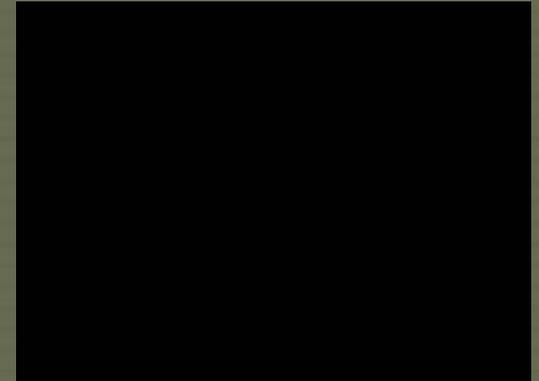
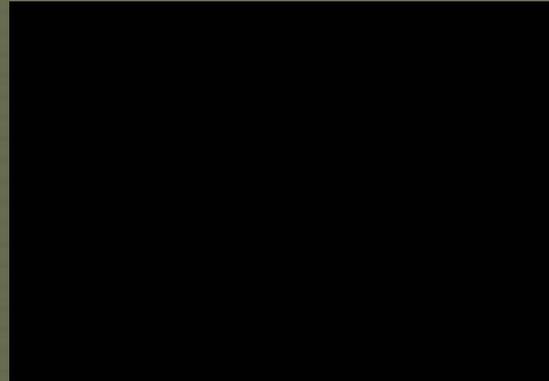
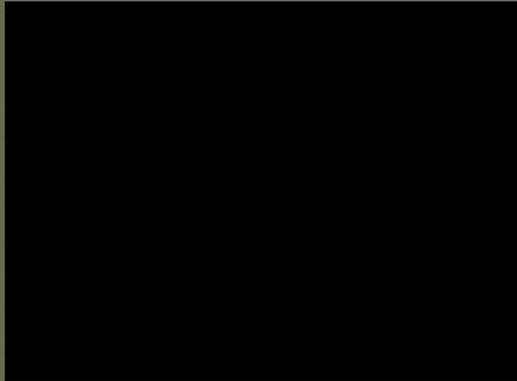


STATE OF THE CITY BEDFORD, OHIO

SPONSORED BY THE BEDFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



JANUARY 18,
2012

PRESENTED BY: MAYOR DAN POCEK &
CITY MANAGER HANK ANGELO

2011 YEAR END



- City concluded 2011 with \$1.9 million in cash balances.
 - These funds were a result of insurance savings and budget carryover from all departments
 - These are not revolving streams of revenue!
 - \$5.8 million reserve still intact
 - Legislation exists requiring a 15% reserve be maintained
- We are on schedule to operate at a balanced budget throughout 2012





World Changers is the nationally acclaimed volunteer organization that strives to help change the world for the better – one home at a time! In July 2011, approximately 242 student and adult volunteers came from 30 different states to complete construction and/or exterior maintenance repair projects for area residents in need.



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, 21 such repair projects were completed in the communities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood Village and Walton Hills. Volunteers replaced roofs and siding on houses, painted houses, replaced gutters, built handicap ramps, repaired and/or razed garages and cleaned yards. Cash or in-kind donations from private donors were coupled with a county community development block grant awarded to the City of Bedford to offset the costs of materials for the various projects.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Chief: Dave Nagy

Asst. Chief: Shawn Solar



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



Staffing

- 25 Line Firefighters (21 Paramedics)
 - Firefighters work 24 hour shifts
- 2 Chief Officers (2 Paramedics) 23 Paramedics Total
 - 85% of Department are Certified Paramedics
- 1 Civilian Administrative Assistant



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2011 Request for Service

- 2538 Total Requests for Service
 - 6% decrease from previous year
- 1822 Requests for Advanced Life Support Rescue Squad
 - Accounted for 72% of department's calls
- 716 Fire / Specialized Rescue Calls
 - Responded to 31 Structure Fires
 - Total fire dollar loss decreased by 3.5% from previous year



