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It's time again for you to take Democracy in your own hands and VOTE, if you haven't yet, on the 16 proposed State constitutional amendments. Only two days of early voting and Election Day, Nov. 6, remain for you to do so. Voting hours for today, tomorrow and Nov. 6 are 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Although Tarrant county residents may vote early at any early-voting site in the county, the locations closest to Bedford include the following:

- ◆ Eules Public Library (201 North Ector Dr.)
- ◆ Grapevine Community Activities Ctr. (1175 Municipal Way)
- ◆ Hurst Recreation Ctr. (700 Mary Dr.)
- ◆ Northeast Sub-Courthouse (645 Grapevine Hwy.)
- ◆ Southlake Sub-Courthouse (1400 Main St.)

Your Election Day voting location depends on your home address and the Precinct to which that address is assigned. Your Precinct number appears on your Voters Registration card; a list of voting locations by Precinct is available at http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote/lib/evote/2007/11062007/polls_1107.pdf. You will need to have your Voters Registration Card, drivers license or some other acceptable identification to qualify for voting. For more information regarding

voter registration, contact the Elections Office at 817/831-8683.

Additional items you may want to review before voting are the following:

- ◆ Sample ballot – http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote/lib/evote/2007/11062007/sample_ballots/Nov07_main.pdf (Also available at any voting site.)
- ◆ More in-depth descriptions of each of the 16 proposed amendments – http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/HRO_report.pdf.
- ◆ Unbiased pros and cons of each amendment – <http://www.lwvtexas.org/PDF%20Files/2007%20CA%20VG.pdf> (English) and <http://www.lwvtexas.org/PDF%20Files/2007%20CA%20Spanish%20VG.pdf> (Spanish)

As the old saying goes, if you don't vote, you can't complain!

CITY OF BEDFORD'S UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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The Shops at Mid-Cities Women's Expo

Food, entertainment and shopping will be available from over 60 vendor booths. There will be hourly drawings, cooking demonstrations and health and nutrition information.

Saturday NOV. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pet Adopt-A-Thon

Many cats and dogs will be available for immediate adoption by new loving families, and local veterinarians will be available to answer your questions. In addition to clowns, a bounce house, balloon animals, face painting and a demonstration by a service dog, there will be FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and popcorn. For more information, call 817/952-2191. Saturday NOV. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner & Show

Big Daddy is coming to the holiday family reunion with Honey, his new Christmas bride. His kids, Baby and Sonny, have mixed feeling about their new "Mom" while his high-rolling sister and her new boyfriend Lou may be planning to take a stab at a wedding of their own. The holidays are always a good time for a wedding ... or a murder! U.S. Actor's Company, a Bedford business, will perform "Murder for the Holidays," and Sweet Memories Cakes & Catering for All Occasions will cater the City-sponsored event. Tickets will be available beginning Oct. 22. For more information, call 817/952-2290 or visit <http://www.oldbedfordschool.com/performances/mystery.htm>. Saturday NOV. 17, 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving

City offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Thursday NOV. 22 and Friday NOV. 23

Holiday Tree Lighting

Old Bedford School
Saturday DEC. 1, 3 p.m.-8 p.m.

Christmas Carol's Storytime

Santa's elf, Christmas Carol, is coming to Bedford Public Library all the way from the North Pole. Bring your letters for Santa Claus with you, and Christmas Carol will deliver them directly to Santa. Parents: Each letter will receive a personal reply from you-know-who!
Thursday DEC 6, 7-8 p.m.

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Teen Court Advisory Board Meeting

Library, Open to Public, 817/952-2300
Thursday Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

City Hall, Open to public, 817/952-2300
Thursday Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Basic Computer Class

Library, FREE, 817/952-2373
Monday Nov. 5, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Internet Searching Class

Library, FREE, 817/952-2373
Tuesday Nov. 6, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sprouts Story Time for the active child

Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Tuesday Nov. 6, 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 Nov. 6, 11-11:20 a.m.

Deadline to Sign Up to Speak at the Nov.

13 City Council Meeting
Wednesday Nov. 7, noon

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

City Hall, Open to public, 817/952-2125
Thursday Nov. 8, 7 p.m. Regular Session,
work session precedes

Second Saturday Stitchers

Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Saturday Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Basic Computer Class

Library, FREE, 817/952-2373
Monday Nov. 12, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Internet Searching Class

Library, FREE, 817/952-2373
Tuesday Nov. 13 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sprouts Story Time for the active child

Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Tuesday Nov. 13, 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 Nov. 13, 11-11:20 a.m.

City Council Meeting

City Hall, Open to Public, 817/952-2101
Tuesday Nov. 13, 7 p.m. (work session
precedes)

Bedford Bookworms

Library, FREE, 817/952-2370
Thursday Nov. 15, noon - 1:30 p.m.

Friends of the Bedford Public Library Meeting

Library, PUBLIC IS INVITED, 817/952-
2332

Thursday Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Basic Computer Class

Library, FREE, 817/952-2373
Monday Nov. 19, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

Open to Public, City Hall
Monday Nov. 19, 6 p.m.

Beautification Commission Meeting

Library, Open to Public, 817/952-2300
Monday Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Internet Searching Class

Library, FREE, 817/952-2373
Tuesday Nov. 20, 8:30-9:30 a.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
<http://www.oldbedfordschool.com/index.htm>

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

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I'm waiting for Bedford Animal Control and feeling very sad.

A few days ago, a tiny orange kitten was perched on my back yard fence post, staring down at my 3 fur-babies in the yard. "How cute!" was my first thought. Then I started thinking about the possibility of an obvious stray carrying a disease or infection that could be passed to my adored companions. I hoped the cute outsider wouldn't return, but I feared otherwise.

The next day my patio door was open to allow my cats to play in the yard, chasing insects. I went in the kitchen & found 3 scrawny kittens scrambling all over themselves, trying to avoid me as I gently "shoo'ed" them out. They had braved entering a house, searching for food. I brought my pets in, knowing they would remain inside until I knew the strays were no longer a threat.

My husband was watching tv around midnight; I had gone to sleep early. He came rushing into the bedroom- "They're back- and there's 4 of them!" We went & looked on our back patio to see the VERY young mother cat playing with 3 kittens. Cats can get pregnant very young & the mother looked to be no more than 6

months old. I knew we had to do something.

We bought a humane trap at Home Depot Sunday, since Animal Control had a long waiting list for their loaner traps. Last night we set the trap, baited with tuna fish. This morning, we found the trap contained the mother & a kitten with a very crusted over eye. I called Animal Control immediately & learned they have no vet on duty, they will not treat animals, but they do try to offer for adoption as many as possible. I know they will probably euthanize the unhealthy kitten, which breaks my heart. It is now after 1pm & I am still waiting for them to arrive.

I have been on the phone, calling all the "no kill" shelters I can find, hoping to find a possible future for these unfortunate ones. All the shelters I found are full of unwanted animals- they have no room to take in more.

So sad. I always spay/neuter my animal companions, but others do not. There are so many unwanted dogs & cats- they deserve more from us! It's not "cute" to think of these strays struggling to survive disease, infection, starvation, lack of shelter.

The on-line recycling groups I belong to are FULL of people who allowed their pets to have litters they are trying to give away. The litters are NOT the problem- WE are the problem! WE are responsible!

PLEASE spay or neuter your pets!