

# Survey Results: Community Priorities

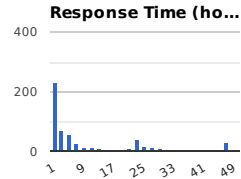
 Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of Bedford to the FlashVote community for Bedford, TX.

**These FlashVote results are shared with local officials**

**579**  
**Total**  
**Participants**

571 of 1150 initially invited (50%)  
8 others  
Margin of error:  $\pm$  4%

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**  
Participants for  
filter:  
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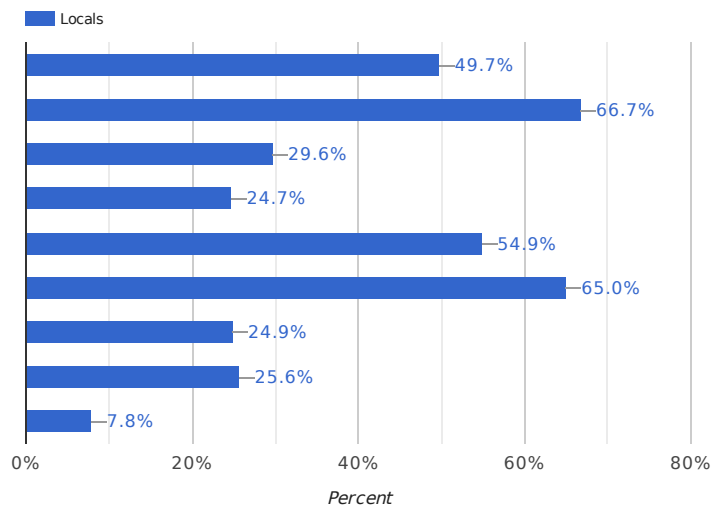


Started:  
**Jan 25, 2023 11:07am CST**  
Ended:  
**Jan 27, 2023 11:00am CST**  
Target Participants:  
**All Bedford**

**Q1** Which of the following things do you think are a **STRENGTH** of Bedford, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(477 responses by )

Options	Locals (477)
Physical safety and security	49.7% (237)
Fire and ambulance services	66.7% (318)
Water and wastewater infrastructure	29.6% (141)
Condition of streets and sidewalks	24.7% (118)
Access to recreation and parks	54.9% (262)
Library materials and programs	65.0% (310)
Local cultural and entertainment events	24.9% (119)
Sense of community and inclusion	25.6% (122)
Other:	7.8% (37)



area adjacent close neighborhoods town  
 shopping located bedford  
 communication community  
 district police city live nearby  
 access school strength  
 think house dfw good department

None of these are a strength. The City is very low class.

Location

lived in Bedford for over 20+ years and sadly I think the city has gone downhill in many areas

City's decisions to limit high-density housing

Schools (May it remain a strength)

Family friendly

None of the above

School District

Great bedroom community with access to nearby shopping, healthcare, transport(train, airport, roads

City leadership. It is the strongest, most innovative we have had in decades.

At least where I live -- trees! That was the selling point on this house in 1977.

Stable neighborhoods

access to nearby restaurants in adjacent cities.

Reign in code enforcement. We aren't a gated community.

Diversity in our schools

City is better than it has been but not there yet.

Location, Location, Location

Beautification of the city, i.e. landscaping

Public schools with HEB ISD

Easy on the traffic and it's location in the DFW area.

BPD

"Access" to practically everything! If it's not "in" Bedford it's in one of the adjacent towns.

Parks and recreation

2nd time to do this

Close to MOST major Highways without being TOO CLOSE to Urban sprawl

Location! I wish there weren't so many old apartments. It makes Bedford look run down

Local shopping

Small town feel, big city access.

Communication with residents is good

Located at the center of the DFW metroplex.

