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## ABOUT THIS E-NEWS

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## CANCELLATIONS, ETC.

There will be **no Children's Summer Reading Club Activity** and **no Parks & Recreation Board Meeting** July 5.

The Bedford Citizen will not publish on July 4. We will be enjoying Independence Day, and we hope you will be too!

*If you find this e-news helpful and informative, please help us grow by passing it along to others.*



## RECENT BECA RECIPIENTS

By dona weisman

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Four men from the Public Works department each received a Bedford Employee Commitment Award (BECA) plus a \$100 cash award at the June 26 City Council meeting for their actions and assistance following a recent attack on a TXU meter reader in Hurst. Following their receipt of the BECAs, they also were thanked publicly by the area manager for Oncor (formerly TXU).

Chad Pittman, Storm Water Crew Leader; Rudy Ramos, Storm Water Maintenance Worker II; Gerardo “G” Ramirez, Storm Water Maintenance Worker I, and Todd Rorie, Storm Water Maintenance Worker I, were nominated by Deputy City Manager

Steve Johnson after the City received an email from Hurst’s Animal Services Supervisor Debra Brantner commending their service.

“These gentlemen noticed a situation of a TXU meter reader being attacked by two dogs that were running loose. They helped the man, who was bitten, and helped him calm down until we arrived at the scene. They also helped transport him to our location,” Ms. Brantner said in the message. “They were very professional in their actions, and the City of Bedford should be proud of the compassion they exhibited in this situation. Their behavior was exemplary.”

Part of the City’s employee recognition program, the BECA award is given to Bedford employees whose conduct or action goes “above and beyond the call of

duties” of their daily job function or for other types of meritorious actions or conduct.

Any citizen, business owner or employee may nominate a City employee for a BECA by completing a nomination form, available at City Hall. The City’s senior management team reviews the nominations and determines the recipients.

### **TMLDA ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIES AWARD**

By dona weisman

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Each year, the Texas Municipal League Directors Association (TMLDA) confers the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award to public libraries in the state which have made outstanding contributions during their municipality’s most recent fiscal year. Bedford Public Library is one of only 21 public libraries in Texas to have won the award for 2006.



*Library Manager Maria Redburn accepts Bedford Public Library’s TMLDA Achievement of Excellence in Libraries, 2006, award from Kerry McGeath, Incoming President of the Texas Municipal League Directors Association and Deputy Director of Community Services for the City of Southlake.*

The award recognizes libraries which demonstrate their service excellence through the attainment of specific service criteria within a 12-month period. Applications are submitted as three-ring binders containing documentation of the library’s achievements relative to each of the 10 criteria:

1. Conduct a Summer Reading Program for youth, teens and/or adults;
2. Provide services to under-served populations through outreach, special programs, collaborations with other libraries or organizations, special classes, special collections, etc.;
3. Provide enhanced services to the public during the application year, either through an increase in service or a change in type of services;
4. Distribute appropriate publicity items and use current marketing practices to highlight basic services and specific programs;
5. Review and update library policies and procedures at least every five years;
6. Provide cultural, topical and educational programming for adults and families;
7. Provide literacy support for all ages;
8. Invest in collaborative efforts with other agencies and groups;
9. Establish professional staff training that includes training opportunities for staff at all levels;

10. Provide a library web presence either through the City or with the library's own website.

The entire group of recipients will be recognized Nov. 8 during the TMLDA business meeting/awards ceremony at the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference in Dallas.

### 4TH FEST INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Join the City of Bedford Wednesday, July 4, for a good old-fashioned, flag-waving Independence Day Celebration! 4thFEST is a full day of family fun that includes a free concert by King Creole, children's activities, the new InFlataFun area (requires individual tickets or a \$15 wristband for all the rides), festival-style culinary delights and, of course, the spectacular fireworks extravaganza when the sun goes down. For more information go to <http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/Departments/tourism/fourfest.htm> .

### COUNCIL AGENDA DEADLINE

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The deadline to sign up to be heard at the July 10 City Council meeting is July 4, but the offices are closed that day so you must have delivered any hard copies by July 3, or must have your email arrive by noon on July 4.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF JULY 4 IN TEXAS HISTORY

On July 4, 1845, the Convention of 1845 met in Austin to consider the joint resolution of the U.S. Congress that proposed annexation of the Republic of Texas to the U.S. By a vote of 55 to one, the delegates approved the offer of annexation. From that time until the convention adjourned on August 28, 1845, the convention delegates worked on the Constitution of 1845 for the new state.

