Dallas

[www.visitbedfordtx.com](http://www.visitbedfordtx.com)

### Backyard Swimming Pool

#### Stats & Safety Tips

**300** children under the age of 5 drown in swimming pools each year

**2,600** more are treated in ER's

**2/3** of all drownings occur during the summer

In 2007 there were **3,443** fatal unintentional drownings in the U.S. *that's an average of 10 per Day*

## Drowning

is the leading cause of injury death for children ages 1-4

Among children 1 to 4 years old, most drownings occur in residential swimming pools

Most young children who drowned in pools were last seen in the home, had been out of sight less than 5 minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents at the time.

**75%** of deaths involve children under **age 5**

## Fireworks Safety

If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burn and eye injuries in kids and adults. The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home — period. Attend public fireworks displays, and leave the lighting to the professionals. Please attend the annual July 4th Celebration at the Bedford Boy's Ranch. Lighting fireworks at home isn't legal in the City of Bedford. Fines for possession or use of fireworks can be up to \$2000.00.

Fireworks can provide hours of wholesome, family entertainment, but must be used by adults carefully and safely. In the event that you are planning a trip away from the City of Bedford to an area where fireworks are legal, here are some safety tips to remember:

1. Never let children handle, play with or light any fireworks. Fireworks should only be handled by adults.
2. Please do not consume alcohol when using fireworks. Fireworks must be used by individuals who act in a responsible manner and who are not impaired.
3. Follow local and state laws regarding the possession and use of fireworks. Do not use illegal explosives; do not alter any firework device; and do not make your own fireworks. Use common sense at all times in handling fireworks.
4. Use fireworks on a hard, flat and level surface, not on grass or gravel. If you are using fireworks on grass, lay down a strong piece of plywood as a shooting surface.
5. Use fireworks in a clear, open area, making sure the area overhead is free from obstructions.
6. Never put your head or any part of your body over the top of any fireworks product at any time. Never look into a tube to check on the firework item. Never hold a lighted firework in your hand.
7. Always light fireworks products with an extended butane lighting device, a punk or a flare. Light the fuse only on the tip. Use a flashlight at night so you can see the fuse.



8. Light only one firework item at a time.
9. Don't persist with malfunctioning items. Never attempt to re-light, alter or fix any "dud" firework item.
10. Have a fire extinguisher, water supply, hose or bucket of water nearby.
11. Be cautious of lighting any fireworks during strong wind conditions. Light fireworks with prevailing wind blowing away from the spectators.
12. Use care in handling fireworks and be careful not to drop them.
13. Never use fireworks as weapons. Never aim, point or throw any fireworks at another person or at any property.
14. Store fireworks in a cool, dry place and dispose of fireworks properly.
15. Use fireworks outdoors. Never use fireworks indoors.
16. Special Reloadable Rules. Never use a wet or damaged shell or launch tube. Insert shell all the way into the bottom of the tube, flat end down. Never force a shell into a tube. Use only one shell at a time. Wait at least 30 seconds between loading shells. Never ignite a shell outside of a launch tube. Never take the shell apart. Never relight a fuse that fails to ignite the device. After lighting the fuse, move a minimum of 20 feet from the launch tube.
17. Use Caution with Animals. Noise and lights of fireworks often frighten animals.

Have a fun and safe Independence Day celebration. Remember "SAFETY FIRST". If you have any questions regarding firework safety, feel free to contact the Bedford Fire Department at 817-952-2500. To report illegal firework activity in the city, please call 9-1-1 or 817-952-2127.

## Practice Safe Grilling

The peak months for grilling fires are June and July. Gas grills constitute a higher risk, having been involved in an annual average of 7,100 home fires in 2006-2010, while charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in an annual average of 1,200 home fires.

In December 2012, ESPN's Sport Center Hannah Storm was badly burned while preparing to cook dinner for her children. After wind blew out the flame, propane gas pooled on her grill and became an explosive fireball when Storm attempted to re-ignite it. Only the instinct to close her eyes upon seeing the flame saved her corneas, but her face, neck, chest and hands suffered first- and second-degree burns.

According to NFPA, flammable or combustible gas or liquid was the item first ignited in half of home outdoor grill fires.

Storm feels that it is "important to tell and share this story because it was a very simple mistake that I made, but it was a very common mistake. People all over the world grill and they grill all the time, and most of the people that I know really don't understand the proper procedures..."

"Fires and burn injuries are not only traumatic for the person, but for the family and community as well," says Lorraine Carli, vice president of Communications at NFPA. "Hannah is very courageous to share the personal details of her fire experience and burn injury to remind the public to take steps to prevent fires and avoid injuries."

The local amendments to the 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code as adopted by the City of Bedford can be found online at [bedfordfire.net](http://bedfordfire.net). These ordinances are in place for the safety of you and your family. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Please contact the Bedford Fire Department at 817-952-2500 should you have any questions regarding any fire code related item.

## Beautification Commission

The Beautification Commission welcomes Bedford residents who are interested in working on projects to:

- Improve the overall appearance of City properties.
- Recognize businesses that improve or maintain exemplary landscapes.
- Enhance the quality of the environment by recycling and removing household waste promote organic gardening in the Community Garden.

The Commission carries out these goals by providing leadership during monthly and annual events. In addition to monthly planning meetings, the following events are planned for 2013:

- Monthly work-days in Boys Ranch Park where Teen Court kids assist Commission members in maintaining the flower beds.
- Clean Up Bedford Day, April 27 (8 a.m. until Noon) where businesses and neighborhoods partner to collect trash from areas needing attention.
- Chunk Your Junk day on April 27, 2013 at Meadowpark Athletic Complex (8 a.m. until Noon).
- Business recognition days are when businesses are nominated by residents and approved by the City Council. Businesses are acknowledged with a recognition certificate and provided a sign placed at their business for a month.
- Crud Day, on September 21 (8 a.m. - 11 a.m.) when Bedford residents are provided the opportunity to safely dispose of their hazardous waste materials.
- Paper Shred Event, October 12 (8 a.m. until Noon) where Bedford residents can have their old documents securely shredded.
- Distribute educational materials to promote a safe and healthy environment by recycling, reducing, reusing, and rebuying. A special effort is given to providing and promoting information that facilitates the City Recycling program. These brochures can be found on City displays throughout the City.
- Promotion of the Commission goals through information given to the residents in the Bedford Connection.

If you are a Bedford resident, and have a common interest in any of the Beautification goals, the Commission needs you. Please call the City Secretary (817-952-2104) or send an e-mail to [michael.wells@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:michael.wells@bedfordtx.gov) to request an application for the Beautification Commission.



Paper Shred Event - October 12, 2013

## ONSTAGE in Bedford

Offering award winning live theatre productions to the Dallas-Fort Worth communities. For reservations please visit [onstageinbedford.com](http://onstageinbedford.com) or call Onstage at 817-354-6444.

Tickets \$12 - \$15 (Discounts available for students, seniors, Bedford residents, KERA members, Press Pass, and AA employees.)

### Showtimes:

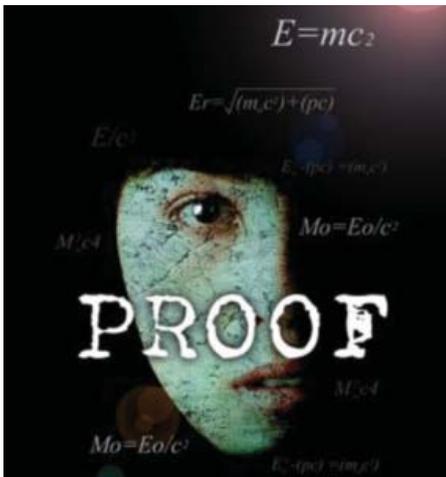
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday  
3 p.m. matinee Sunday

### Upcoming 2013 Shows:

#### They're Playing Our Song

April 5 - April 28

America's premier funny man Neil Simon, and the Tony Award Winning composer of A Chorus Line Marvin Hamlisch collaborated on this hit musical; a funny, romantic show about an established composer and his relationship with an aspiring young female lyricist.



#### Proof

May 31 - June 15

Catherine has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions, her father's mysterious workbook, and the most difficult problem of all: how much of her father's madness, or genius, will she inherit.



#### Assassins

July 19 - August 11

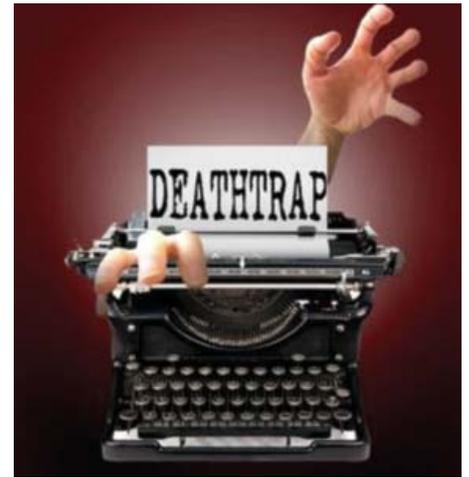
Bold, original, surreal, disturbing, thought-provoking and alarmingly funny, this most American of musicals explores the dark side of the American experience and lays bare the lives of nine individuals who assassinated or tried to assassinate the President of the United States in the name of the American Dream.



#### Funny Money

September 6 - September 22

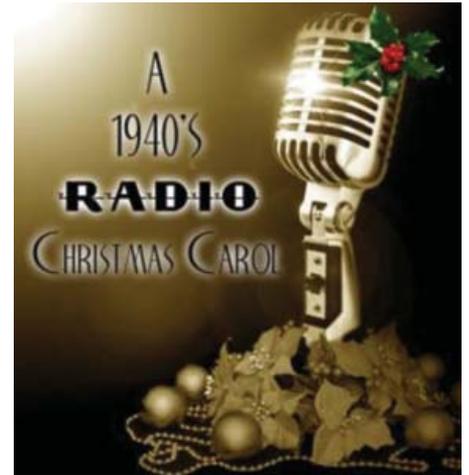
Mild-mannered Henry accidentally picks up the wrong briefcase—one full of money. He decides to keep it, and his inept attempts to extricate himself from an impossible situation (featuring two police detectives, a corpse with a mistaken identity, imaginary relatives and a mysterious phone caller) lead to increasingly hysterical situations.



#### Deathtrap

October 25 - November 10

Sidney, a writer of thrillers whose recent offerings have been flops, is prepared to go to any lengths to improve his fortunes. One of the great popular successes of recent Broadway history, Deathtrap provides an abundance of twists, turns, and sudden shocks to keep you spellbound until the very last moment.



#### A 1940's Radio Christmas Carol

December 13 - December 29

It's Christmas Eve, 1943 and the Feddington Players are set to present their contemporary take on Dickens' A Christmas Carol, but the foibles and missteps of an over-the-top veteran actor (but radio novice) propel the show to be rewritten as a film noir mystery—while on the air! Featuring swing arrangements of many Christmas standards, it will sing its way into your heart.

## North Tarrant Express Construction Progress & Upcoming Milestones

As of the beginning of this year, North Tarrant Express is at 45 percent completion on construction. Here are a few recent milestones and completions:

- Completed installation of sound walls near Plainview Drive
- Beam placements for Haltom Road and Bedford Road bridges
- Beam placements for IH 820/SH 121/183 structures
- Installation of columns and caps for Brown Trail bridge
- Opening of new eastbound frontage road between Bedford Road and Forest Ridge Drive

Upcoming activities in the next few months include:

- Completion of managed lane tie-ins from westbound SH 121/183 to southbound IH820 and from northbound Interstate Highway 820 to eastbound SH 121/183
- Major ramp closures along IH 820 in North Richland Hills
- Completion and opening of Hurstview Drive bridge
- Extended closure of east bound frontage road between Precinct Line Road and Cavender Drive
- Bridge deck pour at Norwood Drive
- Opening of new eastbound frontage road between Central Drive and Hospital Parkway
- Traffic shift to new west bound main lanes from Westpark Way to Central Drive



# Beat the Traffic®

The Beat the Traffic® real-time planning tool below highlights lane/ramp closures, incidents and traffic speeds so that you experience a reliable and safe trip in the corridor.

Please visit [northtarrantexpress.com](http://northtarrantexpress.com) to use the app and for instructions on how it works. North Tarrant Express encourages you to "Know before you go and drive safely in the zone!"

# Three Steps to Go Before Council

Citizens have a right to be heard; however it is important that proper protocol is followed. When addressing the City Council follow these three simple steps to maximize your time and effort.

- 1 Written communication must be sent by noon on the Wednesday prior to the meeting you wish to address Council. Send a description via email, mail or delivered in person to Michael Wells, City Secretary. The letter needs to contain a description of the topic you wish to discuss, (in order for it to be put on the Agenda), the Council meeting you wish to attend and your contact information.
- 2 The City Secretary will mail or email you guidelines that contain conduct and presentation requirements.
- 3 If you have handouts to give to Council, you will need to provide 10 copies (7 for Council, 1 for the City Manager, 1 for the Deputy City Manager and 1 for the official record.) If you have an electronic presentation, that will need to be made available prior to the Council meeting so it can be uploaded to the computer system. Electronic presentations can be delivered by USB drive, email or CD.

Michael Wells, City Secretary recommends when speaking to Council, "Come prepared and be sure to stay on topic. You may only speak about the topic you provided for the agenda."

There are two opportunities a citizen has to address the City Council, one is during Open Forum and the other is Persons to be Heard. Below are the differences in requirements.



Open Forum	Persons to be Heard
Must sign in prior to Council meeting to be heard.	Description of topic must delivered in writing to the City Secretary by noon Wednesday prior to the Council meeting.
Must address only the items listed on the agenda. No unrelated topics can be discussed to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.	Must address only the topic they chose to discuss to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.
Time limit of 30 minutes total.	No time limit.
Council may choose to interact with questions and answers.	Council may choose to interact with questions and answers.

## Interesting Facts About the Old Bedford School

- 1) Before the Old Bedford School, the first Bedford area school met in a log cabin during the early 1860s.
- 2) The log cabin burned in 1880s.
- 3) In 1914 the citizens of Bedford agreed to a bond project for \$5,000 to build a new school.
- 4) It was a working school from 1915 to 1969, until the school closed down due its small size.
- 5) The Bulldog was the school Mascot.
- 6) In 1991 the school caught on fire by three teenagers that broke into the building. The teenagers did get caught.



- 7) The Bedford Historical Foundation raised money to restore the Old Bedford School.
- 8) The school is placed on the National Register of Historical Places.
- 9) Today, Old Bedford School is available to rent for many types of events.
- 10) Since 1998, Old Bedford School hosts thousands of third grade students in the HEB area to sit in desks from the 1915s and learn about school life and home life from those days. Students then get to watch a DVD of actual students that went to school here.

## Arts Council Northeast

The Arts Council's mission is to encourage, support and facilitate artistic cultural opportunities within the communities of North Tarrant County. Classes are held at the Arts Council Northeast building at the Bedford Boys Ranch, 2819 R. D. Hurt Parkway, Bedford, TX 76021. For more information visit [artscouncilnortheast.org](http://artscouncilnortheast.org).

### Art Classes

These classes are fee based; please contact the instructor for costs.

#### Monday

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Instructor: Barbara Hantzen  
e-mail: [theartistsbrsh@aol.com](mailto:theartistsbrsh@aol.com)

Time: 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Barbara McFarland - Acrylic, Oil (Canvas)  
Contact: 817-282-0714

#### Tuesday

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Bennie J. Wood - Watercolor (paper)  
Contact: 817-838-2409 or  
[bjwwatercolor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjwwatercolor@sbcglobal.net)

#### Thursday

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Instructor: Johnny (Mahto) Hogue - Adult Painting Class (beginning to advanced, any media)  
Contact: [donjohn4242@yahoo.com](mailto:donjohn4242@yahoo.com)

Time: 4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
Instructor: Lynne Buchanan  
Youth Program (8-12 year olds)  
contact: [jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com)

#### Friday

Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Instructor: Bennie J. Wood - Watercolor (paper)  
Contact: 817-838-2409  
[bjwwatercolor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjwwatercolor@sbcglobal.net)

#### Saturday

Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Instructor: Johnny (Mahto) Hogue - Painting Class (beginning to advanced, any media)  
Contact: [donjohn4242@yahoo.com](mailto:donjohn4242@yahoo.com)

#### First Saturday of each month

Time: 4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
Instructor: Lynne Buchanan  
Youth Program (8-12 year olds)  
Contact: [jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com)

### Dance Classes

North Central Ballet - Classes will be offered on Thursdays  
Pre-Ballet for ages 4 & 5 (4:15 - 5 p.m.)  
Ballet 1 for ages 6-8 (5-6 p.m.)  
Ballet 2 for ages 9-11 (6-7 p.m.)  
Call 817-428-8232 for more information.