Bedford Police Department

Communication with the people

Not really sure. I think all of these need attention

Police Department

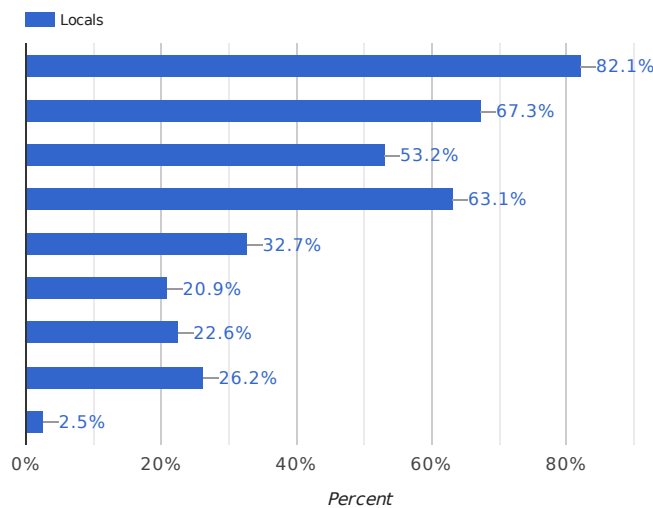
I didn't check sense of community because the Citizens don't seem to appreciate what's available in

School district

**Q2** Which of the following aspects of Bedford are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(474 responses by )

Options	Locals (474)
Physical safety and security	82.1% (389)
Fire and ambulance services	67.3% (319)
Water and wastewater infrastructure	53.2% (252)
Condition of streets and sidewalks	63.1% (299)
Access to recreation and parks	32.7% (155)
Library materials and programs	20.9% (99)
Local cultural and entertainment events	22.6% (107)
Sense of community and inclusion	26.2% (124)
Other:	2.5% (12)



restaurants revitalization invalid provide  
 school spdnd things activities residents  
 ghetto ad officials lower property  
 historic hide tax front centers  
 time snd crime preserve  
 fact 2nd elected police stores  
 city daughters district young old  
 bedford shopping trees allow apartments

Revitalization of old shopping centers

LOWER PROPERTY TAXES

Restaurants ad stores that provide tax to the city

The beautification of Bedford

The fact that the apartments allow ghetto residents from Arlington. Which diminish the community.

Having activities for our young daughters.

Preserve historic trees

Elected officials who are up front snd don't hide things when the spdnd out taxes.

Invalid..2nd time to do this

Police presence, lowering crime

School district

**Q3** The City of Bedford received approximately \$12 million from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for COVID-19 Economic Relief. While some of the funds have already been allocated to various improvements, all ARPA funds must be assigned to specific projects by Dec. 31, 2024.

How would you spend up to \$25,000 on a project that makes Bedford better?

(Please be specific and realistic enough that your idea(s) could guide future City activities. Low cost and high value projects are especially interesting.)

(320 responses by )

center school generation bring use court playground  
 see trail light like etc  
 love also kids city walk boy  
 art new bedford event build senior  
 plant make area park need resident  
 go back ranch people tree along  
 police improve street add help  
 food road sidewalk community  
 busy citizen shade

Senior physical fitness

Renovations to the new Senior Center. Lowering the cost of memberships to the new YMCA facility.

Improvements to the animal shelter.

Real trash cans so bags of trash are not on the street. Paying our workers well so they feel valued. Streets and sidewalks, add more trees.

Improve street lighting in residential areas

Dedicated bike lanes, curb-protected from car traffic. More simply, bike racks outside local businesses.

Replacement of the playground on east Bedford Trails that Oncor took out after Snowmageddon. Location might have to be moved slightly, but if it's within a quarter mile, that would be helpful. Near the wooded picnic area a bit off the trail about 100 yards northeast might be ideal.

Add programs to support the poor or needy via food, shelter, or employment assistance

I would love to see some tennis courts, basketball, skating brought back to the boys ranch - something outdoors and free for people to enjoy beyond the awesome Y

I would use it to grant the citizen's memberships to the YMCA

Work to fill non-occupied retail/commercial spaces. Improve security and standards of apartment over-growth in the city. Lower runaway taxes and fees charged to homeowners in the city.