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2011 in Review

- Marc Latkovic was hired as the 62nd full time firefighter in the Department's history.
- Continued to focus on regional operations. Increased the scope of the automatic aid response agreement previously held between Bedford and Maple Heights. Bedford Heights and Oakwood Village Fire Departments respond automatically on fire incidents in Bedford. The system was broadened in an attempt to strike a balance between decreased staffing and the need to have adequate resources responding to fire incidents.
- Entered into a study with 6 communities to explore the feasibility of a combined Emergency Services Dispatch Center.
- Mobil Data Terminals (MDT's or Computers) placed on all responding fire apparatus. Project funded by a federal grant which was awarded to the Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2011 in Review

- Responded to 53 Fire Incidents
- Responded to 75 incidents involving Hazardous Materials
- Responded to 136 incidents determined to be “false alarms”
- Responded to 9 emergencies involving specialized rescue techniques
 - 3 rescues conducted in the MetroParks / Tinker’s Creek
- Paramedic Engine responded on 600 medical calls



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2012 Goals

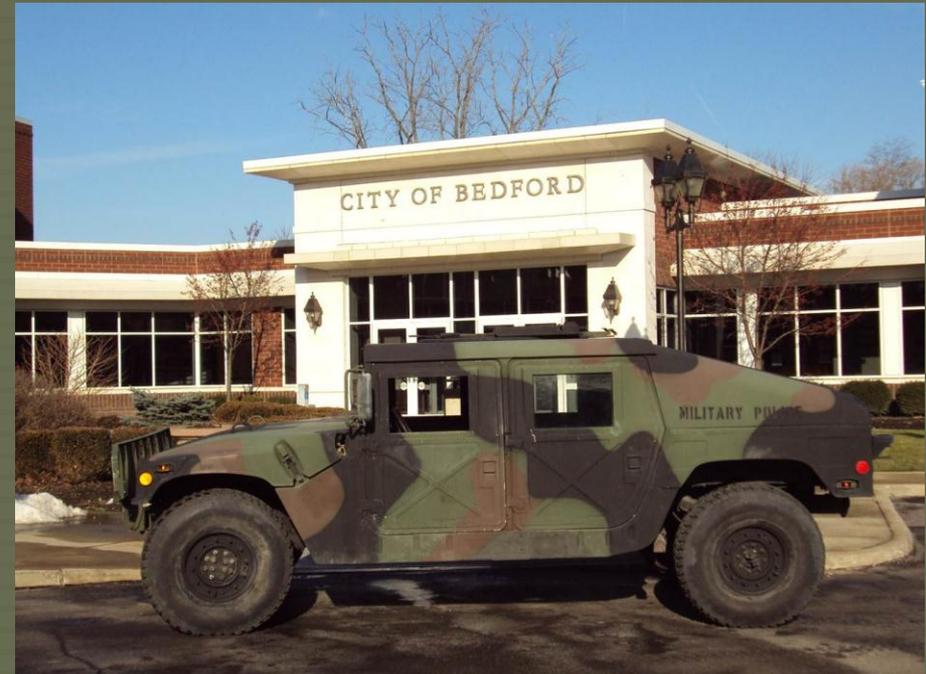
- ❑ Maintain Quality of Life for our Citizens.
- ❑ Continue to explore Regionalization and Resource Sharing Opportunities.
- ❑ Proactive approach to decrease Firefighter Injuries.
- ❑ Reduce fire loss.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief: Greg Duber

Executive Lieutenant: Bob Kohn



POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2011 Staffing

- 31 Officers
- 6 F/T – 7 P/T Dispatchers
- 4 P/T Correction Officers
- 4 F/T – 3 P/T Support Staff
- 23 Auxiliaries
- 3 P/T Animal Control
- 5 P/T School Crossing Guards



POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2011 in Review

- Department had two lieutenants retire
- Two new officers hired
- Made one sergeant promotion
- Became active on Facebook along with going online with new website
- One supervisor attended the Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP) through the Ohio Chiefs of Police Association
- Officers involved in a fatal shooting on Cresswell

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.



