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BOROUGH BUILDING RENOVATION

Renovations are underway for the Bedford Borough Municipal Building. Mid-State Construction crews began working on the building in July 2020 and the project is on schedule to be completed late summer.

The original Borough building was constructed in 1949 and while the shell will remain, a new interior and façade will give the old building a new look. New plumbing, electrical and an HVAC system will be a huge upgrade for the dated building.

Administrative offices will be located in the western side of the building that formerly housed the Bedford Fire Department. The Bedford Borough Tax Collector will also have a space in the new building. The Bedford Police Department will occupy the eastern side of the building and have a street-line presence on West Penn Street. Bedford Borough Council will finally have a place to call home in a portion of the building that used to house fire apparatus, while the Public Works department will occupy the entire bottom floor.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held upon completion, along with an open house for the community to visit the new building.

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Brad Foor
Public Services Director

OFFICIALLY RETIRED!

After 29 years of service with the Borough, Public Services Director Brad Foor retired in March. Brad started with the Bedford Borough Water Authority in 1992 and when the authorities combined in 2018, Brad became an employee of the Bedford Borough.

Brad's invaluable knowledge of the water system and camaraderie will be greatly missed. Congratulations and best wishes on your next adventure!



OPERATOR OF THE YEAR: JOHN FLICK

The PA Rural Water Association annually recognizes individuals through their Tribute to Excellence Awards for water and wastewater systems.

John Flick, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, was awarded the 2020 Wastewater Operator of the Year award for his dedication and perseverance to go above and beyond his job expectations. Tom Goehring, Wastewater Manager with the PA Rural Water Association, presented John with his award at the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford's monthly meeting in October.

John began working for the Bedford Borough Water Authority in 2010 as a meter reader and transferred to the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford's wastewater treatment plant in 2013 to become an assistant plant operator/lab technician. In 2018, John was promoted to the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent.

The Borough is proud of John's accomplishment and we appreciate everything he does to make our little town that much better. Congratulations on a job well done!



L: Tom Goehring, PA Rural Water Association
R: John Flick, MABB Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent

PROPERTY INSPECTIONS: A REQUIREMENT WHEN SELLING A HOME

Did you know that prior to the sale of a property in Bedford Borough, a property inspection is required? The Borough has the authority to inspect a property at any time to ensure compliance with ordinances, however, we are required to inspect properties prior to the transfer of title. Please use the list below as a checklist to ensure your property is in compliance if you are considering selling your home.

Per Borough ordinances, properties within Borough limits shall be inspected prior to the transfer of a title to ensure that existing sidewalks and curbing meet the minimum requirements and that no unapproved or non-conforming signs exist on the property. The Borough also exercises its right at this time to ensure that the downspouts are not connected to the sanitary sewer system, grass, weeds, shrubbery and/or trees are not overgrown and that there is no accumulation of refuse on the property. The Borough also has the authority to inspect a property at any time to ensure properties are in compliance. Additionally, water and sewer services follow the property.

A minimum of ten (10) days prior to the closing date of the property sale, preferably as soon as the property is listed, notify the Bedford Borough office of a pending sale and provide the name and address of the current owner.

SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND TREES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER

The Borough shall conduct the following inspections:

- i. **Sidewalk & Driveway Ramp (if they exist)** – In the winter, please ensure all accumulated snow and/or ice is removed from the sidewalk surface so that an accurate inspection can be conducted.
 - a. Concrete, Asphalt and/or Brick, etc.
 - i. Vertical or horizontal offsets (cracks) exceeding one (1”) in the same concrete slab, asphalt or same brick or in adjoining surfaces/bricks (at joints).
 - ii. Unevenness of the sidewalk surface.
 - iii. Deterioration of the sidewalk surface.
 - iv. Grass and weeds in the cracks, joints or seams.
 - v. Note – minor repairs can be made to existing asphalt sidewalks. If, however, it is determined by the Borough that the sidewalks should be entirely reconstructed, concrete must be used.