## Got a Green Thumb?

Whether you're an expert or you're just thinking of getting started, these classes will give you some great information. Hosted by the City of Bedford and presented by Texas Agri-Life an extension service of Texas A&M. For more information on these events or to RSVP please contact the Environmental Specialist at 817-952-2200 or visit [texasextension.tamu.edu](http://texasextension.tamu.edu).

### Irrigation Quick Fixes

To work efficiently, an irrigation system requires, at the very least, an annual check-up. An inefficient system may waste as much as 50 percent due to minor problems that are easy to fix. This class will provide step-by-step instruction on how to perform an irrigation check up, as well as how to make minor repairs and adjustments. Information on how to select a licensed irrigation professional for larger, more complicated jobs, will also be presented. RSVP preferred but not required.

**Date:** May 13, 2013, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Bedford Public Library

### Rain Gardens: Design, Construction and Maintenance

A rain garden is a landscape feature consisting of a planted shallow depression that collects rainwater runoff from roofs, parking lots and other impervious surfaces. The main function of a rain garden is to retain and treat the storm water it collects. This class details the design, construction and maintenance requirements of rain gardens for retail businesses and home owners. A recommended plant list is also included. RSVP preferred but not required.

**Date:** June 10, 2013, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Bedford Public Library

### Composting for Beginners

This class will teach you the basics of starting your own composting project at home. RSVP preferred but not required.

**Date:** July 29, 2013, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Bedford Public Library





Todd Boutte-Volunteer



Annette Lee-Master Gardener

## Bedford/6 Stones Community Garden: Interview with volunteer Todd Boutte

It was a crisp winter afternoon as winds blew out of the east at the Bedford/6 Stones Community Garden on 209 N. Industrial Boulevard in Bedford.

“What a great day to be in the garden,” said Todd Boutte, a 48-year-old, Information Technology worker from Bedford, Texas. Boutte, originally from Louisiana came to Texas in 1989 and hails from a long line of gardeners. “I love getting my hands in the dirt, it makes my day.”

The Bedford/ 6 Stones Community Garden project started in the winter of 2011 and is part of 6 Stones, a community service leader working with a combination of churches, non-profit groups, cities and school districts to help meet the needs of underprivileged residents of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford areas. The Bedford/ 6 Stones Community Garden is a certified teaching project for the Tarrant County Master Gardener Association and the purpose of the garden is to develop a sense of community and educational opportunities.

The garden consists of seventy-seven plots ranging in various bed sizes of 4x8 (\$20), 4x12 (\$30), and 4x16 (\$40) and are leased by the year beginning in January. Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis once paperwork and background checks have been finalized. Every gardener is required to donate a minimum of 50 percent of their produce to 6 Stones for distribution in The New Hope Center.

“Last year, gardeners donated over

2,500 pounds of produce, which means that this garden harvested over 5,000 pounds of food for these communities,” said Annette Lee, one of the Master Gardeners for 6 Stones. “This project is all about empowering people with commitment and stewardship. It’s easy to write a donation check but it’s a lot harder to volunteer and our volunteers are amazing,” Lee continued.

Boutte first heard about the Bedford/ 6 Stones Community Garden project in the *Bedford Connection* magazine, which is mailed to Bedford residents quarterly. “I first started helping, by working on plots that had been abandoned. I’d pull weeds, clean out the beds or whatever was needed. I wanted to learn more about organic gardening and it’s always great to work with a Master Gardener.”

“Todd is the ideal volunteer, even when I couldn’t be at the garden he would show up and get things done,” Lee said.

“My earliest memory of gardening was about four, and I noticed a stalk of corn and asked my Dad how it got there. I remember, looking up at the tall stalks, they were so big.” In the summer, Todd’s father would divide up a section of the garden for him and his sister, and they would compete, to see who had the best crop.

“I think, all we really did was plant the seeds and Dad took care of the rest,” Todd laughed, “But it was always a lot of fun.”

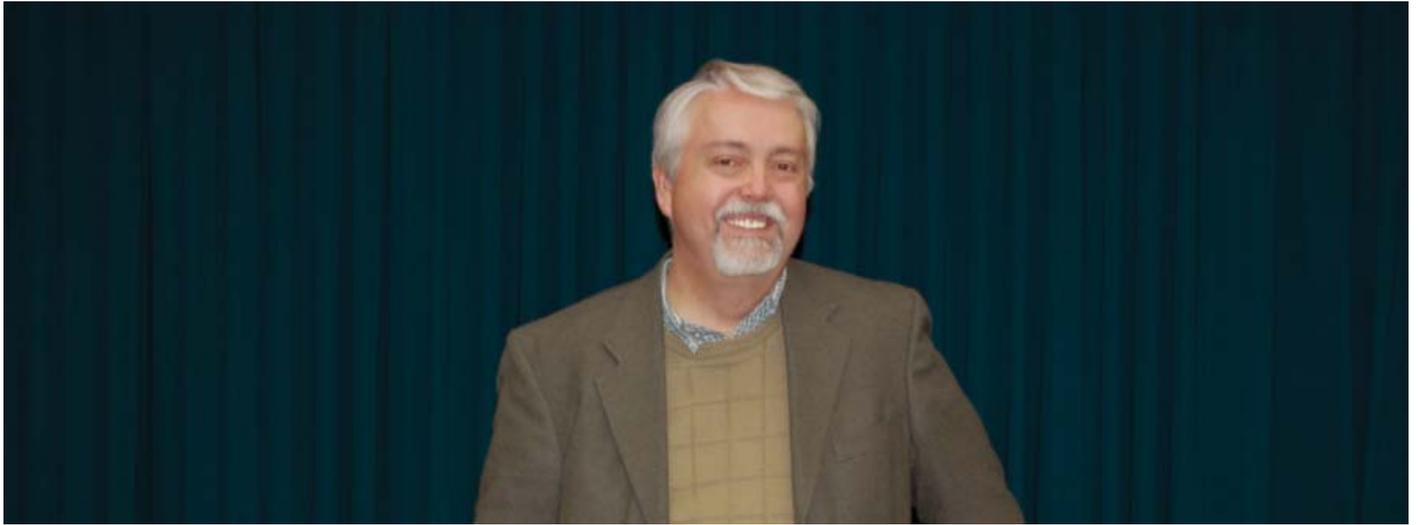
Anyone is welcome to volunteer at the Bedford/ 6 Stones Community Garden and Todd has these tips to offer:

1. Start small.
2. Don’t expect a bumper crop for your first planting.
3. Ask a lot of questions.
4. Don’t rush. It’s all an experiment.
5. Keep the weather in mind. It will be 105 degrees in the summer and the unforeseen can and will happen, but the plots still need tending to.
6. Don’t be intimidated, there are plenty of experts to ask and everyone is very friendly.

“The most significant thing about volunteering here, are the people I meet. I’ve met neighbors, I never knew I had. I’ve met the Mayor of Bedford; so many people of all ages and it’s great to spend time outside talking with my friends,” said Boutte.

The Bedford/ 6 Stones Community Garden will be hosting classes throughout the year and offers gardeners with any skill level to come and learn alongside the Master Gardeners. New classes will include lessons on solar power, rain water harvesting, zeroscaping with native Texas plants and composting.

New classes are always being added and residents can learn more at [6stones.org](http://6stones.org) or call 817-868-7400 for information.



## Employee Spotlight: Thomas Hoover

Thomas Hoover began employment with the City on December 27, 2012 and has hit the ground running as Bedford's new Director of Public Works. Hoover is a life-long resident of the Metroplex, having been born in Ft. Worth and moved to Bedford when he was nearly two years old. Hoover said "I spent a lot of my childhood in Bedford." He lived on Stonegate Drive and has fond memories of playing outside, riding his bicycle to the Mr. M convenience store and walking to baseball practice at LD Bell High School. "A lot of Bedford as it is today didn't exist back then," Hoover said. "There wasn't a lot north of where I lived. In fact, Wade Drive didn't even exist back then."

Hoover moved back to Ft. Worth in 1972 because his father took a job there. Hoover graduated from high school in 1978 and went on to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. "I chose Civil Engineering because you can design roads and water lines-things people use every day," he said. "It is really rewarding to see kids playing in parks that you have designed and built."

Hoover's background has prepared him well for leading the City's Public Works Department. He brings a well balanced mix of both public and private sector experience to Bedford. Hoover's previous public sector experience includes serving as the City Engineer for the City of Lake Dallas and Director of Public Works for the City of Keller.

Additionally, as a consultant City Engineer in the private sector he provided engineering services for the cities of McKinney, Duncanville and Midlothian. He owned his own engineering company since 1996. He said his private practice was limited to the Metroplex and spanned from Plano to Burleson and Denton to Glen Heights.

**"I am also focusing on quality customer service for our citizens. My philosophy is simple... we serve the public."**

**- Thomas Hoover**

Hoover said on the private sector side, he is most proud of a state award he won for design excellence for Texas Parks and Wildlife. He said "I plan to use this expertise to help the Community Services Division here in Bedford with some of the park plan improvements. I will be working with the Community Services Director and the parks division to design the Meadow Park trail extension connecting the parking lot at the existing trail head to the Boys Ranch Activity Center." Hoover explained, that this work will save the City thousands in consulting fees to have this work done in house.

Having been with the City for a short time, Hoover said he is still learning the ropes and is in the evaluation mode with the Public Works Department. "I am still learning. My goals are to ensure that the City has a safe and efficient operating system. I am also focusing on quality customer service for our citizens. My philosophy is simple...we serve the public. Our name is 'Public Works'." He went on to say that if Public Works doesn't do their job well that means the citizens wouldn't have reliable water or sewer lines. Hoover said that it is important for the citizens to know that just because there is a water main break in the City it doesn't mean that the system hasn't been properly maintained. "The systems are older. With ground shifting comes main breaks and leaks to our older mains," said Hoover.

One thing that Hoover said he knows at this point in his evaluation process, is that the City has a great group of strong employees with many years of quality experience. "We have a lot of experience that we can draw from in this department," Hoover said. "My goal is to evaluate what is working, not change anything that is working great, question whether what's working adequately can be improved upon and change and improve what needs to be fixed."

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# Employee Spotlight... Continued

He believes his management style will aid in this process. "I am not a micro-manager. I don't want "yes people" I am open and honest and believe that it is important to give employees the freedom to do their jobs in a professional and safe manner. My door is always open and I encourage feedback from all employees." He said that Public Works is a tough job with a lot of challenges. "You know you do it well when citizens send in commendations because a crew handled a situation the right way when a citizen was upset or inconvenienced."

Hoover said that his biggest challenge is going to be oversight of the North Tarrant Express roadway improvements for the next several years. "A majority of the utility relocation work is complete. The dry utilities are coming next. We are working well with the general contractors and they are working well with us," he said.

Tom Hoover lives in Keller and is married to his wife Sharon of 30 years. He has three children. His son is a nurse in the Baylor healthcare system, one of his daughters attends Tarrant County College and the other daughter is a junior at Keller High School.

"I am excited to be back in Bedford. In a lot of respects it feels like coming home. I am anxious to get involved in the community, especially with the school system. As a graduate of Stonegate Elementary, I hope to be active with Stonegate Elementary School by participating in career days, etc. If someone would have told me back then that I would have this important job with the City, as Director of Public Works, I wouldn't have believed them. It is important for kids to know that they can grow up and accomplish great things if they study hard and stay in school. I hope I can be a part of instilling that in the future leaders of this community."



## Menacing Mosquitos

Mosquito season is just around the corner. The Public Works Storm Water crew starts attacking mosquitoes early and at the source: the larvae. The crew walks up and down each creek in Bedford and distributes larvicide pellets. Larvicide is safer for people and the environment, and much more effective than spraying. Spraying only kills the mosquito the spray particles physically make contact with, which requires a level of precision that is difficult to achieve. Larvicide works at the source, and specifically targets the mosquito larvae. Mosquitoes breed in shaded areas where there is standing water. Make sure your yard is NOT contributing to the problem!! Remember the 4Ds to help keep you safe from contracting the West Nile Virus.

- 1 Stay indoors at DUSK/DAWN. These are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.
- 2 DRESS in long sleeves and pants when you are outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.
- 3 Use repellent that contains DEET. Follow label instructions and always wear repellent when outdoors. Choose products that contain up to 20% DEET.
- 4 DRAIN standing water in your yard and your neighborhood—old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters are just a few sites mosquitoes use to breed.

## Cease the Grease

The City of Bedford has a used cooking oil collection site at the Public Works Department year round. The cooking oil is then picked up and recycled.

The office is located at 1813 Reliance Pkwy, 76021 and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call ahead or email us so we'll be expecting you at 817-952-2200 or by emailing [pw.permits@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:pw.permits@bedfordtx.gov). It is possible to drop oil off from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. during working days but you absolutely must call or email the day before.

Please check the City website at [bedfordtx.gov](http://bedfordtx.gov) or call Rick Garnett at 817-952-2258 for more information.

### **NEVER PUT OIL AND GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN.**

It could cause your service line or the main line to become clogged which could cause a back up of sewage in your home!

### **DON'T PUT FOOD SCRAPS DOWN THE DRAIN!**

Scrap off and throw away in the trash.

### **DON'T RINSE OFF OIL AND GREASE WITH HOT WATER!**

Pour excess grease into a container that you can throw away once it's cooled. Wipe any excess grease with a paper towel and throw in the garbage.



# BEDFORD

# 4thFEST

## Thursday, July 4 at the Boys Ranch Park

This 4th of July, the City of Bedford would like you to join us as we celebrate a momentous birthday. The City of Bedford is celebrating 60 years of service and the theme is "Sweet 60". Join us as we celebrate this milestone with a giant cake. This 4thFEST we will take a moment to honor our heroes in uniform as well as our heroes on the home front with free live musical entertainment, a variety of themed family friendly activities, a birthday themed classic car show, yummy festival food and of course, the spectacular fireworks when the sun goes down.

### Schedule

**12 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Splash Aquatics Center - \$**

Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for kids under 18, and free to children two years old and younger.

**TBD**

**Artist Gallery - FREE**

The Trinity Arts Guild is hosting a gallery displaying a wonderful variety of art in the Arts Council Northeast building.

**TBD**

**Bedford Onstage**

Visit the Bedford Onstage for a live performance.

**4 p.m. - 11 p.m.**

**Food Court - \$**

**4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**InflataFUN Area - \$**

Inflatable activity area. (\$15 wristband for all day pass or pay per activity)

**4 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Children's Activity Area - FREE**

**5 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.**

**Live Musical Entertainment - FREE**

**TBD**

**Children's Comedy Show - FREE**

**6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**D&D Rockin' Rods Car Show - FREE**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Salute to our Soldiers - FREE**

**10 p.m.**

**Fireworks Extravaganza - FREE**

Times subject to change please check the website for the most up to date information.

Bedfordtx.gov



Admission to 4thFEST is free. Lawn chairs, blankets, coolers & nonalcoholic beverages are permitted. Limited parking available on-site (\$15), at the Bedford Library (\$10), and at Pennington Field (shuttle \$4 per person).

# SENIOR CENTER



Interested in learning a new dance? Join us at the Senior Center every Monday and Wednesday for Line Dancing. Taught by Rudy and Margrit Roschmann.

## Schedule

### Monday

- 8 a.m. Ceramics and Billiards
- 1 p.m. Beginner Line Dance and Dominoes
- 2:30 p.m. Tai Chi
- 7 p.m. Ballroom Dance with Live Band

### Tuesday

- 8 a.m. 84 Dominoes, Quilting and Billiards
- 9 a.m. Exercise
- 10 a.m. Party Bridge, Pinochle and Needlecraft
- 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
- 1:00 p.m. Dominoes

### Wednesday

- 8a.m. Ceramics and Billiards
- 9 a.m. Exercise and China Painting
- 10 a.m. Weights
- 1p.m. Line Dance and Dominoes
- 2 p.m. Guitar

### Thursday

- 8 a.m. Quilting and Billiards
- 9 a.m. Exercise
- 10 a.m. Party Bridge and Pinochle
- 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
- 1 p.m. Dominoes

### Friday

- 8 a.m. 84 Dominoes and Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Art Class (all media)
- 12 p.m. Tai Chi
- 1 p.m. Dominoes
- 2 p.m. Guitar

The Bedford Senior Center is located in the Boys Ranch Park. The mission of the Senior Center is to serve adults 50 and over, individually or in groups, and to provide a "warm place where they can participate in programs and activities designed to enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage involvement in the community."

## Quilters Group

Do you hand quilt? If so, join the great group of quilters on any Tuesday or Thursday morning. They meet from 8 a.m. - Noon. There is always a good time to be had in our quilting room.

