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Bedford City Hall
ATTN: City Secretary Shanae Jennings
2000 Forest Ridge Dr.
Bedford, TX 76021.

AUG 10 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION

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Executive Session 9:00 a.m.

This session is not open to the public.

Work Session

This session is open to the public.

The Council will receive and discuss as many department presentations on Aug. 10 as deemed reasonable and resume discussions, if necessary, on Aug. 11 at 9:00 a.m., from where they left off.

- ◆ Receive and discuss FY 2007-2008 budget overview and department presentations.
 - Public Works/Engineering

- Parks, Recreation and Special Events
- Police
- Support Services
- Fire
- Library
- Administrative Services
- Development and Tourism
- General Government
- CIP/4B
- ◆ Discussion wrap-up of any other budget related items.

To view the proposed budget for FY 2007-2008, go to:
http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/2008_budgetoverview.pdf. Complete Council agendas and background information are available for review at the library.

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Last month I created a small grassroots website, <http://jeannesjournal.pbwiki.com/>, with these objectives:

- ◆ To present my views about the outsourcing of a successful, city-managed service;
- ◆ To provide factual information about LSSI's involvement with only a few other public libraries in the country;
- ◆ To call on Bedford residents to take action if they, too, oppose sending our tax monies to a for-profit company in Maryland.

I invite all concerned Bedford residents to *come stand with us*, the opponents of outsourcing, at the August 14 City Council meeting. Let's show Mayor Story and the other council members by our presence that Bedford residents want to keep our public library managed in the excellent way we've seen demonstrated instead of taking a chance on what a for-profit company can do from outside our city and state!

Sincerely,

Jeanne A. Wingate
Retired public school teacher/librarian
(35 years)
Bedford resident since 1979

BEDFORD-HURST SENIOR CENTER HEALTH & BENEFITS FAIR

The Bedford-Hurst Senior Center will host its 10th annual Health & Benefits Fair Fri. Sep. 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Over 40 vendors will present information on subjects that help seniors live healthier and wealthier lives. The event will feature free blood pressure checks, free blood sugar and cholesterol tests, vision and hearing screenings plus lots of door prizes and promotional items.

HOA BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

The City of Bedford's Volunteer Community Affairs Commission cordially invites all Board Members of Bedford Home Owners Associations to meet other associations in Bedford.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 9, 2007

WHERE: Bedford Public Library, 1805 L. Don Dodson Dr. (across from City Hall)

WHO: HOA Board Members, Volunteer Community Affairs Commission representatives, Volunteer Beautification Committee representatives, City of Bedford representatives

WHY: To discuss issues of neighborhood interest and to foster a greater sense of community and see if there are suggestions for making life better in Bedford.

For more information, contact Karla Setser at 817-283-9869 or karlasetser@aol.com or Raymond Champney at 817-318-1233 or Raymond@rjcenter.com.

UPCOMING BEDFORD ACTIVITIES
Monday, August 13 – Sunday, August 19

City Council Meeting

City Hall, Open to Public, 817/952-2101
Tues. Aug. 14, 7 p.m.

Library Advisory Board Meeting

Library, Open to Public, 817/952-2332
Wed. Aug. 15, 7 p.m.

Scrapbooking Class

Old Bedford School, FREE, Registration
required, 817/952-2323
Thurs. Aug. 16, 6-9 p.m.

**Friends of the Bedford Public Library
Meeting**

Library, Open to Public, 817/952-2332
Thurs. Aug. 16, 7 p.m.

City Council Budget Work Session

Law Enforcement Ctr., Open to Public,
817/952-2101
Fri. Aug. 10, 9 a.m.

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817/952-2101
Sat. Aug. 11, 9 a.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner & Show

SOLD OUT
Old Bedford School, 817/952-2291
Sat. Aug. 18, 7 p.m.

Movies in the Park: *Charlotte's Web*

Boys Ranch Park, FREE, 817/952-2300
Sat. Aug. 18, 9 p.m.

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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 Please include your name, address and email address.

The Bedford Citizen welcomes free of charge:

- ◆ 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 and must include the author's name, address, email address and phone number.