<u>Part I Offenses</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
□ Murder	0	0
□ Rape	2	1
□ Robbery	9	4
□ Assault	85	76
□ Burglary	41	54
□ Theft	406	517
□ Shoplifting	165	301
□ Auto Theft	28	50
□ Arson	1	0
□ Totals....	669	571

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2012 Goals

- Focus on Community Policing: Maintain quality of life
- Reduce Part I offenses: Utilize CompStat, focusing on hotspots and problem areas
- Reduce accidents: increase enforcement of speeding violations, increase OVI enforcement
- One lieutenant retired (Executive Officer), hire replacement, one sergeant promotion and create / promote new position of Deputy Chief





SERVICE DEPARTMENT & PUBLIC WORKS



Director: Clint Bellar

Superintendent of Public Works: Bob Duber

SERVICE DEPARTMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

- 40 employees in the service, water, waste water and cemetery
- Consistently provide multiple services such as:
 - Operation and maintenance of Bedford Water Dept., Waste Water Treatment Plant & Bedford Cemetery
 - Leaf pick-up, chipper service, snow plowing
 - Maintenance of all vehicles, paint striping and sign repairs
 - Water, sewer (1 400 calls), sanitary and storm needs
 - Currently maintain 50 miles of roads within the City
 - Extensive in-house street / curb repair
 - Landscape/maintain Public Square, Veteran's Park and downtown area
 - Christmas lighting display

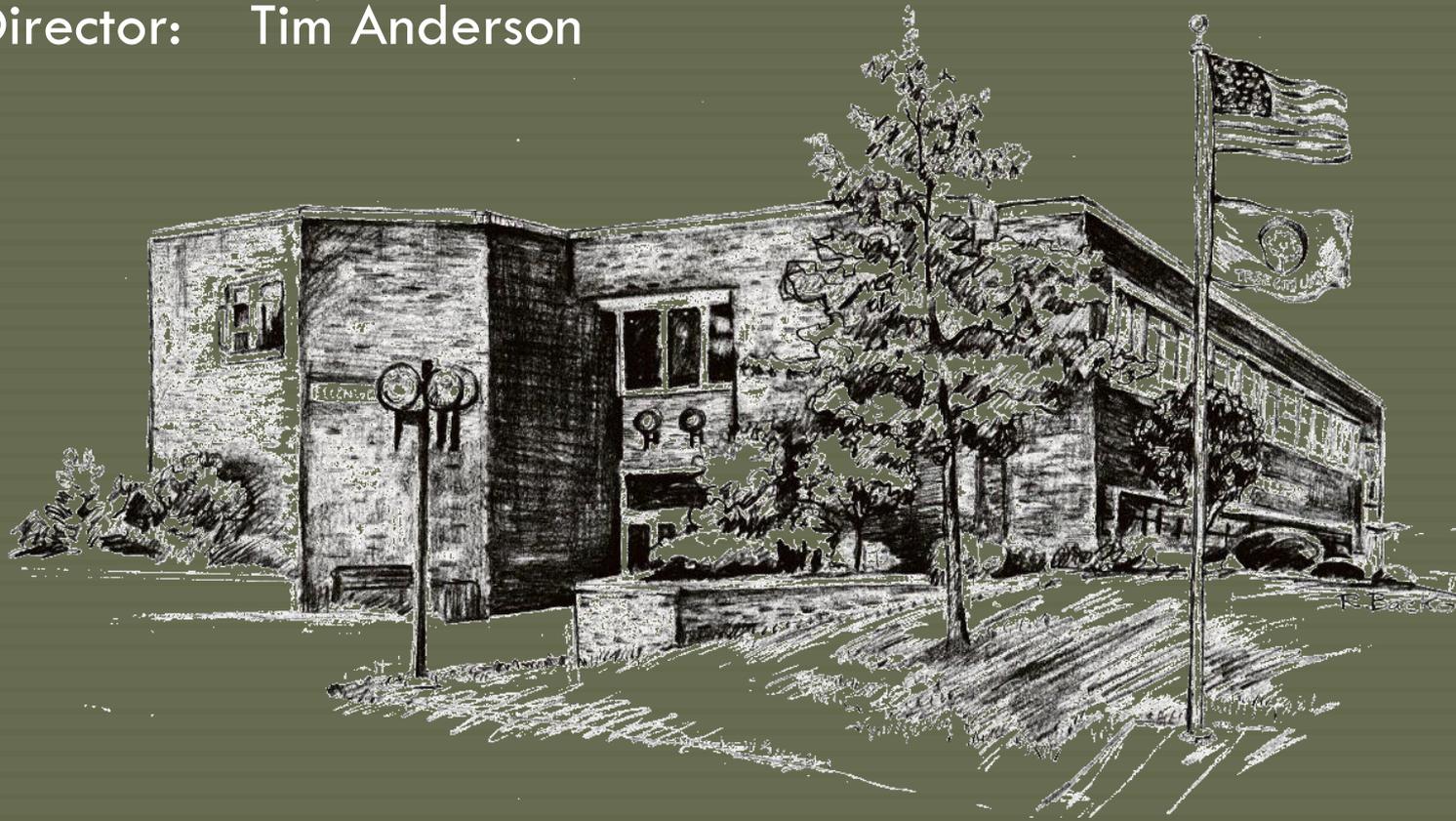
SERVICE DEPARTMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

