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## FEATURES

### TONIGHT'S PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

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The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet tonight for a work session in the City Hall Conference Room at 6 p.m. and for a regular session in the Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

The work session will consist of a review of the items on the agenda. The regular session will include a **Public Hearing** on a possible zoning ordinance amendment to Chapter 3 Permitted Uses, Section 3.1 Schedule of Permitted Uses, and Section 3.2 Explanation of Uses and Specific Use Permit Requirements (Gas/Oil Well Drilling within the Corporate Limits)

Other topics to be discussed during the regular session include:

- ◆ Possible rezoning of a portion of Lot B1, Block 11, Bellvue Addition #3, from heavy commercial to heavy commercial/ specific use permit/unattended commercial kiosk. The property is generally located north of Pipeline Road and east of Brown Trail.
- ◆ Site Plan Case - The Shops at Cheek-Sparger. The property is generally located south of Cheek-Sparger Road and west of State Highway 121.
- ◆ Site Plan Case regarding a property

generally located west of Central Drive and south of Bedford Road.

- ◆ Preliminary Plat Case - The Shops at Cheek-Sparger. The property is generally located south of Cheek-Sparger Road and west of State Highway 121. (Tabled from the Sept.13, 2007 meeting)

### WHERE IN BEDFORD ...

can you still find a pay phone inside a City building?

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Staff of *The Bedford Citizen* has been able to locate only one City building in which a pay phone can be found. It is the jail side of the Law Enforcement Center on L. Don Dodson.

### SEPT. 25 CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Broader coverage of each item marked \*\* will appear in a future issue of *The Bedford Citizen*.

### REVIEW CITY OF BEDFORD FEE SCHEDULE\*\*

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The Council reviewed the current and proposed fees and recommended that, where possible, the fees be reviewed by appropriate Boards or Commissions before the Council takes action.\*\*

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- ◆ City employees who have recently completed a service period and were eligible for recognition at this meeting were:
    - Officer Scott Weir, Police, 5 yrs.
    - Paula Archibald, Code Enforcement, 10 yrs.
    - Ronald Butler, Fire, 10 years
    - Bill Lankford, Public Works, 10 yrs.
- Only Mr. Lankford was present for the recognition ceremony.
- ◆ Mayor Story proclaimed October 2007 as Fire Prevention Month in Bedford. Fire Prevention Month is a nationwide effort to encourage all residents to take simple steps to prevent fire emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. The Fire Department will present fire safety and fire prevention programs in the schools, and students will be encouraged to create posters illustrating what they learned from the programs and to submit them to a fire prevention poster contest. The theme for 2007 is "Practice Your Escape Plan."
  - ◆ Mayor Story proclaimed the month of October 2007 as Crime Prevention Month in the City of Bedford and urged all citizens, government agencies, public and

private institutions, and businesses to invest in the power of prevention and to work together for the common good.

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- ◆ Joyce Johnson discussed urban drilling.
- ◆ Curtis Sanders discussed Trailer parking at 2709 Murphy.

## ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

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- ◆ Authorize amendments to the 2006/07 budget
- ◆ Issue and sell \$4,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds
- ◆ Issue and sell \$4,975,000 of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2007
- ◆ Accept bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Laughley Bridge & Construction, Inc., for concrete street panel reconstruction at various Bedford locations (\$69,895)
- ◆ Reject all bids for the 2007 Micro-Surfacing Program (Harwood Road)
- ◆ Authorize the City Manager to contract with XO Communications to provide the City of Bedford with local and long distance telephone services

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## **SEWER AND WATER RATES\*\***

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The Council discussed these items together and voted upon them separately. In both cases a motion was made to accept the staff-recommended changes, and in both cases the motion passed unanimously.

