

June 29, 2020

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Tuesday June 30 | 7:00 pm Emergency Town Meeting

The Town of Bedford posted this notice over the weekend regarding an emergency Town Board Meeting tomorrow evening. A 6:30pm the Town Board will meet in Executive Session and the public meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. [Read the Public Notice here](#), which includes the public log in information for Zoom or direct dial.

As of this writing the website is down due to a power outage affecting Google Cloud, where our site's host server resides. We will e-blast an update when our website is restored.

Drive-Through Testing Facility

Next Test Date:
Tuesday June 30 | 8:00 am -12 Noon
and then 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

We are continuing the facility in place into July

Update: Partnering with Mt. Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich, we opened the drive through facility a month ago and then expanded it to include Lewisboro, through Supervisor Peter Parsons, and Pound Ridge, through Supervisor Kevin Hansan. Approximately 1,000 people have utilized the facility. There were fewer than 4% of those tests whose results were positive. Those that were tested positive for the most part were asymptomatic – so with no symptoms, they didn't know they were infected leading to quarantine and needed treatment. One of the metrics which the Mid-Hudson Region needs to keep in place is continued testing capacity.

We thank our partners of Mt. Kisco, Lewisboro and Pound Ridge for helping us provide police and other coverage to continue the facility in operation. We also thank Dr. Steven Murphy of Murphy Medical

Associates for his work in operating the facility.

If you are so inclined, please

e-mail outreach@greenwichdocs.com or

e-mail me at supervisor@bedfordny.gov.

And thank you in advance.

The facility is located at Commuter Lot 4 at the Bedford Hills train station and is open to residents of Bedford, Lewisboro, Mt. Kisco and Pound Ridge as well as their first responders and employees. A nasal swab is taken for a diagnostic (PCR) test for the presence of active COVID-19. It does not test for the presence of antibodies if you presently do not have an active COVID-19 but had it previously. The antibody test will detect antibodies if you previously had the virus, but it does not test for an active virus. That's why you might consider both tests.

All towns are sharing in the services, such as police coverage, which are needed for the operation of the facilities.



In this time of challenge and uncertainty, I am writing to let you know of an opportunity to take a positive environmental action from the comfort of your home. Bedford residents can now enjoy the benefits of Community Solar AND help green our electric grid, thanks to our partnership with Sustainable Westchester. I'm proud that the Town, in keeping with our strong history of environmental leadership, has become the first Westchester municipality to enroll its eligible accounts.

Benefits of participating include:

- **Savings** of up to 10% on your utility bill.
- **No solar installation** on your property and **no cost** to join or cancel.
- **Flexibility to use the Westchester Power program** or any other energy supplier.

- **Directly support our transition to renewable energy and Bedford's sustainability goals.**

The community solar farms are being constructed later this year and those who enroll will benefit from the opportunity for long term savings.

You can sign up or learn more at
www.SustainableWestchester.org/solar

How Community Solar Works

1. Your share of the solar farm is allocated based on your annual electricity usage.
2. You earn credits that are applied to your electricity bill.
3. The solar farm bills you for those credits at a 10% discount, saving you money.

For example, your utility charges you \$115 for electricity on your monthly bill and credits you \$100 for your share of the electricity generated by the solar farm. You pay the \$15 net amount due on the electricity bill. Then, the solar farm bills you for the \$100 credit at a 10% discount (\$90), saving you \$10 on your electricity for the month.

Enrolling is easy and requires providing your utility information (account number and for NYSEG customers, your Point of Delivery (POD) number found on the 3rd page of your NYSEG bill), creating a billing profile to allow for autopayment for the discounted solar credits and e-signing an agreement.

For more information, or to enroll, please visit www.SustainableWestchester.org/solar. If you have questions, or need help, please email CommunitySolar@SustainableWestchester.org or call Sustainable Westchester at 914-242-4725.

Bedford is recognized across New York State and beyond for our strong environmental leadership – we're proud to continue to take action to help New York transition to a clean energy future.

Reminder on Real Estate Payments

1. You may defer without penalty tax payment up to July 15 if you certify a financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 crisis. [See the attached certification form.](#) Please e-mail certification to covid19taxextension@bedfordny.gov or mail to Tax Receiver Amy Pectol, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, NY 10507. Please note "COVID-19" in the Subject field.

