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How do you feel about gas drilling in Bedford? How much distance, or "setback," do you require between your residence and the well bore? Do you know where the pipelines that will take away the gas will be buried? Are you aware that eminent domain may end up being one of the tools the gas companies use to take the land they want for the pipelines?

No matter how you feel about gas drilling in Bedford, it is your duty as a citizen of Bedford to go to the meeting, get the facts, and make your preferences known. It is likely that the setback will be discussed and could be reduced to something lower than the 500 feet called for in the draft ordinance.

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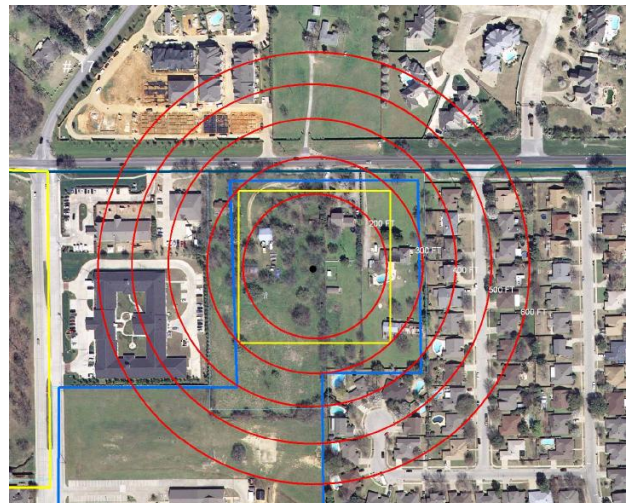
http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/gasdrilling/gas_well_sites.pdf

Please keep in mind that the presence of a property in this document does not mean

that the property has been designated a drilling site.

In an effort to make it easier for you to get up to speed, the Bedford Citizen has prepared a table to help you with your review of the document showing all "vacant properties in Bedford with four acres or more".

An example of the site photos you will see is included below.



In the site photos, north is always at the top. In the sample photo above (PDF page 20), the land in question is east of Central Drive and south of Cheek-Sparger Road. The concentric red circles show the distance from the black dot at the center: 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 feet. There are some Bedford residents who argue that we need a 300-foot setback so that property like this can be purchased or leased by the oil companies and used for drilling while there are others who argue that our property owners would be free negotiate a

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PDF Page	Site Number	
1		Tarrant Appraisal District 4-Plus Acres
2		Uncovered Properties and Zoning
3		The numbered sites on this page correlate with the numbered photos.
4	1	Brown Trail Church of Christ, west of Brown Trail and south of Taylor Drive.
5	2	Boys Ranch Park on the corner of Harwood and Forest Ridge.
6	3	Future Bedford Public Library. Formerly, the Food Lion.
7	4	The land purchased for the new Bedford Public Library. East of the current Library and north of L. Don Dodson.
8	5	Bank One land south of L. Don Dodson adjacent to City Hall.
9	6	Behind the Fort Worth credit union.
10	7	In the heart of Brook Hollow North subdivision south of Shumac between Overhill and Shannon LN.
11	8	In Brook Hollow Park.
12	9	On the southwest corner of Central and Cheek-Sparger.

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13	10	In Meadow Park, north of Harwood and west of Kroger.
14	11	North of Bedford Road and west of Central Drive.
15	12	Across L. Don Dodson from the Law Enforcement Center.
16	13	North of Route 183 and east of the Marriott Courtyard.
17	14	Behind Razoos south of Route 183
18	15	East of Hospital Parkway and north of Parkview LN
19	16	East of Hospital Parkway and south of Parkview LN
20	17	East of Central Drive and south of Cheek-Sparger Road.
21	18	in Bedford Trails Park next to Spring Garden Elementary.
22	19	South of Bedford Road and west of L. Don Dodson
23	20	West of the former UA Bedford theater behind the former Holiday Inn.
24	21	in Bedford Trails Park between Hasting and Woodpark Lane.
25	22	North of Cummings and west of Woodpark LN.

