



# TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

*Updates from Town Hall and throughout Bedford*



## Annual Town Election and Meeting

The Annual Town Election will be held on March 14 at the John Glenn Middle School Gym. Polls will open at 8:00 a.m. for all registered voters. Community members are encouraged to participate in this important opportunity to vote.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bedford High School Auditorium. Registration opens at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Town Meeting provides residents the opportunity to discuss and vote on important matters.



### Annual Town Election & Meeting



**Annual Town Election**  
March 14, 2026

John Glenn Middle School Gym  
99 McMahon Road  
Bedford, MA 01730  
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Scan QR code for Town Election Warrant

**Annual Town Meeting**  
March 23, 2026

Bedford High School Auditorium  
9 Mudge Way  
Bedford, MA 01730  
Registration opens at 5:30p.m.  
Town Meeting to begin at 6:30p.m.



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# DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

## DPW Phone System Survey

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is seeking resident feedback to improve how the department connects with the community by phone and online. This short survey will help DPW better understand the services residents contact the department about, how well the current system is working, and where improvements could make communication easier and more efficient.

Constructive feedback and specific suggestions are encouraged, as resident input will help identify practical improvements and guide future enhancements to DPW's communication tools and customer service processes.

Please submit only one survey per respondent. Email addresses are collected solely to prevent duplicate responses and will not be shared. All responses will be reviewed by Town staff and reported to the Select Board in summary form.

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/4DbjZJFbWjkYf7fm7>



## Comprehensive Plan Strategy Working Sessions

The Planning Board invites you to its Comprehensive Plan Strategy Working Sessions! Three Sessions will be held on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be provided. One-hour breaks between sessions for those attending more than one.

More information is available here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/376e30b9c34747a0ac825923337bb599?item=2>

### Sunday, April 12, in the Reed Room at Bedford Town Hall:

*9-11 am - Theme 1: Safe, Easy Ways to Get Around*

Focuses on walking, biking, traffic safety, transit access and regional connections

*Noon to 2 pm - Theme 2: Vibrant Village Centers and a Stronger Local Economy*

Focuses on local businesses, commercial areas, reinvestment, and economic vitality

*3-5 pm - Theme 3: Design, History, and a Strong Sense of Place*

Focuses on community character, historic preservation, and public realm design

### Saturday, April 18, in the cafeteria at Bedford High School:

*9-11 am - Theme 4: Homes that Support Choice, Dignity, and Belonging*  
Focuses on housing options, affordability, and accessibility

*Noon - 2 pm - Theme 5: Belonging, Civic Life, and Shared Spaces*  
Focuses on community connection, civic participation, and long-term town planning

*3-5 pm Theme 6: Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Stewardship*  
Focuses on parks, trails, open space, and environmental resilience.



# DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS



## Finance Department

Excise tax bills are due on March 23, 2026. Residents are encouraged to submit payment by the due date to avoid interest or penalties. Payments may be made using the methods listed on the bill.

If you have a vehicle registered in Bedford and did not receive an excise tax bill, please contact the Finance Department at (781) 275-1517 for assistance. Staff can help verify registration information and ensure that your bill is issued and received in a timely manner.

## MBTA - The Ride: Into the Ride

Join the Council on Aging and Bedford’s Commission on Disability members on March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00a.m, for an informative presentation on The RIDE, MBTA’s paratransit service by Ajay Monteiro, Senior Customer Liaison.

This session will cover eligibility requirements, the services provided, The Ride FLEX service, important policies and procedures, and a look the new and exciting mobile and web platform designed to make booking and managing trips easier than ever.

Come learn how The RIDE can support your transportation needs and get your questions answered. Please call the COA to sign up at 781-275-6825

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**MBTA – The RIDE:  
Intro to the Ride  
Thursday, March 26  
at 11:00 AM**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES



## COA Community Events

The Council on Aging hosted several well-attended community events for residents throughout the month of February, including a Super Bowl party, Valentine's Day Bingo, and a Lunar New Year celebration on February 17. These programs provided opportunities for social engagement, recreation, and cultural celebration.

The events were part of the Council on Aging's ongoing efforts to offer a variety of activities that encourage connection, community participation, and lifelong learning.

## Town Launches Public Survey on Future of Willson Park Intersection

The Ad-Hoc Willson Park Committee invites residents to participate in a public survey on potential improvements to the Willson Park intersection. The survey seeks feedback on priorities including roadway safety, pedestrian and bicycle access, traffic flow, park character, tree preservation, and cost, as well as what residents value about the intersection today. The survey will remain open through Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

The Committee meets monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Town Hall. Residents may subscribe on the Town website to receive meeting notifications.

Please visit: <https://forms.office.com/g/tBzAPXAvZB> to access the survey.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Department of Public Works at (781) 275-7605 or by email.

# EMPLOYEE UPDATES AND MILESTONES



## Congratulations!

The Town is celebrating the following retirements:

- Chris Laskey - Code Enforcement Director- 24 Years
- Catherine Perry - Assistant Planner - 14 Years

## Welcome!

- Al, Rego, Finance Director/ Town Accountant, – Finance Department

## Featured Jobs

- School Crossing Guard
- Social Worker
- Maintenance Supervisor - Library
- Part-Time Plumbing/Gas Inspector
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Lateral Police Officer
- Project Manager - Town Manager
- Springs Brook Park - Lifeguard
- Springs Brook Park - Crew Staff
- Summer Adventures - Camp Counselor



Learn more about employment with the Town of Bedford and available positions at [www.bedfordma.gov/jobs!](http://www.bedfordma.gov/jobs!)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND ADDITIONAL INFO.

## Bedford Needs You!

All Town boards and committees consist of volunteers who reside in Bedford - either registered voters or adult permanent residents. Opportunities to make a difference are available for a wide variety of expertise and interests! For more information, including a full list of current vacancies and the application form, visit: [BedfordMA.gov/VCC](http://BedfordMA.gov/VCC)

## Image Submissions

Bedford is always looking for new photos to feature on our website, social media pages, and in other publications. Interested residents should complete [this form](#) available on [bedfordma.gov](http://bedfordma.gov) to submit an image for consideration. *Photo Credit Iona Ribauda.*



## Vacancy Spotlight

- Community Media Committee - 1
- Finance Committee - 1
- Hanscom Area Towns Committee - 2
- Historic Preservation Committee - 3
- Muni. Affordable Housing Trust - 2
- Patriotic Holiday Committee - 1
- Taxation Aid Committee - 1
- Tricentennial Committee - 1

## BedfordTV

Want to watch prior government, educational or public programming? Visit the Bedford Video on Demand and Live Streaming Services at [bedford.tv](http://bedford.tv) or by clicking the icon below:



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**SELECT BOARD**  
 Paul Mortenson, Chair  
 Daniel Brosgol, Clerk  
 Shawn Hanegan  
 Bopha Malone  
 Terrence Parker