2. If you cannot certify a financial hardship, you may pay taxes after April 30 at the reduced penalty rate of ½ of 1% if paid in May and 1% if paid between June 1 and July 15.

Message from Bedford Hills Free Library

It's been great seeing many of you since our Library pickup services began last month. In July, the ILS will be open among the 38 Westchester County libraries. The Library also offers many new titles from our collection; please ask a librarian for recommendations.

Our building remains closed to the public and our limited hours will continue until further notice. See hours below.

For everyone's protection, we quarantine books and DVDs for 72 hours and follow strict cleaning protocols and safety guidelines. Inside and out, the Library requires that staff and patrons wear masks and observe social distancing of at least six feet. Thank you.

In addition to storytimes for preschoolers available on our YouTube channel, we are delighted to announce an exciting line-up of virtual programs and activities for our Summer Reading Program.

[Click here](#) for more details.

Travel Advisory

Governor Cuomo's June 25th Executive Order 205 states that anyone traveling to New York after recently being in a state with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 10,000 residents over a seven-day rolling average or a state with positivity rate of higher than 10% over a seven-day rolling average must quarantine for 14 days when he/she enters New York. These measures were enacted in coordination with Connecticut and New Jersey.

Current restricted states include but are not limited to Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

For more information and a complete and up-to-date list of restricted states, please [click here](#).

Our thanks to The Bedford Playhouse and the Armonk/Bedford

Rotary for creating a drop-off for items to help The Community Center of Northern Westchester and the Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry. [Read more](#)

Current Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Regulations

On June 1st, state-run DMV offices in the counties of Albany, Onondaga, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, and the five boroughs of New York City began to process registrations and other transactions by mail. On June 4th, transactions began to be accepted through secure drop boxes located at each office.

In person services, such as, restoring a revoked or suspended license, applying for a conditional/restricted license, commercial driver license permit test or driver license change/update, obtaining a NY non-driver ID, as well as changing your name on a photo document are open for appointments only.

Driving tests can be made by appointment whilst following the proper COVID-19 protocols but learner's permit testing is still not accessible.

Please click here the [DMV reopening guide](#).

Composting has never been so easy!

SIGN UP available through JUNE 30th and Save more than 50% on curbside food scrap pick up for a year. The discount is limited to the first 75 residents who sign up. There are only a few spots left for the discount! Please call 666-6530 through 6. 30.

How You Can Support Our Community

Now more than ever we need to shop local. In our community many stores and restaurants are still open and could use your support!

Send me an e-mail at supervisor@bedfordny.gov if you would like an organization/fundraiser to be highlighted in "Support Your Community".

Support Your Community

Another way to help our community is to support those who have lost jobs and

are finding it difficult to obtain the basic necessities. If you are able please consider donating to one of these local charities.

[Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester](#) They are serving as an emergency childcare site for Northern Westchester Hospital personnel

[Feeding Westchester](#) as little as \$25 can provide 100 meals

[Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry](#)

[Northern Westchester Community Center](#)

Our local print newspapers, hit by plummeting advertising purchases, have asked for support. You can help the Record Review givebutter.com/record-review (tax deductible) and the [Katonah-Lewisboro Times](#)

[RideConnect](#)

I want to say thanks to the many volunteers in our community who have been working with RideConnect, a division of Family Services of Westchester, to purchase and deliver groceries for seniors who are most vulnerable in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.



RideConnect has had an overwhelming number of calls from our own seniors, fearful of venturing out for groceries as well as doubling its volunteer army with area residents who find themselves at home as part of NY Pause, and want to give an hour or two of their time to help those most at risk.

The stories are heartwarming and the experience is rewarding for both senior and shopper. If you are a senior in need of help– call. If you have a little extra time to volunteer, you should call too.
914-242-7433

[The Westchester Community Foundation](#) (a division of The New York Community Trust), has established a Westchester Covid-19 Response Fund to deploy financial support to local Westchester community organizations on the frontlines of meeting the basic needs of residents impacted by the corona virus.

Organizations such as the Community Center of Northern Westchester, Child Care Council of Westchester and Lifting Up Westchester have been awarded grants.

Visit www.wcf-ny.org to learn more and to make a contribution."