## **PLACEMENT OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON THE AGENDA**

*Item requested by Councilman Whistler*

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In placing this item on the agenda, Councilman Whistler stated, "I believe we need to hear the information from 'Persons to Be Heard,' but in the interest of being reasonable with our citizens time, I would propose that the 'Persons to Be Heard' be moved back numerically to a position just in front of "Open Forum" on the council agenda. The citizens will still have an opportunity to be heard, but other higher priority business can be conducted and citizens can leave at a more reasonable hour after their business is handled. ... The Mayor does have the discretion to move items on the agenda for cause and that would allow the 'Person to Be Heard' moved up if Council felt their comments were needed in order to make a decision. In summary, we need to make better use of time for the majority of the citizens on-hand concerning all agenda items. I am not in favor of time limits, since there may be future situations where a 'Person to be

Heard' has something extremely detailed and important to council that may take 30, 40, 50 or 60 minutes to brief council. We cannot allow ourselves to be handcuffed by a policy that could be so inflexible that it could harm us in the future."

Council members discussed the suggestion and other potential options but ultimately agreed by consensus to continue the existing procedure.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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No one spoke during this segment of the meeting.

For more information on any of the above topics, see the Sept. 24, 2007 City Council Agenda Packet either at the library or at City Hall.

## **SMOKE ALARM TESTING**

Bedford Firefighters, assisted by the Bedford Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association and the Bedford Community Emergency Response Team, will be testing smoke alarms in the Loma Verde – Morrow Green area, starting Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, canvassing over 200 homes. This service is part of the City's Fire Prevention Month activities.

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### Identity Theft Program

Scams happen every day. Technical Sergeant Randy Gardner of the Bedford Police Department will discuss preventative measures that can help you protect your identity. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For more information contact Jeanne Green at 817/952-2370 or [jgreen@ci.bedford.tx.us](mailto:jgreen@ci.bedford.tx.us). Thursday SEPT. 27, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

### Texas Connection – Country Music

Twilight Thursdays, an eclectic concert series staged by the City of Bedford in conjunction with Artsnet, continues through the end of September. The free programs begin at 7 p.m. each Thursday outside the Old Bedford School. Sponsored by the Bedford Hotel Association, the series is open to the public. Registration is not required. Thursday SEPT. 27, 7 p.m.

### Artoberfest

This two-day festival features art, music and children's activities. King Creole (Pop Top 40), Sidemen (Blues), Stoney Larue and Josh Gracin (Country) will perform Saturday, and Johnny Reno (Swing Dance), Me and my Monkey (Beatles Cover Band), Everlife (Radio Disney) and Three Dog Night (60's Band) will perform Sunday. Hip Pocket Theater Puppet

Shows, InflataFUN and D&D Rockin' Rods add to the fun. General Admission is \$5/person (kids under 5 admitted free). For online ticket purchase, go to <https://tix.extremetix.com/tix/SilverStream/Pages/pgIndex.html?siteID=1574>. There will be a \$10 charge for on-site parking and a \$15 fee of an InflataFUN wristband. For more information, visit [www.bedfordartoberfest.com](http://www.bedfordartoberfest.com). Saturday-Sunday, OCT. 6-7

### Living with Low Vision Fair

October is Blind Awareness Month. The Bedford Public Library is partnering with various sponsors to provide a special event to increase public awareness of the resources available to persons with low vision, failing vision and no vision. Goals of the Living with Low Vision Fair are to:

- ◆ Demonstrate assistive technologies that can improve quality of life
- ◆ Promote resources and organizations that offer help to individuals with low vision
- ◆ Educate employees and employers about programs designed to help with job training and job technology

The event will take place in the Bonnie Finn Room of the library. Sponsors include Books on Tape – Random House, Easter Seals – Disability Services, National Federation for the Blind, Prevent Blindness Texas, Reading and Radio Resource, and the Texas Department of Assistive and

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Rehabilitative Services. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Cher'e Bradford or Maria Redburn at 817/952-2330 or [mredburn@ci.bedford.tx.us](mailto:mredburn@ci.bedford.tx.us).  
Saturday OCT. 13, 2-4 p.m.

