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## What's Going on in the City?

### HalloweenFEST

Bring your not so scary ghosts and goblins and join us Halloween night as we celebrate Fall with our annual HalloweenFEST. This fun family friendly event will include carnival games, crafts, bounce houses, candy and EXCITEMENT! Wear your costume and bring your camera and join in on the FUN! Concessions and novelties will be available to purchase. Don't be surprised to run into a friend or two.

**Date:** Saturday, October 29  
**Time:** 6:00PM  
**Fee:** Food or monetary donation for the Northeast Area Food Bank  
**Where:** Boys Ranch Activity Center

### Holiday Tree Lighting

The City of Bedford would like to invite you and your family to the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration at the Old Bedford School. There will be singing, stories, train rides, refreshments, a visit from Ol' Saint Nick and much more. Santa will arrive at 6:00PM with the lighting to follow.

**Date:** Friday, December 2  
**Time:** 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
**Fee:** Crafts are FREE, Pictures with Santa are \$5  
**Where:** Old Bedford School

### 2011 Holiday Food Drive in Bedford

You can help restock community food pantries during the months of November and December. As tough economic times force families to rely heavily on food pantries to meet their nutritional needs, our local pantries struggle to keep food on their shelves and keep up with demand. No matter the amount of food, it will gratefully be accepted.

Please visit one of your three Fire Stations listed below to drop off can goods and non-perishable food items. Your donation will help fill the food cupboards of the Northeast Emergency Distribution (N.E.E.D.) for the H.E.B. area and the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Your donation will help feed many local families during the holiday season.

**Drop-Off Locations:**  
 Central Station - 1816 Bedford Road  
 Fire Station # 2 - 3940 Martin Drive  
 Fire Station # 3 - 541 Bedford Road

**Drop-Off Dates and Times:**  
 November 1 through December 31, 2011 between the hours of 7:00AM and 7:00PM (daily)

Tuesday, November 22, 2011, is Turkey Drop-off Day. This is a one day only event. Bring your frozen turkeys to the Central Fire Station between the hours of 7:00AM and 2:00PM.

Please contact the Bedford Fire Department at 817-952-2500 if you have any questions concerning the Holiday Food Drive in Bedford.



# Pianist Di Wu to Perform at the Old Bedford School

The City of Bedford, in conjunction with Arts Council Northeast, will continue the Cliburn recital series at 7:30PM on October 20, 2011 in the Old Bedford School Auditorium. The artist is 27 year old Di Wu. Winner of multiple awards, including a coveted prize at the Thirteenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition; the Juilliard School's Petschek Award; and the Vendome Virtuosi prize at Lisbon's prestigious Vendome Competition.

Wu began her professional career as a soloist with the Beijing Philharmonic at the age of 14 and since then has toured widely in Asia and Europe. Praised in The Wall Street Journal as "a most mature and sensitive pianist", Chinese-born Di Wu continues to enhance her enviable reputation as an elegant yet exciting musician. According to the Cliburn Foundation, she is "very charming, and fantastic with audiences and patrons".

Listen to her music at [diwupiano.com](http://diwupiano.com)

The General Admission Tickets are \$25, and can be purchased starting August 1, 2011 by calling the Old Bedford School at 817-952-2290, or emailing [amy.bourquin@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:amy.bourquin@bedfordtx.gov).

## HEB Transit is Expanding

This summer, HEB Transit will increase the number of service days during the week as well as extend the hours of operation to accommodate the variety of schedules that riders have. HEB Transit will operate Monday through Saturday from 6:00AM until midnight. Beginning in October, rides will cost \$2 each way.

HEB Transit provides work-related rides within Hurst, Euless and Bedford, Workforce Solutions in North Richland Hills or to the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) train stations at CentrePort/DFW Airport and Hurst/Bell for expanded transportation options. This service fills in the gaps for those who would otherwise have a difficult time getting to jobs and related services, such as childcare and training.

The extended hours are largely funded by a grant from Tarrant County for the expansion of transportation options in northeast Tarrant County.

Commissioner Gary Fickes said, "Transportation is the primary barrier to those looking for work or looking for a way to get to work. It is crucial that

we help meet the mobility needs of this region and expand public transportation options to make the connection between residents looking for work and our businesses needing employees."

HEB Transit has been in operation since August 2006 and is a partnership between United Way of Tarrant County, multiple faith-based partners, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford. For more information, call 2-1-1 or visit [hebtransit.org](http://hebtransit.org).

## Bedford Connection Wins "Best City Magazine" Award

On Friday, June 10, the City of Bedford won a TAMI Award for Excellence in Print for External Newsletter for cities with populations less than 55,000 from the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO). Over 168 entries for various TAMI award categories were received and approximately 30 cities were awarded either the TAMI or the second place Silver Star. This is Bedford's first TAMI.





## Citizens Police Academy

The Bedford Police Department is accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy Class #42. This FREE course will begin on September 8, 2011, and will meet every Thursday for twelve weeks. The Citizens Police Academy is designed to give Bedford citizens and businesses located within the City of Bedford an in-depth overview of the internal workings of the Police Department. Different instructors will be on hand each week to provide the class with a variety of information. The twelve week course will conclude with graduation ceremonies and a catered dinner.

Class size is limited, so don't delay. Applications can be obtained at the Police Department located at 2121 L. Don Dodson Drive or on-line at [bedfordpolice.com](http://bedfordpolice.com) under the "Services" tab. For more information, please contact the Community Services Division at 817-952-2444.

## Back to School

On August 22, 2011, kids will be heading back to school and school zone enforcement will begin. For the safety of all children who travel to school on foot or bicycles, please slow down through all neighborhoods, whether in or out of a school zone. As a reminder, it is against the law to talk or text on your cell phone while driving through an active school zone.

## National Night Out

October is National Crime Prevention Month. The first Tuesday in October is when Texas observes National Night Out. This is a nationwide program that the City of Bedford proudly embraces. National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7:00PM to 10:00PM on October 4, residents from Bedford and across Texas are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Bedford will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts and visits from officers within the Community Services Division. For more information on how you and your neighborhood can get involved, please contact the Community Services Division at 817-952-2444.

## 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 a community service sentence and upon completion of the program, the offenders' case(s) are dismissed and removed from their records.

Volunteer with the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Teen Court Department and help change lives, one teen at a time.

### You can help make a difference.

HEB Teen Court is currently looking for adult and teen volunteers who would like to serve as Jury and/or Master Jury Monitors and Court Clerks. Teen Court is held on select Mondays of every month. If you have two or three hours of free time, every three months, then volunteer with the H-E-B Teen Court.

We are also looking for teen volunteers (ages 12-17) who would like to serve as Teen Attorneys, Bailiffs or Clerks.

There are many great benefits for teen volunteers such as earning community service hours for school (National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, IB) or for your college resume, scholarship opportunities, and training for a competition against other area teen courts.

If you would like to become a part of this dynamic program, please contact Mindy Eichorst in Teen Court at 817-952-2468 or email [mindy.eichorst@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:mindy.eichorst@bedfordtx.gov).



## Disaster Strikes: Evacuating With Your Pets!

Family pets should never be left behind in an evacuation. Decide now where you and your family will stay if local officials call for an evacuation. Many hotels or shelters may not allow pets. Prepare an emergency kit for each pet in a waterproof, easy-to-carry container. Families evacuating in their own vehicles can use this check list:

- A secure pet carrier, cage or crate, plus leash and collar or harness for each pet
- Muzzle (Anxiety and stress can cause any pets to bite. A muzzle serves to protect both the pet and other people.)
- An up-to-date identification tag on your pet's collar and proof of ownership, such as a picture of you with your pet
- Veterinary records and medications, such as flea or heartworm treatment, along with emergency contact information
- One week's worth of food and water for each pet, including dishes, spoon and a can opener
- Written feeding and medication instructions, including what NOT to feed your pet
- Clean-up supplies: paper towels, newspaper, kitty litter with pan and scoop for cats, sealable bags for disposing of waste, wet and dry wipes and hand sanitizers
- Pet toys, bedding and treats
- If you will need transportation assistance during an evacuation, call 2-1-1 in advance to add your name to the Transportation Assistance Registry. State officials say that no one will be denied transportation assistance because he or she is accompanied by a household pet.

For more information on care for household pets and livestock during evacuation and sheltering, go to: [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) and [fema.gov](http://fema.gov).

## Many Lovable Pets Available for Adoption

The Animal Control Division currently has several adoptable animals available. To view the animals please come by the Animal Shelter located at 1809 Reliance Parkway or visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com).

Please join us for our annual Pet Fair in the fall, tentatively scheduled for November 05, 2011. There will be plenty of loving animals looking for good homes, several vendors on site with all of your pet needs, as well as free hamburgers and hot dogs.

The Animal Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 6:00PM, Saturdays from 8:00AM to 2:00PM and closed Sunday. If you have any questions, please call the Animal Shelter at 817-952-2191.

## Extreme Mutt Makeover Contest

Animal Control has entered two Shelter dogs into an "Extreme Mutt Makeover" contest sponsored by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Contest participants include animal shelters and animal rescue organizations. The organization that is determined the overall winner of the contest will receive a \$500 grant.

To participate in this contest, just "Like" Bedford Animal Shelter Dogs Maverick and Nellie on Facebook. The winner will be determined by the organization with the most "Like" (aka: Facebook Fans) by 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17.

The overall goal of the contest is to gain public awareness that in just a little bit of time, any shelter dog can be transformed into a beloved and valued family companion.

To find out more information, visit [hsntextrememuttmakeover.shutterfly.com](http://hsntextrememuttmakeover.shutterfly.com).



## Billie performing an arson detection demonstration at the 2007 Pet Fair

### The History of the Bedford Accelerant Canine Program

In 1986, ATF and the Connecticut State Police entered into a joint venture to train canines for accelerant detection, the philosophy being that canines could be trained for accelerant detection. As we know, canines are used for a multitude of jobs in the detection field, i.e. narcotics, explosives, search and rescue and medical (cancer/seizure). The canines utilized by ATF are procured from different organizations such as Guiding Eyes Foundation, Lighthouse for the Blind and Puppies Behind Bars. Currently there are approximately sixty of these canine teams located throughout the United States with the majority of those along the eastern seaboard.

Approximately ten years later, ATF and Connecticut State Police ended their joint venture and ATF opened a state of the art training facility in Front Royal, Virginia. Upon request and approval they provided trained canines (at no cost) to federal, state and local agencies to assist in arson investigations. The canines go through six weeks of imprinting in odor recognition. This is accomplished with a food reward system - simply stated - for the canine to eat each day they must work or train. They are always fed by hand and only receive the food when they alert correctly on a scent. This requires a serious commitment on the part of the handler as training scenarios must be set up each day for the canines to eat. Once a canine has successfully completed these six weeks, they will begin the next phase of their training - working with a handler.

### Billie

In 1997, the Bedford Fire Department made application with ATF for an accelerant detection canine. In the winter of 1998, Bedford was approved to receive this canine, at no cost. With only a short time frame to get ready to go, donations were received in the form of a vehicle and a canine cage. In February of 1999 Fire Marshal (then Lt.) Joey Lankford went to Front Royal, Virginia for training, certification and to meet his new 'hand-picked' partner. Upon his arrival he was paired with Billie, a 2-year old female black Labrador retriever that had previously been trained as a guide dog for Guiding Eyes Foundation. While she did complete her training, her over-friendly demeanor (towards people and animals) made her more suited for detection work and she was soon at the ATF training facility.

Upon completion of the extensive five-week training program both Joey and Billie graduated and returned to Bedford ready to go to work. Within 36 hours of returning to work Billie was at her first fire scene; a fire that occurred in a storage shed two weeks prior to the date of the canine investigation. Upon being deployed and searching the fire scene she alerted to two different locations in the structure. This was the first of many success stories for the team. Since that time they have responded to assist in numerous investigations utilized by federal, state and local agencies.

Billie's travels not only included numerous areas within Texas but also Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Arkansas assisting with fire investigations.

Training also took her as far north as New York, west to California and east to South Carolina. She also assisted Lankford in training with new ATF agents at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia. She was an excellent travel partner, sharing leg room on the plane or sleeping in the back seat of a car. Arson cases that Billie has been involved in have gone to trial in both Federal and State courts.

When Billie was not at work, she was a normal dog enjoying her 'sister' Scout and 'brother' Jake. Scout is a Sheltie-Shepherd mix and Jake is a "mixed" mix. They all loved playing together and have a large backyard to run in as well as the run of the house. Even though Billie loved her home life, she was always at the ready to head out the door for work - especially if she heard the click of a leash.

December 2005 marked Billie's 10th birthday which at the time was a mandatory retirement age for canines in the ATF program. Even though she was still going strong and not ready to retire she would not be recertified that year so a request was made to replace her, and Lankford again went to Front Royal Virginia to receive the department's second accelerant detection canine. (ATF has since dropped the mandatory retirement age for canines, in part after seeing Billie still working flawlessly at a training session after her retirement.)

On April 28, 2011, Billie passed away at the remarkable age of 15; she is deeply missed by many.



**Rio**

In March 2006, Lankford and his new partner Rio, a 14-month old male yellow Labrador Retriever, returned to Bedford to begin their service. Rio came from the Puppies Behind Bars program and spent the first year of life in a New Jersey Correctional facility with a female inmate. Rio learned basic obedience, obstacle maneuvering, searching, etc. On the weekends he was 'furloughed' to volunteer families who exposed him to public surroundings, crowds, traveling and various social settings.

Due to his age, Rio was still full of "puppy" energy and a whole new experience compared to Billie's calm demeanor. There was a distinct difference between the two. Where Billie was slow and methodical, Rio was a burst of energy. Even though the outcomes were the same, Lankford had to learn the differences and allow Rio to work at his own pace. Once Lankford caught up with Rio they became in tune with each other and are able to process scenes with ease, Rio following in Billie's footsteps gaining an esteemed reputation.

In his first training scenario Rio was deployed at the front door of a burned out apartment. When given the command Rio "bolted" through the apartment to the back bedroom. In that location, he detected a single drop of gasoline placed there by the instructors. Since that time Rio has assisted in over 400 investigations of fires in the metroplex.

Recently Rio was "allowed" to testify in court. While "on the stand" he completed a demonstration for the judge and jury. To our knowledge this is the first time that an accelerant detection canine has been brought into court and used in this manner.

Like his predecessor, when not working Rio enjoys a dog's life at Lankford's home where he is another one of the pack who run the house. The canine unit is on call 24 hours a day to assist local, state and federal investigators with fire scene investigations.

Just don't say - "Time to go to work!" too loud around Rio.



**North Tarrant Express Highway Expansion Project**

Bluebonnet Contractors have ramped up construction activities along the North Tarrant Express corridor. The direct connect from SH 183 to SH 121 northbound is now closed while a new connection is being built. The right of way team and utility relocation team are also continuing their work, preparing for construction along the corridor.