Improve infrastructure

25k isn't that much, but with the animosity towards the park, add picnic tables, benches maybe?

More greenbelts and walking trails. No more new construction until all empty buildings are used.

Crime is up dramatically, we need more police.

If legal, create a sinking fund that would be used to replace water and sewer systems and streets on a scheduled basis.

Improve streets, tear down eye sore houses, fund code inspectors to get folks to clean up trashy houses.

Free access to the new Boys Ranch. Grapevine doesn't charge its residents

I genuinely wish there was a public archery field in Bedford with at least 40 yard ranges. There are shooting ranges everywhere but space for archery is very limited in the county. If that is not feasible, I do wish all the playgrounds had sun shades so they are comfortable to use for a larger part of the year.

Our various volunteer groups provide countless hours to the community and save Bedford tens of thousands of dollars annually but are having to hold fund raisers to replace our ragged t-shirts. Please consider spending some money to replace shirts for CERT and even VIPS.

Clean up the parking lots of abandoned buildings so they look less of an eye sore.

## Safety

Freeze taxes, provide more financial aid to seniors

Shade features at any one of the parks

Get a good grocery store in the NE Bedford area such as HEB.

More treed, landscaped, walking-friendly paths & park type areas, where you can find a few food-centric shops (coffee, bakery, etc) but also just enjoy nature. And make sure to connect to 76022. We're feeling like the neglected part of Bedford. Esp Brown Trail/Bedford Rd area.

maybe some sort of event with food trucks to bring people out to meet their neighbors.. i.e other citizens of bedford at one of our parks or even out around the lake at the new facility at boys ranch..

Lowering the cost of recreation center fees.

So many people nowadays are anti-vaccine and in light of the number of deadly diseases that have been brought under control by their use I'm at a loss as to why this is. I believe we need a good education program aimed at lower and middle income areas that will educate these people on how these medicines have improved people's health and quality of life over the years.

Create more opportunities to bring the community together. Classes? Programs? Collaborative opportunities? English or Language classes o resources?

Not sure this would fall under the parameters of how the ARPA funds are to be used but a comprehensive review and rewrite of city ordinances that would eliminate obsolete ordinances, bring others into alignment with state laws, if needed and maybe include changes that make it easier for citizens to feel like the "thumb of local government" isn't pressing down on them. This would include a comprehensive review of the fee structure and eliminating fees that are not assessed based on history or no other surrounding city assessed a similar fee.

More sidewalks especially on Simpson Terrace. Children walk in the street going to and from school and families with small children often walk and push strollers in the streets.

Some sort of artwork that could be placed throughout the city as an identifier for Bedford. Something fun and specific to Bedford .

Putting multiple benches at some of the parks (Central Park, New Boys Ranch, etc.). There is literally nowhere to sit while our children play. This doesn't qualify but could you bring a Sam's Club, H-E-B, or Central Market to Bedford please!

1) I would encourage tree-planting between sidewalks and streets along main arterials. Trees provide safety and a physical buffer from oncoming traffic. If there is no buffer between sidewalks and streets (i.e. Forest Ridge north of Bedford Road to Cheek-Sparger), people are less inclined to utilize existing sidewalks. Additionally, sidewalks in general encourage walkability, but these sidewalks need to be better-suited for pedestrians. 2) Expand our existing trail network (i.e. Linear trails) to connect to various City Parks. The fact that these are disconnected (mostly) doesn't make sense from a recreation standpoint.

Add Pickleball lines to tennis courts.

25,000 is not enough to plan any new changes ,it requires a lot more for improvement on roads, city activities to help lower our tax base,also help lower the cost to our senior citizens fees in the city,the cost of living is so great it could be used for coupons for senior citizens at local business.

Bedford Fun Walk/Run event in the Spring or Fall with t-shirts and prizes. A nature walk trail. Feed the homeless event.