- ❑ Rockside Road resurfacing project completed (County funded)
- ❑ Wood Creek Culvert replacement - \$672,842 (Issue 2 grant)
- ❑ Water line replacement project for Grand Blvd., Franklin and Magnolia (Issue 2 grant....\$240,000 grant, \$454,000 loan)
 - ❑ City matched \$300,000 by issuing bonds
- ❑ Coordinated the dye testing project for Henry, Best, John and Paul Streets
- ❑ Solon Road water line replacement - \$575,873 (water fund)
- ❑ Waste Water Treatment Plant – UV disinfection improvement - \$560,657 (waste water fund)
- ❑ Commercial Water Meter replacement program
 - ❑ \$223,128(water fund)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Director: Randy Lewis
Acting Asst Director: Tim Anderson





RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

Special Events

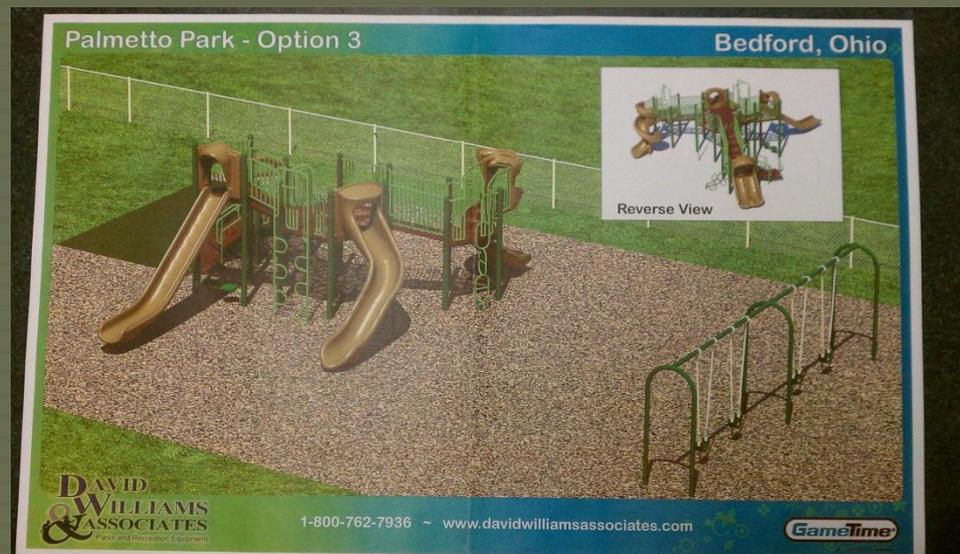


- ❑ Easter Egg Hunt
- ❑ Memorial Day coordination
- ❑ Fourth of July participation
- ❑ Baseball Days
- ❑ Progressive Field
- ❑ Halloween Party
- ❑ Christmas Party





RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.