## Special Events

### Winstar Casino Run

Join us on a trip to Winstar casino on July 27. Transportation on a luxury coach provided by Winstar. The bus will pick-up everyone up at 9:30 a.m. in the Splash parking lot. The fee (\$25) will cover the roundtrip fare and also include a \$20 Winstar credit. Pre-registration is required. Must be 18 years or older and present picture I.D. at time of departure. Call 817-952-2323 to register.

### Line Dancing

Interested in learning a new dance? Join us at the Senior Center every Monday and Wednesday for Line dancing. Taught by Rudy and Margrit Roschmann.

### Upcoming Events

Blood Pressure Check - First Wednesday and third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

AARP Defensive Driving Class - Every other month

AARP Chapter 1251 meeting - Second Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

NARFE - Second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Check the "Senior Update" newsletter for other upcoming events. Yearly membership fees for residents of Bedford are \$5 per year and \$10 per year for non-residents.



Third grade sketch-a-school contest winners

# THE OLD BEDFORD SCHOOL

## Location

A unique setting in the heart of Dallas/Fort Worth, just minutes west of the DFW Airport. The beautifully restored c. 1915 Old Bedford School is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

## Function Space

The auditorium accommodates 149 in comfortable upholstered, reproduction-styled seats; 1,600 square feet of space includes a raised stage. A baby grand Chickering piano is available thanks to the generosity of the Mid-Cities Piano Teachers Association.

The Galleries are ideal for training, seminars, receptions, reunions, anniversary parties, luncheons, art shows, and more. Sliding wood doors open the two rooms to accommodate up to 112 seated persons (or up to 150 persons standing).

## Unique

The Conference Room seats 12 around a hand-crafted mission-styled oak conference table.

## Access

Handicapped accessible; on-site parking; open year round.

## Equipment

On-site state of the art touchscreen audiovisual system. The Old Bedford School is Wi-Fi enabled.

## Food Service

Convenient to nearby restaurants; catering/food service lists are available. Complimentary coffee & setup available upon request for full-day meeting rentals only.

## Heritage Education Program

In conjunction with the H-E-B ISD Social Studies Department, the Old Bedford School provides a tour for the 19 Elementary Schools in the area. This Heritage Education Program corresponds with part of their Social Studies curriculum.

Students are shown how children dressed and what they were taught both at school and at home. Staff volunteers present artifacts describing how they were used.

Lastly, students get to visit our replica of a classroom as it was in the 1900's with the volunteer describing how the artifacts were used at school.

At the end of the program, students are asked to draw and color a picture showing something they thought was interesting about the Old Bedford School. These drawings are judged by our seven volunteer tour presenters and prizes are presented for First Place, Second Place, Third Place, Most Creative, Honorable Mention, and Most Original.

## Facility/Grounds Rental Rates

### Monday - Thursday

(\$75/hour and \$80/hour after 5 p.m.)

### Friday & Sunday

(\$100/hour)

### Saturday

(\$125/hour and \$150/hour after 5 p.m.)

### Rental Fees for business travelers staying at Bedford hotels:

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\$300/day (all other fees apply. This pricing is not applicable to weekend or non-business events.)

### The following are the deposits for hourly rentals:

\$100 for under 99 people  
\$500 for 100+ people

Please call 817-952-2290 to book a rental or visit us online at [oldbedfordschool.com](http://oldbedfordschool.com)

# 10 Things to Know Before Picking A Wedding Venue

1

**Size:** The first thing to think about is the size of the venue. Will the place be big enough to accommodate your guests? There is a general rule of thumb -- 20 percent of your guests will decline. It is suggested to see the venue in person. Looking at pictures online helps but you cannot get the full scope of the space until you see it in person.

2

**Budget:** Will your wedding and reception be in the same venue? How much money will you spend on the whole wedding. Then consider that most of the money will be going towards the reception. Consider if there will be a sit-down dinner, a buffet style or finger foods. Do you want a venue where you will have to choose their caterer or do you want to be able to choose you own caterer? Also see if the venue charges a fee for caterers. Ask about the requirements for serving alcohol. Check to see if the venue offers wedding packages and what is included within those packages. Get a breakdown of everything before you decide on a venue.

3

**Season:** Decide if the wedding and reception will be inside or outside. In case the weather does not cooperate a contingency plan will need to be in place. What will those extra costs include? Find out if tents are allowed on the site and if there is a tent fee and/or permit required. Some venues have tents available for rental.

4

**Theme:** Be sure the colors of your event go with the interior of the venue. The last thing you want is for the venue's walls to clash with the colors you have chosen. Find out what other decor the venue may offer and suggest.

5

**On-site offerings:** Sometimes places such as barns, museums and old school houses could be a perfect place to get married and can offer a unique experience for you and your guests. A venue may or may not have all the luxuries that a banquet hall would have, but check those venues out thoroughly to see what they do offer and compare that with what you would need to bring in.



6

**Reputation:** Do a background check on the wedding venue you choose. Get referrals and check reviews on Yelp, Facebook, Wedding Wire. Ask to see updated photos from their past events. Referrals and online reviews will help with your decision on determining the venue that is right for you. Meet with the people that work at the venue and see if they are a good fit. Find the venue that will treat you more like family than a renter on your special day.

7

**Transportation/Parking:** If the ceremony and reception are at two different locations then you want to add more money to this part of the budget. Be sure there is enough parking at the venue for your entire guest list. If relatives and friends are coming in from out of town, check to see if there are hotels with shuttles nearby. The hotels may offer discounts and assist you with getting your guests where they need to be.

8

**The View:** Where is your venue located? If it is in the middle of the shopping center, or does it offer a secluded area to have pictures taken without being disturbed. Once you have narrowed your venue search down to your Top 3, take your photographer with you to get another perspective.

9

**Plan B:** If the place you really wanted is booked or out of your price range, consider a backup venue. Being creative with decor and simple floral arrangements, can make the venue you chose appear more expensive without spending a lot of extra money.

10

**Packages:** The best option can be wedding packages because they can offer many inclusions. Some packages include rehearsal, consultation, hours included for set-up and clean-up, tables, table cloths, chairs, sound systems, etc. Most venues include their paperwork online to view and if it is not online- more than likely, their prices may be high.

# Weddings and Receptions

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Old Bedford School. If you would like to make your wedding and/or reception a historic event, please contact us for a tour of our facility by calling 817-952-2290. We have complete wedding packages available for you.

## Saturday Rates

### Package A | \$1,500

(a \$500 Refundable Security Deposit is also required)  
Four rectangular tables (five feet long)  
75 chairs  
One brick - engraved and placed on walkway

#### Time allowed for services, personnel, and use of building:

Two hours for consultation with rental coordinator  
(during Monday - Thursday office hours)  
One hour of rehearsal time  
(during Monday - Thursday office hours )  
Six hours for setup, wedding, reception and clean-up  
Use of audio visual/sound system  
Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait  
(Monday - Thursday between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

#### Additional Options for Package A

Purchase of Flute Wine Glass Set - \$25.00  
Rental of Silver Folding Chairs \$1.00 per chair  
Rental of White Flexone Chairs \$1.50 per chair  
Rental of 5ft Rectangle Table \$8.00 per table  
Rental of 60" Round Table \$10.00 per table  
Rental of 30" Round Highboy Table \$10.00 per table  
Rental of 4' x 3 ½' Bar \$35.00

### Package B | \$1,800

(a \$500 Refundable Security Deposit is also required)  
Six rectangular tables (five feet long)  
16 Sixty inch round tables  
16 White Round Tablecloths  
130 chairs  
One brick - engraved and placed on walkway  
One set of flute wine glasses - engraved with gold rim and OBS logo

#### Time allowed for services, personnel, and use of building:

Two hours for consultation with rental coordinator  
(during Monday - Thursday office hours)  
One hour of rehearsal time  
(during Monday - Thursday office hours )  
Eight hours for setup, wedding, reception and clean-up  
Use of audio visual/sound system  
Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait  
(Monday - Thursday between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

#### Additional Options for package B

Rental of White Flexone Chairs \$1.50 per chair  
Rental of 30" Round Highboy Table \$10.00 per table  
Rental of 4' x 3 ½' Bar \$35.00

## Friday and Sunday Rates

### Package A | \$1,200

(a \$500 Refundable Security Deposit is also required)  
Four rectangular tables (five feet long)  
75 chairs  
One brick - engraved and placed on walkway

#### Time allowed for services, personnel, and use of building:

Two hours for consultation with rental coordinator  
(during Monday - Thursday office hours)  
One hour of rehearsal time  
(during Monday - Thursday office hours )  
Six hours for setup, wedding, reception and clean-up  
Use of audio visual/sound system  
Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait  
(Monday - Thursday between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

#### Additional Options for Package A

Purchase of Flute Wine Glass Set - \$25.00  
Rental of Silver Folding Chairs \$1.00 per chair  
Rental of White Flexone Chairs \$1.50 per chair  
Rental of 5ft Rectangle Table \$8.00 per table  
Rental of 60" Round Table \$10.00 per table  
Rental of 30" Round Highboy Table \$10.00 per table  
Rental of 4' x 3 ½' Bar \$35.00

### Package B | \$1,500

(a \$500 Refundable Security Deposit is also required)  
Six rectangular tables (five feet long)  
16 Sixty inch round tables  
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One brick - engraved and placed on walkway  
One set of flute wine glasses - engraved with gold rim and OBS logo

#### Time allowed for services, personnel, and use of building:

Two hours for consultation with rental coordinator  
(during Monday - Thursday office hours)  
One hour of rehearsal time  
(during Monday - Thursday office hours )  
Eight hours for setup, wedding, reception and clean-up  
Use of audio visual/sound system  
Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait  
(Monday - Thursday between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

#### Additional Options for package B

Rental of White Flexone Chairs \$1.50 per chair  
Rental of 30" Round Highboy Table \$10.00 per table  
Rental of 4' x 3 ½' Bar \$35.00

Outdoor wedding and/or reception options possible, visit [oldbedfordschool.com](http://oldbedfordschool.com) or call 817-952-2290 for more specific rental information.



## Van Cliburn Concert at the Old Bedford School

This spring the City of Bedford will continue the Van Cliburn series at the Old Bedford School. Mariangela Vacatello is 27 years old and born in Naples, Italy, from a family of musicians. Ms. Vacatello made her official debut at the age of fourteen, performing Liszt's First Piano Concerto with the Pomeriggi Musicali Orchestra in Milan.

She is the winner of numerous prestigious international prizes and awards such as finalist and winner of the Internet Audience Award at the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, winner of the Top of the World International Piano Competition 2009, winner of the Laureate Prize at the Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition in 2007, Second Prize at the Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition in 2005 and Second Prize at the Franz Liszt International Piano Competition in 1999.

Mariangela Vacatello is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist, recognized worldwide for her passion, technical ability and magnificent musicality. Mariangela Vacatello is charming and vivacious to patrons, and colorful and fiery at the piano.

**Date:** Sunday, May 5, 2013  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$25

Listen to Mariangela Vacatello's music at [mariangelavacatello.com](http://mariangelavacatello.com). A reception with a meet and greet and refreshments will be served after the performance. To Purchase Tickets online visit [Oldbedfordschool.com](http://Oldbedfordschool.com).

If you have questions you can call 817-952-2290 or email Amy Bourquin at [Amy.bourquin@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:Amy.bourquin@bedfordtx.gov).



## Le Theatre de Marionette performs "Hansel and Gretel"

**Date:** May 4  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Location:** Old Bedford School

Le Theatre de Marionette, an award winning Texas original, presents Hansel and Gretel, an amusing take on the Grimm Brothers' classic fairytale. Join the familiar pair of siblings and their pet goat, Willy as Hansel and Gretel venture into the woods to find berries for supper. Theatergoers will adore the cast of characters which includes Sandor the Sandman, delightful forest creatures, guardian Angels, and of course the kooky candy witch, Lady Rosina Sweet-tooth!

Vividly presented with beautiful, hand-crafted marionette puppets, Le Theatre's Hansel and Gretel is sure to delight and amuse as these two children cleverly outwit the candy witch. Recommended for families with children age 3 and up, this show is approximately 45 minutes in length.

Le Theatre de Marionette has entertained children and adults since 1985 and the DFW-based troupe continues to perform European-style marionette puppetry at a variety of venues such as the Texas State Fair, Six Flags, The Dallas Museum of Art, The Nasher Sculpture Center as well as surrounding urban and rural school districts.

More information on Le Theatre is available online at [letheatredemarionette.com](http://letheatredemarionette.com).

# Classic Movie Night

**Where:** The Old Bedford School

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 at the door

Come and watch classic movies in our auditorium that accommodates 149 in comfortable upholstered, reproduction-styled seats.

Concessions are available for purchase.

**Friday, May 3**

## My Fair Lady

Directed By: George Cukor

Starring: Audrey Hepburn, Rex Harrison, and Stanley Holloway.

Outside Covent Garden on a rainy evening in 1912, dishevelled cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle (Audrey Hepburn) meets linguistic expert Henry Higgins (Rex Harrison). After delivering a musical tirade against "verbal class distinction," Higgins tells his companion Colonel Pickering (Wilfred Hyde-White) that, within six months, he could transform Eliza into a proper lady, simply by teaching her proper English.



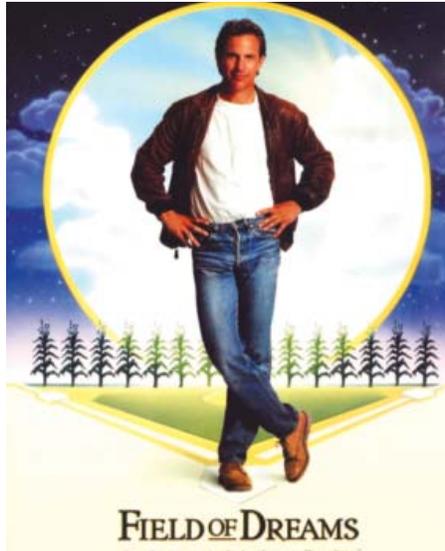
**Friday, June 7**

## The Goonies

Directed By: Richard Donner

Starring: Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, and Corey Feldman

Following a mysterious treasure map into a spectacular underground realm of twisting passages, outrageous booby-traps and a long-lost pirate ship full of golden doubloons, the kids race to stay one step ahead of a family of bumbling bad guys.



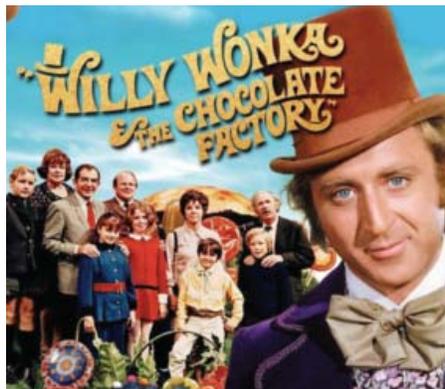
**Friday, July 12**

## Field of Dreams

Directed By: Phil Alden Robinson

Starring: Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, James Earl Jones, and Ray Liotta.

A phenomenal hit when it was released in 1989, Field of Dreams has become a modern classic and a uniquely American slice of cinema. It functions effectively as a moving drama about the power of dreams and as a fantasy ode to our national pastime.



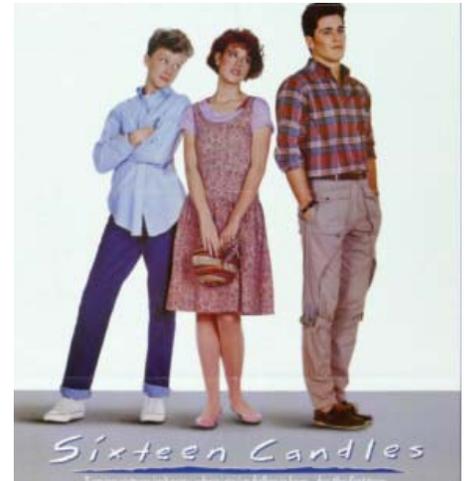
**Friday, August 2**

## Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

Directed By: Mel Stuart

Starring: Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, and Peter Ostrum

A poor little boy wins a ticket to visit the inside of a mysterious and magical chocolate factory. The boy discovers that the entire visit is a test of his character.



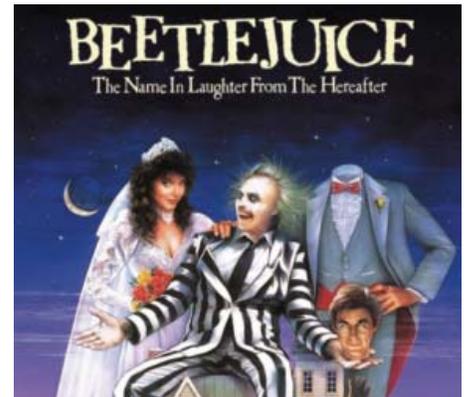
**Friday, September 13**

## Sixteen Candles

Directed By: John Hughes

Starring: Molly Ringwald, Paul Dooley, and Anthony Michael Hall.