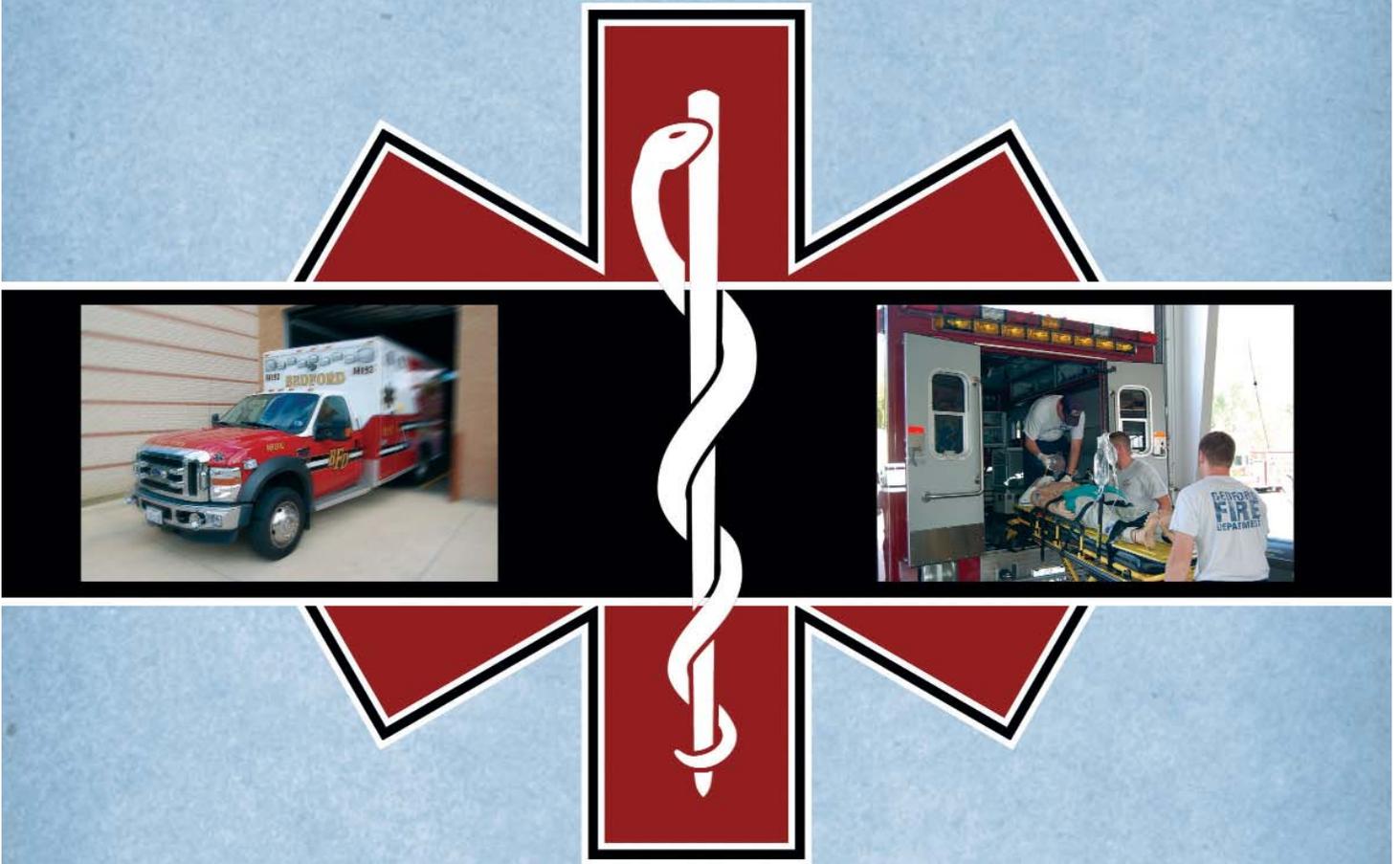
Work is still going on in both interchanges at each end of the project: IH 35W/IH 820 and SH 121/183. Concrete barriers are being put into place at various points throughout the corridor to prepare construction zones, and signage is going up to keep drivers posted.

**Traffic Planning at Your Fingertips**

With major construction now underway within the corridor, NTE Mobility Partners has launched a new traffic planning tool, Beat the Traffic, to help drivers navigate the construction zone. Beat the Traffic can be accessed via [bedfordtx.gov](http://bedfordtx.gov).

This new website tool provides real-time traffic conditions (speeds, delays, lane closures, estimated travel times, etc.), and allows users to set up customized alerts that will forward up-to-the-minute travel data in the case of major delays or incidents.

# Ambulance Subscription Program



- Bedford residents may purchase an annual subscription for ambulance service fees which are not paid or reimbursed by medical insurance coverage. The Average hospital transportation without insurance is \$1200 and approximately \$500 after insurance
- 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: 817-952-2500 or visit [bedfordfire.net](http://bedfordfire.net).



## Updates From the Public Works Department

### Drought Conditions and Lawn Care Only Rain Down the Drain Program

As of July almost two thirds of the State is in Exceptional Drought Conditions, which is the highest level of drought. The North Central Texas area is lucky. Most of the area is in Abnormally Dry Conditions to Moderate Drought Conditions, however the areas where reservoirs are located are experiencing Severe to Extreme Drought Conditions. May was a wet month for the area, but whatever water we gained we are quickly losing to water waste and evaporation from the extreme heat we've been experiencing in June. Dallas county residents next door are already in Stage One of their Drought Contingency Plans. The City of Bedford's main water supplier, Tarrant Regional Water District, is already predicting to be in Stage One of the Drought Contingency Plan by September. This will include the prohibition of all non-essential water use, the continuance of the water ban between 10:00AM and 6:00PM, and limiting watering to two times per week. The full drought contingency plan can be accessed on the City website at [bedfordtx.gov/waterwise](http://bedfordtx.gov/waterwise).

Given the severity of the drought conditions, please remember to be water efficient. Healthy grass is grass with deep roots. Roots only grow deep if they have to and they don't if they are being over watered. On average grass needs an inch of water every five to seven days when it's this hot. The best method is to soak and cycle. Give your soil a break between cycles to allow the water to actually soak in. Our clay soils take longer to absorb water and if you're watering too much at one time, the water is running off your lawn and down the drain! You can measure the output of your sprinkler system by putting out old tuna fish cans. See how long it takes to fill it up, but notice when the runoff starts to occur. This will tell you how long to make each of your cycles. Even if it takes three ten minute cycles, you can be assured that inch of water is actually reaching your grass roots.

Mulching conserves moisture. Good mulch conserves water by significantly reducing moisture evaporation from the soil. Mulch also reduces weed populations, prevents soil compaction and keeps soil temperatures more moderate. Mowing grass at the proper height conserves water. Mow St. Augustine grass and Buffalo grass at three inches; for Bermuda grass mow at one inch; for centipede grass and Zoysia grass mow at three inches.

Do you have a youth group or class in Bedford with children in grades Pre K through 2nd grade? Are you looking for a speaker to come talk to them about something new they probably don't hear a lot about? The City of Bedford has recently adopted Fred the Fish into their environmental public outreach and education repertoire. We've been lucky to have had the opportunity to speak at Meadowcreek Elementary and to the kids at the Bedford Boys Ranch summer camp this year.

Fred the Fish is a short and simple presentation on why it's so important to prevent storm water pollution. Storm water is the water that runs off and drains our streets, yards, parking lots, etc. What most people don't know is that this water and anything carried with it goes straight to our creeks and streams untreated. Something else some people may not know is that this is the water we depend upon for our drinking water. The cleaner the water is when it reaches the water treatment plant the cheaper it is to treat to use as drinking water. A cost that funnels down to you, the end user!

The cleaner the water is in nature the safer it is for us to enjoy for recreational activities. Oil, pet waste, fertilizers, yard waste, trash and hazardous household materials all have their proper place. Down the storm drain is not one of them!!

If you'd like this presentation for your group, please contact Stephanie Corso at [stephanie.corso@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:stephanie.corso@bedfordtx.gov) or at 817-952-2258.

Remember: ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

### Volunteers Needed at OBS

If you have a 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.

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 the [oldbedfordschool.com](http://oldbedfordschool.com).

## Mosquito Control

The Stormwater Department will continue rat and mosquito treatments through October. Every year the Stormwater Crew puts out rat bait in problem areas to prevent rodent problems. They also treat every mile of our creeks and drainage channels for mosquitoes. The crew members use packets of larvicide and walk along the channels throwing in a packet every few feet. This larvicide targets mosquito larvae, attacking them at the source before they even have a chance to develop into adult mosquitoes. The Stormwater Crew also sets up mosquito traps weekly in random areas around the City to test for West Nile. The mosquitoes are taken to the Tarrant County Public Health Department for testing.

## Fried Turkey for the Holidays

Frying a turkey this holiday season? What are you going to do with all that oil? 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 Public Works building is located at 1813 Reliance Pkwy, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Please call ahead or email us so we'll be expecting you at 817-952-2200 or [pw.permits@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:pw.permits@bedfordtx.gov). It is possible to drop oil off from 7:00AM to 8:00AM during working days but you absolutely must call or email the day before. We will likely have a drop off event the first week-end of December.

Please check the City website at [bedfordtx.gov](http://bedfordtx.gov) or call Stephanie Corso at 817-952-2258 for more information. Once the time and date are official it will be posted on the main page of the website.

## Bedford CPR Program

The City of Bedford has joined the cities of Euless and Hurst, and 6 Stones in the Community Powered Revitalization Program. Bedford's mission in joining this program is to protect and promote the integrity of our neighborhoods by assisting in the repair of homes for qualified residents. Visit [bedfordtx.gov](http://bedfordtx.gov) for more information and an application.

The deadline to apply for the Fall Blitz is September 10. The Fall Blitz will take place on October 14 and 15.

## Rain Barrel Class in October

Due to the high level of interest in the Rain Barrel class that was held in April 2011, the Environmental Specialist has worked with Texas AgriLife to offer a second opportunity to attend this class. The program will cover the basics of rainwater harvesting, provide participants the opportunity to construct a 55 gallon rain barrel and discuss installing an efficient irrigation system.

The rain barrel is yours to take home.

The cost for Bedford residents is \$25 per barrel and \$50 for anyone else that attends. The class is scheduled for Wednesday October 5, 2011 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the South Meeting room of the Bedford Public Library. YOU MUST RSVP for this event. There are only 25 barrels available so space is limited. You can RSVP to Stephanie Corso at [stephanie.corso@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:stephanie.corso@bedfordtx.gov) or at 817-952-2258.

## Why Shop in Bedford?

It is common to hear about the concept of the importance of shopping locally but what does that really mean? For Bedford it means better roads, among other important reasons. In 1997, Bedford voters approved a 1/2 cent sales tax for the maintenance and improvement of streets in Bedford. Therefore, if you shop, dine or do other business in Bedford a significant portion of the sales tax on that purchase goes to improve our roads. In addition, shopping locally:

- Supports local jobs and helps to keep your friends, neighbors and family members employed.
- Saves you time and money. You have a shorter drive home, which gives you more time and costs less gas.
- Creates a thriving economy, enticing businesses who might expand or relocate in Bedford.
- Says "Thank you" to the businesses and employees that are making Bedford a better place.



## Bedford Bond Package

On Tuesday, July 26, the Bedford City Council approved the sale of \$8.2 million in general obligation and refunding & improvement bonds as well as \$6.6 million in certificates of obligation to fund multiple capital improvement projects. The projects include improvements for water and sewer, facilities, parks and public safety. As part of the bond sale, the City of Bedford requested a bond rating review from the rating agency Standard & Poor's. This review examines the fiscal health of the City and its capacity to meet current and future financial liabilities. After their examination, Standard & Poor's reaffirmed the City's current AA rating. According to Standard & Poor's, the AA rating translates to a very strong capacity to meet its financial obligations. In awarding the rating, they cited the City's financial management practices as being "good" under the Standard & Poor's Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology. Specifically noting the use of management's monthly budget status reports to government officials as well as their ability to adjust the budget as needed. In addition, it addressed management's detail analysis of financial trends and the impact on revenue capacity. Also, the City's financial position remains very strong due to its comparable tax rate, its adequately sized unreserved general fund balance and its diverse tax base. Overall, the City's stable outlook reflects Standard & Poor's expectation that the City's economic growth and property tax base will remain stable; thereby allowing the City to maintain strong finances.

Key projects identified in the bond issue include:

- \$220,000 - Infiltration and inflow studies to identify leaks in the sewer system which cause increased costs for the system.
- \$491,000 - Sulphur Branch sewer main rehabilitation project will correct several segments within this line to address infiltration and inflow.
- \$289,000 - Sanitary creek crossing repairs to prevent the possibility of being damaged or destroyed during heavy rains.
- \$1,500,000 - Simpson Terrace Elevated Tank construction will offset some demand for potable water purchased from the Trinity River Authority (TRA). In addition, design work needed for the Northwest pressure plane addressing low water pressure in a certain segment of town.
- \$1,229,000 - Public safety improvements including a replacement pumper truck and replacement radio system.
- \$399,000 - Park improvements including the design portion for the future drainage and lake improvements and the Boys Ranch Park as well as the replacement of some equipment.
- \$351,000 - Waterproofing and roofing repairs at the Boys Ranch Activity Center, Fire Station # 3, Old Bedford School, City Hall and Public Works Service Center.
- \$175,000 - Design work for the reconstruction of Dora Street.

## Bedford Boys Ranch Lake and Drainage Improvement Project Update

In March 2011, the City of Bedford submitted an application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a \$500,000 grant through their Local Park Grant Program. The City should receive notification on the status of that application in late August or September. This grant would assist Bedford in funding improvement to the Boys Ranch Lake and related drainage. During the development of the Parks Master Plan in 2010, this project was identified as the highest priority through various surveys, public hearings as well as meetings with the Parks & Recreation Board and City Council. In addition, it also was identified as Phase I of the approved Boys Ranch Master Plan in February 2010.

In order to continue working on the improvements identified in the Parks Master Plan, the Bedford City Council authorized \$322,000 in the recent bond sale to fund the design portion of this project. Over the next several months, staff will enter into a request for qualifications process to select a design firm to provide these services. Their design will provide the specifications necessary to construct the following identified components:

- Dredging and reshaping the Boys Ranch Lake,
- Widening and improving the drainage channel from Harwood Road to the Lake,
- Trail enhancements around the Lake,
- Landscaping improvements,
- Fishing pier,
- Picnic areas,
- Basketball court,
- Amphitheater seating,
- Disc golf course, and
- Interpretive areas.





## Everyday Hero: Bobby Sewell

The Fire Department's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) coordinator, Deputy Chief Bobby Sewell is not only an Everyday Hero in Bedford but he is also a hero to many in northeast Tarrant County.

A little known fact-Sewell was not only the first paramedic in Bedford in 1978 but he was also the first paramedic in northeast Tarrant County. "At that time, cities ran ambulance programs but no one had an EMS /paramedic program," he said.

Sewell began his career with the City of Bedford in June 1978 when he hired on in a temporary fire fighter position through a government funded program designed to give people jobs. Later that year, in October the position was fully funded by the City and Sewell's been a full time member of the Bedford Fire Department ever since.

According to Sewell since he was the only paramedic in northeast Tarrant County in 1978 he carried a beeper and responded to any major medical incident in the area where his services might be needed. "I did this for a year. I never had a day off but I didn't mind because I knew what I was doing was making a difference," he said. Later that year, the City hired another paramedic and shortly after that began sending firefighters to paramedic school. Other cities soon followed suit. "Having firefighter trained as paramedics is now the industry standard for most major cities. But it was cutting edge stuff back then," Sewell said.

Another little known fact-Sewell is the father of the paramedic program in Bedford. He was able to get a grant from the government to purchase a phone and a defibrillator for an ambulance and was given a \$1,500 budget to roll out the program. "That was big money back then. In fact I remember going \$200 over budget on this program that first year and thinking I was going to get fired."