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PROPERTY INSPECTIONS - continued

- I. **Curbing (if it exists)** – In the winter, please ensure all accumulated snow and/or ice is removed from the curbing surface so that an accurate inspection can be conducted.
 - a. Concrete and Asphalt
 - i. Vertical or horizontal offsets (cracks) exceeding one (1”) inch.
 - i. Deterioration of the curbing.
 - ii. Grass and weeds in the cracks or joints.
 - iii. Note – minor repairs can be made to existing asphalt curbing. If, however, it is determined by the Borough that the curbing should be entirely reconstructed, concrete must be used.
- II. **Trees, Shrubs & Plantings**
 - a. Encroachment over the sidewalk at a height of no less than ten (10’) feet.
 - b. Encroachment over the street or alley at a height of no less than sixteen (16’) feet.
- III. **Lawn**
 - a. Grass and weeds must be maintained at a height not to exceed six (6”) inches.
- IV. **Downspouts and Outside Drains**
 - a. Downspouts and outside drains must be disconnected from the sanitary sewer system.
- V. **Unsafe Structure(s)**
- VI. **Accumulation of Refuse**
- VII. **Signs – Unapproved or Non-Conforming**

FINDINGS: If there are any findings during the inspection, remediation requirements will be presented in the property inspection letter. Any remediation requirements are mandatory and non-negotiable.



?? DID YOU KNOW ??



ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

It is unlawful for the owner of any animal to fail to prevent such animal from running at large in the Borough of Bedford. Please keep your pet safe by not allowing them to roam. The Borough office frequently receives phone calls about cats roaming and damaging yards, porches, garages and sheds. Allowing an animal to roam also puts them in danger of getting hit by vehicular traffic.

PICK IT UP

It is unlawful to allow an animal to defecate on public property, including but not limited to, cemeteries, parks, sidewalks and streets, or upon any private property, unless the person having ownership or custody of the animal immediately removes such feces and places it in a non-leaking, airtight container for eventual disposal in a trash or litter receptacle.



GRASS HEIGHT

The maximum height of grass, including those growing in/adjacent to sidewalks, curbs, and the edges of public roadways, must be maintained at a height not to exceed six (6) inches.



GRASS CLIPPINGS

Be sure to remove any grass, leaves and/or debris from the yard within one (1) hour of cutting your grass. It is illegal to dispose of grass clippings and yard waste on Borough streets. It's also extremely dangerous to motorcyclists and clogs storm drains.



BURNING

Borough residents may burn yard waste on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Burning on the streets is prohibited.



-2021 PAVING-

Bedford Borough and the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford are embarking on a large joint paving project, slated for summer 2021. In 2020, MABB replaced thousands of feet of aging water and sewer lines. The majority of streets that received new water and/or sewer lines will be part of the current year paving project. The map below shows tentative streets to be paved. The portion of East Watson Street, behind the Bedford High School, will be paved once the school's renovation project is complete. Streets selected for paving are subject to change. Once paving dates have been established, the public will be notified via newspaper, radio, social media and the Borough's website at www.bedboro.com.



2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT



The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford (MABB) issues an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the previous operating year. This report provides you with information about the quality of water and the services we deliver to you every day, as we constantly strive to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. MABB's 2020 CCR will be available on our website at <https://bedboro.com/2020ccr/> on or before June 30, 2021.

PARKING IN THE BOROUGH



The Borough of Bedford is an excellent place to live, work, visit and shop. When driving in the Borough of Bedford, please take a moment to plan ahead so you know where to park when you arrive. For residential establishments, the property owner is responsible for providing off-street parking. The following information can be very helpful when parking on Borough streets.

When Parking, Please...

- READ and OBEY parking signs.
- Park as close to the curb as possible, but no more than twelve (12") inches away.
- Park within lines bounding or marking the individual parking space.
- Display Handicap or Disabled Veteran placards from the rearview mirror.
- Park in the same direction of traffic. It is unlawful in Pennsylvania to park against traffic.
- Lock your doors and remove valuables from sight.

DO NOT PARK...

- Within a crosswalk or within twenty (20') feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- Within an intersection.
- Within fifteen (15') feet of a fire hydrant.
- Within thirty (30') feet of any stop sign, yield sign or traffic control device.
- Blocking an entrance to a business or residence.
- Along a yellow painted curb.



Timed Parking...

- No person shall park a vehicle or allow the same to remain parked on any block of any street for longer than the time limit.
- It is unlawful to remove chalk marks from tires.

Parking signs are meant to be read from top to bottom. They are color coded much like traffic lights. **Red** means there is a prohibition, limitation or No Parking, while **green** indicates parking is allowed. Parking regulations are enforced in Bedford Borough and failure to obey the posted signage can result in a ticket being issued. Parking tickets shall be paid within 48 hours of issuance.

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