It's Samantha Baker's Sweet Sixteen and no one in her family remembers the important occasion. She's your average teen, enduring creepy freshmen, spoiled siblings, confused parents and the Big Blonde on Campus who stands between her and the boy of her dreams. But wait...the day isn't over yet!



**Friday, October 4**

## Beetlejuice

Directed By: Tim Burton

Starring: Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, and Winona Ryder.

A fantastically imaginative comedy about a couple of recently deceased ghosts who contract the services of a "bio-exorcist" in order to remove the obnoxious new owners of their former home.

# Murder Mystery Dinner & Show

Looking for something fun to do on a Saturday night? Well you have found it! Come and try a Murder Mystery Dinner adventure at the Old Bedford School. Call 817-952-2290 to find out how to reserve your tickets.

**Showtime:** 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$75 per couple or \$40 per person  
**Actors:** U.S. Actors Company  
**Caterer:** Texas Roadhouse

6:45 p.m. Welcome guests  
Dinner - home style dinner catered by Texas Roadhouse  
8 p.m. Proceed to auditorium and become detectives. Review the clues and solve the murder for a chance to win a prize!  
9 p.m. Dessert served at your table

Saturday, April 20, 2013 "Addicted to Murder"  
Saturday, May 18, 2013 "Uncle Buzzard's Last Request"



## Help Wanted: Teacher Volunteers needed at the Old Bedford School

If you have love of history, teaching children and have been looking for a way to keep busy, then the Old Bedford School Program may be just what you are looking for. Volunteers present scripted explanations of artifacts and history of the activities of the 1915 school to third grade students' involved in the HEB ISD Heritage Education Program. Field trips are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and volunteers may sign up for convenient dates to help.

For further information and an application, please contact Amy Bourquin at 817-952-2292. Applicants are required to interview and receive background checks. For more information about the Old Bedford School call 817-952-2290 or visit [oldbedford-school.com](http://oldbedford-school.com).

## Summer Drama Camp

Make a special memory this summer and perform in a play. This unique experience also builds self confidence. Bring a lunch and your imagination to be a part of a production. Discount for families. Bring a friend or make a friend here. Lots of lines and costumes for all. Must register online at [oldbedfordschool.com](http://oldbedfordschool.com) then go to special events. Call for more information 817-952-2290

Ages 7 - 14

**Play:** Peter Pan  
**Date:** June 17 - 21  
**Time:** 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$96  
**Show:** Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

Take an adventure into the world of fighting pirates, dancing Indians, and lost kids who never want to grow up. There is a lot of fun to be had in Neverland. Costumes and lines for all.

**Play:** Charlotte's Web  
**Date:** June 15 - 19  
August 5 - 9  
**Time:** 12:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$96  
**Show:** Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m.  
Friday, August 9 at 7 p.m.

A story of friendship and a special week of friendship too. You're welcome to join in the barnyard square dance or the geese chorus line, fun at the fair, or just be a be a rat and hang out. Costumes and lines for all.

# YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

## Airport YMCA

[quickscores.com/airportymca](http://quickscores.com/airportymca)

**Address:** 3524 Central Drive  
Bedford, TX 76021

**Phone:** 817-571-3371

**Spring Soccer:** 3 - 12 years old  
**Volleyball:** 8 - 13 years old  
**Baseball:** 3 years old - 4th Grade

## Bedford-Eules Soccer

[besasoccer.com](http://besasoccer.com)

**Phone:** 817-354-4774  
**Youth Soccer:** 4 - 19 years old  
**Spring Season:** February - May  
**Fall Season:** September - November

NEW PLAYERS MUST PROVIDE COPY OF OFFICIAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE....NO EXCEPTIONS

For more information please visit our website at [besasoccer.com](http://besasoccer.com)

## Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD

[hebid.edu](http://hebid.edu)

**Gymnastics:** 817-399-2307  
**Martial Arts:** 817-354-3350 x 7505  
**Swimming:** 817-649-7946  
**Age:** 3 years old - Junior High  
**Sessions:** Fall and Spring



## Hurst Girls Softball League

[eteamz.com/hurstgsl](http://eteamz.com/hurstgsl)

**Phone:** 817-209-5409  
**Registration:** Spring, January, Ages 5 - 18  
Fall, August, Ages 5 - 18

## Hurst United Soccer Association

[hurstunitedsoccer.com](http://hurstunitedsoccer.com)

**Phone:** 817-282-8680

U5 - U19 Boys and Girls, Offering year-round programs.

## Mid-Cities Basketball Association

[midcitiesbasketball.org](http://midcitiesbasketball.org)

**Phone:** 817-354-6208  
**Boys:** Grades 1 - 8  
**Girls :** Grades 1 - 6  
**Location:** Hurst Recreation Center

## Mid-Cities Pee Wee Football & Cheerleading Association

[midcitiespeeweefootball.org](http://midcitiespeeweefootball.org)

**Address:** 141 Harmon Road  
Hurst, TX 76053  
**Phone:** 817-282-2390  
**Football:** Grades Pre K - 6  
**Cheerleading:** Grades Pre K - 6  
**Registration:** May - June 2012

## Parks at Texas Star Baseball League

[parksattexasstar.org](http://parksattexasstar.org)

**Phone:** 817-685-1838  
**Ages:** 5 - 14 (Youth Baseball)

## Tri-Cities Baseball Association

[tcbaseball.com](http://tcbaseball.com)

**Address:** 518 E. Pipeline Road  
Hurst, TX 76053  
**Phone:** 817-285-0200

# ADULT ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

## Adult Co-Ed Softball

### Summer 1 League

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$300
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>USSSA/TAAF Fee:</b>	\$20 (New Team Registration)
<b>Registration:</b>	Now - April 28
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	May 1, at 7:30 p.m.
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of May 10
<b>League Night:</b>	Friday
<b>Game Location:</b>	Meadowpark Athletic Complex

## Adult Co-Ed Softball

### Summer 2 League

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$300
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>USSSA/TAAF Fee:</b>	\$20 (New Team Registration)
<b>Registration:</b>	Now - July 6
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	July 10, at 7:30 p.m.
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of July 12
<b>League Night:</b>	Friday
<b>Game Location:</b>	Meadowpark Athletic Complex

## Adult Co-ED Kickball

### Summer League

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$200
<b>USSSA/TAAF Fee:</b>	\$20 (New Team Registration)
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>Registration:</b>	now - April 27
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	June 26, at 7:30 p.m.
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of July 1
<b>League Night:</b>	Monday
<b>Game Location:</b>	Meadowpark Athletic Complex

## Adult Co-Ed Dodgeball

### Summer League

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$125
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>Registration:</b>	Now - April 27
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	May 1, at 7:30 p.m.
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of May 5
<b>League Night:</b>	Sunday
<b>Game Location:</b>	Bedford Boys Ranch Hockey Rink

## Adult Basketball

### Summer League

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$300
<b>USSSA/TAAF Fee:</b>	\$20 (New Team Registration)
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>Registration:</b>	Now - May 24
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	May 29, at 7:30 p.m.
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of June 2
<b>League Night:</b>	Thursday
<b>Game Location:</b>	Boys Ranch Activity Center Gym

## NEW Co-Ed 3v3 Sand

### Volleyball Summer League

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$150
<b>USSSA/TAAF Fee:</b>	\$20 (New Team Registration)
<b>Season:</b>	8 games (3 matches per game)
<b>Registration:</b>	Now - April 27
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	May 30, at 7:30 p.m.
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of June 2
<b>League Night:</b>	Sunday
<b>Game Location:</b>	Boys Ranch Park



## Co-Ed 3v3 Sand Volleyball

### Tournament

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$50
<b>Registration:</b>	Now - June 14
<b>Date:</b>	July 4
<b>Time:</b>	10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Boys Ranch Park

# TENNIS PROGRAMS

Our program is designed to help develop a student's overall game. Instructors will be supervising students during summer training. We work with the beginner to tournament levels, and the program will also be used for varsity level training throughout the summer.

## JV/Junior High & Varsity

Classes begin on June 4, and continue through August, at the Boys Ranch Activity Center.

<b>Days:</b>	Monday - Friday	<b>Days:</b>	Monday - Friday
<b>Time:</b>	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>Time:</b>	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
<b>Price:</b>	\$299/Month \$139/Week	<b>Price:</b>	\$299/Month \$139/Week

Curriculum Includes: Stretching/Warm-up, Conditioning, Drills, Match Play, Plyometrics, Agility Drills/Sprints, Strategy, Tournament Supervision.

## Weekly Beginners/ Intermediate Classes

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Beginners and Advanced Beginners \$49/Week

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Intermediates and Advanced Intermediates \$49/Week

5 pm. - 6 p.m. Beginners through Intermediates \$49/Week

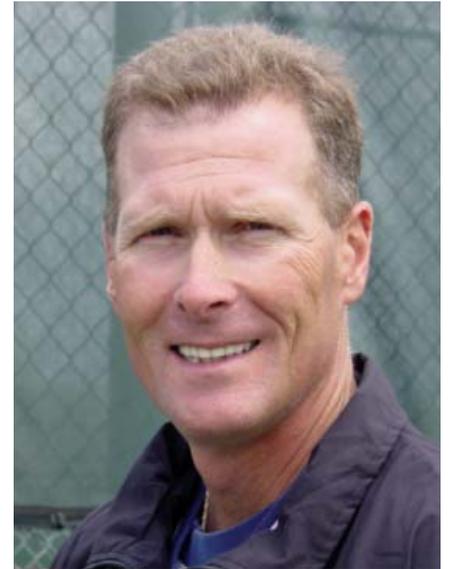
Special groups and times available - call and reserve a spot today.

## Private Instruction

Tune up your game this summer  
Val Wilder - \$59 / Hour

Associate Pros - \$35 / Hour  
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\$459 / 10 Hours

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## Meet the Instructor: Val Wilder

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# Bedford Splash and Central Pool

The 2013 Bedford Splash season will begin on Friday, May 24, with our annual Season Pass Holder's Night! Admission is easy, just purchase a 2013 Splash Season Pass to attend. We will open daily starting Saturday, May 25 through Sunday, August 25. Afterwards, Splash will re-open for weekends only, through September 2. The 2013 Central Pool season will begin Saturday, June 1 and end Sunday, August 18.

## Central Pool

1200 Central Drive  
Bedford, TX 76022  
817-685-0524

### Central Pool Hours & Admission

Monday - Saturday 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Admission: \$1

### Central Pool Rentals

Available for private rental on Saturdays and Sundays only. Please call 817-952-2323 to reserve this facility. Central Pool is available to rent for private parties, family gatherings, get-togethers, birthday parties, etc. Rentals include the required number of lifeguards and use of the whole facility. All reservations are for a two hour period (including set-up and clean-up). Reservations are accepted at the Boys Ranch Activity Center. A \$100 refundable damage deposit is required at the time of booking.

**Central Pool Aquatic Facility:** \$150 per two hour reservation.  
**Maximum Rental Capacity:** 70 people.

## Splash Season Passes

2013 Season Pass	Resident	Non Resident	Resident Family (4)	Non-Resident Family
April - July 4	\$70	\$155	\$230	\$355
July 5 - End of the Season	\$50	\$80	\$105	\$205

Family passes are for four members; each additional pass is \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Must provide proof of residency, eg. driver's license, military ID, or utility bill.

## Splash Aquatic Center

2817 R.D. Hurt Parkway  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-952-2384

### Splash Aquatic Center Hours

Splash Aquatic Center Hours  
Monday - Saturday 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### Splash General Admission Fees

	Residents	Non Residents
Infants (2 & Under)	Free	Free
Children (ages 3 - 17)	\$5/per person	\$6/per person
Adults (ages 18+)	\$6/per person	\$7.50/per person

# Aquatics Special Events Schedule

## Season Pass Holders Exclusive Opening

Must present Season Pass upon entrance.

Date: Friday, May 24  
Time: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Fee: Free with Season Pass

## Splash Grand Opening

Come help us kick off the summer

Date: Saturday, May 25  
Time: 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

## Summer Kick-Off Youth Night

No more school, let's celebrate! Games, drawings, prizes, and music will be included as we say goodbye to the school year and hello to the summer!

Ages: 8 -15  
Date: Sunday, June 2  
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$6

## Father's Day

\$1-off admission for Dads when accompanied by a paying child. Not valid with any other offers or discounts.

Date: Sunday, June 16

## Canned Food Drive

Help benefit N.E.E.D. by bringing in a canned food! \$1-off admission for a canned food donation. Limit one per person. Not valid with any other offers or discounts.

Dates: Sunday (June 23rd) – Saturday (June 29th)

## Youth Night at Bedford Splash

Join us for music, games, and prizes! A fun night out without the parents!

Ages: 13 – 20  
Date: Sunday, July 14th  
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$6

## Back to School Bash Youth Night

Come say goodbye to the summer with games, prizes, and music!

Ages: 13 – 18  
Date: Sunday, August 11  
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$6

## Flick and Float

What a great way to spend a hot summer night! Enjoy a movie at the pool with your family. The giant 16'X21' foot big screen will make you feel like they have installed a pool at the local cinema! Bring your pool noodles and prepare for a great night under the stars. Movie is included in the Splash admission fee so keep your bracelets on (otherwise, \$5 per person at the door). The concession stand will also be open. The Float begins at 8:30 p.m. and the Flick begins at 9 p.m.

Friday, June 14 - Madagascar 3  
Friday, July 19 - Wreck It Ralph  
Friday, August 16 - Brave

## 8th Annual Dog Splash Day & First Annual 2K-Nine

Start off your Saturday morning with a nice walk in the park with your family and 4-legged companions. On Saturday, September 7, the Boys Ranch Activity Center will be hosting their first ever Family Pet Walk, the 2K-Nine. The 2K-Nine is a 1.24 mile walk/run around the beautiful Boy's Ranch Park celebrating your companion's healthy lifestyle and overall unconditional love they bring to us.

Afterwards, give your 4-legged friends a chance to strut their stuff at the 2013 Dog Splash Day at Bedford Splash! We will have a free swim and contests with prizes. Contest will include costume, diving, retrieving, and so much more.

Dogs must have proof of current rabies shots and city license. Pre-registration will end at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 6 (a day before the event).

Date: Saturday, September 7  
Time:  
2K-nine: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Dog Splash: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fee:  
2K-Nine only: \$10  
Splash only: \$5 Per Dog, Owners are Free!  
Package: \$12





# Aquatic Classes and Programs

## Trident Aquatic Boot Camp

This is not your typical Boot Camp. Our camp features 55 minutes of non-stop fat burning workouts that combine both “in and out” of the water exercises and fitness drills.

This training program consists of military style workouts based upon simple yet effective fundamental movement patterns executed at high intensity. Aquatic Boot Camp is intended for all fitness levels with intermediate or advanced swimming experience.

**Age:** 16 to Adult  
**Fee:** \$80  
**Instructor:** Robert “SGT” Johnson  
**Days:** Monday’s & Wednesdays  
7:45 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.  
Saturday’s  
9:45 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.  
**Location:** Central Pool  
**Session 1:** May 13 – June 8  
**Session 2:** June 10 – July 6  
**Session 3:** July 15 – August 10  
**Session 4:** August 12 – September 7

## World’s Largest Swim Lesson

Join the World’s Largest Swim Lesson (WLSL) Team and Help Set a New World Record to Spread the Word - Swimming Lessons Save Lives.

The City of Bedford is a registered WLSL Host Location for the Guinness World Record™ attempt for the World’s Largest Swimming Lesson™ and was a part of the record-breaking attempt in 2013.

**Where:** City of Bedford Splash,  
2817 R.D. Hurt Parkway, Bedford, TX 76021  
**When:** Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Please note the Guinness World Record™ attempt begins at precisely 10 a.m. Everyone participating in the record attempt must be registered prior to the event (Registration dates TBD) and be in position and ready to begin the lesson before the official start time for the lesson.

For more information contact the Athletics / Aquatics Coordinator Michael Radoyevich by email at [michael.radoyevich@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:michael.radoyevich@bedfordtx.gov) or 817-952-2319.