Once the equipment was installed, it didn't take long (a mere five minutes, according to Sewell) to receive the first call. There was an injured flag man due to an auto accident on Airport Freeway. Sewell was able to keep the man alive (using the defibrillator) to transport him to the hospital. The man was conscious and able to talk with the doctors and his family before going into surgery. "Although that man did not make it out of surgery, the doctor called the City Manager at the time to say that he got the chance to talk to a man who should have been dead a lot sooner. The doctor went on to say that the program would profoundly change the way emergency medicine is handled," Sewell said.

Over the next two decades, Sewell grew with the department and promoted up through the ranks, first to a Lieutenant, then to Captain before becoming a Battalion Chief. In 2004 Sewell was appointed to the Deputy Chief EMS/Emergency Management, the position he currently holds today.

In his current position, Sewell is responsible for overseeing the paramedic program and the emergency operations for the City. This entails not only running the paramedic program for the City, consisting of ordering supplies, evaluating programs and determining the future direction to move but also ensuring that the City is equipped to handle an emergency or disaster should one strike our City. "My job changes daily," Sewell said. "No two days are alike and I like the variety. I am also blessed to work with extraordinary people," he said.

Sewell said that the employees of the Bedford Fire Department have a great deal of passion for what they do. "In Bedford, you are not a number, our department has a common goal-to do it better than anybody else; and we do!" he said. He said that his job affords him the opportunity to work with other entities and Bedford's culture is very refreshing. In fact he said that the culture and the people are what have kept him here for over thirty years. "My heart is here. I have no regrets. I am proud of who we are and what we do," Sewell said.

In 1998, Sewell began working with Medical Director Dr. Roy Yamada. Together, they worked harder to put Bedford on the map and elevate the standards of patient care. One of the programs that they put into place to diagnose chest pain and heart attacks.

Through proper diagnosis in the field a patient spends less time in the hospital being diagnosed and a stent can be put in quicker. This substantially increases the quality of life for the patients Sewell said. Before this program, it took on average 160 minutes from the time the patient came to the

"Under the subscription program for \$60 a year, a citizen and all legal dependents living in the household are covered in the event that an ambulance is needed. The insurance company would be billed their 70% and if the household is a member of this program the 30% is waived. This can be

Once inside a home, the paramedics can easily find this information and it saves valuable time. "The Vial of Life program also is very helpful in medical emergency situations where someone isn't unconscious. These situations can be stressful and stress can cause a person to forget key information when asked. The Vial of Life program is free. Anyone can call or come by any fire station to pick up a vial packet for their refrigerator door," Sewell said.

Sewell said both programs are important items for residents to consider and are just other ways that the Bedford Fire Department strives to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in the community.

Fire Chief James Tindell said, "Bobby has taken the local and regional EMS to a new level due to his passion and commitment to excellence." Dr. Roy Yamada said, "I started my career as an EMS Medical Director with the City of Bedford 13 years ago. Bobby guided me on becoming a Texas EMS Medical Director and I quickly realized he had a long and important history with the start of EMS in Texas." And, this is why it's easy to see why Bobby Sewell is considered an Every Day Hero in Bedford.

**"Bobby has taken the local and regional EMS to a new level due to his passion and commitment to excellence."  
-Fire Chief James Tindell**

hospital to get a stent. Under this program that has been cut to 60 minutes because of the ability to diagnose in the field. Again, this procedure is now a nationally performed procedure, but it started in Bedford because of the vision for excellence that Chief Sewell had. "Bedford continues to be cutting edge and cost effective. If anything happens to you, Bedford is the place to be. We will get you to the right hospital that has been proven to have the best outcome for you and get you what you need," Sewell said. Under Sewell's oversight, the Bedford Fire Department has two new programs that he feels will also make a profound difference in the lives of Bedford citizens.

The first is an ambulance subscription program. While most major insurance companies pay about 70% of the costs associated with transport by an ambulance, the citizen must pick up the remaining 30%. According to Sewell, the cost of these services and supplies are expensive.

huge comfort when dealing with substantial medical issues and bills," he said. Any Bedford resident can call the Fire department at (817) 952-2500 or goto [bedfordfire.net](http://bedfordfire.net) to sign up for the ambulance subscription program.

The second program, Vial of Life, is another program that is making a difference in the lives of Bedford citizens. This program entails documenting key medical information and placing it in a special vial on a refrigerator door. "So many adults live alone and if there was a medical emergency and they were unconscious or unable to speak, valuable medical and other emergency information won't be communicated," Sewell said. Under this program a person can document medications, allergies and emergency contact information and place it in the Vial of Life packet on their refrigerator door.



For more information about the ambulance subscription program or the Vial of Life program please call the Bedford Fire Department at 817 952-2500.



Teresa McGill



Gary Clopton

## City of Bedford Employees Win BECA's

The Bedford Employee Commitment Award (BECA) is part of the City of Bedford's employee recognition program. It is the most prestigious award an employee can receive from the organization as a whole. In order for an employee to receive a BECA, he/she must display "above and beyond the call of duty conduct or actions in their daily job function or other types of meritorious actions or conduct.

Any citizen, business owner or employee may nominate a City employee for a BECA by completing a form. People outside the organization may nominate an employee by contacting a member of the City's management team and indicating that they would like to nominate an employee for a BECA. The third way an employee is nominated is when a member of the City's management team receives positive feedback (from a citizen, vendor or others) regarding an employee; and that team members nominates the employee based on that feedback.

Once an employee is nominated, the nominations are reviewed on a periodic basis by the City's senior management team who then votes on the nominations. If a majority of the senior management team feels the nomination is worthy of a BECA the employee will be scheduled to receive the award, along with a check for \$100 at an upcoming City Council meeting.

The City Manager Beverly Queen Griffith had the opportunity to present BECA's to the following City employees:

On March 22, 2011, Detention Officer Teresa McGill was presented an award. McGill was nominated for her outstanding contribution of spearheading a drive to help Bedford residents who were displaced in an apartment complex fire at Copper Hill apartments in January. A total of eight units were completely destroyed and sixteen units suffered heavy damage.

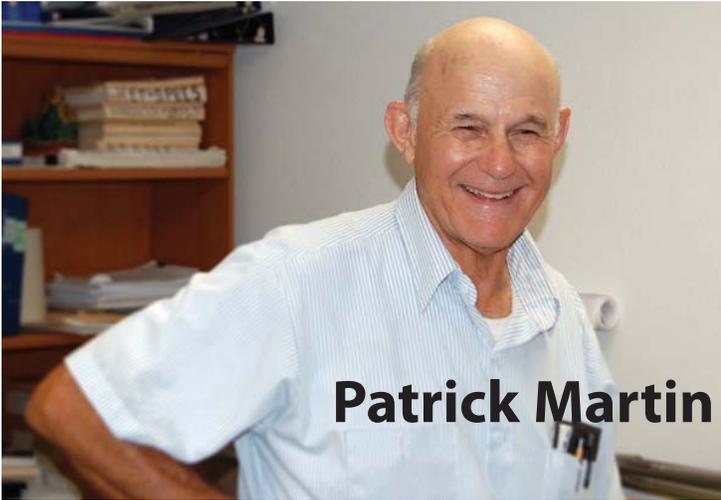
Detention Officer McGill took it upon herself to coordinate a household items and clothing drive for these families. She contacted the apartment complex and the American Red Cross to see what the families needed. She sent emails to City employees asking for assistance in the donation of needed items. She also picked up items and delivered donations to the affected people using her own time and personal vehicle. McGill also held a garage sale of donated items that the families did not need and gave the proceeds to the families.

Teresa McGill was nominated by a fellow employee, Barbette Quigley in the Customer Service Division, for her work coordinating clothing and household items drive for victims of an apartment fire located in the City of Bedford in January of this year. Teresa coordinated the drive that benefited six families using her own time, gas and resources. The nomination in part reads, "Teresa not only picked up and delivered the donations, but she also held a garage sale with all proceeds going to the stricken families. She will continue to collect needed items for these Bedford citizens who lost so much. For her unselfish efforts on behalf of our Bedford families, I nominate Teresa McGill for a BECA."

On April 26, 2011, Mrs. Griffith presented BECA's to Gary Clopton in Information Services and to Pat Martin in Public Works.

Gary Clopton was nominated by Bill Cooper, Information Services Deputy Director, because Gary came to the aid of a young girl who was walking down the street when a passerby in a van attempted to grab her. Gary notified the Police Department and honked his horn until the van fled. Gary's quick thinking may have thwarted child abduction.

# Jeremy Beekman



# Patrick Martin

Patrick Martin was nominated by John Kubala, Public Works Director, for his work in revising the City's water-sanitary sewer-roads-drainage specification documents. This was a very extensive project that Patrick took upon himself to complete. According to John, Patrick's work on this project saved the City several thousands of dollars had the work been done by a consultant.

On June 28, 2011 Jeremy Beekman in Development and Eric Guest in Community Services were presented with BECAs at the City Council meeting.

Jeremy Beekman was nominated by Kay Brown in Economic Development. In her nomination, Kay states that she and Jeremy were making business visits when they approached a vehicle stalled in the middle of Harwood Road obstructing traffic. She said that they initially went around the vehicle but Jeremy said "I think that was an elderly woman," so they turned the car around and Jeremy tried to assist her in getting the car to start. He used his personal cell phone to call a tow truck, her daughter and the police. He pushed her car out of the intersection before the police arrived. The lady was very thankful. In her nomination, Kay states, "I see this as a meritorious display of concern and consideration above and beyond his call of duty being that his call of duty is in doing maps."

Erica Guest was nominated by Jill McAdams in Human Resources for her work in coordinating the Relay for Life walking event put on by the American Cancer Society at Trinity High School. This was an all night event. There was an interest to participate but no one on the wellness committee was willing to commit to coordinating the event due to various other reasons. Erica is not a member of the wellness committee but stepped up to coordinate this worthwhile event during her busiest time of the year. This is the time of year that Erica hires about 100 seasonal employees for Splash and stays very busy with getting the pools ready to open. In addition to the hiring of employees, Erica was very busy with wrapping up the Spring Softball League.

The Relay for Life is not an easy event to coordinate. Erica attended four evening meetings on her own time, coordinated a fund raiser (Kona Ice) at the event, designed and ordered shirts and coordinated employee registration and communication. The morning of the event Erica worked until 1:00PM at Splash clean Up Day, then went to the Relay for Life where she set everything

up by herself, stayed at the event all night (Until 6 a.m. the next morning) and then took down all the City of Bedford team area by herself.

This was a remarkable event that positively displayed the City of Bedford to the HEB community raising over \$1,500 for a worthy cause.

If there is a City employee that you think is worthy of a BECA and you would like to submit a nomination form, you may do so by contacting the

# Erica Guest



City of Bedford at 817 952-2100 or by emailing the appropriate department head. Email information is available on the City's website at [bedfordtx.gov](http://bedfordtx.gov).

# Bedford Senior Activity Center

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.

## Schedule

### Monday

- 8:00AM Ceramics and Billiards
- 1:00PM Beginner Line Dance and Dominoes
- 2:30PM Tai Chi
- 5:00PM Computer II
- 7:00PM Ballroom Dance with Live Band (\$5 per Person)

### Tuesday

- 8:00AM 84 Dominoes, Quilting and Billiards
- 9:00AM Exercise
- 10:00AM Bridge, Pinochle and Needlecraft
- 12:30PM Duplicate Bridge
- 1:00PM Dominoes

### Wednesday

- 8:00AM Ceramics and Billiards
- 9:00AM Exercise and China Painting
- 10:00AM Weights
- 1:00PM Line Dance and Dominoes
- 2:00PM Guitar

### Thursday

- 8:00AM Quilting and Billiards
- 9:00AM Exercise
- 10:00AM Party Bridge and Pinochle
- 12:30PM Duplicate Bridge
- 1:00PM Dominoes
- 2:00PM Digital Photography

### Friday

- 8:00AM 84 Dominoes and Ceramics
- 9:00AM China Painting
- 9:00AM Art Class (all media)
- 10:00AM Computer
- 1:00PM Dominoes
- 2:00PM Guitar

**Annual Benefits Fair**, September 16, 2011. There will be all types of companies that cater to the senior population represented at the fair. Lots of free information plus lots of door prizes!

**3rd Annual Craft Sale**, October 29, 2011. Come check out the beautiful hand crafted items made by seniors. Are you a craftier and age 50 or over? If so you are welcome to rent a table at our sale. You may call 817-952-2326 for more information.

**Line Dancing.** We have beginners line dancing on Monday at 1:00pm and Intermediate on Wednesday at 1:00pm, followed by an Advance Class at 2:00pm. This is a fun way to get your exercise!

**Quilting.** If you have a passion for quilting, come check out our quilting group. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

**Bridge.** We offer both Party Bridge and Duplicate Bridge. So, if you are a Bridge player...come on down! Or if you prefer to play Pinochle, we have you covered for that too!

**Art Class.** We have a first rate art teacher that can help you with any medium you are interested in pursuing. They also hold an art show every May where they show off their beautiful work to the community.

**Needlework.** Do you enjoy needlework? Stop in the Center on Tuesday mornings and check out this fun group of ladies!

**Exercise Classes.** Come join our exercise class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning! On Wednesday there is a weight class immediately following the regular exercise class. There is also a Tai Chi class every Monday at 2:30pm.

**Ceramic Classes.** We have an instructor here on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Come see all the fun that goes on in this class.

**Guitar.** Do you enjoy listening to good music? If so, the Senior Center is the place to be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons!

**Pool and Dominoes.** Come have some fun and make new friends in our pool room. Every afternoon there is a spirited game of dominoes going on and the pool tables are available every day as well.



## Code Enforcement Violation Reminders

Code Enforcement addresses nuisance and property standard violations to ensure a safe and healthful environment for the community. Violations include but are not limited to high weeds and grass, trash and debris and illegal dumping. Daily enforcement can reduce neighborhood deterioration and protect property values.

Often the best way to solve a problem is to become a part of the solution. You can help make Bedford a cleaner, safer community by keeping your property clean and in compliance with City Ordinances.

### Common Concerns

#### High Grass and Weeds

High grass and weeds can become a fire hazard as well as a breeding place for mosquitoes and rodents. Consequently, grass or weeds 10 inches or higher are not in compliance with the City ordinance.

#### Trash and Rubbish

Typical violations of this ordinance include accumulation of trash, wood debris, building and fencing materials, furniture, appliances, tires, car parts, tree limbs and other related materials.

To report a violation, call the Code Enforcement Hotline 817-459-8970. To expedite service and response, please have a specific address before calling and any additional information that will help get the problem resolved.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What are the codes for placement of garbage and recycling bins for collection?

All residential garbage and recycling bins to be collected shall be placed between the curb line and the sidewalk, or if there is no sidewalk, as near as possible to the curb. No garbage or recycling bins shall be placed in or upon any street or gutter. No trash-cans allowed. Bags only.

No person shall set out garbage or recyclable materials for collection earlier than 7:00PM on the day prior to the scheduled collection day for that location.

No person shall leave a recycle bin out by the curb more than twenty-four (24) hours after 7:00PM of the scheduled collection day.