- In June the City received a \$35,000 grant from the Cuyahoga County Office of Development to replace the main playground toy at Palmetto. It will be installed in the Spring of 2012 to our community's children providing them many years of fun and enjoyment.
- In June we received a \$5,000 grant from Cuyahoga County to establish a community garden which we did in cooperation with Bedford City Schools. The City had 42 plots for our residents in 2011.
- The City recently received a \$4,000 grant from the Cleveland Indians Charities for bleachers and fencings at our ballparks.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

60 participants in fall league (+2%)



58 participants on swim team
171 participants in swimming lessons

YOUTH SPORTS

257 participants in spring league (+14%)
162 participants in fall league (+29%)



119 participants in summer rec. league (+5%)
2 summer travel teams
1 fall travel teams



622 participants in summer rec. league (+19%)
1 summer travel teams



139 participants in instructional program



RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

Fast Facts & Activities

- ❑ The Recreation Department maintains over 27 acres of property along with the baseball fields at various locations.
- ❑ In 2011, over 67,000 people utilized Ellenwood Center with permitted functions; this does not include open gym, or special events/activities.
- ❑ More than 30,000 individuals utilized the pavilion with permitted functions (does not include the open to the public uses).
- ❑ The Senior Citizen Van provided trips for over 2,700 residents, averaging almost 18 trips a day, and logging over 15,800 miles in 2011.
- ❑ The Ellenwood Center was open for activities on 323 of 365 days in 2010, almost 90% of the year.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.



Senior Programming

Senior Van Service - Our Senior van travels over a thousand miles a month to serve nearly 300 seniors. The van transports to doctors' visits, shopping trips, personal and business appointments and hospital visits.

Senior Line Dancing - nearly 30 seniors gather each Monday morning to enjoy some exercise and to socialize. This year the group expanded to Thursday evenings to serve seniors who are still working.

Senior Chair Aerobics – nearly 60 seniors have fun shaping up with this low impact exercise class.

Senior Movie Wednesdays – 25 seniors gather bi-monthly to enjoy some popcorn and movies from present and past.

Medicare/Health Insurance Counseling - through the Ellenwood Center nearly 75 seniors received helpful advise and assistance in choosing medical and health care plans through Medicare and the private sector.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

Senior Programming Cont.

Craft Class – Once a month about 20 seniors get together to create a craft of the month.

Wii Bowling – Several dozen senior residents have enjoyed participating in our newly-organized Wii bowling league this past year at Ellenwood. One senior is currently holding a 241 pin average! Plans are underway to begin play with Wii Golf or Wii Baseball in the coming year.

Tax Preparation – We scheduled over 100 appointments for free AARP tax preparation services offered at Ellenwood. In 2012 Ellenwood will also become an e-filing site.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT



*Beautiful Bedford, Ohio
Less than 5 ½ square miles*



BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



- 5 full time employees
- 463 Contractors registered for the City; \$21,655.00
- 219 point of sale inspections; \$10,975.00
- 1737 apartment units & 649 rental dwellings
 - Over 750 property inspections performed
- Internet Sweepstake Cafes; 320 Broadway, 277 Northfield & 804 Broadway
 - \$5,000 yearly application fee (\$15,000.)
 - \$39,250.00 device fee for all locations in 2011

BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



Projects of Scale

- ❑ Ben Venue Remediation Ctr. Renovation - \$275,000.00
- ❑ Marc Jay LTD (Buick GMC) Project - \$390,000.00
- ❑ Central School - \$282,800.00
- ❑ Glendale Primary School - \$316,300.00
- ❑ Goudreau Management
 - ❑ Cleveland Jewelers - \$38,000.00
 - ❑ International Nail - \$32,000.00
 - ❑ Best Cuts - \$60,000.00



Estimated value of all construction.....\$2,079,158.00

BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



Vacant Residential Property Program

- The range of construction work for these homes included: new windows and doors; new roofs; remodeled kitchens and bathrooms; new carpeting and/or floorings; fresh paint; upgraded electrical work; upgraded plumbing; new garage doors and roofs; driveway, sidewalk and access walk repairs; tree trimming and removal; landscaping
- The City currently owns 8 homes associated with this program.
- In the fall of 2011, the City was awarded a \$150,000 grant from Cuyahoga County to build an energy efficient home.
 - The City will be working with Doty and Miller Architects to coordinate the construction....

BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



Doty & Miller Architects

600 Broadway Avenue
Bedford, Ohio 44146
Tel: 440-399-4100
Fax: 440-399-4111
www.dotyandmiller.com



preliminary front elevation

scale: not to scale

Energy Efficient Infill House



BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



- Further, the Building Department is actively tracking the numbers and properties in foreclosure or being held as bank-owned properties (REO). These lists are updated weekly and sent to the Police Department for properties to be checked and/or secured if necessary. In addition, the Building Department is maintaining a list of contact names and addresses associated with these properties. At regular intervals these lists are also given to City Council members so each is apprised of the foreclosures and bank-owned properties within their particular wards.
- There are roughly 120 vacant homes to date, which includes bank owned, government owned and estate owned
 - This is in comparison to 100 from January 2011

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



Finance Director: Frank Gambosi

Completed his appointment as chairman (2009-2011) which he served as one of twelve members of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Special Review Executive Committee (SREC). Responsible for overseeing the operations of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program, as well as establishing program policy, subject to review by the GFOA Executive Board.



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FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONT.



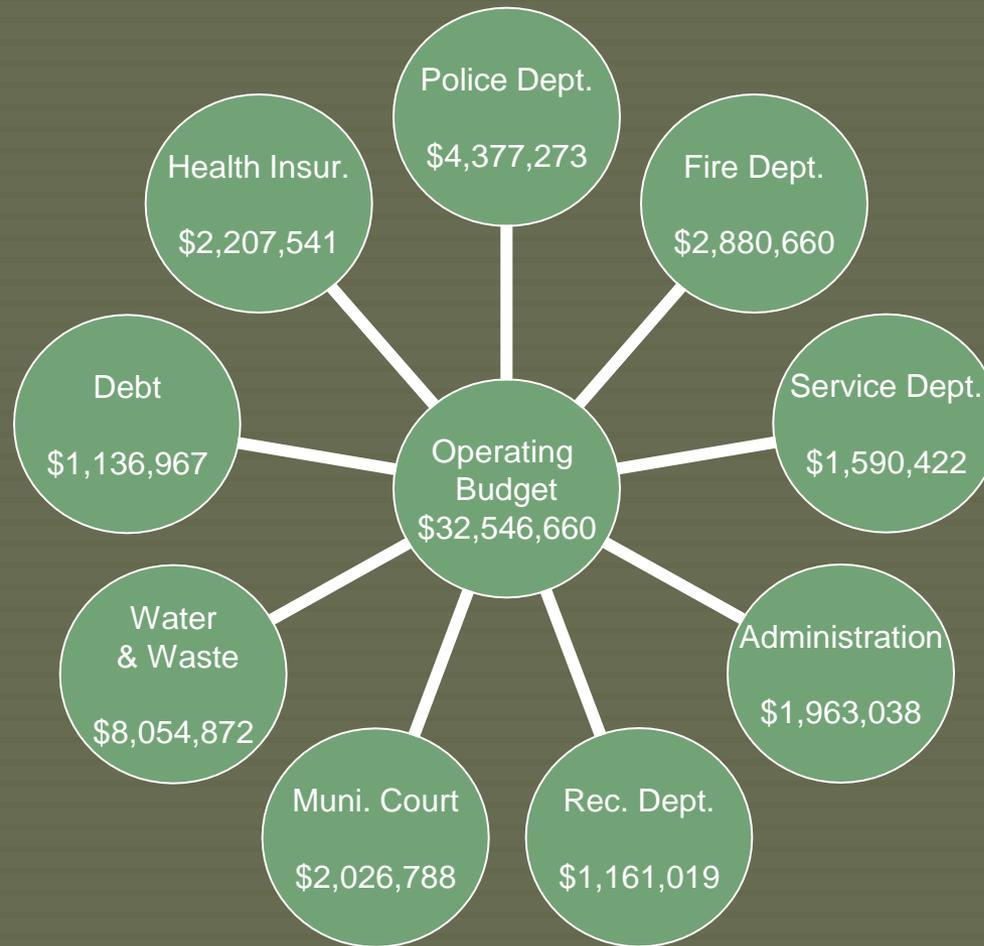
- 8 full time employees in tax and finance departments
- In 2011 department received its 21st consecutive International Award from the Government Finance Officers Association
- The City maintains an investment board consisting of the City Manager, Law Director and Director of Finance.
- The City has been self-insured regarding Health Insurance costs for our employees for the past 17 years.
 - Over the last 4 years the net savings from this type of program was \$200,000 per year vs. a premium plan program (estimated savings to date over \$2.5 million)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONT.