## 10th Anniversary Official Birthday Party (June 21 from 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

### Birthday Hat Craft Day: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us on the pool deck for a fun craft celebration. Decorate your Bedford Splash 10th Birthday Hat. We will have hats available along with decorations, don’t miss out on making your birthday hat. PLUS, you can enter your hat into the Splash Birthday Hat contest 2:00pm and win a 2014 Season Pass. Can’t make it to the Bedford Splash, click here, to download the Bedford Splash 10th Birthday Hat and decorate it at home. Don’t forget to wear it on June 28th at receive the group rate admission and enter it in the Splash Birthday Hat contest!

### Facebook Photo Contest: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Participant must be a fan or “Like” the Boys Ranch Facebook page –<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bedford-Boys-Ranch-and-Activity-Center-BRAC/320444954732195> – and submit a photo of the participants best Splash Birthday moment at the Bedford Splash Water Park. One photo entry per Facebook profile.

### Birthday Cupcakes - FREE while they last - 2:30 p.m.

### Bedford Splash Birthday Games - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Join the Bedford Splash Aquatics staff for an afternoon filled with various water games. (swim relays, belly flop competition, duck races) Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each competition. Come out and show off your competitive side while challenging your friends and family.

### Bedford Splash Karaoke Competition - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Guests will have the opportunity to show off their talent and sing their heart out to their favorite songs. As an added bonus, Bedford Splash will take entries to win a 2014 Season Pass. Entries are accepted until 4:30 p.m. at the Bedford Splash Ticket office and the winner will be announced on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com).

## H2Oasis Swim Program

Bedford Splash and the Boys Ranch Activity Center (BRAC) host the American Red Cross (ARC) 'Learn to Swim' program. The H2Oasis Swim Program offers scheduled classes from preschool to adult, and for all skill levels. All instructors are ARC certified, as well as have a love for aquatics and a passion for teaching. Participants need to hold an ARC certification in the previous level they are enrolling in (with exception of Preschool and Level 1 course) or attend a Lesson Assessment with a Bedford Splash Instructor.

### Private Swim Lessons – Ages 3 years old and up

Private Swim Lessons are 30 minutes in length and are available for all skill levels ages 3 and up. Private Swim Lessons are held outside of normal group lesson times and are set up between the student and aquatic staff.

### Preschool Aquatics Program

Prerequisites:

- No parent accompaniment in the water
- Must be able to leave parent willingly, follow directions, and behave appropriately in a class setting
- Recommended age: 3 – 5 years

Objectives:

Orients children to the aquatic environment and teaches them basic aquatic skills; to gain more comfort and independence; and help children start to gain basic swimming propulsive skills

- Elementary aquatic skills are taught, which children build on as they progress through the Preschool Aquatics program
- Blowing bubbles; submerging mouth, nose and eyes; opening eyes under water and retrieving objects
- Front and back floats with assistance
- Alternating arm and leg actions on front and back
- Fully submerging face and holding breath, and bobbing up and down
- Combined arm and leg actions on front and back

### Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills

Prerequisites:

- No parent accompaniment in the water
- Recommended age: 6 years and up

Objectives:

Helps participants feel comfortable in the water

- Elementary aquatic skills are taught
- Blowing bubbles; submerging mouth, nose and eyes; opening eyes under water and retrieving objects
- Front and back floats with assistance
- Combined arm and leg actions on front and back

### Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills

Prerequisites:

- Level 1 certificate or be able to demonstrate those skills on the first class meeting
- Recommended age: 6 years and up

Objectives:

- Gives participants success with fundamental skills
- Float on front and back independently
- Combined arm and leg actions on front and back independently

- Treading water
- Submerging, holding breath, bobbing and retrieving objects
- Rolling over front to back and back to front

### Level 3: Stroke Development

Prerequisites:

- Level 2 certificate or able to demonstrate skills from Levels 1 and 2 on the first class meeting
- Recommended age: 6 years and up

Objectives:

Builds on Level 2 skills through additional guided practice

- Front crawl and elementary backstroke
- Flutter, scissors, dolphin and breaststroke kicks
- Building on fundamentals of treading water

Individuals must sign-in with Michael Radoyevich 5 - 60 minutes prior to class. Space is limited and open on a first come, first served basis.

for more information and for a schedule of classes visit [bedfordsplash.com/swimlessons](http://bedfordsplash.com/swimlessons).

## NEW- Aqua Pilates plus Power Sculpting

The popularity of Pilates is soaring. Join this fun class and enjoy the benefits of Pilates in the comfort of the water. Elongate muscles while strengthening your core muscle group. Flexibility, balance, posture and endurance are all enhanced. Additionally, we are complimenting your Pilates exercises with power sculpting and power walking. Focus includes thighs, abs, and upper body for a total body workout. Absolutely, the best of all worlds!

Aquatic strength training, abdominal work, and power walking included in each class. This class is recommended for all fitness levels; swimming skills not necessary. Learn how to energize and maximize your health while you exercise and minimize problem areas plus have fun doing it.

Fee: \$24 per session  
Ages: 12 and up  
Instructor: Bev Gammon and Staff  
Days: Saturday morning  
Time: 9:30 a.m.– 10:15 a.m.  
Location: Bedford Splash

Session 1: June 8 – June 29  
Session 2: July 6 – July 27  
Session 3: August 3 – August 24



## Adult Water Walking

Use water resistance to improve muscle tone and increase cardiovascular fitness. This is a great class for anyone wanting a low-impact workout. Work at your own pace. Lifeguards on duty. Buy a one-day pass or an entire summer pass at the Boys Ranch Activity Center. If available, a lane will be provided for lap swimming during this time. No one will be allowed into the facility prior to 8:50 a.m. Passes must be purchased at the Boys Ranch Activity Center.

Age: 16 and up  
Days: Mondays – Thursdays  
Time: 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
Date: May 27 – August 23  
Where: Bedford Splash  
Fee: \$50 for a Season Pass  
\$30 for a Season Pass bought after July 4  
\$5 for a one-day pass

## Water Aerobics/Wellness & Weight Management

Increase flexibility, lean body mass and metabolic rate through water exercise. Instructor, Bev Gammon and staff return to Bedford with the special brand of water aerobics that can help you eliminate those extra pounds and knee and back problems. Learn how to energize and maximize your problem areas, plus HAVE FUN DOING IT!

Fee: \$35 per session  
Ages: 11 and up  
Instructor: Bev Gammon and Staff  
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays  
Time: 6 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.  
Location: Central Pool  
Session 1: June 3 – June 26  
Session 2: July 8 – July 31  
Session 3: August 5 – August 21

## Deep Water Dynamics

Deep-water aerobics offers you a program, which improves overall aerobic fitness, cardio endurance, flexibility, and coordination and promotes the development of muscle strength. Take your workout to the next level with water, power, and resistance! Deep-water exercise is at the top of the charts as far as burning calories! Flotation noodles are provided. Minimal swimming skills and water comfort are recommended (unless you prefer to do this work out in the shallower end of the pool). This class is for all fitness levels. Aquatic strength training and abdominal work are included in all classes.

Fee: \$35 per session  
Ages: 11 and up  
Instructor: Bev Gammon and Staff  
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Time: 6 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.  
Location: Central Pool  
Session 1: June 4 – June 27  
Session 2: July 9 – July 30  
Session 3: August 6 – August 22

## Senior Water Aerobics

A lighter aerobic workout designed especially for the young at heart. Classes include: warm-up, a cardiovascular portion, toning, and stretching.

Fee: \$30  
Instructor: Millie Park  
Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays  
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Central Pool  
Date: May 27 – August 23

## H2OPE Program

H2OPE is a fun, community outreach aquatic water exercise program for children with special needs. H2OPE provides an alternative recreational activity to help meet physical, cognitive and psychosocial needs emphasizing fun, safety and non-competitive and successful experiences. By being grant funded by the Harris Methodist Health Foundation, there is no cost to the caregiver. For more information, please call Bev at 817- 649-SWIM. Classes are held on Saturday mornings from April 6th through October at Harris HEB Physical Therapy Bldg. Questions? Contact: Different Strokes Swim School at 817-649-SWIM.

## Bedford SURF Summer Swim Team

The Bedford SURF Swim Team is a long-time member of the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF), and has produced several Regional and State Champions over the past few years. The team, under the guidance of Head Coach Judy White-Pardee, will practice daily, with some Saturday times, and compete in four local circuit meets, as well as the Regional Championship at season's end. Swimmers with qualifying times will also have the opportunity to compete at the State Meet in Corpus Christi (July 25-28).

Minimum Requirements: Swim unassisted for 25 yards using front crawl stroke and rotary breathing (THIS MEANS SWIM WITH FACE IN THE WATER!).

**Registration:** April 27 - June 15. A copy of each swimmer's birth certificate must be provided at registration. Space is limited.

**Practice Location:** Splash Aquatic Center; an abbreviated practice will begin the first week of May, with full schedule implemented by the end of the month. Two practice sessions will be held daily, Monday - Friday, at 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., with Saturday practices announced via the team website. Each session is an hour, and swimmers will be assigned a specific time by coaching staff, depending on ability.

**Fee:** \$125 per swimmer + applicable State & Regional TAAF dues. This fee includes coaches' fees, lifeguard, and team t-shirt. For those advancing to the State Meet, an additional cost will be incurred (\$7 per event). Team swimsuits are optional, but team caps must be worn at competitions, NO EXCEPTIONS. Caps will be on sale at the general sign-up and through the Head Coach.

Go to [aquaticsdelivery.com](http://aquaticsdelivery.com) for more information.

# American Red Cross Courses

## Junior Lifeguarding

A revision to GuardStart: Lifeguarding Tomorrow, this program is designed to guide adolescents ages 11-14 to the Red Cross Lifeguarding course by building a foundation of knowledge, attitudes, and skills of future lifeguards. It serves to bridge the gap between Learn-to-Swim and Lifeguarding, and includes the following topics:

- Development of swimming skills and endurance
- Victim recognition
- First Aid/CPR/AED
- Water rescue Skills

Fee: \$100  
Ages: 11 -14  
Instructor: ARC Instructor  
Dates: June 10 -14  
Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Daily  
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

## American Red Cross Lifeguard Course

Purpose: To provide entry-level lifeguard participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services personnel take over in aquatic facilities with waterpark features. ATTENDANCE AT ALL SESSIONS IS MANDATORY.

### Prerequisites:

- 1 Minimum of 15 years of age on or before the final scheduled session of the course.
- 2 Swim 300 yards continuously demonstrating breath control and rhythmic breathing. Candidates may swim using the front crawl, breaststroke, or a combination of both but swimming on the back or side is not allowed. Swim goggles may be used.
- 3 Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs. Candidates should place their hands under the armpits.
- 4 Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds:
  - Starting in the water, swim 20 yards. The face may be in or out of the water. Swim goggles are not allowed.
  - Surface dive, feet-first or head-first, to a depth of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.
  - Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point with both hands holding the object and keeping the face at or near the surface so they are able to get a breath. Candidates should not swim the distance under water. Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

Fee: \$225, Students who do not pass prerequisites may request a refund of \$140 days:

Session I May 3, 4, 5, 11, & 12  
Session II July 12, 13, 14, 20, & 21  
Session III August 16, 17, 18, 24, & 25  
Min/Max: 6/10  
Instructor: American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor

## Standard First Aid & CPR

This course covers everything in the Standard CPR course along with the necessary first aid skill set for a variety of conditions including bleeding; injuries to bones, muscles and joints; sudden illness; and heat and cold injuries. Successful participants earn two certificates: American Red Cross (ARC) Community CPR, (valid for 2 years) and ARC Community First Aid (valid for 3 years). There will be a 30-minute break for lunch. Please provide your own lunch, snacks and drinks.

Fee: \$65  
Ages: 13 and up  
Instructor: ARC Instructor  
Dates: April 27  
May 11  
June 15  
July 20  
August 10  
September 21  
Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

## American Red Cross Babysitter's Course

An eight-hour babysitting course covering a variety of topics including: preventing accidents and illnesses, basic first aid, reviewing choking procedures, rescue breathing and making professional decisions in babysitting. The class is 90% participation. All successful participants will receive a babysitting training book the day of class. There will be a 30-minute break for lunch. Please provide your own lunch, snacks and drinks.

Fee: \$60  
Ages: 1 1-15  
Instructor: ARC Instructor  
Dates: April 26  
May 10  
June 14  
July 19  
August 9  
September 6  
Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch



# Boys Ranch Activity Center



## Boys Ranch Activity Center Hours

2801 Forest Ridge  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-952-2323

Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Membership

There are two options for fitness facility memberships. There is the Annual Payment Option which includes your facility card and a Monthly Payment Option which does not include a facility card. If you select the monthly option, it requires the separate purchase of a facility card. The yearly option gives a discounted rate. You must purchase a membership to have use of the fitness facilities.

\*There is a \$5 replacement fee for lost cards.

Annual Payment Option		Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	Facility Card Included	\$125	\$200
Senior	Facility Card Included	\$80	\$120

### Monthly Payment Options

\*Annual Facility Card must be purchased to participate in the gymnasium or access the fitness rooms.

Facility Card (Annual Fee)		Resident	Non-Resident
Youth		\$10	\$24
Adult	(16 - 54 yrs)	\$24	\$50
Senior	(55 yrs and Up)	\$18	\$30

### Fitness Room Fees (Monthly)

\*Youth 16 and younger not admitted to fitness rooms.

Adult	(16 - 54 yrs)	\$15	\$20
Senior	(55 yrs and Up)	\$10	\$15

**All Access Fee: \$5 per day**

## Non-Resident Fee

A non-resident fee of \$5 is charged to all class registrations at the Boys Ranch Activity Center.

## Facility Rental Information

Full payment of both the deposit & rental fee is due at time of booking. A one-week notice is required for all after hour rentals. Non-residents must add \$20 on all rentals.

### Room Rentals:

(\$100.00 deposit)

### Classrooms A, B, and C

One Room	\$35/ hour
Two Rooms	\$45/ hour
Three Rooms	\$55/ hour

### Lobby:

The BRAC lobby is included in all rentals and patrons will be allowed the use all table games during the rental hours.

\***Note:** Food is strictly prohibited in the lobby area. Patrons must reserve a room in order to serve food.

### Gym Rentals:

All gym rentals must be after hours and are a 2 hour minimum.

Full Court	\$45/ hour
Half Court	\$30/ hour
Special Event	\$85/ hour

### Park Pavilion:

Full pavilion \$120 for 6 hours  
+\$100 dollar deposit

\***Note:** Rental times are either 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m or 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

### Hockey Rink Rentals:

All Hockey rink rentals require a 48 hour notice.

Rink rentals w/o lights	\$15/ hour
Rink rentals with lights	\$20/ hour

For more information please call 817-952-2323.

# PROGRAMS AT THE BOYS RANCH

## You Can Oil Paint: For Adults

Even if you've never held a brush or can't draw a straight line, you'll be amazed at the beautiful oil painting you can complete after one fun and easy lesson, with all supplies furnished. Learn composition, perspective, color mixing and simple time-saving techniques with award-winning professional artists Robert & Susan from the Robert Garden School of Art. Bring paper towels and wear an old t-shirt. For more information please call 972-790-5711 or email [susan@robertgardenart.com](mailto:susan@robertgardenart.com).

**Ages:** 14+  
**Instructors:** Susan and Robert Garden  
**Resident:** \$20 per class to Register and \$20 supply fee  
**Non-Resident:** \$25 per class to Register and \$20 supply fee

Wednesday, April 24 from 6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.  
"Van Gogh's Sunflowers"

Wednesday, May 22 from 6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.  
"Mt. Fuji with Cherry Blossoms"

Wednesday, June 19 from 6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.  
"Half Dome at Yosemite with Palette Knife"

Wednesday, July 17 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
"Japanese Gardens with Moon Bridge"

Wednesday August 14 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
"Portrait of a Sea Shell"

Wednesday September 18 from 6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.  
"Sunset on Pt. Isabel Lighthouse"

## Fun Time Live

Fun Time Live is a supervised and safe event filled with fun and entertainment for youth from third grade to eighth grade. Fun Time Live meets on Saturday nights **during the school year**. Concessions are available. Call 972-772-6000 or visit the website at [funtimelive.com](http://funtimelive.com) for more information.

**Day:** Every Saturday Night (during the school year)  
**Time:** 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$9 per person



## Electric/RC Airplane models

Do you have, or ever been interested in, an electric or RC powered airplane model or helicopter? Then this is the group for you! Meeting directly after the Bedford Flyers group, this group embraces some of the highly technical designs in model aircrafts. There are no membership requirements, just a quick registration form with your contact information to inform you of gym closures or announcements. Meeting for over seven years now in our facility, this group meets from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. every Thursday. For more information please contact Rodney Taylor at [rodtaylor33@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rodtaylor33@sbcglobal.net) or call 817-571-1601.



## Bedford Flyers

Do you have an interest in model airplanes?