#### What are the codes for limb/tree removal and large household items?

To dispose of limbs and branches, please make sure that they are cut no longer than four (4) feet, tied, and bundled. The bundles must not weigh over fifty (50) pounds. You can place these bundles out with your trash. Call the local trash service if you have an extra large amount to be picked up that day. (817-332-7301)

The local trash service will also collect, at no additional charge, Kitchen items, household/bedroom furniture,

appliances, water heaters, refrigerators or A/C units (proof of CFC/freon removal must be affixed to the unit). This additional service is provided only when residents call and request service. (817-332-7301)

The following items will not be picked up: Building materials, dirt, rock, tires, oil filters, and hazardous waste items.

#### Do I need a permit to have a garage sale? Where can I place garage sale signs?

Yes, a permit is required for a garage sale. Garage Sale signs can only be placed on private property within 24 hours of the sale and must be removed within 24 hours after the conclusion of the sale. The City will issue you three (3) garage sale signs to use for \$10.00 with the option of purchasing 2 additional signs at \$2.00 each. These are the only signs that can be used. Each residence is allowed to have a maximum of four (4) garage sales per year, up to (3) days maximum per sale.

#### Do I need a permit to build a Storage Building or Fence?

All accessory buildings and all fences (new or replacement) require a permit. Accessory buildings may not be located in the front or side yard.

#### Do I need a permit to install a Water Heater?

Installation of a water heater requires a permit. Installation may be done by a homeowner or a plumber registered with the City and licensed by the State of Texas.



# The Old Bedford School Rental Facility

## The Best Kept Secret in Town

### 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; 1600 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 audiovisual system features, slide to video converter, visualizer and laptop computer inputs, all easily controlled from an icon-based touch panel.

### 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. The 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 early 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 5:00PM)

**Friday & Sunday**  
(\$100/hour)

**Saturday**  
(\$125/hour and \$150/hour after 5PM)

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

Monday - Friday  
from 8:00AM - 5:00PM  
\$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)

# Old Bedford School Wedding Rentals

## Saturday Rates

### Package A | \$1,500 (\$500 Security Deposit)

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 - Friday office hours )  
Six hours for setup, wedding, reception and clean-up  
Use of audio visual/sound system  
Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait (Monday - Friday between 9:00AM and 4:00PM )

### Package B | \$1,800 (\$500 Security Deposit)

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 - Friday office hours)  
One hour of rehearsal time (during Monday - Friday office hours )  
Eight hours for setup, wedding, reception and clean-up  
Use of audio visual/sound system  
Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait (Monday - Friday between 9:00AM and 4:00PM )

## Friday and Sunday Rates

### Package A | \$1,200 (\$500 Security Deposit)

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 - Friday office hours)  
One hour of rehearsal time (during Monday - Friday office hours )  
Six hours for setup, wedding, reception and clean-up  
Use of audio visual/sound system  
Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait (Monday - Friday between 9:00AM and 4:00PM )

### Package B | \$1,500 (\$500 Security Deposit)

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## Additional Options:

Scheduled bridal portrait during non-office hours (\$150.00/hr)  
Purchase of fluted wine glasses \$25 per set

### Please note:

1/2 of the rental fee is required upon booking. 30 days before the wedding the Security Deposit of \$500.00 and remainder amount due. The deposit will be refunded either in full or in part after rental pending inspection of facility for damages and proper cleaning.

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





## Murder Mystery Dinner & Show

<b>Showtime:</b> 7:00PM -10:00PM <b>Fee:</b> \$75 per couple \$40 per person \$36 per Senior or Groups of 20+	<b>Time:</b> 7:00PM	Welcome Guests
		Enjoy a Home-style Dinner
Tickets may be purchased over the phone by calling 817-952-2290, Monday - Friday between 8:00AM - 5:00PM, Visa or Mastercard accepted.	8:00PM	Proceed to Auditorium for the Show
	9:00PM	Dessert Served at Your Table
<b>Entertainment presented by:</b> US Actors Company		Review the Clues/Solve the Murder
	<b>Schedule:</b>	
<b>Catered by:</b> Boomerjack's	August 20, 2011	Art Thou Dying
	September 17, 2011	Uncle Buzzard's Last Request
	January 21, 2012	"Singing, Dancing & Dying"
	February 11, 2012	"Murder for My Valentine"
	March 17, 2012	"Murder by Proxy"
	August 18, 2012	"Slippery When Dead"
	September 22, 2012	"Fit to Kill"

## Magician Predicts Mobs of Entertained People

Stock up on stockings and lock up your socks. This summer, magician Will Baffle is bringing his Show of Wonder's to Old Bedford School and you will laugh your socks off! His show is crammed full of good, clean, family fun including magic, comedy, illusions and escapes. Do not miss this opportunity for a fun night out in your own community. This one of kind show is full of entertainment for the whole family. Will Baffle brings unique, original magic and illusions you won't see anywhere else. He will keep you in suspense with a dangerously funny escape.

"The audience will experience a sense of wonder and amazement," says Will, with a serious face. Then he cracks, "Who am I kidding? The will laugh their socks off!" Will Baffle is no stranger to entertaining audiences. He has toured the nation having fun with audiences from kids to seniors. He placed in the top ten at an international magic competition in 2001 with a totally unique and wacky act.

William Baffle Show of Wonders with Chainsaws and Ragdolls and Tricks, Oh My! Seating is limited so call now to get your tickets. For more information about pricing and any other questions please visit [oldbedfordschool.com](http://oldbedfordschool.com) and call us 817-952-2290, just remember to hang on to your socks! The shows are the following dates starting at 6:30PM

**Dates:** September 20, October 25, November 15, and December 13

# Classic Movie Night at the Old Bedford School

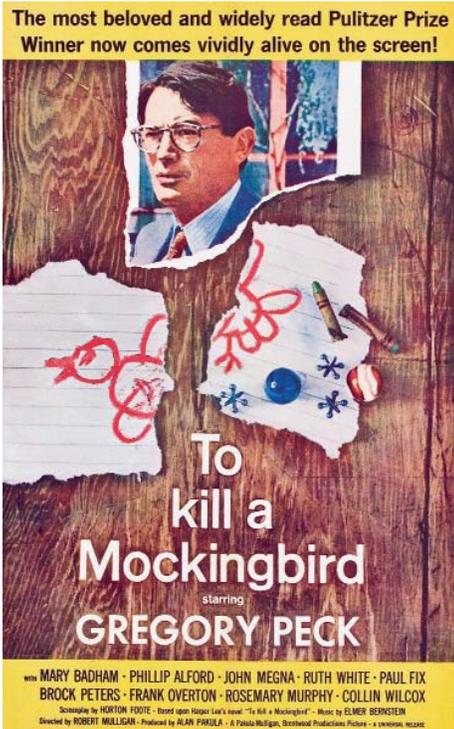
**Where:** The Old Bedford School  
**Time:** 7:00PM  
**Fee:** \$5 at the door

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

Concessions are available for purchase.

## Friday, September 9 To Kill A Mockingbird

**Directed By:** Robert Mulligan  
**Starring:** Gregory Peck, John Megna, and Frank Overton

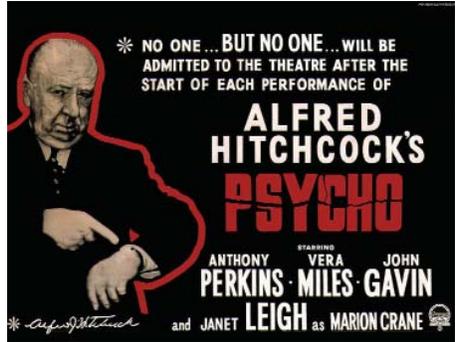


Atticus Finch, a lawyer in the Depression-era South, defends a black man against an undeserved rape charge, and his kids against prejudice.

Friday, October 7

## Psycho

**Directed By:** Alfred Hitchcock  
**Starring:** Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh, and Vera Miles



A young woman steals \$40,000 from her employer's client, and subsequently encounters a young motel proprietor too long under the domination of his mother.

## Friday, November 4 Little Women

**Directed By:** Mervyn LeRoy  
**Starring:** June Allyson, Peter Lawford, Margaret O'Brien, and Elizabeth Taylor



Louisa May Alcott's autobiographical account of her life with her three sisters in Concord Mass in the 1860s. With their father fighting in the civil war, the sisters: Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth are at home with their mother - a very outspoken women for her time. The story is of how the sisters grow up, find love and find their place in the world.

Friday, December 9

## It's a Wonderful Life

**Directed By:** Frank Capra  
**Starring:** James Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore

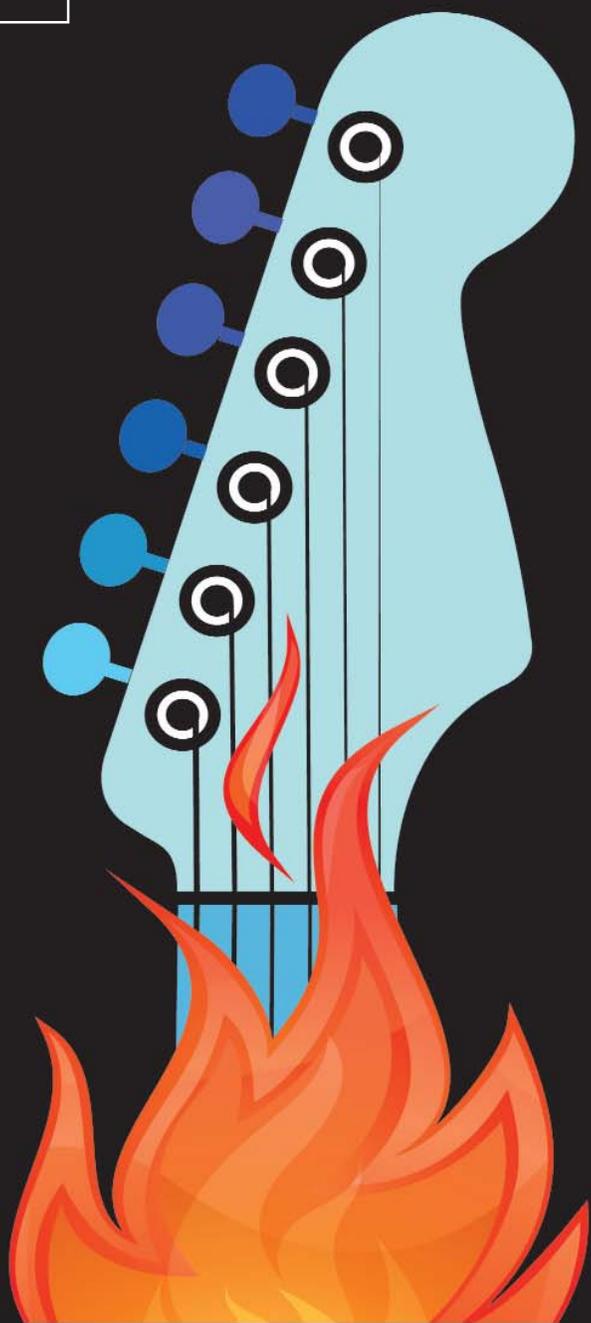


An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed.

## Volunteers Needed

If you have a 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 a date convenient to them.

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



**BEDFORD**  
**BLUES & BBQ**  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND FESTIVAL  
[bedfordbluesfest.com](http://bedfordbluesfest.com)

**FEATURING:**  
**Buddy Guy**  
**Jonny Lang**  
**Buddy Whittington**  
**Buckwheat Zydeco**  
Jim Suhler & Monkey Beat  
Josh Weathers Lightning  
Malcom Andrea Dawson  
Texas Blues Runners Blind  
Dog Cooley and more...

**The Bedford Blues and BBQ  
Festival will be in an ALL NEW  
location, across from City Hall, in 2011**

**WE'VE MOVED!**

*New Location*

# Bedford Blues and BBQ Labor Day Weekend Festival - September 3 & 4



## Bedford Blues Quest

A new kind of BBQ in the City of Bedford. Bedford Blues Quest is a funky foot scavenger hunt where teams hit checkpoints all over the city and compete in crazy stunts at each stop. A huge party which is THE Bedford Blues & BBQ festival follows on September 3, 2011.

Be sure to sign up RIGHT AWAY for the Blues Quest event at [bedfordbluesfest.com](http://bedfordbluesfest.com).

## BBQ

Two BBQ events are planned for 2011. The return of one of the few Kansas City BBQ Society competitions in Texas where 50 teams will compete for the State championship title which will include a People's Choice category allows festival attendees to sample the BBQ and vote for their favorite. A new feature this year is a competition between 10 professional BBQ restaurants in Texas to compete to become the winner of the Bedford Bluesfest Battle of the BBQ.

## Hotel Packages

Looking for a place to stay overnight during the festival? Then check out the

great single day and two day packages available from many of the fine hotels in Bedford, some even provide shuttle service to the festival.

## RV Parking

Reserved RV Parking is available by contacting the Boys Ranch Activity Center (BRAC) at 817-952-2323. The price is \$150 for the entire weekend.

•RV owners wishing to bring along a vehicle, may park in a separate lot with 24 hour access.

•RV owners will need to check in at the Boys Ranch Activity Center between the hours of:

Friday, Sept 2 (11:00AM-7:00PM)  
Saturday, Sept 3 (8:00AM-3:00PM)  
Sunday, Sept 4 (8:00AM-1:30PM) and  
Monday, Sept 5 (8AM-12PM).

•The BRAC will also be available for use during those hours.

•All cars and RVs must be out of the RV lot by 12:00PM on Monday, September 5.

•No hookups are provided.

•Tents are allowed in your designated space only.

•All pets are to be leashed and picked up after.

•Quiet time will be strictly enforced from 11:00PM-7:00AM.

•Spaces are sold as reserved and offered on a first-come, first serve basis.

•Sites are to be kept clean and orderly.

•All rules of the park will be applied.

Outdoor cooking must follow this rules:

•Cooking will be allowed in an approved bar-b-que style grill (charcoal or propane).

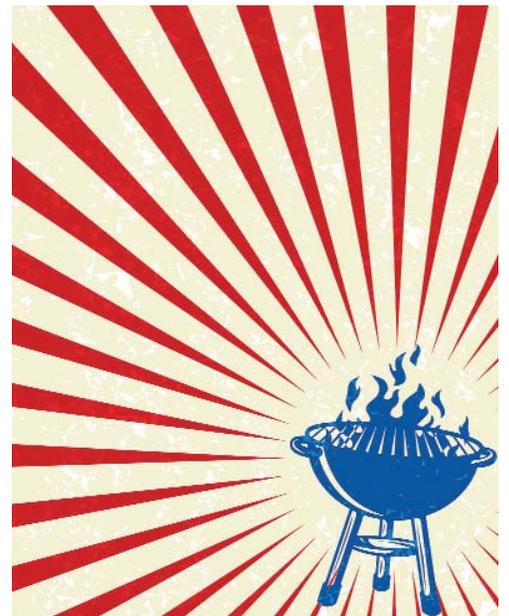
•Cooking will not be done within 10 feet of a structure or recreational vehicle.

•No cooking fire will be left unattended at any time.

•Fire extinguisher is required

• The City of Bedford reserves the right to evict or refuse entry to any person who has shown a disregard for the rules without a refund. Guests and their visitors agree to use the RV parking area at their own risk. The City of Bedford is not responsible for damage, injury or loss to persons, pets or property. We reserve the right to make changes to the rules, regulations and fees that we deem necessary. Any changes will be given in writing at time of check in.