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26	23	South of Cummings and west of Route 121.
27	24	Behind Tom Thumb between Martin Drive and Route 121.
28	25	South of the former UA Bedford theater, north of Route 121 and west of Plaza Drive.
29	25-2	South of Forum Parkway and east of the former UA Bedford theater
30	26	South of Bedford Road and east of Copper Hill Apartments. This property has been developed into town houses.
31	27	on Cheek-Sparger north of Wal-Mart
32	28	North of Cummings Drive between Woodpark Drive and Route 121
33	29	North of Harwood across from St. Michael's Catholic Church
34	30	East of the former Bedford UA theater. South of Forum Parkway between Plaza Drive and Commerce Place.
35	30-2	North of Route 183 west of the Mercedes Benz dealer.
36	31	Stormie Jones park

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37	32	Northwest of Bedford Road and Industrial behind the drug store
38	33	Across Industrial from Trinity High School
39	34	Between Industrial and Stormie Jones Park
40	35	Between Industrial and Stormie Jones Park

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deal they felt comfortable with if we used the Argyle, TX model, which requires a 600-foot setback unless everyone within 600 feet agrees in writing to a lesser setback.

UPCOMING CITY-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

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Book Buddies Tutoring for ages 4-13
Library, FREE, Appointment: 817/952-2370
Monday Jan. 7, after school

Basic Computer Class
Library, FREE, 817/952-2342
tnew@ci.bedford.tx.us
Monday Jan. 7, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sprouts Story Time for the active child
Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Tuesday Jan. 8, 10-10:20 a.m.

Story Book Club for the child who's ready to sit and listen
Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Tuesday Jan. 8, 11-11:20 a.m.

Charter Review Commission Meeting
Library, Open to the Public, 817/952-2101
Tuesday Jan. 8, 5:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting
City Hall, Open to the Public, 817/952-2101
Tuesday Jan. 8, 7 p.m. (work session precedes)

Spanish Language Basics
Library, FREE, 817/952-2373
jgreen@ci.bedford.tx.us
Wednesday Jan. 9, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Book Buddies Tutoring for ages 4-13
Library, FREE, Appointment: 817/952-2370
Wednesday Jan. 9, after school

Spanish Language Basics
Library, FREE, 817/952-2373
jgreen@ci.bedford.tx.us
Wednesday Jan. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
City Hall, Open to the Public, 817/952-2125
Thursday Jan. 10, 7 p.m. Regular Session (work session precedes)

Second Saturday Stitchers
Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Saturday Jan. 12 10 a.m.-noon

Book Buddies Tutoring for ages 4-13
Library, FREE, Appointment: 817/952-2370
Monday Jan. 14, after school

Internet Basics Computer Class
Library, FREE, 817/952-2342
tnew@ci.bedford.tx.us
Monday Jan. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sprouts Story Time for the active child
Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Tuesday Jan. 15, 10-10:20 a.m.

Story Book Club for the child who's ready to sit and listen
Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Tuesday Jan. 15, 11-11:20 a.m.

Deadline to Sign Up for the Jan. 22 City Council Agenda
Wednesday Jan. 16, noon

Book Buddies Tutoring for ages 4-13
Library, FREE, Appointment: 817/952-2370
Wednesday Jan. 16, after school

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Library, Open to the Public, 817.952.2332
mredburn@ci.bedford.tx.us
Wednesday Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

Bedford Bookworms: The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks
Library, FREE, 817/952-2342
jgreen@ci.bedford.tx.us
Thursday Jan. 17, noon - 1:30 p.m.

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

Old Bedford School activities
www.oldbedfordschool.com/index.htm

Senior Center activities
http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/Departments/general_government/sc_calendar.htm

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

To have your Christmas tree mulched, bring it to the Meadowpark Athletic Complex before Sunday Jan. 13.