This club has been meeting for over 25 years each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Most participants have been involved in some type of aviation, whether through their careers or by hobby. Models include hand-launched gliders, rubber powered microfilm, rubber, CO2, and electric powered scale and endurance models.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of contact Vic Larsen at [mileshawk@comcast.net](mailto:mileshawk@comcast.net) or call 817-430-1121.

## Adventures in Art Camp

Join the fun in this fun and inspiring art camp where your young artist will complete 8 beautiful art projects using fine art principles and 5 different mediums; oil, acrylic, watercolor, oil pastels and charcoal. Basic fundamentals of color mixing, perspective, composition and brush strokes will be taught by professional artists from the Robert Garden School of Art. All supplies are furnished. Your child will have amazing finished masterpieces they are proud to frame and display. Wear an old shirt and bring a roll of paper towels and a snack.

**Age:** 5 to 13 years  
**Instructor:** Robert Garden School of Art Certified Instructors  
**Fee:** \$55  
**Supply Fee:** \$60 payable to instructor  
**Session I:** Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 13  
9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
**Session II:** Monday, July 15 - Thursday, July 18  
2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

## Animal Drawing Workshop

Kids love to draw animals! We will imagine ourselves at the zoo as we learn to draw a variety of different animals. On the first and second days, giraffes, lions, tigers, birds and more will be drawn. Our final day will result in one large scene of the zoo, divided into several habitats and incorporating the many animal friends we have learned to draw. Markers or color pencils will complete both our realistic and graphic style drawings.

**Age:** 5 to 12 years  
**Date:** June 18 - 20  
**Time:** 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts  
**Fee:** \$52

## Rock Out Workshop

For every child who dreams of partying like a rock star, Young Rembrandts offers its Rock Out! workshop. It's five days of artistic, rock and roll imagery. During the opening act, students will draw stylized instruments. And the party never seems to end as we illustrate close-up portraits of rock stars on the second day. Then it's time for a change of tune as we create rock-inspired cartoons on the third day. Rocking-out musicians will be the headlining act on the fourth day. And finally, it's time to hit the stage as we draw an awesome concert scene to close out our last day of class. Long live rock and roll, sign up today.

**Age:** 5 to 12 years  
**Date:** July 8 - 12  
**Time:** 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts  
**Fee:** \$86

## Young Rembrandts Elementary Drawing Class

Young Rembrandts provides an engaging, creative environment for your child to discover and develop his or her drawing skills. Our elementary-age curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. We give them skills to express their creativity, and believe that all children can, and should, learn to draw. We provide all materials and teach new lessons each week in a positive and nurturing environment, which brings out the best in each child.

**Age:** 5 to 12 years  
**Day:** Mondays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Date:** April 1, 8, 15, 22  
April 29, May 6, 13, 20  
June 3, 10, 17, 24  
July 8, 15, 22, 29  
August 5, 12, 19, 26  
September 9, 16, 23, 30  
October 7, 14, 21, 28  
November 4, 11, 18, 25  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts  
**Resident:** \$46  
**Non-resident:** \$51

## NEW Household Pets Summer Art Workshop

Our students will be elated as we celebrate our cuddly friends in the new Household Pets workshop. We'll draw a stylized aquarium graphic, a detailed birdcage, amusing cartoon images, realistic renderings of various household pets, and on the last day of class, we will create a wonderful pet-inspired, pastel illustration.

**Age:** 5 to 12 years  
**Date:** June 24 - 28  
**Time:** 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts  
**Fee:** \$86

## NEW Superhero Cartoon Drawing Workshop

Pow! Bang! Wow! Now you can learn to draw your own comic book superhero. Each day we will complete several drawings while we explore a variety of characters. We will learn to draw the basic muscular superhero body and adapt it to the character of our choice.

**Age:** 5 to 12 years  
**Date:** July 15 - 18  
**Time:** 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts  
**Fee:** \$69

## NEW Monster Cartoon Workshop

Boys and girls are going to love these inventive, original and playful monsters! Learn to draw wild faces, exaggerated features and scary bodies. Children will learn a variety of basic cartoon techniques, while enjoying the fun our creatures offer.

**Age:** 5 to 12 years  
**Date:** July 29 - August 1  
**Time:** 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts  
**Fee:** \$69

## Anime Cartoon Workshop

Come explore the world of Anime with Young Rembrandts! We will spend five days learning about and drawing cartoons in the Anime style. We will learn to create our own original Anime characters. We will use a variety of facial expressions and action and movement to illustrate our scenes. On the final day, we will pull from what we already learned to draw a large comic book type scene in the Anime style.

**Age:** 5 to 12 years  
**Date:** August 5 - August 9  
**Time:** 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts  
**Fee:** \$86



## NEW Truck Exploration Extravaganza

Have you ever seen a child's eyes light up as a fire truck or a bulldozer goes by? Our truck exploration extravaganza event will allow participants young and old to get a closer look at some of the vehicles used around the city. Come on down to the Boys Ranch Park and enjoy exploring, asking questions, and get a unique experience with the machinery used around the city.

**Date:** Saturday, June 15  
**Time:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
**Age:** All ages welcome  
**Cost:** Free

## Puppy Kindergarten

This four week class is a must for all puppies. Learn all the basic commands plus participate in those early development phases that are so important for a well socialized adult. Any puppy 12 weeks to eight months can join.

**Age:** Adult must accompany children  
**Day:** Saturdays  
**Date:** May 29 - June 19  
**Time:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Anne O'Neill  
**Resident:** \$105 per dog/human team  
**Non-resident:** \$110 per dog/human team

## Survival Raft

Bear Grylls eat your heart out! This event will test your team work, creativity, and innovation to create a vessel out of the only things available. Teams will have 30 minutes to construct a boat out of the materials given them on the day of. After your boat is built one lucky team member will get to put it to a test in a race at the Splash water park.

**Date:** Saturday August 10  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 11a.m.  
**Age:** 10 years old and older  
**Cost:** \$40 per team (Max 6 people per team)

## Classical Cooking with Chef Morris

Executive Chef at the Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria. Proceeds will go to the Elderly and Children Charity Foundation. Learn how to flavor and present your food with the most simple techniques you will be learning about braising different kinds of meats with fresh vegetables and the use of fresh herbs and spices. You will learn how to use seasonal fruits to make your healthy salads and yummy desserts. Limited seating, 50 students per class. Students will be able to sample all foods during the cooking class.

**Where:** Boys Ranch Activity Center  
**Age:** 7+  
**Date:** May 25, June 29, and September 28  
**Time:** 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** 7 - 18 years old \$18  
 19 - 64 years old \$25  
 65+ \$20



## Best Manners Workshop

This four week class is a great workshop if you are just starting out with training or looking to take things to the next level. We will focus on the basic commands: Sit, Stay, Coming when Called and Leash Walking as well as problem behaviors such as pulling on the leash and not jumping up. (no aggressive dogs allowed)

**Age:** Adult must accompany children  
**Days:** Mondays  
**Date:** July 22 - August 12  
**Time:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Anne O'Neill  
**Resident:** \$105 per dog/human team  
**Non-resident:** \$110 per dog/human team

## Skateboarding Basics

Do you have a child that is interested in skateboarding but just don't know where to start? This is the class for you. Skateboarding basics focuses on balance, and maneuverability on skateboards. Each class will focus on building the confidence of each rider and their abilities to push, turn, and stop safely on a skateboard. This class is not advanced enough for trick instruction but is designed more for beginners.

**Date:** April 24 - May 15  
**Day:** Wednesdays  
**Time:** 4 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.  
**Age:** 5 to 10 years old  
**Cost:** \$30 per session (4 weeks)

## NEW Moving With Science

Discover how science moves the world around you! This camp covers multiple areas of science, from biology, to engineering, to chemistry. Campers build bridges and other structures one day, then build a camera obscura the next. They dissect owl pellets, grow crystal gardens, and so much more! Each day of camp includes activities where campers create amazing things to take home with them.

**Age:** 7 - 11 years old  
**Time:** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Date:** June 24 - 28  
**Instructor:** Mad Science  
**Fee:** \$164 per session to Register



## NEW Forensics Lab (a la CSI)

Campers take part in CSI style forensics in this hands-on look at crime scenes. Identify and collect evidence, from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Recreate the scene of a crime using clues and detailed observations. Campers will use science to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in this hands-on investigation into the science of sleuthing.

**Age:** 6 - 11 years old  
**Time:** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Date:** August 5 - 9  
**Instructor:** Mad Science  
**Fee:** \$164 per session to Register

## Jo-Ann Little Dancers Ballet & Tap

Students will develop rhythm, poise, and coordination while learning the fundamentals of ballet & tap. This class will create group interaction skills and support your child's self-esteem and positive image. Ballet shoes, leotards, and tights are required for all dance classes. Tap shoes are also required.

**Age:** 3 - 5  
**Day:** Wednesdays  
**Time:** 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. or  
5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

**Age:** 6 - 12  
**Day:** Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sophia Ingram  
**Resident:** \$38  
**Non-resident:** \$43  
**Sessions:** June 5, 12, 19, 26  
July 10, 17, 24, 31  
August 7, 14, 21, 28

## NEW STEM Genius - Science and Technology

This summer dig into STEM to be even smarter when you return to school in the Fall. You will love discovering more about Science (Understanding Nature), and Technology (Modifying the World to improve human comfort. HAVE LOTS OF FUN and learn at the same time.

Every day team up with friends to strengthen your understanding of energy sources, structures, ocean mechanics, and much more through hands-on experiments. You'll even take home a project each day.

**Age:** 6 - 11 years old  
**Time:** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Date:** July 22 - 26  
**Instructor:** Mad Science  
**Fee:** \$164 per session to Register

## NEW Robot Mania

Learn all about the use of robotics in our world today and how technology will continue to affect our future! Campers will check out sound sensing robots, line tracking robots, amphibious robots, and even robots that play soccer. They will delve into the science of circuits and sensors. Over the course of the camp, they will build their very own working robot to take home!.

**Age:** 7 - 11 years old  
**Time:** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Date:** August 12 - 16  
**Instructor:** Mad Science  
**Fee:** \$164 per session to Register + \$25 Robot fee due to instructor on first day of camp.

## Jazz/Hip Hop Dance Classes

Students will learn the basics of jazz and hip-hop technique and style. Students will learn how to stretch properly, learn to canter floor combinations, turns and work two dance routines. Dancers should wear black jazz shoes or sneakers along with dance wear or comfortable street clothes.

**Age:** 6 - 12  
**Time:** 7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

**Sessions:** June 5, 12, 19, 26  
July 10, 17, 24, 31  
August 7, 14, 21, 28

**Resident:** \$38  
**Non-resident:** \$43  
**Age:** 13 - 17  
**Time:** 7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sessions:** June 5, 12, 19, 26  
July 10, 17, 24, 31  
August 7, 14, 21, 28

## Jazzercise

Burn up to 600 calories in 60 minutes, see real results and have fun doing it. Every 60 minute class includes a gentle warm-up, a 30 minute aerobic workout, muscle toning and strengthening segment and a stretch finale. START ANYTIME! Pick a class, come to the Ranch 10-15 minutes early, and register or sign-up online at [www.jazzercise.com](http://www.jazzercise.com). Your class pass allows you to come to an unlimited number of classes. Wear comfortable clothing that is cool and non-restrictive. For more information contact Ann at 817-715-9890 or email [ann@inhousedev.com](mailto:ann@inhousedev.com) or contact Maureen at 817-577-3692.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 a.m.*	9 a.m.*	9 a.m.*	9 a.m.*	9 a.m.*	9 a.m.*
4:30p.m.*		4:30 p.m.*			
5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.		
6:35 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	6:05 p.m.		

\*Childcare is available for \$1 per child. Please call for evening childcare schedule.

Joining Fee:	\$40
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - No Binding Contracts	\$39/month
Senior EFT	\$35/month
Walk-ins	\$15 per class (cash or check)

## Personal Touch

This unique approach to personal training helps participants get the most from their workout experience. Personal Touch meets twice a week. Class sizes are small to increase fitness success.

These small group weight training sessions are designed to improve strength and tone muscles. The personalized approach encourages exercise consistency and the attainment of fitness goals. The instructor is a certified Personal Trainer.

Please contact Ann at 817-715-9890 or email [ann@inhousedev.com](mailto:ann@inhousedev.com) for further information.

## Yoga For Seniors (55+)

Come try this unique class that combines therapeutic principles with yoga and see if it's right for you. Yoga for Seniors is a class that is specifically designed for people 55 years and older. It honors the changes in the body as you age, challenging you in a safe manner. You will explore gentle, non-traditional postures to strengthen common areas of weakness, learn proper breathing techniques to give you energy and vitality, and discover basic meditation to help calm and focus your mind.

No previous yoga experience required. You must be able to get on and off the floor. Please bring your own yoga mat. Sessions are six weeks long and classes occur on Mondays and Wednesdays. Register for one or two classes per week. [www.happymovements.com](http://www.happymovements.com)

<b>Age:</b>	55 years and up
<b>Day:</b>	Monday and Wednesday
<b>Time:</b>	10 a.m. - 11a.m.
<b>Start Date:</b>	June 10 - July 17 July 29 - September 4 September 16 - October 23
<b>Instructor:</b>	Natasha Carter, LAT, ATC, RYT
<b>Resident:</b>	\$54 (6 classes)
<b>Non-Resident:</b>	\$59 (6 classes)
<b>Resident:</b>	\$87 (12 classes)
<b>Non-Resident:</b>	\$92 (12 classes)



## Soccer Tots

This pre-k aged class focuses on the basics of soccer. Children will learn the importance of fitness, listening to a coach, working together as a team, and improve their coordination. Soccer Tots will help them take the next step as they move into programs that have game time situations. Players should wear athletic shoes, comfortable clothing, and bring their own ball.

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesdays
<b>Time:</b>	10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. April 24 - May 15
<b>Age:</b>	2 to 5 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$20 per session (4 weeks)

## Qi-Gong Tai-Chi Wellness

Qi-Gong is an energy cultivation style. Tai-Chi is a low impact form of exercise that includes body tune up, stretching and art forms. The combined result is a high energy program that promotes total physical and mental wellness. Great for a midday recharge and much more. Seniors welcome! Class meets twice per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Start any time with Texas Licensed Instructor, John Valenti, who also offers private and group private lessons.

**Age:** Best suited for ages 40 and up  
**Instructor:** John Valenti  
**Resident:** \$92 a month twice per week  
**Non-resident:** \$97 a month twice per week  
**Time:** 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Day:** Tuesdays and Thursdays  
**Date:** April 2  
 May 2  
 June 4  
 July 2  
 August 1  
 September 3

## NEW Zumba Latin Dance Fitness/ Aqua Zumba

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health.

### Class Schedules:

Tuesday 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Aqua Zumba (pool)  
 Thursday 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Zumba (BRAC)  
 Friday 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Circuit (BRAC)  
 Saturday 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Aqua Zumba (pool)  
 Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Toning (BRAC)

### Fees:

Walk-ins \$7 (+ \$5 for Non-Residents)  
 10 Classes \$39 (+ \$5 for Non-Residents)

**Instructor:** Jay Janolo (469-684-1767)

**Website:** [www.jjanolo.zumba.com](http://www.jjanolo.zumba.com)



## Qi-Gong Kung Fu

Qi-Gong is an energy cultivation style. Kung Fu is a high impact form of exercise that includes body tune up, stretching and art forms. The combined result is a high energy program that promotes total physical athleticism, discipline and wellness. Start any time. Private and group private lessons are available.

### Adult Class

**Age:** 12 to adult  
**Day:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** Resident - \$77 a month per person  
 Non-resident - \$82

**Date:** April 2  
 May 2  
 June 4  
 July 2  
 August 1  
 September 3

### Kids Class

**Age:** 6 to 11 years  
**Day:** Tuesdays and Thursdays  
**Time:** 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Fee:** Resident - \$72 a month per person  
 Non-resident - \$77

**Date:** April 2  
 May 2  
 June 4  
 July 2  
 August 1  
 September 3

## Elite Boot Camp Fitness

Elite Boot Camp Fitness consists of authentic military style workouts based upon simple yet effective fundamental movement patterns executed at high intensity. These workouts deliver time-tested and measurable health and fitness results. We encourage you to push yourself, but we don't harass you. If you want verbal abuse, join the military! For positive reinforcement, however, come and enjoy the camaraderie of non-competitive group workout at Elite Boot Camp Fitness.

Visit [elitebootcampfitness.com](http://elitebootcampfitness.com) for more information about this program.