• Accepting Credit Cards ONLY (Visa and MasterCard).



# The Splash Season is Almost Over

## Central Pool

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

### Central Pool Hours

Monday - Saturday 1:00PM - 5:30PM  
Sunday 1:00PM - 5:00PM  
Admission \$1.00

**The 2011 Aquatic Season for Central Pool will end on Sunday, August 21.**

### 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:** \$150 per two hour reservation.

**Maximum Rental Capacity:** 70 people.

## Splash 2012 Season Passes

Splash Season Passes make AWESOME gifts. Passes for 2011 are on sale now.

\*Family Passes are for 4 Members; each additional pass is \$35 for Residents and \$50 for Non-Residents.

\*Must provide proof of residency, ie. Driver's License, Military ID, Utility bill

Months Purchased	Resident Individual	Non Resident Individual	Resident Family (4)	Non Resident Family
November - March	\$55	\$95	\$175	\$280
April - July 4	\$70	\$155	\$230	\$355
July 5 -End of Season	\$50	\$80	\$105	\$205

## Splash Aquatic Center

2809 Forest Ridge Drive  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-952-2384

### Splash Aquatic Center Hours

Monday - Saturday 12:00PM - 7:00PM  
Sunday 12:00PM - 6:00PM

**The Bedford Splash Aquatic Center will end on Sunday, August 21. Splash will re-open only for weekends (Saturday and Sunday) through September 5.**

### 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 & up)	\$6/per person	\$7.50/per person
Residents must provide proof of residency.		

## 6th Annual Dog Splash Day

Give you 4-legged friends a chance to strut their stuff on Saturday, September 10 from 10:00AM - 2:00PM at the 2011 Dog Splash Day at the Bedford Splash.

We will have free swimming and contests with prizes. Contests will include costume, diving and retrieving. Dogs must have proof of current rabies shots and City License.

All dogs MUST Pre-Register at the Boys Ranch Activity Center at least one day prior to the event. Pre-registration will cut off at 5:00PM on Friday, September 9. The event is \$5.00 per dog and owners are free.





## Youth Athletic Associations

### Airport YMCA

3524 Central Drive, Bedford, TX 76021, 817-571-3371  
 Spring Soccer ages 3 - 12 & Volleyball ages 8 - 13  
 Registration will be held January 3 - February 11  
 Baseball ages 3yr - 4th Grade  
 Registration will be held February 21 - April 15  
[quickscores.com/airportymca](http://quickscores.com/airportymca)

### Bedford-Eules Soccer

817-354-4774 [besasoccer.com](http://besasoccer.com)  
 Youth Soccer: Ages 4-19  
 Spring Season: February - May  
 Fall Season: September - November

### Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD

Motor Skills Development [hebid.edu](http://hebid.edu)  
 817-399-2307 - Gymnastics  
 817-354-3350 x7505 - Martial Arts  
 817-649-7946 - Swimming  
 Ages 3 - Junior High  
 Sessions: Fall and Spring

### Hurst Girls Softball League

817-209-5409 [eteamz.com/hurstgsl](http://eteamz.com/hurstgsl)  
 Spring Registration begins in January 2011, Ages 5-18.  
 Fall Registration begins in August 2011, Ages 5-18

### Hurst United Soccer Association

817-282-8680  
[hurstunitedsoccer.com](http://hurstunitedsoccer.com)  
 U5 - U19 Boys and Girls, Offering year-round programs.

### Mid-Cities Basketball Association

817-354-6208 [midcitiesbasketball.org](http://midcitiesbasketball.org)  
 Ages: Boys , Grades 1- 8 & Girls, Grades 1 - 6  
 Registration: October 2011  
 Location: Hurst Recreation Center

### Mid-Cities Pee Wee Football & Cheerleading Association

141 Harmon Road, Hurst, TX 76053, 817-282-2390  
[midcitiespeeweefootball.org](http://midcitiespeeweefootball.org)  
 Football: Grades Pre K- 6  
 Cheerleading: Grades Pre K- 6  
 Cheerleader Registration: May - June 2012

### Parks at Texas Star Baseball League

817-685-1838  
[parksattexasstar.org](http://parksattexasstar.org)  
 Ages: 5 - 14 (Youth Baseball)  
 Registration: January & February 2012

### Tri-Cities Baseball Association

518 E. Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053, 817-285-0200  
[tcbaseball.com](http://tcbaseball.com)  
 Registration: January 2012

### 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 [funtimelive.com](http://funtimelive.com) for more information.

Every Saturday Night from 7:00PM - 11:00PM  
**Fee:** \$9 per person

# Adult Athletic Leagues Fall Schedule

## Adult Softball League

### Fall League 2011

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$300
<b>Extra Fee:</b>	\$20 for USSSA/TAAF Fee (new team registration)
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>Registration:</b>	August 1 - September 3
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	September 15 at 7:30PM in the Boys Ranch Activity Center
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of September 19
<b>League Night:</b>	Tuesday - men's D
<b>Game Location:</b>	Meadowpark Athletic Complex

## Adult Basketball League

### Fall League 2011

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$300
<b>Extra Fee:</b>	\$20 for USSSA/TAAF Fee (new team registration)
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>Registration:</b>	August 1 - September 3
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	September 12 at 7:30PM in the Boys Ranch Activity Center
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of September 19
<b>League Night:</b>	Thursday - Men's Sunday - Women's
<b>Game Location:</b>	Boys Ranch Activity Center Gym

## Adult Co-Ed Kickball

### Fall League 2011

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$200
<b>Extra Fee:</b>	\$20 for USSSA/TAAF Fee (new team registration)
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>Registration:</b>	August 1 - September 3
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	September 13 at 7:30PM in the Boys Ranch Activity Center
<b>League Begins:</b>	September 19
<b>League Night:</b>	Monday
<b>Game Location:</b>	Meadowpark Athletic Complex

## Adult Dodgeball

### Fall League 2011

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$125
<b>Season:</b>	8 games
<b>Registration:</b>	August 1 - September 3
<b>Coach's Meeting:</b>	September 14 at 7:30PM in the Boys Ranch Activity Center
<b>League Begins:</b>	Week of September 18
<b>League Night:</b>	Sunday
<b>Game Location:</b>	Boys Ranch Hockey Rink



# City of Bedford Tennis Programs

The City of Bedford’s tennis program is coordinated and supervised by Kelly Langdon, USPTA. All classes and lessons will be taught by Kelly Langdon and Austin Wynne, USPTA and staff. Please direct questions to [bedfordtennis@verizon.net](mailto:bedfordtennis@verizon.net) or contact Kelly at 817-233-5793 or Austin at 214-668-1619.

## Tiny Tot Tennis Camp

Class will give a basic introduction to tennis while improving coordination.

<b>Time:</b>	4:45AM - 5:30PM	
<b>Ages:</b>	4 - 6	
<b>Price:</b>	\$30 per session	
<b>Days:</b>	Monday	Wednesday
<b>Session 1:</b>	August 29, September 12, 19, 26	<b>Session 1:</b> September 7, 14, 21, 28
<b>Session 2:</b>	October 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Session 2:</b> October 5, 12, 19, 26
<b>Session 3:</b>	November 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>Session 3:</b> November 2, 9, 16, 23

## Jr. Beginner

Class is designed for players with little or no experience. All basic strokes will be taught in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

<b>Time:</b>	5:30AM - 7:00PM	
<b>Ages:</b>	6 - 13	
<b>Price:</b>	\$72 per session	
<b>Days:</b>	Monday	Wednesday
<b>Session 1:</b>	August 29, September 12, 19, 26	<b>Session 1:</b> September 7, 14, 21, 28
<b>Session 2:</b>	October 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Session 2:</b> October 5, 12, 19, 26
<b>Session 3:</b>	November 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>Session 3:</b> November 2, 9, 16, 23

## Intermediate/ Advanced Beginner

Class is designed for players with little or no experience. All basic strokes will be taught in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

<b>Time:</b>	5:30AM - 7:00PM	
<b>Ages:</b>	6 - 13	
<b>Price:</b>	\$72 per session	
<b>Days:</b>	Monday	Wednesday
<b>Session 1:</b>	August 29, September 12, 19, 26	<b>Session 1:</b> September 7, 14, 21, 28
<b>Session 2:</b>	October 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Session 2:</b> October 5, 12, 19, 26
<b>Session 3:</b>	November 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>Session 3:</b> November 2, 9, 16, 23



## Adult Beginner Tennis

<b>Time:</b>	7:00PM - 8:30PM
<b>Ages:</b>	16+
<b>Price:</b>	\$72 per session
<b>Days:</b>	Thursday
<b>Session 1:</b>	September 1, 8, 15, 22
<b>Session 2:</b>	October 6, 13, 20, 27
<b>Session 3:</b>	November 3, 10, 17, 24

## Advanced Beginner/Intermediate

<b>Time:</b>	7:00AM - 8:30PM
<b>Ages:</b>	16+
<b>Price:</b>	\$72 per session
<b>Days:</b>	Thursday
<b>Session 1:</b>	September 1, 8, 15, 22
<b>Session 2:</b>	October 6, 13, 20, 27
<b>Session 3:</b>	November 3, 10, 17, 24

## Tennis Lessons

\$50 per hour
\$30 per half hour
\$180 per series of four hours

## Team Drills

\$90 per one and a half hours

## Tennis Lessons

Players wanting to schedule private lessons or team drills should contact Kelly at 817-233-5793 or Austin 214-668-1619 or [bedfordtennis@verizon.net](mailto:bedfordtennis@verizon.net)

Classes must have minimum of (4) participants for the class to be held.

Any classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up, rescheduled, or pro-rated on the next session. (No refunds due to bad weather)

ALL class participants must bring (1) unopened can of tennis balls to the first day of class.

Students should bring water, a racket, and wear sunscreen.

# Program Registration Form

**Payer/Parent/Primary Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's License No. (if paying by check):** \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name	Birthdate	Sex	Class Title	Class Time	Class Date	Class Fee
<b>Total Due:</b>						

**Do you need any accommodations to safely and enjoyably participate in this program?**    **Yes**    **No**

**I will be paying by:**    **Cash**    **Check (Make checks payable to the City of Bedford)**  
**Visa**    **Mastercard**    **Cardholder Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Exp. Date** \_\_\_\_\_    **Card Number** \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver Statement: I hereby for myself, my child, my heirs, executor and administrators, waiver and release any and all right and claims for damage I or my child may have against the City of Bedford and its representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my child at any activity sponsored by this organization. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE REGISTRATION AND REFUND POLICIES.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep in mind that when you sign up for a class we depend on your enrollment for a successful class. If class registration is low, the class may be postponed to increase registration or the class may be cancelled. If this occurs, all participants will be notified two days prior to the start of the class. You will receive a credit on your account or refund in case of a cancelled class. If you must cancel a registration, please call our office at (817) 952-2323. Refunds of registration fees will be honored if requested no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the first scheduled class. Refunds will not be granted after the class has started. Once a refund is processed, participants will receive a check or a credit on their credit card in approximately two weeks. **THERE WILL BE NO CASH REFUNDS.**

Registrations are processed on a first come, first served basis. No registrations are taken without full payment. Returned checks will be assessed a \$25 processing fee. Payments accepted are cash, check, VISA and MASTERCARD. Mailed or faxed registrations will be processed at end of the business day.

Registration can be mailed, phoned, faxed or walked in. Please keep a record of your class, dates, times, and receipts.

Our goal is to make sure you are satisfied with our programs and services. If you are not satisfied, for any reason, please let us know.



# Fall into the Boys Ranch Activity Center!

## Jazzercise

60-minute class consisting of an aerobic workout (which can be done at a low or high impact level), muscle toning, and strength training.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00AM*	9:00AM*	9:00AM*	9:00AM*	9:00AM*	9:00AM*
5:30PM	5:00PM	5:30PM	5:00PM		
6:35PM	6:05PM	6:35PM	6:05PM		

## Class Schedule

\*Childcare is available for \$1.00 per child. Please call for evening childcare schedule.

START ANY TIME! Pick a class, come to the ranch 10 to 15 minutes early, and register. Your class pass allows you to come to an unlimited number of classes. Wear loose, comfortable clothing that is cool and non-restrictive.

## Available tickets

Joining Fee:	\$30
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - No Binding Contracts	\$38/month
Senior EFT	\$33/month
Walk-ins	\$15 per class

## For more information contact

Ann at 817-715-9890 or email Ann at [ann@inhousedev.com](mailto:ann@inhousedev.com) or contact Maureen at 817-577-3692.

## 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.

We concentrate on building muscle and strong bones, improving balance, form, muscle tone, and encouraging healthy eating habits.

Registration and fees are separate from our Jazzercise aerobic classes. The instructor is a certified Personal Trainer. One month free plus no joining fee with Electronic Payment Signup.

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

## BRAC Hours of Operation

### Boys Ranch Activity Center

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

Monday & Wednesday: 7:00AM - 9:00PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00AM - 9:00PM

Friday: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Saturday: 8:00AM - 3:00PM

**Sunday: 8:00AM - 2:00PM.** The Sunday hours of operation are extended **only to the fitness center** which includes the weight and cardio rooms.

## You Can 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.

**Age:** 14 and over  
**Time:** 6:00PM - 9:00PM  
**Instructors:** Susan Rogers and Robert Garden  
**Fee:** \$20 per class to register and \$20 supply fee due at each class

Wednesday, September 14	Log Cabin in the Tennessee Woods
Wednesday, October 12	Pitons of St. Lucia
Wednesday, November 16	Autumn in Vermont
Wednesday, December 14	Holiday Snowscene with Stone Bridge

## You Can Paint: For Youth

You'll amaze yourself, family and friends with the beautiful oil painting you can finish in this fun and easy class. Learn color mixing, time saving brushstrokes and step-by-step instruction from award-winning "Teachers of the Year" and professional artists, Robert & Susan from the Robert Garden School of Art. All supplies are included; bring paper towels and wear old t-shirt.

**Age:** 6 to 12 years  
**Time:** 4:00PM - 5:30PM  
**Instructors:** Susan Rogers and Robert Garden  
**Fee:** \$10 per class to Register and \$15 supply fee

Wednesday, September 14	Log Cabin in the Tennessee Woods
Wednesday, October 19	Pitons of St. Lucia
Wednesday, November 16	Autumn in Vermont
Wednesday, December 14	holiday Snowscene with Stone Bridge

## Fitcarlyle Ultimate Fitness **NEW**

Trainer's choice is a great workout for all levels that will take you through every inch of your body using the best fat blasting, calorie burning, core strengthening cross training mix. Our fun motivational safe dynamic workouts will have you achieving all your health and fitness goals. Class participants will receive a monthly calendar with health & fitness tips, nutritional guidance, and motivational information.

**Fee:** \$35.00 once a week or \$55.00 for both;  
 Senior Discount| \$30 once a week or \$35 for both  
**Age:** 13 years and up  
**Instructor:** Personal Trainer| Carlyle Bourland/Team Carlyle  
**Days:** Tuesdays or Thursdays  
**Time:** 12:15PM - 12:45PM

## BRAC Membership

Yearly membership fees are required to use the Boys Ranch Activity Center.

Residents must bring an ID and current utility bill showing their Bedford address. Ages 8 and under must always be accompanied by an adult 18 or older.