- Monitor throughout the year fund balances, construction projects and grants and report upon them to Council, the State of Ohio and Federal Government Agencies.
- The City has been working with a private collections company in an effort to collect back taxes. The result of this was a record amount of collections of over \$472,000.00.
- The Tax department has saved \$21,000 from 2009 - 2011 by not issuing tax forms to residents & businesses.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONT.



•The Safety Forces Levy generates roughly \$2.3 million.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



□ Director: Michael Mallis

Mission: The City of Bedford is committed to retaining and attracting businesses to our community. The City works in partnership with public and private organizations to enhance local capacity and provides resources that support economic development activities.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.



Marketing Efforts

- Our goal has been to inform our residents and businesses of as much information as possible
 - Creation of the new City website, monthly utility bill inserts, Facebook, Twitter and other areas help inform the public.

Bedford City Hall (440) 232-1600	Service Department (440) 735-6583	Water Department (440) 735-6525
Recruitment Department (440) 735-6573	Sanitary Program (440) 735-6570	Tax Department (440) 735-6505
Building Department (440) 735-6530	City Manager (440) 232-1600	Economic Development (440) 232-1600
Police Department (440) 232-7900	Fire Department (440) 232-1214	Finance Department (440) 735-6500
Municipal Court (440) 232-3420	City Council Clerk (440) 735-6510	Anonymous Callers/Speakers (216) 232-7463

At City of Bedford's news, information, questions, comments, and forms can be obtained by visiting our website at www.bedfordoh.gov

Bedford University Hospital 440-735-3000	Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) 800-282-0860
Board of Education 440-626-1000	Banking Company 800-986-3121
Chamber of Commerce 440-232-2115	Library 440-433-4987
Cuyahoga County Family Services 216-518-6862	Post Office 440-735-9712
Cuyahoga County Veterans Service 216-698-2800	Sanitation Army 216-841-8185
Quintan East Ohio 800-362-7527	Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) 800-362-2764

CHECK FOR LEAKS
Check all toilets and faucets. Leaky toilets and faucets are the biggest cause of wasted water resulting in large bills. The most common source of leaks is the toilet. Check toilets for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If after 15 minutes the dye shows up in the bowl, the toilet has a leak. Leaky toilets can usually be repaired inexpensively. Toilets can account for almost 30% of all indoor water use, more than any other fixture or appliance.

Failure to receive bill does not relieve customer of payment due.

REFUSE COLLECTION HOLIDAYS
When the following holidays fall on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, trash and recyclables will be picked up one day late.
New Year's Day Memorial Day Fourth of July Labor Day Thanksgiving Christmas

Refuse shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm the evening before and containers shall be removed from curb within 12 hours after pickup per City Ordinance #15.07.

If you sold or plan to sell your property, please call before you move to schedule a final meter reading and to schedule a Point of Sale Inspection as required by City Ordinance.

MAIL CHECKS and PAYMENT COUPON to: CITY OF BEDFORD 165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OHIO 44146	DRIVE THRU DROP OFF BOX For your convenience located in the City Hall parking lot	IN PERSON At the Water Department Counter	DIRECT WITHDRAWAL From your checking or savings account.
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BEDFORD WATER DEPARTMENT (440) 735-6525
OFFICE HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS PAST DUE (DELINQUENT)
Unpaid Water/Sewer Bills are subject to shut-off or placement of a lien on your real estate taxes. Disconnected service will be charged an additional \$100.00 fee for reconnection.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.