**Ages:** 16 - Adults  
**Instructor:** Robert Johnson & Michelle Brooks  
**Fee:** Resident - \$80 per month  
 Non-resident - \$85 per month

**Where:** Outdoors (indoors when it's below 45 or above 90 degrees, and during inclement weather)

**Dates:** May 13 - June 8  
 June 10 - July 6  
 July 15 - August 10  
 August 12 - September 7  
 September 16 - October 12

**First Platoon** Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Second Platoon** Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

# Bedford Public Library

## Our Community's Front Porch



### Babygarden

This small-group setting provides parents/caregivers and babies with physical closeness and a shared enjoyment of reading. Online registration is required for this program at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org).

**Registration:** May 30 - June 1  
June 27 - 30  
August 1 - 3

**Day:** Thursdays

**Time:** **Sprouts/Prewalkers**  
10:50 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

**Age:** Birth to 24 months

**Location:** Storytime Theatre

### Twozees

For the young and the restless, 24 - 36 months. This program is for active two year olds, recent Babygarden graduates, and their parents/caregivers. Join Ms. Carrie for a magical, musical good time using books, songs, finger plays, flannel boards, and videos.

**Day:** Thursdays

**Time:** 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Location:** Storytime Theatre

### Saturday Story Time for the Family

This program is for the whole family to share rhymes, finger plays, crafts, and stories.

**Date:** Saturday, April 27 Rainy Days  
Saturday, June 22 Lions & Lambs  
Saturday, July 27 Dinosaurs  
Saturday, August 24 Our Imagination

**Time:** 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Location:** Storytime Theatre

### Read2Rover

Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs encourages children to read by providing a non-judgmental listener. This relationship between child and dog enables the child to gain a positive attitude about reading, improve reading skills, build confidence, and enjoy reading. No appointment necessary.

**When:** Fourth Sunday of the month

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Location:** Storytime Theatre

### The Story Spot

This program is for active preschoolers and their parents/caregivers. Story time incorporates rhymes, finger plays, stories, and puppetry.

**Day:** Tuesdays (no program on May 7)

**Time:** 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. or  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Age:** Two years and older

**Location:** Story Time Theater

### Summer Movie Madness

Check [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org) for movie listings.

**Date:** Tuesdays and Fridays in June and July

**Time:** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Location:** Storytime Theatre

### Mommy and Me: Tea Party

We are celebrating spring with a special story time soirée for Mommy/Caregiver and their children. Enjoy tea and light refreshments at this elegant event. Dress-up is encouraged. Reservations is limited and begins April 15 online at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org). Call 817-952-2373 for details.

**Date:** May 7

**Time:** 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 per couple

**Location:** South Meeting Room



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2424 Forest Ridge Drive  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-952-2350

For Library hours go to [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org) or call 817-952-2350.

**General Information Recording**  
817-952-2350

**Information Desk**  
817-952-2346

**Youth Services**  
817-952-2374

**Circulation/Overdues**  
817-952-2350

**Administration**  
817-952-2330

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## Brick by Brick Fundraiser

Preserve your family name, honor a loved one, recognize a business or give a lasting gift to someone special by ordering an engraved brick to enhance the outdoor settings at the new Bedford Public Library.

All funds raised with the Brick by Brick Fundraiser will go to the Capital Campaign. Bricks can be ordered at the Bedford Public Library. Order forms can be downloaded at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org).

## Public PC Access & WiFi

Computers are available at the library for free Internet and word processing access. Laptop owners can enjoy Wi-Fi access free with a Bedford Library card.

## Computer Classes for Lifelong Learners

Internet searching? Email? Attachments? We offer Beginner and Internet Searching classes free so you can become knowledgeable computer users utilizing the Library's Learning Express tutorials and other resources. Prerequisite: know how to use a mouse and type. No registration required.

**Date:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

## Low Vision Support Group

This monthly program is for those diagnosed with low vision or for family and friends concerned about low vision issues. This friendly group will provide education, support, and socialization for those with low vision.

**Date:** Third Thursday of the Month  
**Time:** 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
**Location:** Bonnie Finn Room

## Flute Choir Concert

Come and enjoy Flutissimo Flute Choir's performance entitled "Give Me That Old Time Religion." The ensemble will WOW you with a variety of sacred and just-feelin'-good music. This concert is free and family friendly.

**Date:** Thursday, May 9  
**Time:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Meeting Room

## Special Thanks to the Bedford Library 2013 Mardi Gras Gala Sponsors

Gold Level	Purple Level	Green Level	Casino Sponsors
    Jim & Wynette Griffin	  Ralph & Deborah Chaney	  Michael & Sheila Boyter  Sarah Sisson	  

## Do you Mango?

Have you ever wanted to connect with people and cultures by learning a second language?

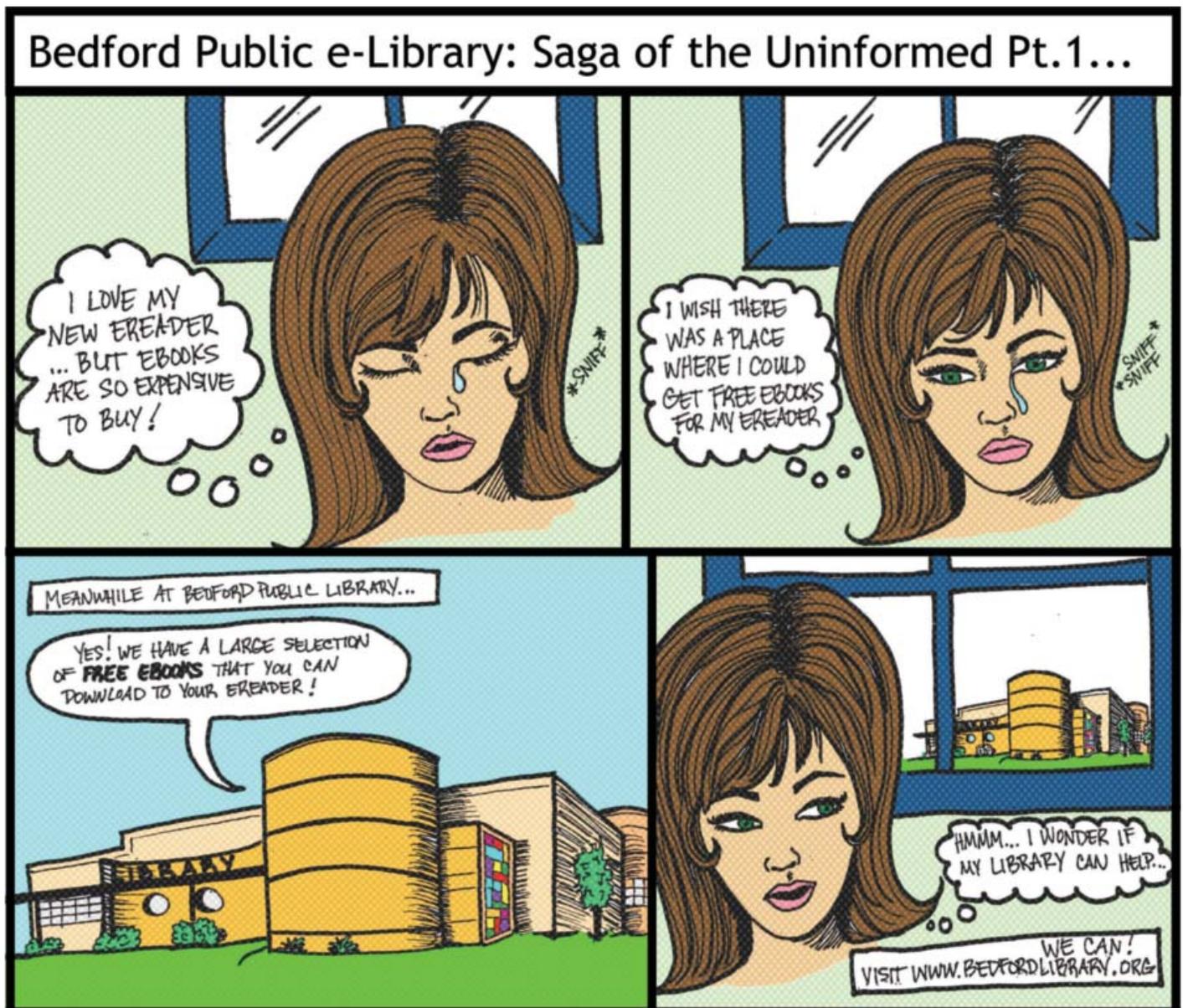
The Bedford Public Library is now offering free on-line language lessons through Mango Languages.

This new program is a fresh practical way to learn a language by combining everyday conversation skills, memory-building strategies and interactivity.

Over 40 foreign languages to explore and 15 ESL courses taught in your native language. The collection includes Spanish, German, French, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Biblical Hebrew, and many, many others.

Learn anytime and anywhere with remote access and free Mobile apps. Keep your child's language skills up during the summer months. It's easy, it's fun, and it's engaging!

Sign up for Mango Languages through [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org)



## Bedford Public Library Volunteers of the Year

The Bedford Public Library is fortunate to have a devoted team of adult and teen volunteers. Each year we take time to thank all of our volunteers and recognize a few individuals. The Bedford Public Library proudly presents the 2012 Teen Volunteer of the Year Award to Jose Tanon-Rodriguez and the Adult Volunteer of the Year is awarded to both Jim Davis and Deborah Allbach. These individuals have donated their time, talents and energy to proudly promote the Bedford Library and its services.

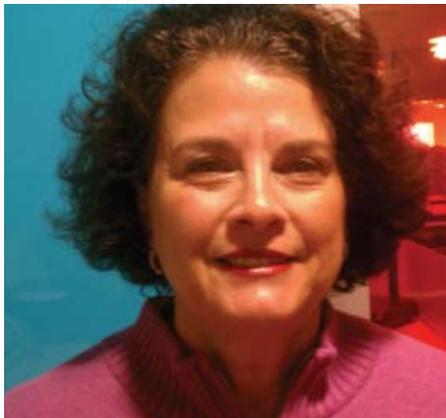
Jose Tanon-Rodriguez started as a Summer Reading Club Teen Volunteer for the Bedford Public Library in May 2011. Although most teens only volunteer a few hours each week during the summer, Jose quickly became an integral part of the Library's volunteer team working nearly every day. Not only did Jose complete the usual tasks of shelving books and cleaning, Jose soon started writing and performing puppet shows for the children at the Library.



Jose Tanon-Rodriguez

Jose is a currently a senior at Trinity High School. In November of 2012, Jose performed in Trinity High School's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Jose credits the experience he gained performing shows at the Library in getting a part in the play. He continues to volunteer in his spare time and currently his smiling face can be seen co-hosting the Bedford Public Library's Virtual Tour which can be viewed at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org).

Next year Jose will be away at college. His goals are to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Acting and a Master's in Film and TV. We know that because Jose is such a positive person and a hard worker, he will be successful in whatever he chooses to do in the future.



Deborah Allbach

Deborah Allbach has been a library volunteer since 2009. Deborah began by shelving books that were recently returned so that they are available once again for patrons to check out. Deborah continues to shelve several hours a week.

Deborah's dedication led her to assist with other volunteer opportunities. One of Deborah's most memorable moments in volunteering was helping us move into our new location on Forest Ridge. She says that she was very proud to be a part of this process and assisting in making the transition.

In 2012, Deborah was selected as a member of the Library Advisory Board. The Library Advisory Board meets once a month. Last year and continuing into 2013, Deborah has been serving as the Library Advisory Board Secretary. The board represents the citizens of Bedford and has assisted in formulating the 2013-2018 Business Plan.

The Library Advisory Board updates our Library policies and assists in writing the Library Satisfaction Survey. Deborah facilitated many Library Focus Groups with the community when the library was seeking input from our patrons. She is frequently seen helping out at many of the Library special events. The Library can always depend on Deborah to help out in a variety of ways.

Jim Davis is an active member of the Library's Adult Volunteer program. Jim started volunteering in 2011 as a shelver returning items back to the shelves making them available to circulate again. It did not take Jim long to see that the Library's Volunteer Coordinator, Cynthia Reid, needed help with training volunteers. He approached Cynthia to see if she would like him to become the Library's Volunteer Trainer.

Jim educated himself about the history of the Library and developed a curriculum for training new volunteers. He trains volunteers in both shelving and disc cleaning. Jim not only trains our new volunteers but he also gives each one a tour along with a brief history of the Library. Due to his dedication, Cynthia is able to process volunteers faster since she can depend on Jim to train them.

Jim has been an enormous help to the Library. He always find some new way to help out whether it is shredding papers, oiling book trucks, greeting patrons, or emptying trash cans. No task is too small for Jim and his positive attitude makes everyone smile!



Jim Davis

The Library is very grateful for all of our volunteers, both Teen and Adult. Without the time, talent and dedication of these individuals we would not have been able to accomplish all that we have done including being a finalist for Library Journal's Library of the Year Award and winning the Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year from the Texas Library Association.

For information on volunteering please visit the website at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org) or stop by the Library. We look forward to meeting with you.

# Summer Fun at the Library

## Why Public Library Summer Reading Programs are Important

Fostering literacy skills is the business of libraries. We have books, magazines, comic books, computers, and programs which enhance literacy skills. We offer year round programs for children (birth through preschool) which expose them to literacy-related activities which aid significantly in literacy development.

During the summer months, libraries provide free programming for school aged children which stimulate curiosity and provide access to the performing arts. All across America, libraries host Summer Reading Clubs (SRC) for children, teens, and adults. The reason: to keep reading a daily activity in your family's summer months. SRC provides incentives and rewards for reading.

The children's theme for Bedford Public Library's SRC 2013 is "Dig into Reading." Early SRC registration is May 1- May 23 at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org). Early registrants and their families will be able to attend the "Member Only Night," Friday, May 24 at the City of Bedford's SPLASH Water Park!

## More Family Fun at the BPL

**Wednesday, July 3** TCC Northeast Theater Group presents: Summer Reading Musical--"Reading is Alive" 1:30-2:00 pm

**Saturday, July 13** Nancy Burks Worchester (puppeteer/ventriloquist) 1:30 p.m.

## Club House Shows

Free weekly fun for school-aged children!

June 6	Bongo Rod
June 13	Art by Jared Paul Wilson
June 20	Ronald McDonald Show
June 27	Mad Science
July 11	Blacklands Prairie Raptors of Texas
July 18	Todd McKinney Comedy & Magic for Kids
July 25	Zooniversity

**Date:** Thursdays, June & July  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Meeting Room

## Legos at the Library - NEW

Do you have a LEGO enthusiast who can spend hours engrossed in creative building? Then join the Bedford Public Library's SRC LEGO LEAGUE for kids ages 6-12. This is a great environment for your kids to make new friends, use their imaginations, and work through challenges. Different building themes each time we meet. Children, ages 6-12 should be accompanied by an adult. We supply the LEGOs. Registration is not required.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, June 12, July 10 and August 14  
**Time:** 2:00-3:30 pm  
**Dates:** Saturdays, June 22, July 27 August 24  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
**Location:** Storytime Theatre



## WordPress

The Bedford Public Library is pleased to sponsor a monthly meeting on social media marketing.

To learn more about this free program visit [wordpressmidcitiesgroup.com](http://wordpressmidcitiesgroup.com)

**Day:** First Saturday of the Month  
**Time:** 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Location:** South Meeting Room

## Job Searchers Club

Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County hosts a Job Club at the Library. The Club is designed to assist people in finding job leads to obtain employment. For additional information contact Patt Dreyer 817-501-0418.

**Day:** Second & Fourth Tuesday of the Month  
**Time:** 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Bonnie Finn Room

## Bedford Library Friend's: "Bazaar"

Crafts, new and used treasures, Swap Meet.

**Day:** Saturday, October 19

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Location:** Pennington Field

For booth information visit [bedfordbazaar.com](http://bedfordbazaar.com) or contact Jim at 817-271-7107.

## Bedford Library Stitchers

This monthly program provides an opportunity for stitchers of different skill levels and techniques to gather for sharing and learning. No registration is required. Contact Sue Countryman at 817-577-0406 for program details.

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Date:** Second Saturday of the Month

Third Tuesday of the Month

**Location:** Bonnie Finn Board Room



## Bookworms Book Club

Enjoy reading? Then you will enjoy the Bedford Book-Worms' lively literary discussions. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month.

**Date:** Third Thursday of the Month

**Time:** 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Bonnie Finn Room

## BPL Writers Circle

*There's a new spot in town for writers.* The Library is sponsoring a free program for writers of all genres. Meet twice a month to fine-tune your craft and help others do the same.

**Date:** First and Third Sunday of the Month

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Location:** Bonnie Finn Board Room

# JUST FOR TEENS

## Teen Volunteer Opportunities

The Library has many roles in which teens (13 – 17 years of age) can serve their community, earn work experience, CAS/NHS hours, and have fun.