COVID-19 Information and Resources

To reduce repetition, we intend to transfer guidelines, protocols, fact sheets and so forth from previous days' updates to the resource guide

Resource Guide

[click to view](#)

This guide is chock full of information on NYS rules; resources for seniors, grocery store hours and other individual needs; health and wellness; small business resources; State/Federal Policies; employment information and related; FAQs and much more.

The 2020 Census: Counting = Funding



People who are not counted now will remain uncounted for 10 years.

If someone lives in a community and uses the community's services, they need to be counted so they can be supported. *When it comes to representation in government, NY lost two seats in the House in 2010 due to the Census that year.*

GET COUNTED NOW!

[click for the official site](#)

The Census Is Hiring

The Census Bureau is hiring now and encourages everyone interested to apply as soon as possible to be part of this important effort.

To learn more, you can watch the Westchester County Association's [Census recruitment video](#), which includes information

about the positions available in Westchester, including how to apply.

The job pays \$23 an hour, the hours are flexible, and 1,900 additional workers are needed between now and December! Supervisory positions are also available.

Greater Transparency and Public Participation

[Read more](#)

Update from the Town

Bedford Cases

As of June 26, there have been a total of 251 cases. [Here is the latest map.](#) Please wear a mask. We need to continue to support the effort to stop the spread.

Update from the County

Current Westchester Data

(as of June 28, 2020)

Westchester Cases: 34,798

Westchester Tests: 263,260

Go to [covid19tracker](#) to read the latest data. Updated daily.

Mental Health resources are available through Westchester County and New York State. If you are experiencing anxiety or stress that has begun to affect your daily life and you feel you need support, call the Westchester County Office of Community Mental Health (914) 995-1900 (8am – 8pm) or text (914) 461-7281

Update from the State

NYS data as of June 28

a. New York State Cases: 392,930

b. Total tested: 3,862,913

c. New Positives 391

Update from Washington

Guide for Stimulus Payments U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer's office provided an excellent **guide for individuals for getting Economic Impact Payments under the federal relief package.**

IRS Information—From Sen. Schumer’s Office

- The IRS has updated its **FAQ guidance** to include responses on the following:
 - If you have received notice saying the payment was issued, but you have not received the payment (Q55), and
 - How to request a “payment trace” on your direct payment (Q56)
 - The IRS issued a **reminder** that the direct payments belong to the recipients of those payments, not nursing homes and other care facilities providing care to those individuals, and also that the payments do not count as a resource for purposes of determining eligibility for Medicaid and other federal programs for 12 months from receipt. If you are hearing from any folks who have experienced issues with this, please let me know.
- Senator Schumer signed onto a **letter** led by Sen. Cortez Masto calling on Treasury and IRS to take action to ensure that survivors of domestic violence can access their direct payments. This includes setting up a dedicated phone line for survivors to call and report a change in address, creating a process with an online PIN to verify a victim’s identity, providing a method for survivors to report theft of their payment, among other specific actions.

BA Announces New PPP EZ Forgiveness Application

Revised Full Forgiveness Applications Also Available

Last week, the U.S. Small Business Administration posted a revised, user-friendly Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness application implementing the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020.

In addition to revising the full forgiveness application, the SBA also published a new “EZ” version of the forgiveness application applying to borrowers who:

- Are self-employed and have no employees; OR
- Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number or hours of their employees; OR
- Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19 and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%
- Details regarding the applicability of these provisions are available in the instructions to the new EZ application form. Both applications give borrowers the option of using the original 8-week covered period (if their loan was made before June 5, 2020) or an extended 24-week covered period. These changes will result in a more efficient process and make it easier for

businesses to realize full forgiveness of their PPP loan.

Click [here](#) to view the EZ Forgiveness Application.

Click [here](#) to view the Full Forgiveness Application.

To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Need a hand?

*Our community of volunteers are ready
to help those who need it.*

Request form:

<https://bit.ly/COVIDRequest>



Sign up to volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/BedfordCOVIDVolunteer>

Town Meetings Re-Broadcast:

[Weekly Program Guide for All Channels](#)

[BCSD TV](#)

[June 26-July 2, 2020](#)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Burdick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Burdick
Town Supervisor
914-666-6530

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