Grants & Projects

- Administered the Storefront Renovation Program
 - Saved local businesses over \$55,000.00
- CDBG Automile Enhancement Project - awarded \$150,000.00
- Issue 2 grant to replace water lines at Grand Blvd., Magnolia & Franklin Street – awarded over \$694,000 grant / loan
- Neighborhood Stabilization Grant to Construct an Energy Efficient home – awarded \$150,000
- Collaborated with all departments on the County Energy Program and awarded \$40,000.00 for energy audits
 - All municipal buildings were audited in the fall of 2011
- Also successful in grants through the Solid Waste District, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture & other organizations

Over the last 10 years, the City has been successful in obtaining over \$25 million in grant dollars



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.

Completed the Rail Project with Ohio Rail Commission

- Received over \$1,000,000.00 in upgrades to North Park, Powers & Willis

Bedford Audi Improvements

- Assisted the dealership with incentives toward the \$3.5 million Project

600 Solon Road

- Finalizing an agreement to sell the property to an established business

Milano Monuments

- Assisting with incentives for the construction of their new offices on Broadway



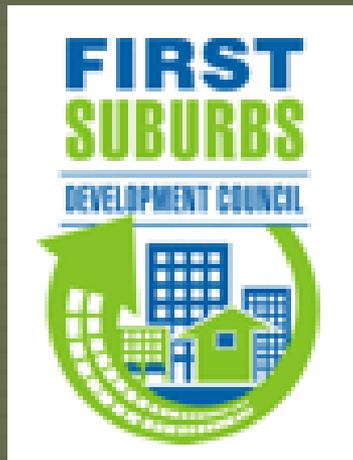
Energy Improvements

- The City will be making over \$100,000 (Grant) in energy improvements throughout numerous municipal buildings.
 - Will include windows, doors, HVAC software upgrades, light sensors, light fixtures, etc.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.

- Job creation tax credit
- Community Reinvestment Areas & Enterprise Zones; administered jointly by Economic Development and Finance Departments
- Moderator Arts and Cultural Board
- Elected President of the First Suburbs Consortium & First Suburbs Development Council

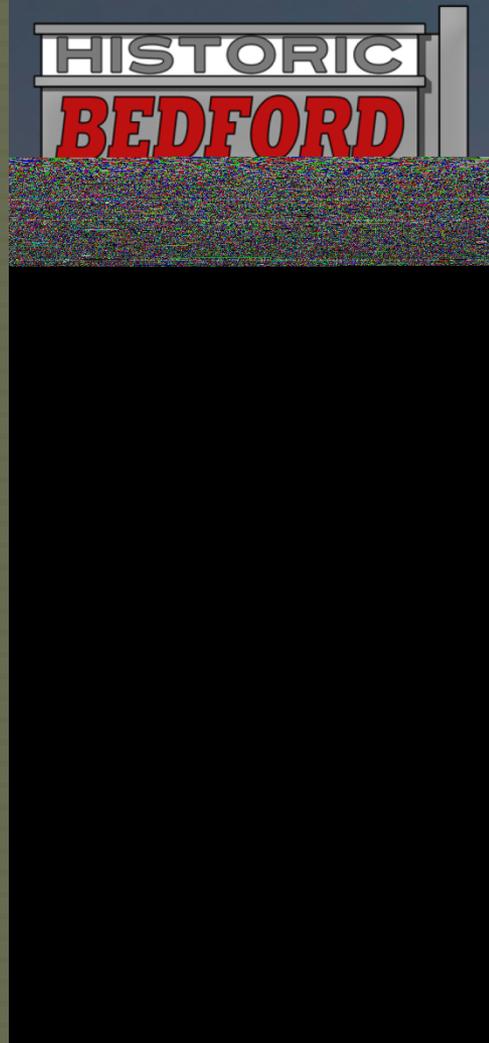


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.



2012 & Beyond

- Replacement of Broadway water line – Issue 2
- CDBG – Road Resurfacing & Streetscape project
- Continue to market the City of Bedford as a whole....housing, businesses, service and overall quality of life
- Pursue the Development / remediation of the old Taylor Chair Property
- Collaborate with the developers of Meadowbrook Market Square to enhance retail in complex
- Collaborate with Hemisphere to market Tinkers Creek Commerce Park



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