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

Members of the BRAC, 16 years old and older, have the option of purchasing a weight room and cardio room membership (14-15 years old must be accompanied by an adult). The BRAC fitness room houses cardio equipment, universal machine weights and dumbbells.

You must have a BRAC membership card to purchase fitness room memberships.

Annual BRAC membership fees:

	Resident	Non Resident
<b>Youth</b>	\$10	\$24
<b>Adult</b>	\$24	\$120
<b>Senior</b>	\$18	\$30
<b>Weight Room</b>	\$108	\$192

## Elite Boot Camp Fitness

This camp is designed to combine military-styled fitness, functional training and cross training with the use of medicine balls, resistance bands, body weight, free weights, logs, ammo crates, core training, cardiovascular training and much more. This camp yields physical results of toning and reduced body fat, while teaching you proper health and fitness training techniques.

### No two workouts are ever quite the same.

One reason people stop going to the gym is because they get bored and tired of doing the same thing over and over. Elite Boot Camp Fitness classes deliver GUARANTEED RESULTS. After one month, your transformation will be initiated. By the second month your friends will want to know your secret.

This camp offers one of the best ways for you to get fit while having fun in the great outdoors. A key to the participants' fitness is the motivation provided by others in the class and, of course, your instructor.

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

<b>Ages:</b>	16 - Adults
<b>Instructor:</b>	Robert Johnson & Michelle Brooks
<b>Fee:</b>	\$80.00 (4 weeks, 3 days per week, 12 sessions)
<b>Where:</b>	Outdoors (indoors when it's below 45 or above 90 degrees, and during inclement weather)
<b>Days:</b>	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday
<b>Dates:</b>	August 8 - September 3 September 12 - October 8 October 10 - November 5 November 7 - December 3 December 5 - TBD January 2 - January 28 January 30 - February 25 March 5 - March 31 April 2 - April 28
<b>1st Platoon:</b>	(Monday, Wednesday from 6:00PM - 7:00PM, and Saturdays from 8:00AM - 9:00AM)
<b>2nd Platoon:</b>	(Tuesdays, Thursdays from 5:30AM - 6:30AM, and Saturdays from 8:00AM - 9:00AM)

## Personal Training with Adam Tijerina

The BRAC is pleased to announce that personal training is now available to BRAC members. Locally based Personal Trainer, Adam Tijerina joins us, offering a wide range of services, including:

### Weight loss

### Weight management

### Fitness testing

### General life style advice.

To schedule a free fitness assessment please call the Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center at 817-952-2323 or Adam Tijerina, 817-781-1688.

**ONSTAGE IN BEDFORD**  
WHERE THEATER MAGIC HAPPENS!

**GODSPELL**  
MUSICAL  
August 5 - August 21

**The Mousetrap**  
THRILLER  
September 30 - October 16

**Season's Greetings**  
COMEDY  
December 2 - December 18

**CITY OF BEDFORD**  
2918 Forest Ridge Dr. Bedford, TX 817-354-6444 [www.onstageinbedford.com](http://www.onstageinbedford.com)  
ONSTAGE in Bedford operates under a 501 (C) 3 non-profit status

## Airplane Enthusiasts

Two groups of model airplane enthusiasts use the Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center every Thursday to fly their models. These groups are made up of people, young and old, who love airplanes. Most participants are currently involved in or retired from careers in aviation, but that is not a requirement. The purpose is to enjoy flying models indoors, to share knowledge and experience with other participants, and to enjoy the fellowship of the group.

An organized club, the Bedford Flyers, meets each Thursday morning from 9:00AM - 1:00PM. They have enjoyed this activity for over 25 years. Models include hand-launched gliders, rubber powered microfilm models, rubber, CO2, and electric powered scale and endurance models. All interested people may email Bill Lutrell at [billdot2@charter.net](mailto:billdot2@charter.net) for more information.

The other group, not formally organized, meets immediately following the Bedford Flyers and flies all types of indoor electric powered R/C models. This group meets from 1:00PM - 3:30PM. They have enjoyed the use of the facility for over six years. There are neither dues nor membership requirements for this group other than registration with your name and mailing address, phone number, and email address. This information will be used only to contact participants regarding closures or announcements. Anyone desiring more information may contact Rodney Taylor at [Rodtaylor33@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rodtaylor33@sbcglobal.net) or call 817-571-1601.

## Adult Dance Class: Ballroom, Latin, Country Western

Anyone can learn to dance and enjoy the benefits that it offers. Dance is a wonderful aerobic and cardio form of exercise and will always put a smile on your face. This is a great one-on-one time with your spouse/partner/friend and they will love you for it. Please wear comfortable clothing and leather soled shoes; please NO flip flops, slides, or tennis shoes.

Visit [dancewithmichael2.com](http://dancewithmichael2.com) for more information.

**Fee:** \$35

**Instructor:** Michael Piland

### Mondays from 7:30PM - 8:30PM

September 12 - 26	Country and Western, Waltz, Jitterbug (September 19 and 26 classes will be 1 1/2 hours long)
October 3 - 24	Line Dancing
November 7 - 21	Swing, and West Coast Swing (November 14 and 21 classes will be 1 1/2 hours long)
December 5 - 19	Two-Step, and Three-Step (December 12 and 19 classes will be 1 1/2 hours long)
January 9 - 30	Line Dancing
February 6 - 27	East Coast Swing, and Two-Step
March 19-26	West Coast Swing, and Jitterbug
April 9 - 30	Three-Step, and Two-Step

### Thursdays from 7:15PM - 8:15PM

September 8 - 29	Cha-Cha, and Tango
October 6 - 27	Swing, and West Coast Swing
November 3 - 17	Ballroom Waltz, and Rumba (November 14 and 21 classes will be 1 1/2 hours long)
December 1 - 15	Foxtrot, and Tango (December 8 and 15 classes will be 1 1/2 Hours long)
January 5 - 26	Lindy Swing, and Cha-Cha
February 2 - 23	Jive, and East Coast Swing
March 1- 8 and 22 - 29	Rumba, and ballroom Waltz
April 5 - 26	Foxtrot, and West Coast Swing



## Build Home Life Skills With a Life Coach

### Dealing with Family Stress **NEW**

(18 years and up)

This series of 4 individual classes deals with common stressors that families face in different stages of life. Taught by Kelly Leas, M.S. Ed Psych, family counselor and formally trained relationship coach, these interesting and helpful classes are interactive and include time for Q & A. Couple's discount: \$20 discount per couple when enrolling together in the same class. Individual's discount: \$10 discount per class for enrolling in more than one class.

### Couples' Crystal Ball **NEW**

From Cinderella dreams to sleeping on the sofa, this interactive class covers the common progression of many relationships, and the avoidable pitfalls. Evaluating popular advice, covering the 10 top relationship complaints, and answering the question, "Can we get back what we had?" are highlights. Includes Q & A time.

**Dates:** Tuesday, September 6  
Tuesday October 4  
Tuesday, November 1

**Time:** 7:00PM - 8:30PM

**Cost:** \$50 per person, \$80 per couple (\$10 discount per class for individuals taking more than one class.)

**Web:** [kelly-coach.com](http://kelly-coach.com)

### No! And You Can't Make Me! **NEW**

This interactive class deals with the common stressors of raising young children. Topics include making a "time-out" more effective, kids who won't sit still, public misbehavior, and differences in parenting styles. Includes Q & A time.

**Dates:** Tuesday, September 13  
Tuesday October 11  
Tuesday, November 8

**Time:** 7:00PM - 8:30PM

**Cost:** \$50 per person, \$80 per couple (\$10 discount per class for individuals taking more than one class.)

**Web:** [kelly-coach.com](http://kelly-coach.com)

### The Not-So-Empty Nest **NEW**

This interactive class focuses on the challenges facing parents with an adult child who is not fully independent. Whether the adult child is living at home, or has left, but still needs financial support, we discuss developing and implementing a plan to move the adult child to greater independence. Includes Q & A time.

**Dates:** Tuesday, September 20  
Tuesday October 18  
Tuesday, November 15

**Time:** 7:00PM - 8:30PM

**Cost:** \$50 per person, \$80 per couple (\$10 discount per class for individuals taking more than one class.)

**Web:** [kelly-coach.com](http://kelly-coach.com)

### Our Aging Parents **NEW**

This interactive class provides guidance for the decision-making processes regarding the independence of elderly parents, such as driving, hiring help, selling or keeping a home, choosing a facility, dealing with guilt, parental resistance, and finding resources for support. Includes Q & A time. [kelly-coach.com](http://kelly-coach.com).

**Dates:** Tuesday, September 27  
Tuesday October 25  
Tuesday, November 22

**Time:** 7:00PM - 8:30PM

**Cost:** \$50 per person, \$80 per couple (\$10 discount per class for individuals taking more than one class.)

**Web:** [kelly-coach.com](http://kelly-coach.com)

### Have a skill or hobby to share?

**Want to be an instructor at the Boys Ranch Activity Center?**

Class proposal forms can be downloaded by going to [bedfordtx.gov](http://bedfordtx.gov) or by emailing Eric Valdez at [eric.valdez@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:eric.valdez@bedfordtx.gov). Return your completed forms to the Boys Ranch Activity Center and you will be contacted for an interview.

### Puppy Kindergarten

This 5-week class is a must for all puppies! Learn all the basics commands plus participate in those early development phases that are so important for a well socialized adult. Any puppy 12 weeks to 8 months can join.

**Age:** Adult must accompany children  
**Date:** Saturdays from January 7 - February 4  
11:00AM - 12:00PM  
Tuesdays from March 20 - April 17  
6:30PM - 7:30PM  
**Instructor:** Anne O'Neill - Specialty Pet Training  
**Fee:** \$109 per dog/human team

### Basic & Beyond Obedience

This 5-Week class is Perfect for Any Dog! This is an all-skill-levels class so any dog or puppy (over 4 months) can attend. While some dogs are learning how to do the commands some will be working on perfecting the commands they already know around the distraction of other people and dogs. This is a great class after puppy kindergarten or even if you are just starting out with training. We will cover all the basic commands such as sit, stay, leash, leave-it alone, lie down and coming when called as well as problem behaviors such as jumping up.

**Age:** Adult must accompany children  
**Date:** Tuesdays from September 13 - 26  
7:00PM - 8:00PM  
Saturdays from November 5 - December 10  
12:30PM - 1:30PM  
Thursdays from February 15 - March 15  
6:30PM - 7:30PM  
**Instructor:** Anne O'Neill - Specialty Pet Training  
**Fee:** \$129 per dog/human team

### Swedish Massage at the Boys Ranch Activity Center **NEW**

The goal is relaxing the entire body and this is accomplished by rubbing the muscles with long gliding strokes in the direction of blood returning to the heart. Additional techniques include circular pressure applied by the hands and palms, firm kneading, percussion-like tapping, bending and stretching. Swedish massage is exceptional for increasing the level of oxygen in the blood, decreasing muscle toxins, improving circulation and flexibility while easing tension.

**Age:** Adult  
**Instructor:** Esther Daniels - MA, Licensed Massage Therapist. Phone: 682-554-5489  
**Fee:** \$60 per hour massage  
\$90 per 90 min massage

### Deep Tissue Massage at the Boys Ranch Activity Center **NEW**

Deep tissue massage is similar to Swedish massage but is used to target knots and release chronic muscle tension. Other benefits include reducing inflammation and helping to eliminate scar tissue. The focus is on the deepest layers of muscle tissue, tendons, and fascia (the protective layer surrounding muscles, bones and joints).

**Age:** Adult  
**Instructor:** Esther Daniels - MA, Licensed Massage Therapist. Phone: 682-554-5489  
**Fee:** \$70 per hour massage  
\$105 per 90 min massage

### 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 [funtimelive.com](http://funtimelive.com) for more information. Every Saturday Night from 7:00PM - 11:00PM

**Fee:** \$10 per person

### Tri City Wrestling Team **NEW**

Tri City Wrestling team has set very high standards for itself. We practice with intensity and have a strong work ethic. The team is very dedicated, exudes desire to learn, and is determined to become the strongest wrestling club in North Texas. This mindset has carried over to our goal-oriented approach. Our club emphasizes that a Tri City wrestler be a student first, and wrestler second.

**Age:** 4-18  
**Instructor:** Tri City Wrestling Staff  
**Fee:** \$400 per season + \$125 equipment fee





## Abrakadoodle® Drawing Upon Imagination **NEW**

Abrakadoodle takes drawing to a whole new level by incorporating drawing into the creative process. Inspiration comes from Dog Mountain, home to artist Ron Huneck who creates friendly, curious dogs, to Japan where artist Takashi Murakami has rock star status as creator of cartoon characters. Through Abrakadoodle's unique Drawsters program, children learn skills that will last them a lifetime and help their imagination take flight. They learn about contour drawing, patterning, font design, cartooning, and other drawing techniques. Each series builds confidence and creativity while exploring fun and interesting artists and artist styles.

**Age:** 6 - 12 years  
**Date:** Sundays September 4 - 25  
**Time:** 2:00PM - 3:00PM  
**Instructor:** Abrakadoodle® Staff  
**Fee:** \$48 + \$16 supply fee

## Abrakadoodle® Anime

Join Abrakadoodle Anime and learn the Japanese art of animation. Learn about the basics of head and facial features plus body shapes, hands and feet, animal anime and more. Use the Abrakadoodle Anime Guide Book to help take you through the steps to creating your own anime characters. You will learn Japanese games and listen to Japanese folktales. At the end of the session take home your Abrakadoodle Anime Guide Book to further explore this unusual art form.

**Age:** 8 - 14 years  
**Date:** Sunday, October 2 - 23  
 Sunday, November 6 - 27  
**Time:** 2:00PM - 3:00PM  
**Instructor:** Abrakadoodle® Staff  
**Fee:** \$48 + \$16 supply fee

## My Grandparent and Me Art Class by Abrakadoodle **NEW**

Come and celebrate National Grandparents Day with us! In this class, grandparents and grandchildren will explore the basics of art together. We will learn about Wassily Kandinsky, and paint our own colorful abstract expressionist art piece based on what we've learned. So join us and let your inner child come out and play with your grandchild! (No previous art experience necessary.)

**Age:** 5 - 12 years and grandparents  
**Date:** Sunday September 11  
**Time:** 2:00PM - 3:00PM  
**Instructor:** Abrakadoodle® Staff  
**Fee:** \$48 + \$16 supply fee

## Young Rembrandts Elementary Drawing Classes

Our elementary-age curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. We provide all materials and teach new lessons each week in a positive and nurturing environment.

**Age:** 6 - 12 years  
**Date:** Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27  
 Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25  
 Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15 & 29  
 Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24 & 3  
 Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28  
 Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27  
 Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24  
**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts  
**Fee:** \$44 per session  
**Time:** 5:30PM - 6:30PM

## Qi-Gong Tai-Chi Wellness

Tai-Chi is a low impact form of exercise that includes body tune up, stretching and art forms. Practicing Qi-Gong will increase internal energy. When combined, Tai Chi and Qi Qong results are amazing. Students can expect higher energy levels and improved physical and mental wellness. Great for a mid-day recharge and much more. Seniors welcome. Students meet once or twice per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Start any time.