For more information, call the Boys Ranch Activity Center at 817-952-2323.

PEAPODS STORY TIME

Registration for Bedford Public Library's Peapods Story Time, intended for babies, begins Thurs. Jan. 3 and continues through Sat. Jan. 5.

Each group is limited to 11 parents/caregivers and their babies. The programs are presented each Thursday for six weeks, with Prewalkers registered and scheduled for 10 to 10:20 a.m. and Walkers registered and scheduled for 10:45 to 11:05 a.m. or 11:30 to 11:50 a.m.

Bedford residents are given first priority for registration. Either the parent/caregiver or the baby must be a Bedford resident. Non-residents may apply for the "Non-Resident Registration Waiting List" during the registration period and will be notified if openings are available at the close of the registration period.

Register by phone at 817/952-2373 or at the Kids Help Desk in the library. The following is required for registration:

- ◆ Parent/Caregiver name
- ◆ Baby name and age
- ◆ Contact phone number
- ◆ Adult proof of identification and valid BPL card

For more information, contact Jeanne Green, BPL Youth Services Supervisor, at 817/952-2373 or jgreen@ci.bedford.tx.us.

BEDFORD-EULESS SOCCER ASSN. OPEN REGISTRATION

The BECA Spring 2008 season begins Saturday Feb. 23, and open registration for players currently is underway. Players must have been at least 4 years old by July 31, 2007, in order to play this Spring. Each new player MUST furnish a copy of his or her official birth certificate.

All players must attend open registration or register online; returning players must do so whether they want to remain on the same team as they were in last season or not. In person registration dates, times and locations are as follows:

- ◆ Saturday Jan. 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Boys Ranch Activity Center
- ◆ Thursday Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. & Saturday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Eules Midway Recreation Center

Online registration, for an additional processing fee, is possible at www.besasoccer.com. New player registration is \$75 and includes a uniform and socks. There is a \$65 registration fee for a returning player remaining on the same team and a \$75 fee for a returning player requesting an open draw. There is a \$5 discount for each additional player from the same family. For more information, call a Board Member at 817/354-4774 or visit www.besasoccer.com.

FREE MORNING OR EVENING SPANISH BASICS CLASSES

Bedford Public Library now offers free Spanish language classes, taught by Ms. Bianca Zayas, on Wednesday *evenings* as well as on Wednesday mornings. No registration is required. Beginning Jan. 9, there will be a morning class from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and an evening class from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. For more information, call 817/952-2342.

TOWN HALL MEETING REGARDING GAS DRILLING

Bedford residents are invited to participate in a Town Hall Meeting at the Boys Ranch Activity Center. At the meeting, scheduled for Wednesday Jan. 9 at 7 p.m., individuals may address the Council with questions or comments regarding gas drilling within the City. The following documents are available at the web addresses indicated:

- ◆ The current proposed ordinance for the City of Bedford:
http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/bedfordgas_fifthdraft.pdf
- ◆ [Maps of vacant properties](http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/gasdrilling/gas_well_sites.pdf) in Bedford with four acres or more:
http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/gasdrilling/gas_well_sites.pdf
- ◆ [A comparison chart](http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/comparisons.pdf) of other City Gas Well Drilling Ordinances:
http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/comparisons.pdf

- ◆ Additional information:
http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/gasdrilling_resources.htm

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

[U.S. Actor's Company](#), a Bedford business, will perform "Real Murder," and [Sweet Memories Cakes & Catering for All Occasions](#) will cater the Old Bedford School's January Murder Mystery Dinner and Show Saturday Jan. 19 from 7-10 p.m.

Reality gets turned upside down when famous "Reality Show" celebrities turn up for what they think is a taping of their new shows. When reality show star and billionaire Ronald Rump ends up dead, the simple life of these celebrities turns into a game of survivor! Tickets, which are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple, are available now. For more information, call 817/952-2290 or visit <http://www.oldbedfordschool.com/performances/mystery.htm>