Texas was annexed to the U.S. on December 29, 1845. The Texas statehood constitution, adopted in 1845, laid out the basic legislative framework that has, with modifications, been retained to the present.

Source: *The Handbook of Texas Online*, various articles



### Summer Movie Madness @ Bedford Public Library!

Every Tuesday afternoon in July, kids can enjoy free movies at the Bedford Public Library. Movies begin at 2 p.m. in the Bonnie Finn room.

This week's movie hint is: *Maggie Peyton, the new owner of Number 53 - the free-wheelin' Volkswagen bug with a mind of its own - puts the car through its paces on the road to becoming a NASCAR competitor.*

For more information, call Jean Green, BPL Community Services Supervisor, at 817/952-2370.

## UPCOMING BEDFORD ACTIVITIES

Saturday, July 7 – Sunday, July 15

### **Saturday Matinee @ BPL**

Library; Open to Public; FREE  
Sat., July 7, 2-4 p.m.

### **Early Literacy Begins with You**

Library; Open to Public; FREE  
Sun., July 8, 2:30-3 p.m.

### **Sprouts Story Time** for the active child

Library; Open to Public; FREE  
Tues., July 10, 10-10:20 a.m.

### **Story Book Club Story Time**

for the child who is ready to sit and listen  
Library; Open to Public; FREE  
Tues., July 10, 11-11:20 a.m.

### **Summer Movie Madness**

Library; Open to Public; FREE  
Tues., July 10, 2-3:30 p.m.

### **City Council Meeting**

(preceded by work session)  
City Hall; Open to Public; 817/952-2101  
Tues., July 10, 7 p.m.

### **MadScience presents *Fire & Ice***

Children's Summer Reading Club Activity  
Library; Open to Public; FREE  
Thurs., July 12, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

City Hall; Open to Public; 817/952-2125  
Thurs., July 12, 6:30 (work session)  
& 7 p.m. Regular Session

### **Second Saturday Stitchers**

Library; Open to Public; FREE  
Sat., July 14, 10 a.m.-noon

### **Saturday Matinee @ BPL**

Library; Open to Public; FREE  
Sat., July 14, 2-4 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, find more information at these sites:

Boys Ranch Activities Center activities

[http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/Departments/parks\\_recreation/recreation.htm](http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/Departments/parks_recreation/recreation.htm)

Bedford Public Library activities

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=BEDFORD>

Senior Center activities

[http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/Departments/general\\_government/sc\\_calendar.htm](http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/Departments/general_government/sc_calendar.htm)

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The mission of this electronic newspaper (e-news) is to increase citizen awareness of current events and thereby increase their involvement in our government's decision-making process. As a result, *The Bedford Citizen* will focus on providing Bedford's residents with the information they need in order to cast an informed vote. We also will include occasionally some helpful and entertaining information.

*The Bedford Citizen* is currently a volunteer effort which we expect to be circulated from friend to friend via email in its PDF format. If you find it helpful and informative, please feel free to pass it along to others.

During this introductory period, the subscriptions are free. This will allow us to gauge the demand and work out the bugs. Eventually, we plan to charge a fee for subscriptions. This will allow us to avoid the conflicts of interest that can arise from accepting paid advertising.

Initially, we plan to publish an issue every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, subject to volunteer availability and the amount of news to report.

To subscribe, please send us an email at [Be.A.Citizen@earthlink.net](mailto:Be.A.Citizen@earthlink.net) Please include your name, address and email address.

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- ◆ News articles from any volunteer writers, provided we judge the articles are relevant to our readers and the facts can be substantiated

- ◆ Position papers from political incumbents and candidates provided these position papers clearly state that person's position and they do not attack any other party

Our policies are as follows:

- ◆ *The Bedford Citizen* does not share or sell its mailing list information.
- ◆ Paid advertising is not accepted.
- ◆ Except when identified as editorials, letters to the editor or opinion pieces, stories will contain only facts that can be verified. Writers should expect to be asked to provide documentation before articles are published.
- ◆ All submitted articles must deal with issues relevant to Bedford's residents and not exceed two pages, as published in this format.
- ◆ Only one letter to the editor or opinion piece will be accepted from a single household during any 30-day period.
- ◆ Public service announcements will be included as space allows.
- ◆ The staff of the Bedford Citizen will be the final judge.
- ◆ Submissions must be received at least 72 hours prior to publication.
- ◆ Submissions should be sent to [Be.A.Citizen@earthlink.net](mailto:Be.A.Citizen@earthlink.net) and must include the author's name, address, email address and phone number.