**Instructor:** John Valenti

**Age:** Best suited for ages 25 and up

**Time:** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

**Fee:** \$50 a month once per week  
\$90 a month twice per week

**Class Start Days:**

Thursday, September 1  
Tuesday, October 4  
Tuesday, November 1  
Thursday, December 1  
Tuesday, January 3  
Thursday, February 2  
Thursday, March 1  
Tuesday, April 3

## Qi-Gong Kung Fu

Kung Fu is a high intensity form of exercise that includes body tune up, stretching and art forms. Practicing Qi-Gong will increase internal energy. The combined result of Kung Fu and Qi-Gong is a high energy program that promotes total physical athleticism, discipline and wellness. This is a great way to develop your skills. Class meets once per week. Private and private group lessons are also possible. Start classes any time. **Instructor:** John Valenti

### Adult Class

**Age:** 13 to adult

**Day:** Thursdays

**Time:** 7:30PM - 8:45PM

**Fee:** \$55 a month per person

**Class Start Days:**

September 1  
October 6  
November 3  
December 1  
January 5  
February 2  
March 1  
April 5

### Kids Class

**Age:** 5 to 12 years

**Day:** Thursdays

**Time:** 4:00PM - 5:00PM

**Fee:** \$50 a month per person

**Class Start Days:**

September 1  
October 6  
November 3  
December 1  
January 5  
February 2  
March 1  
April 5

## Beginner Salsa NEW

If you have never taken a salsa lesson and you are just a little nervous about dancing, it's time to put your worries behind you. If you HAVE had lessons before, but need to brush up on the basics or work on perfecting your turns, this is also for you. Bring friends or come alone.

This is an introduction to Salsa that will teach you all the basic steps of Salsa dancing, every week following the first class we will build from what you learned the previous week. I am very excited to see you in class. It'll be a lot of fun.

**Time:** 7:30PM - 9:00PM

**Date:** Thursday, September 1  
Tuesday, October 4  
Tuesday, November 1  
Thursday, December 1  
Tuesday, Jan 3  
Thursday, Feb 2  
Thursday, Mar 1  
Tuesday, April 3

**Fee:** \$60 for a one month session

**Website:** [mysalsadancestudio.com](http://mysalsadancestudio.com)

## Kickboxing Cardio Rush NEW

Are you ready for a great workout? This is an awesome cardio conditioning class that will keep you moving, build your strength, stamina, coordination and tone your body the same time. You do NOT need to have prior Kickboxing experience or prior workout experience. This class is designed to increase your physical ability and challenge you to take your fitness to the next level.

**Website:** [mysalsadancestudio.com](http://mysalsadancestudio.com)

**Date:** Monday - Friday

**Time:** 6:00PM - 6:45PM

**Fee:** Monthly membership is \$60 (available at studio location-renews at the beginning of every month)

**Bring:** weighted workout gloves (optional), a workout mat, and water.



## 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 years  
**Day:** Wednesday's at 5:30PM - 6:15PM

**Age:** 6 - 12yr  
**Day:** Wednesday's at 6:15PM - 7:00PM

**Instructor:** Jo- Ann' Little Dancers Staff

September 7, 14, 21, 28 & October 5, 12  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) Dead Week October 19

October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) No classes on November 23

January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1 & 8  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) Dead Week February 15

February 22, 29, March 7, 21, 28, & April 4  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) Dead Week: April 11

April 18, 25, May 2, & 9 (4 weeks - \$38.00)

## 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 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.

**Instructor:** Jo-Ann' Little Dancers Staff

**Age:** 6 - 12yr  
**Time:** Wednesdays from 7:00PM - 7:45PM

September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) Dead Week: October 19

October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30 & December 7  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) No classes on November 23

January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1 & 8  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) Dead Week: February 15

February 22, 29, March 7, 21, 28 & April 4  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) No classes on March 14  
 Dead Week: April 11

April 18, 25, May 2 & 9 (4 weeks - \$38.00)

**Age:** 13 - 17 years  
**Time:** Wednesdays from 7:45PM - 8:45PM

January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) Dead Week: February 15

February 22, 29, March 7, 21, 28 & April 4  
 (6 weeks - \$57.00) No classes on March 14 Dead Week:  
 April 11

April 18, 25, May 2, 9  
 (4 weeks - \$38.00)

Ms. Jo-Ann's dance classes are progressive, with a holiday recital at the conclusion of the December session and a formal Spring recital in early May. Additional fees may apply.

## Gymnastics Classes

Each class teaches stretching, gymnastics terminology, and drills using gymnastics equipment: bars, beams, springboards, trampoline, barrel mats, parachutes, and much more. Innovative themes and age-appropriate lesson plans help discover all that gymnastics has to offer. Our program emphasizes proper technique and terminology and ends with a Mini-Olympic Exhibition where students get to show off their skills for all the family to watch, including a gold medal and a certificate with a skill sheet.

### Toddler Gymnastics Class

**Ages:** 18 months-3 years old  
**Fee:** \$55 per month  
**Time:** 11:00AM - 11:45AM  
**Instructor:** Shannon Higgins

Tuesday, September 6 - 27  
 Tuesday, October 4, 11, 18 & 25  
 Tuesday, November 1, 8, 15 & 22  
 Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17 & 24  
 Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28  
 Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27  
 Tuesday, April 3, 20, 27 & 24

**Ages:** 18 months-3 years old  
**Fee:** \$55 per month  
**Time:** 5:30PM - 6:15PM  
**Instructor:** Shannon Higgins

Saturday, September 3 - 24  
 Thursday, October 6, 13, 20 & 27  
 Thursday, November 3, 10, 17 & December 1  
 Thursday, January 5, 12, 19 & 26  
 Thursday, February 2, 9, 16 & 23  
 Thursday, March 1, 8, 15 & 22  
 Thursday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26

### Preschool Gymnastics Class

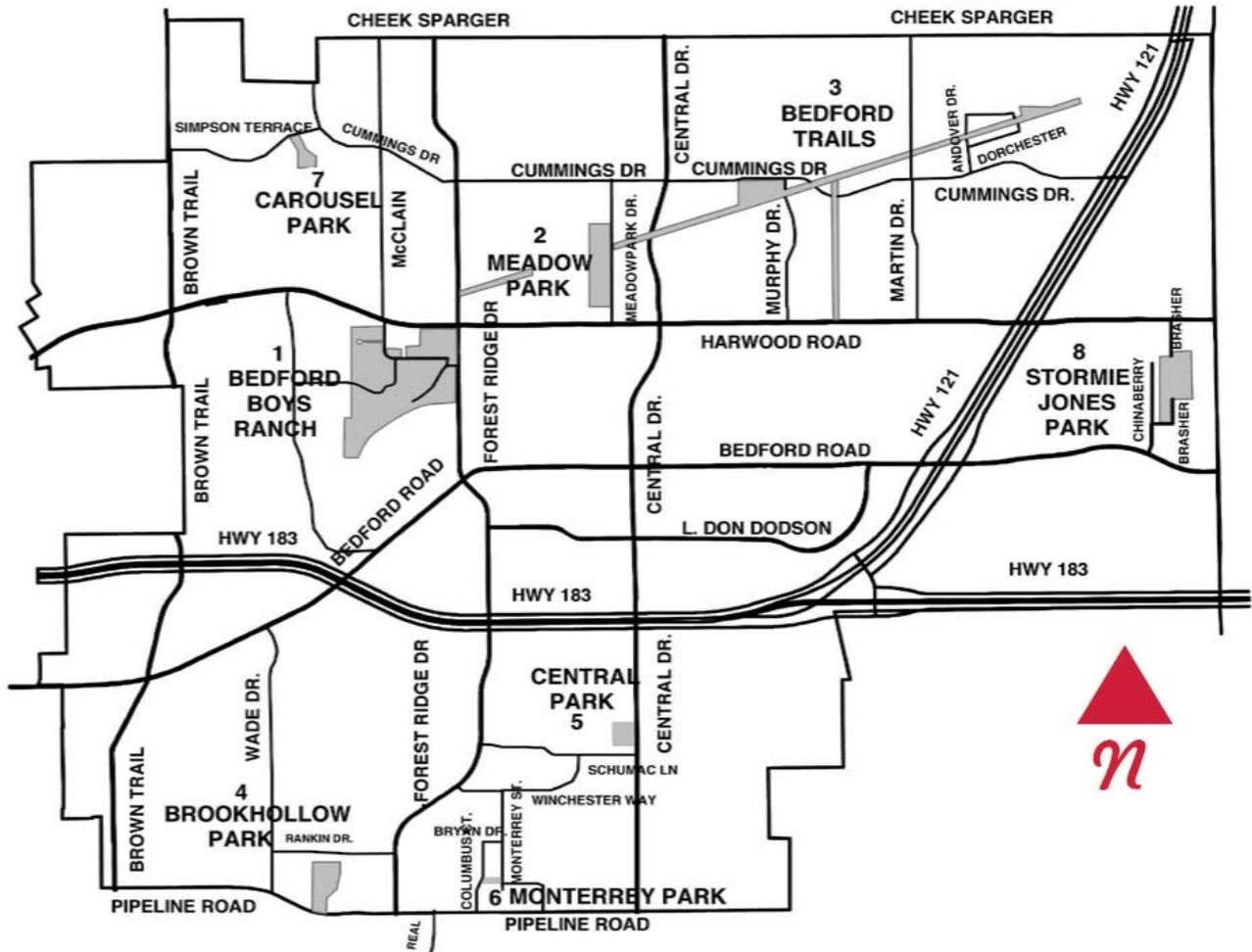
**Ages:** 3 - 6 years old  
**Fee:** \$55 per month  
**Time:** 10:00AM - 10:45AM  
**Day:** Thursdays  
**Instructor:** Shannon Higgins

Thursday, September 1-22  
 Saturday, September 3-24  
 Thursday, October 6, 13, 20, 27  
 Thursday, November 3, 10, 17 & December 1  
 Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, 26  
 Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23  
 Thursday, March 1, 8, 15, 22  
 Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26  
 Thursday, October 6, 13, 20, 27  
 Thursday, November 3, 10, 17 & December 1  
 Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, 26  
 Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23  
 Thursday, March 1, 8, 15, 22  
 Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26

### Beginner Gymnastics Class

**Ages:** 6 - 10 years old  
**Fee:** \$55 per month  
**Time:** 6:30PM - 7:15PM  
**Day:** Thursdays  
**Instructor:** Shannon Higgins

Thursday, September 1-22  
 Tuesday, September 6-27  
 Thursday, October 6, 13, 20, 27  
 Thursday, November 3, 10, 17 & December 1  
 Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, 26  
 Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23  
 Thursday, March 1, 8, 15, 22  
 Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26



## 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. For more information please call 817-952-2323.

**Room Rentals:**  
(\$100.00 deposit)

**Classrooms A, B, and C**  
One Room: \$35/Hr   Two Rooms: \$45/Hr   Three Rooms: \$55/Hr

**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/Hr   Half Court: \$30/ Hr   Special Event: \$85/Hr

**Park Pavilion:**  
Full pavilion: \$120 for six hours   **\*Note:** Rental times are either 9:00AM - 3:00PM or 4:00PM - 9:00PM

**Central Park Pavilion:** \$75 for six hours

**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

**1. Boys Ranch Park & Activity Center • 2801 Forest Ridge Dr.**

This 68 acre park has plenty of open spaces and an urban lake with a .4 mile jogging path. The Boys Ranch Activity Center (BRAC) has a gym, fitness room, showers and lockers, and classrooms. Other features of our largest park are: 3 youth baseball fields, outdoor roller hockey court, play structures, large corporate pavilion, 3 soccer fields, 2 sand volleyball courts, Aquatic Center and 2 small pavilions.



**2. Meadowpark Athletic Complex • 3200 Meadowpark**

There are 2 lighted softball fields, a youth soccer field, a concession stand and a play structure in addition to the City's tree farm at this 11 acre park.



**3. Bedford Trails/Linear Park**

This 32-acre linear park which follows the T.X.U. easement in northeast Bedford has 1.5 miles of dual trails, a playground, security lighting and a pavilion.



**4. Brook Hollow Park • 600 Block of Rankin**

This 9-acre park in southwest Bedford has a playground, small basketball court, practice soccer field and picnic area.



**5. Central Park • 1200 Central Drive**

This 5-acre park contains play structures, sand volleyball court, pavilion, and a multi-purpose swimming pool.



**6. Monterrey Park • 1000 Block of Monterrey**

This small 1/2-acre residential park in south Bedford, located just north of Pipeline Rd., has a small play structure, picnic areas and plenty of shade.



**7. Carousel Park • 1100 Simpson Terrace**

There are plenty of shade trees and several play structures in this 1-acre community park.

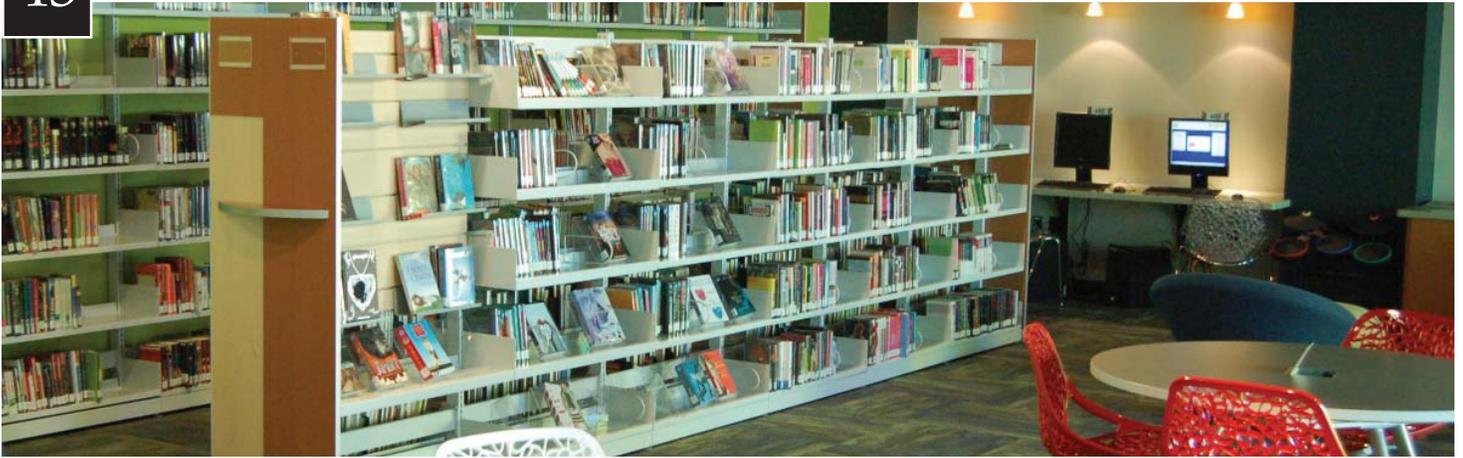


**8. Stormie Jones Park • 2500 Block of Brasher**

This secluded 13-acre community park features two "premier" lighted soccer fields, a .5 mile walking/jogging trail, an exercise unit, picnic areas, a small pavilion, a sand volleyball court, restrooms and plenty of trees.



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| <b>Lake</b>                   | <b>Swimming Pool</b>      | <b>Soccer/Baseball Practice Fields</b>  | <b>Playground</b>          |
| <b>Jogging/Walking Trail</b>  | <b>Recreation Center</b>  | <b>Covered Pavilions</b>                | <b>Roller Hockey Court</b> |
| <b>Baseball Fields</b>        | <b>Restrooms</b>          | <b>Lighting</b>                         | <b>Fishing Pier</b>        |
| <b>Soccer Fields</b>          | <b>Drinking Fountains</b> | <b>Physically Challenged Playground</b> | <b>Basketball Court</b>    |
| <b>Sand Volleyball Courts</b> | <b>Picnic Tables</b>      | <b>Shuffleboard Court</b>               | <b>Exercise Unit</b>       |
| <b>Tennis Courts</b>          | <b>Grills</b>             |   | <b>Handicapped</b>         |



## Our Community's Front Porch...

### 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. Online registration is required for this free program. Contact 817-952-2372 for details.