### **Mammogram Screenings at the Library**

The Bedford Public Library and the UT Southwestern Center for Breast Care Mobile Mammography Program have joined efforts so that women may have their annual mammogram in a mobile unit at the library. Insurance information and the name of the woman's primary care physician must be provided during the required pre-registration by phone. Some grants are available. For more information, visit <http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=BEDFORD> or contact Jeanne Green at 817/952-2370 or [jgreen@ci.bedford.tx.us](mailto:jgreen@ci.bedford.tx.us).  
Friday OCT. 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### **Bedford Fire Prevention Month Open House**

In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week and Bedford Fire Prevention Month, the public's invited to an Open House at the Central Fire Station on Bedford Road. Bedford firefighters will provide tours of the newly remodeled fire station and show off the fire engines and ambulances. Visitors can get a glimpse of what it's like to be a firefighter, by wearing actual firefighter gear and spraying a genuine fire hose. In the Fire Safety House they'll learn how to escape danger. The Bedford F.A.L.S.E.

Alarm (Fire and Life Safety Education) Clown Troupe will provide fire safety and prevention tips for children. For more information call the Fire Department at 817-952-2500, visit [www.bedfordfire.net](http://www.bedfordfire.net) or send an email to [sphillips@ci.bedford.tx.us](mailto:sphillips@ci.bedford.tx.us).  
Saturday OCT. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### **First-Ever Paper Shredding Event In Bedford**

The Bedford Beautification Commission will sponsor a Paper Shredding event, conducted by Brink's Document Destruction, for private residences only. Proof of residence required. Residents may bring up to three boxes (any size) of paper documents to be shredded. Paperclipped and stapled documents will be accepted. The free event is scheduled for Meadow Park Athletic Complex.  
Saturday OCT. 27, 8 a.m.-noon

### **Halloween Fest 2007**

One canned good per person or a donation to the Tarrant County Food Bank will get you into this year's Halloween Fest at the Boys Ranch Activity Center. The event, especially planned for children 12 and under, will include face-painting, bounce houses, carnival games, slime-making, arts and crafts and trick-or-treat candy stations. Concessions will be available, also. For more information call 817/952-2323.  
Saturday OCT. 27, 6-9 p.m.

## UPCOMING BEDFORD ACTIVITIES

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### Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

City Hall, Open to public, 817/952-2125  
Thursday Sept. 27, 6 p.m.

### Twilight Thursdays: Texas Connection

Old Bedford School, FREE, 817/952-2292  
Thursday Sept. 27, 7-8 p.m.

### Sprouts Story Time for the active child

Library, FREE, 817/952-2370  
Tuesday Oct. 2, 10-10:20 a.m.

### Story Book Club Story Time for the child

who's ready to sit and listen  
Library, FREE, 817/952-2370  
Tuesday Oct. 2, 11-11:20 a.m.

### Deadline to Sign Up to Speak at the Oct.

9 City Council Meeting  
Wednesday Oct. 3, noon

### Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

City Hall, Open to public, 817/952-2300  
Thurs. Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

### City Council Meeting

City Hall, Open to Public, 817/952-2101  
Tuesday Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

### Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

City Hall, Open to public, 817/952-2125  
Thursday Oct. 11, 6 p.m.

### Beautification Commission Meeting

Library, Open to Public, 817/952-2300  
Mon. Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m.

### Sprouts Story Time for the active child

Library, FREE, 817/952-2370  
Tuesday Oct. 16, 10-10:20 a.m.

### Story Book Club Story Time

for the child who's ready to sit and listen  
Library, FREE, 817/952-2370  
Tuesday Oct. 16, 11-11:20 a.m.

### Deadline to Sign Up to Speak

At the Oct. 23 City Council Meeting  
Wed. Oct. 17, noon

Unless otherwise noted, find more information at these sites:

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

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)

Old Bedford School activities  
<http://www.oldbedfordschool.com/index.htm>

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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