Just a few of the teen tasks for summer 2013 are:

- Teen Zone Gaming/Coordinator – setting up gaming equipment and overseeing the Teen Zone
- Discovery Room – Craft monitors: help children work on craft projects
- Summer Reading Club – help families register and record Summer Reading hours, hand out prizes

Applications for Summer Teen Volunteers will be available April 1 – May 17 online [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org) or at the Children's Information Desk. For teen volunteering, contact Mary Woodward at 817-952-2372 or by email at [mary.woodward@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:mary.woodward@bedfordtx.gov).

Teen Tutor Volunteer applications will be available August 1 – September 14. Teens with GPAs of 3.0 or greater, Pre AP, NHS, or IB are encouraged to apply. This is an academic year program.

## SUMMER READING CLUB 4 Teens

Register online at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org) to record your time reading this summer. If you read over 40 hours during the summer you will be eligible to win prizes.

**Date:** June 1 – July 31

## NEW! Second Saturdays Teen Events

Introducing Second Saturdays for Teens @ Bedford Public Library! The Library will host free teens-only programs on the second Saturday of every month. May is Zombie Awareness Month, so join us on May 11 for Living Dead in the Library. On June 8, learn all about geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt using the global positioning system. More events are planned for July 13 and the rest of the year.

April 13 - Gaming Tournament

May 11 - Zombies!

June 8 - Geocaching. High-tech treasure hunt

July 13 - To be announced

Some events may require registration, please visit [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org) for full details.



## Find a Job at the Library

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Bedford Public Library offers computer basics classes specifically designed for job seekers! These monthly classes will teach you crucial job hunting etiquette, how to write an effective cover letter and resume, as well as introduce you to valuable job hunting resources.

### 1st Tuesday from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Job Searching with Library Resources

We will highlight the Library's online resources that will help you with your job search. We will explore some or all of the following resources in each class: JobView, Job & Career Accelerator, ResumeMaker, and Learning Express Library.

### 3rd Tuesdays from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Job Searching Q&A

This is a chance for you to come in with any questions you have about your job search, be it about the application, the resume, the search itself, etc. There is no 'structure' to the class; it's simply a chance for you to come in, ask questions, and get help on your road to employment.

### Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

#### 1st Wednesday - Resumes & Cover Letters

Learn how to write effective resumes and cover letters.

#### 2nd Wednesday - Computer Basics

We will learn beginner-level interactions with computers. This class is intended for those with very little to no experience using computers.

#### 3rd Wednesday - Resumes & Cover Letters

Learn how to write effective resumes and cover letters.

#### 4th Wednesday - Microsoft Word for Beginners

Learn how to use Microsoft Word to create documents like resumes and cover letters.

## TumbleBooks

The Bedford Public Library is pleased to now offer TumbleBookLibrary and TumbleBookCloud Junior to our patrons. TumbleBooks are a collection of online books available through our website. Books come to life through animated characters, stories, and games. The collection features ebooks, storybooks, non-fiction books, read-alongs, graphic novels, puzzles/games, and videos. Interactive experiences foster a love of reading and enhance comprehension. The TumbleBookLibrary offers books and activities geared towards children 3-8 years, and TumbleBookCloud Junior is tailored to 2nd – 6th graders. In both collections many titles feature the Lexile level and Accelerated Reader ratings as well as quizzes that children can take after reading or listening to a book. Access to TumbleBooks is free and available online from all public computers in the Library or from home through the link at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org).

## eBooks For Your eReader

It's a well-publicized fact known to librarians and library staff, according to Pew Internet statistics, that only about 31 percent of the general population knows whether or not their library offers eBooks. Guess what? Bedford Public Library does lend eBooks (and has since 2008)!

In partnership with North Texas Libraries on the Go and Overdrive, Bedford Public Library has a large catalog of popular eBooks in a myriad of genres, fiction and nonfiction! To take a look, click on the "eBooks" link under Readers Corner on the Library homepage, [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org).

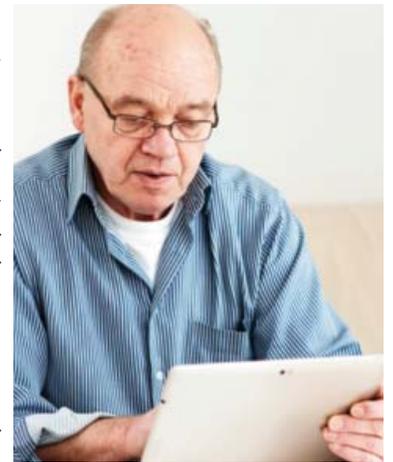
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In addition, free non-fiction, educational eBooks are available through our TexShare online databases, including the Learning Express Library!

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For a list of more websites that offer free e-reading, go to the Library's website, [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org), click 'InfoZone', choose 'Books & Literature', and scroll down to 'eBooks'.



## Tackle Common Legal Issues with Confidence

Legal Information Reference Center is now at Bedford Public Library and online at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org). You can find "how-to" legal instructions with the Legal Information Reference Center! Find the legal information and forms you need to start a business, get a divorce, sell a house, write a will, save on taxes, and much more. Quickly search through 300 consumer-level reference books and almost 13,000 state-specific legal forms offering easy-to-understand information and tools to help you tackle common legal issues with skill and confidence.

Get help with:

- Bankruptcy
- Child custody
- Criminal law
- Divorce
- Estate planning
- Family law
- Financial planning
- First-time homeowners
- Foreclosure
- Landlord/tenant guides
- Patents
- Personal injury/disability
- Property & real estate
- Rights & disputes
- Small claims court
- Tax deductions
- U.S. Citizenship
- Wills
- Worker's compensation
- Workplace rights

To use the Legal Reference Information Center online, either at the Library or from anywhere else, please visit [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org).

## Library Foundation's Christmas Fest

The Craft sale features gifts and crafts suitable for all on your gift-giving list.

**Date:** Saturday, November 16  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Meeting room & Lobby

Vendors and crafters for details contact Patt Dreyer 817-501-0418.

Booths on sale now- \$25  
Contact 817-952-2350 or at the Information Desk.

## Bedford Library Friends Book Sale

Calling all teachers and book lovers – the time is coming soon for the Bedford Library Friends' Book Sale.

**Dates:** Members Only Preview Night  
(Friends Memberships on sale at the door),  
Thursday, August 1  
6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Friday, August 2 & Saturday, August 3  
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

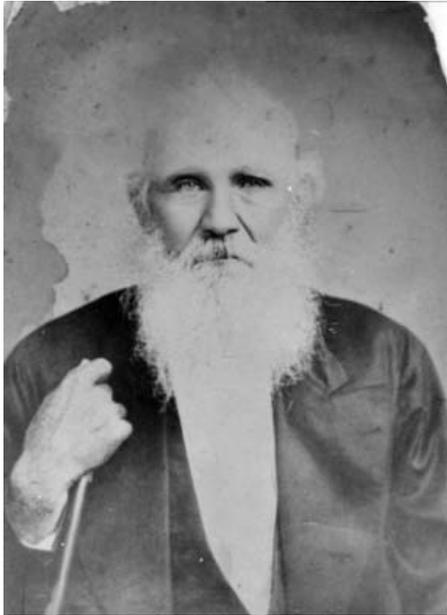
Sunday, August 4 (Clearance Day)  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Meeting Rooms

To make a donation of books for the sale or for additional information please, call Roland Rangel 817-571-1368 or [gymtique@aol.com](mailto:gymtique@aol.com).



# Bedford Celebrates 60 Years



## Bedford's Founding Father: Weldon Wiles Bobo

In 1870, Weldon Wiles Bobo settled into a farm community and opened Bobo's Store. The main thoroughfare at the time was Bedford Road which was also used as a wagon trail between towns. After the opening of the gristmill, a small settlement started to sprout up and villagers suggested naming the town Bobo. However, Bobo wanted to name the town after one he came from in Tennessee and Bedford was born in 1872. A post office was officially established in Bedford in 1877 and Weldon Wiles Bobo served as the first postmaster for over a year.

## Share With Us Your Photos and Memories

In celebrating the City of Bedford's 60 years of incorporation, we are looking back to the people and places that make Bedford a great city. The City of Bedford was incorporated in 1953 and obtained its home-rule charter in 1966, along with the council-manager form of government. The population of the City of Bedford is 48,043 as of the July 2011 Census and is home to new businesses: Burger King, Chili's, Twisted Root Burger, Applebee's.

We will be celebrating throughout the year with various events and activities that commemorate Bedford's history and will showcase a video montage of these celebrations at the end of the year at the City of Bedford's Volunteer Banquet.

We are seeking photographs from all decades of Bedford and if you would like to participate in Bedford's Heritage Photo Exposé that will be showcased in the Galleries of the Old Bedford School, on Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m., please email your photographs, along with your name, email, contact number and a brief summary of the photo(s) to [web.bedford@gmail.com](mailto:web.bedford@gmail.com). If there are original photos that you would like scanned and returned please contact Rebecca Asher at 817-952-2126 to make an appointment.



The Bobo House



# Upcoming Birthday Events

## Van Cliburn Concert Series Featuring Mariangela Vacatello

Sunday, May 5  
3 p.m.  
Old Bedford School

The City of Bedford will continue the Van Cliburn series at the Old Bedford School. Mariangela Vacatello is 27 years old and born in Naples, Italy, from a family of musicians.

Mariangela Vacatello is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist, recognized worldwide for her passion, technical ability and magnificent musicality. Vacatello is charming and vivacious to patrons, and colorful and fiery at the piano.

The HEB ISD Fine Tuners will perform prior to Mariangela Vacatello. The Viola Fine Tuners and the Cello Fine Tuners will each be playing pieces they have prepared this year in addition to a few pieces they will play together from the Suzuki repertoire.

The HEBISD Fine Tuners groups are instrument specific groups of violinists, violists and cellists that have grown up through the Suzuki in the Schools program that was implemented in HEB in 2001. Currently there are seven elementary schools in the district that offer Suzuki Strings instruction. Students in these programs move on to secondary orchestra programs offered at Central Junior High and L.D. Bell High School.

The Fine Tuners began as an honor group for members of the HEB Elementary Honor Orchestra, kindergarten through sixth grade, who were ready for an additional challenge. They rehearse for an extra hour each Thursday and work on advanced group skills and literature. As the program evolved, the faculty opened enrollment to students in all grade levels, and the current Fine Tuners roster includes members from 2nd grade through 12th grade. Members earn their place by audition each September.

## Splash 10 Year Anniversary Birthday Party

June 21 from 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Join us in a birthday celebration and have fun with birthday hat crafts, a Facebook photo contest, birthday cupcakes - FREE while they last, and more.

## Bedford Heritage Celebration

Celebrate Bedford Heritage with a photo exposé at the Old Bedford School on Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. Interested in contributing photos to the event? Send inquiries to [Rebecca.asher@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:Rebecca.asher@bedfordtx.gov)

## 4thFest Independence Day Celebration

A July 4th Celebration  
Boys Ranch  
12 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Activities begin at 4 p.m.  
This 4th of July, the City of Bedford would like you to join us as we celebrate a momentous birthday. The City of Bedford is celebrating 60 years of service and the theme is "Sweet 60". This 4thFEST we will take a moment to honor our heroes in uniform as well as our heroes on the home front with a free live musical entertainment, a variety of themed family friendly activities, a birthday themed classic car show, yummy festival food and of course, the spectacular fireworks when the sun goes down.

## Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival

August 31 and Sept 1  
Blues Fest, offers a unique experience for all the senses! General admission tickets will be \$5 at the gates, CASH ONLY. Gates open at 2:00 p.m. No pets, coolers or tents. Lawn chairs and blankets are allowed. L Don Dodson Drive will be closed from Forest Ridge Drive to Parkwood Drive from 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 30, until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2.

## Bedford Mayors Past to Present

David Sloan 1953-1957  
R.E. McManus 1957-1959  
E.C. Hardisty 1960-1962  
U.Z. Jernigan 1962-1966  
William Wolf 1966-1968  
Julius Bruner 1968-1972  
L. Don Dodson 1972-1992  
Rick Barton 1992-1994  
Rick Hurt 1994-2000  
John F. Murphy 2000-2003  
Rick Hurt 2003-2005  
Jim Story 2005-2012  
Jim Griffin 2012 - Present

## Brief History of the Old Bedford School

In 1914 Woodrow Wilson was the President of the United States, the Panama Canal had just opened, and World War I had begun. During this year, the citizens of Bedford agreed to a bond project for \$5,000.00 to build a new school on Bedford Road for the children of Bedford. Nearly unanimous support for the construction of the school bonds demonstrated the deep and sincere commitment of the residents toward public education. When completed, the school was the largest structure in the area and dominated the local landscape for many years on one of the highest elevations in Bedford.

The first staff of the Bedford School in 1915 consisted of a principal, who also taught classes, and 4 other teachers. During the years that the school was in use, the Bulldog was the school mascot. This image appeared in various styles on yearbooks, and other school items.

In January of 1991, fire ravaged the building, destroying the entire roof and severely damaging the masonry walls and interior finishes.

Restoration began in 1993 and the School opened in the late summer of 1996 and houses a museum, visitors center, meeting areas, a 1915-style classroom and a tiered 135 seat auditorium. In 1997 the School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

# TARRANT COUNTY.

General Land Office August 1856.

Wise Co.

Denton Co.

First known U.S settlers begin arriving in the Bedford area.

The city's first Fire Department is established with 30 volunteers.

Bedford Road was upgraded from sand to gravel in 1905 but most traffic had been diverted by Highway 80 and the Dallas-Fort Worth Interurban Line, which were both built in 1901.



Bedford Boys Ranch, originally a home for boys, was established. Today it is a social center and recreational park, and also the site of the July 4th fireworks celebration.

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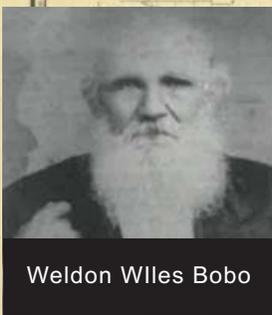
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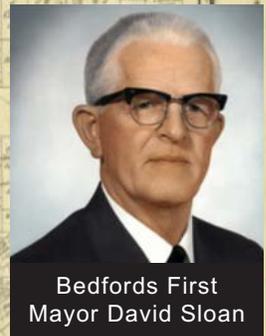
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Construction began on the two-story Bedford Elementary School, which was located on the site of a previous college, which burned down in 1893. Ironically, this same school burned down almost 100 years later in 1991. Today, the restored Old Bedford School, the only educational structure in northeast Tarrant County listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Weldon Wiles Bobo

Weldon Wiles Bobo migrates from Bedford County, Tennessee in 1870 and establishes a store.



Bedford's First Mayor David Sloan

The Town of Bedford is incorporated, boasting a population of 475 within a two-square mile area, including residents of the Boys Ranch.

# TARRANT COUNTY.

General Land Office August 1856.

Wise Co.

Denton Co.

First Library built in a small home near the Fire Station/ City Hall

New and improved, the Bedford Public Library opens.

City acquires the Bedford Boys Ranch and turns it into a park. New City Hall/ Police Station built on Forest Ridge. Library was moved to the bottom floor of City Hall.



Population more than doubles in just 10 years to 45,000. The Old Bedford School burns down.

1964

1970

1975

1980

1991

2003

2010



1960's era City Council

Population is 20,821 annual growth rate was 7.71% and the taxable property value was at \$251 million. Additions to the City included a new Library, Animal Control Center, Senior Citizens Center, Community Center and expanded Parks and Recreation facilities.



Current Mayor Jim Griffin

Population passes 10,000 with an annual growth rate of 7.56%. and the taxable property value was at \$80 million.



Bedford Splash Aquatic Center was built next to the Boys Ranch Activity Center

Johnson Co.

Ellis Co.

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## City of Bedford Pet Fair Adopt-a-Thon

April 13th 2013  
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Every 2nd Saturday, Bedford Animal Shelter  
will have animals available to adopt at  
the Petco on Harwood and Central

Look for another Pet Fair Adopt-a-Thon in Fall 2013.

1809 Reliance Pkwy  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-952-2191

Many cats and dogs  
are looking for a  
new & loving family.

Local veterinarians available to answer your questions

Local Fire Crew and equipment to explore

Drug dog demonstration with Officer Versocki at 11:30 a.m.

Fire dog demonstration with Joey Lankford at 12:00 p.m.

Animal rescue mask demonstration at 12:30 p.m. presented  
by Bedford Fire Department.

Bounce House

Free hamburgers and hot dogs

Free drinks and popcorn

Local vendors

Balloon animal artist

Face painter