**Date:** Fourth Sunday of the month  
**Time:** By appointment  
**Location:** Story Time Theater

### A Little of This & That: Crafts

School aged children are invited to enjoy arts & crafts projects in the Discovery Corner.

**Date:** Wednesdays  
**Time:** 3:00PM - 5:00PM  
**Location:** Discovery Corner

### Christmas Story Time With Ms. Carrie

Santa's elf, Christmas Carol and Ms. Carrie visit us all the way from the North Pole for a special evening for the whole family. Bring your Letters for Santa, and Christmas Carol will deliver them personally to the North Pole. If we are all good, we may get a visit from S.C.

**Date:** Thursday, December 8  
**Time:** 7:00PM - 8:00PM  
**Location:** Story Time Theater

### Special Blues Fest Labor Day Weekend Library Hours

9:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturday, September 3  
 9:00AM - 1:00PM on Sunday, September 4

### Babygarden

This small-group setting provides parents/caregivers and babies with physical closeness and a shared enjoyment of reading, which can be modeled at home. Participants share songs, puppets, movement, board books, Spanish, and sign language done in conjunction with nursery rhymes. Online registration is required.

**Registration:** August 25 - 27, October 13 - 22, January 5 - 7, and February 16 - 18

**Date:** Thursdays  
**Time:** Peapods/Pre-walkers  
 10:10AM - 10:30AM  
 Sprouts/Walkers  
 10:50AM - 11:10AM or  
 11:30AM - 11:50AM

**Age:** Birth to 24 months  
**Location:** Story Time Theater

### The Story Spot

This program is for active preschoolers and their parent/caregiver. The story time incorporates rhymes, finger plays, stories, and puppetry.

**Date:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 10:15AM - 10:45AM or 11:00AM - 11:30AM  
**Age:** Two years and older  
**Location:** Story Time Theater

### Saturday Story Time for the Family

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

**Date:** Saturday, September 24 - Under the Sea  
 Saturday, October 22 - Not-So-Scary  
 Saturday, January 28 - Snowmen  
**Time:** 2:00PM - 3:00PM  
**Location:** Story Time Theater



# For Learning... For Leisure... For Life....

## Santa Receives Mail at the Library

Keep the magic of Christmas alive for your child with a personal letter from Santa. Santa requests that parents include with your child's letter or email the following information:

- Sibling's name(s)
- Pets
- Sports
- Hobbies
- Latest accomplishments

Please, remember to include your return address! Your child's letter will receive a personal letter from Santa through the mail.

**Dates:** November 25 - December 9

**Where:** Santa Claus  
Bedford Public Library  
2424 Forest Ridge Drive  
Bedford, TX 76021

**OR email:** [SantaNorthPole@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:SantaNorthPole@bedfordtx.gov)

## Winter Break Movies

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

**Dates:** December 19 - 22

**Time:** 2:00PM - 4:00PM

**Location:** Story Time Theater

## Writer's Conference

**Dates:** September 30 - October 2

There's a Book in You and it Has to Come Out. Author Sarah A. Hoyt will conduct a hands-on writer's conference. This conference is geared to cover issues faced by authors at all phases of their careers, from the beginning author to the published. Cost is \$100 if paid by September 1st.

Registrations after September 2 will be \$125. Payment can be made at the Library. The Friends will provide snacks Friday evening and Sunday as well as breakfast snacks and lunch on Saturday.

## Library Buddies: Free Homework Help at the Library

Children, ages 6 through 12, can find help with their homework. High school and college students are available to assist in all academic areas and STAR/TAKS preparation.

Registration begins September 1 - 15. Contact 817-952-2372 or email [mary.woodward@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:mary.woodward@bedfordtx.gov) for details.

**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays

**Time:** By appointment

**Location:** Discovery Corner

## Bedford Library Friends

The Bedford Library Friends are accepting donations of books, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, records, CDs, DVDs, board games, puzzles, and magazines. Donated materials are sold at the Friends' Book Store and at the annual book sale. These funds in turn provide money which the library needs to purchase books, equipment, and provide various community programs.

Drop off your donations at the Information Desk or contact Roland Rangel 817-571-1368 or [gymtique@aol.com](mailto:gymtique@aol.com)

## Bedford Bazaar

Raising Funds for the Library. Vendors, sellers, and shoppers get ready for Bedford's best shopping extravaganza.

Delights will range from attic treasures, garage grunge, swaps, and crafts. For booth information email: [jimdavisson.bazaar@hotmail.com](mailto:jimdavisson.bazaar@hotmail.com)

**Booth fee:** \$20 per space

**Date:** October 8

**Time:** 8:00AM - 4:00PM

**Location:** Pennington Field

# Technology & Computer Classes

## Computer, Internet & Email Basics

This is a six week course designed, for the person who has never used a computer before or for someone who has only rudimentary computer skills.

### Computer Basics

What is a computer, how does it work, and what can you do with it?

- Basic mouse skills
- Basic concepts of using Microsoft Windows

### Internet Basics

What is the Internet, how does it work and what can you do with it?

- Connecting to the Internet from home
- Using the Internet at the Library
- Basic concepts of "Safety on the Internet"
- Using an Internet Browser (Mozilla, Firefox)
- Brief introduction to searching on the Internet

### Email Basics

What is email and how does it work?

- How to get a free email account
- Basic commands and features of email (using Google Mail)
- Dealing with spam

Register online or call 817-952-2346. The class meets six times: students should plan to attend all six classes in the session.

**Date:** Mondays, September 26 - October 31  
or January 23 - February 27

**Time:** 7:00PM - 8:30PM

**Location:** Technology Center

## Introduction to Excel

**Date:** Mondays, September 12 and September 19

**Time:** 7:00PM - 8:30PM

**Location:** Technology Center

**Date:** Tuesdays, October 25 - November 8

**Time:** 12:00PM - 12:50PM

**Location:** Technology Center

## Word Basics

Learn how to create simple documents, edit and format text, correct spelling, adjust margins, save, print, and open files in Microsoft Word 2007.

**Date:** Monday, November 7 and 14

**Time:** 7:00PM - 8:30PM

**Location:** Technology Center

## Lunchtime Bits, Bytes & Bites

Bring your lunch and learn all things computers. Topics will vary from week to week. Registration is not required for this free program.

### Two Tools for Job Seekers:

JobView and Learning Express Library  
September 27

### Downloadable Audio Books

October 11 and January 31

### eBooks

October 18 and January 24

**Date:** Tuesdays

## Computer Basics

This class is for the absolute beginner, someone who has never used a computer before. It will provide a brief overview of exactly what a computer is and how it works with lots of hands-on practice of basic skills such as using a mouse, using Microsoft Windows, opening programs and files. No computer experience required. Online registration is required.

**Date:** Six weeks beginning Saturday, August 6  
(Aug 6, 13, 20, 27, September 3 & 10)

**Time:** 12:00PM - 1:30PM

## Public PC Access & Wi-Fi

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.

## Senior Computer Classes

Internet searching? Email? Attachments? We offer Beginner and Internet searching classes free so you can become knowledgeable computer users. No registration required.

**Date:** Mondays & Tuesdays

**Time:** 9:30AM - 10:30AM

**Location:** Technology Center

## Adult Short Story Contest

Submissions take August 1 - September 1. To enter, you must be 17 or older. Submissions must be 2,500 - 7,500 words. All genres accepted so long as there is no graphic sex or violence since the winners will be made available for reading by the public at the Library. Entries may be mailed to [gree7844@gmail.com](mailto:gree7844@gmail.com) or delivered to the library during the submission period. For more information visit the Bedford Public Library website.

## Evening with the Author

Join Sarah A. Hoyt and other local authors for a reading and to learn about their writing process on Saturday, October 1, at 7:00PM

## Second Saturday Stitchers

This monthly program provides an opportunity for stitchers of different skill levels and techniques to gather for sharing and learning. Contact Sue Countryman at 817-577-0406 for program details.

**Date:** Second Saturday of the month  
**Time:** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

**Date:** Third Tuesday of the month  
**Time:** 11:00AM - 2:00PM

## Alzheimer's Workshop

Here is an opportunity to talk with the experts, network with caregivers, and learn about clinical trials in the field of Alzheimer's research. Please, register with Judy Budlong 817-336-4949 or email [judy.budlong@alz.org](mailto:judy.budlong@alz.org)

**Date:** Thursday, September 15  
**Time:** 1:00PM - 4:00PM  
**Location:** Meeting Room North

## Bookworms Book Club

Enjoy reading? Then you will enjoy the Bedford BookWorms' lively literary discussions.

**Date:** Third Thursday of the month  
**Time:** 12:00PM - 1:30PM  
**Location:** Bonnie Finn Board 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:** 1:30PM - 3:00PM  
**Location:** Bonnie Finn Board Room

## Adult Volunteer Opportunities at the Library

Are you an adult, 18 years of age or older? Are you looking for a fun way to share your time and talents? Maybe you need a reason to get out of the house a few hours each week to meet new people or give back to your community. The Bedford Public Library has the perfect answer for you!

The Bedford Library has a fantastic team of volunteers and would love for you to join them. Library volunteers perform a wide variety of tasks on a daily basis such as: Work with the Adopt-a-Shelf program, shelve returned materials and assist in processing new materials to add to the collection. They also assist by teaching patrons how to use the new Check-out stations, help with puppet shows, story times and much more.

Check out the Library's website at [bedfordlibrary.org](http://bedfordlibrary.org) to view the complete list of volunteer opportunities and apply online today! For more information, contact Cher'e Bradford at 817-952-2330 or [cbradford@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:cbradford@bedfordtx.gov)

## TeenZone

TeenZone is the library's site for teens, by teens.

The Bedford Public Library is more than just books; it's place for Wii offs, food, flicks, or just chillin' with friends. All for the low, low price of absolutely FREE!

For more information email: [mary.woodward@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:mary.woodward@bedfordtx.gov)

## Teen Volunteer Opportunities at the Library

The Library has many roles for teens (13 - 17 years of age) to serve their community, earn work experience, CAS/NHS hours, and have fun (Teens with GPAs of 3.0 or greater, Pre AP, AP, NHS, or IB are encouraged to apply). Just a few of the teen tasks for the year are:

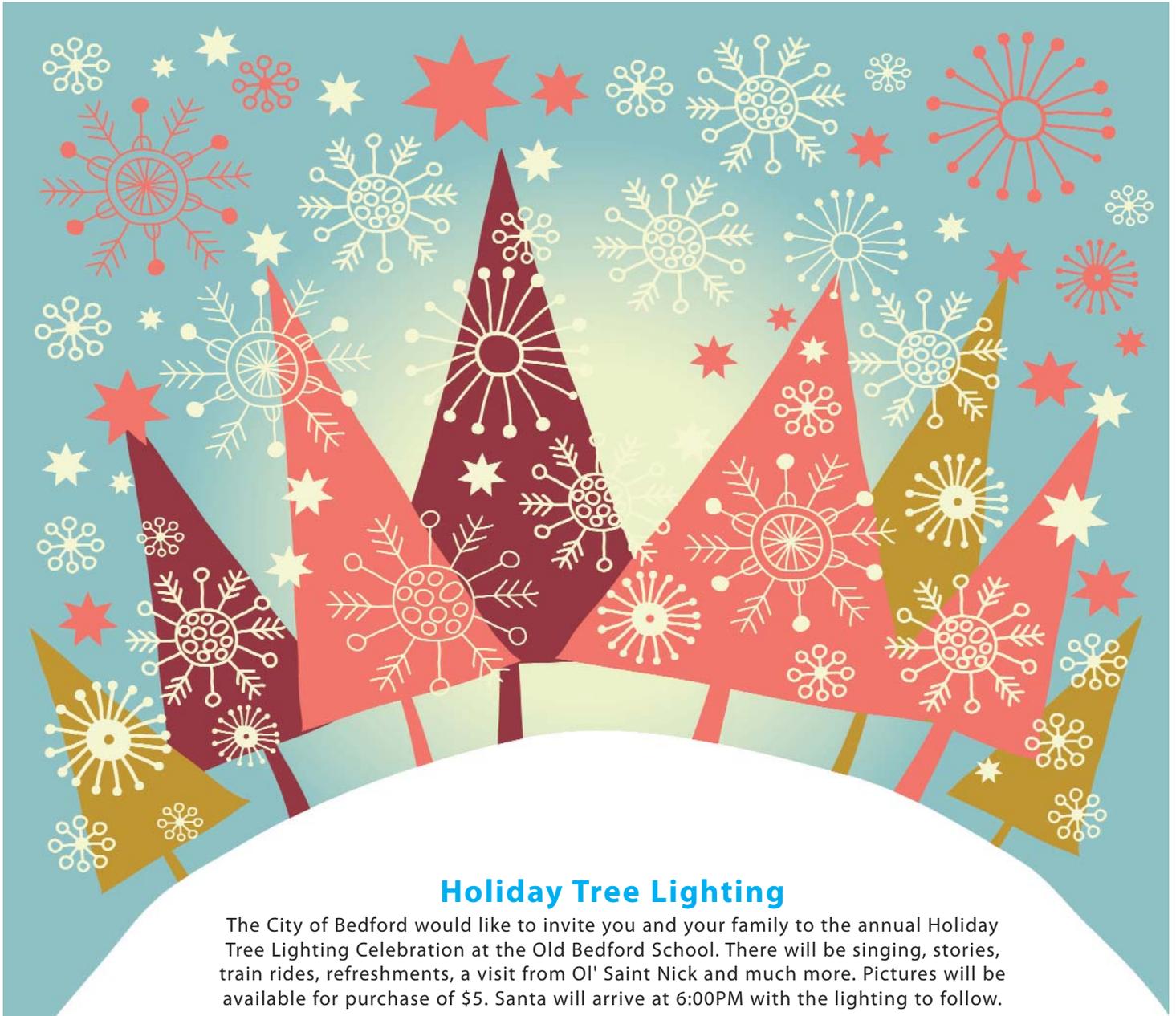
- Teen Zone Gaming/Coordinator** (setting up gaming equipment and overseeing the Teen Zone)
- Discovery Room Craft Monitors** (help children work on craft projects)
- Teen Tutors** (Assist children ages 6 through 12), with one-on-one homework help)

Applications for Teen Volunteers will be available August 5 -September 12 at the Children's Information Desk. For teen volunteering, contact Mary Woodward by calling 817-952-2372 or emailing [mary.woodward@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:mary.woodward@bedfordtx.gov)

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## Holiday Tree Lighting

The City of Bedford would like to invite you and your family to the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration at the Old Bedford School. There will be singing, stories, train rides, refreshments, a visit from Ol' Saint Nick and much more. Pictures will be available for purchase of \$5. Santa will arrive at 6:00PM with the lighting to follow.

**Date:**

Friday, December 2

**Time:**

6:00PM - 8:00PM

**Fee:**

Crafts are FREE, Pictures with Santa are \$5

**Where:**

Old Bedford School