

# MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager  
Date: March 27, 2019  
Re: **Manager's Report**

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## News & Noteworthy:

- 1) Trader Joe's will be opening on March 29<sup>th</sup> and Friendly Toast will open in mid-April. These are the first projects to be completed at the Market & Main site.
- 2) Young Hacks Academy – April Vacation Camp (Grades 5-7), Bedford Town Hall, 8:30-4:30, [www.BedfordRecOnline.com](http://www.BedfordRecOnline.com)
- 3) Registration for Camp Witzel summer camp and other summer camp programs are now open and information is available through the Recreation page of the Town Website <http://www.bedfordreconline.com/info/activities/default.aspx>
- 4) NHDES & DHHS have announce a PFAS Community Health Fair to be held at the Merrimack High School, April 3, 2019, 5-8 PM.
- 5) Sportsman Field – We have removed the 3 light poles along woods line that were in the worst condition and a decision will be made on the remaining poles this summer. The poles were rotten and even included old bird nests with expired eggs as seen in these photographs.



## Project Updates:

- 1) 2019 Roads Program – The Department of Public Works has started work on Gage Road and the Donald Street project will start in approximately two weeks. Back River Road, Tirrell Road, and Smith Road will be paved early in the season but no date has been set.
- 2) Transfer Station – The project to move the entrance and scale is working through the permit process and was presented to the Conservation Commission for their required recommendation to NHDES on the necessary wetland impact permit.

- 3) The Document Management team has made a final recommendation on a vendor and we are analyzing how to move forward as the cost to fully implement the program for all users is beyond what is currently budgeted.
- 4) Personnel: I am pleased to announce that long time patrolman Eli Krause has been named as our new SRO to replace William "Spike" Donahue who announced his retirement last month. Fire Lieutenant Mark Shatney has announced his retirement after a long and distinguished career. It is anticipated that a promotion will be made from within the department to fill the Lieutenant position. Firefighter/paramedics Mike Kelly and Chris Collins are resigning from the department to pursue other opportunities. Interviews will be conducted in the next few days for our open Accountant position for which we have received approximately 50 applications. Applications are being accepted for our seasonal positions at the pool, camp, and Library, and full time positions of Police Officer, Firefighter, Communications Specialist, Equipment Operator, Truck Driver, Program Manager, and part time positions of Administrative Technician.

#### **Events:**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - PFAS Community Health Fair, 5-8 PM, Merrimack High School.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Library's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Fiber Arts Fashion Show, 6:30-8:15 PM.
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Concert Series, 2:30 PM, Bedford Library, "Mike Rogers" – Folk/Blues/Traditional.
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Theater Movie Matinee 2 PM "Stan & Ollie" at the Library.
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Theater Movie Night 6:30 PM "On The Basis of Sex" at the Library.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Bedford Lions Club 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11:30 AM, Town Hall.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Matinee Series, 2 PM, Bedford Library, "The Blind Side".
- April – 21<sup>st</sup> – The Library will be closed for Easter.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – BeBOLD Bedford Speakers Series, "Buyer Beware! You Buy, You Pay" before hosting a prom or graduation party, know the facts, 7 PM, Bedford Library.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- ~~April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission~~
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- **April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 AM, Town Council Retreat**
- April 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM, Water & Sewer Advisory Committee
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- **April 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, BCTV Board of Overseers
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission

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