Road repairs on Savannah/Gettysburg. Large trash bins like the recycling bins that can be wheeled to the curb the garbage crew will empty. More events like the Bedford Blues Fest wiith vendors and adult beverages.

Building a skate park! While \$25,00 won't build a skate park appropriate for Bedford, we could partner with local businesses (Bell Helicopter, State National, Harley Davidson, etc) and the Skate Park Project to help find the project. My son and I have done a lot of research and believe that we would need approximately \$100,000 to build an adequate skate park for Bedford. We also have done market research and if Bedford build a large, state of the art skatepark, we could attract people to Bedford from the entire Mid Cities area, and when people come to skate/ride, they also eat and shop. My son and I are happy to meet with someone from the city to share the research we have done.

Hold more community events, like a pizza-fest in one of the large shopping center parking lots.

PR campaigns for more multi-family zoning? Also maybe a study of irrigation at city parks and facilities; the dog park and soccer fields have a history of being over-watered though that might have improved recently. Similarly for Generations Park.

Ways in which kids could gather and enjoy time outside (FREE for the kids in order to be more inclusive)...at the Boys Ranch- outdoor basketball courts, a skate park, a dog park. Connecting bike trails. A small food truck park for weekly or monthly gatherings. Our new rec center is amazing but I'm disappointed about the fact that the FREE options were removed- tennis, bball, hockey. It was a very exclusive plan.

Have free days at the water park for kids who can't afford to go.

A dedicated Senior Place that is free and opened for all

Cover more electric boxes with art. More crosswalks with art. Repair back streets, sidewalks, etc

Perhaps events at the natural community intersections (invitations by school, park or recreation center location, near churches, or strip malls)) that people can walk to and see each other. \$5000.00 each location with representatives from city leaders and groups, reasonably priced or subsidized food, games and bounce houses operated by city.

Not citywide wifi! An app to report community concerns like grads as a high as a neighbors fence line, sprinklers on with freezing temps, dangerous suspicious neighbors or activity etc...

Roads are really rough, and in some cases inadequate for the amount of traffic.

I would like to see the beautification of Bedford commensurate with some of the surrounding areas such as main street, medians, intersections, etc.

More nature activities such as hiking trails. Anything to do with getting outdoors

Lights on the mail walking trail.

Revitalize Cheek-Sparger walking trail.

Improve streets and sidewalks, entice more businesses to move to Bedford (economic development).

Sun covers for play equipment in parks

Streets

I would probably expand some of the events held at Bedford. For example the Holi Festival at the Library last year. Attendance seemed great, but not enough things to do such as food trucks, hennas, etc. We enjoy Bedford events and would like to see those expanded. Second choice would be more support for fire and police in incentives for them, etc.

I would add seasonal flags or banners along Bedford Road, Central Drive and Forest Ridge to make Bedford feel more hometown like they do in Grapevine or small towns like Calvert, TX. I would add large planter pots with pretty flowers and park benches in front of store fronts to give the strip malls and stores a more hometown feel. Also, Paint murals representing Bedford on plain brick walls of buildings to show Bedford history.

One idea could be adding more decorative and inviting street lamps or signs on strategic streets. Another might be to apply it to more community events (similar to the Blues Festival, Art Festival or May concert series).

Fixing older damaged sidewalks. Fix damaged intersections(Hardwood and 121, Central and Bedford). Adding a few street lamps to older neighborhoods that have almost none?

Equip our police and fire departments with all needed resources to ensure they can do their jobs most efficiently and effectively.

Housing assistance, community block parties

Benches in the new park

I would like to see the Bedford Blues Fest return

Roads and water need improvement

Beautification efforts like plants/trees, painting of areas that look worn down and adding sidewalks/bike paths

I've noticed that a lot of the trails & parks here don't have enough shade trees. I would LOVE to be part of a group that helped plant more shade trees!

An art exhibition. Planting more tree. Building an arboretum/botanical garden

Prioritize public safety efforts to reduce property crimes which seem to be rampant in the city and surrounding communities. Property crime does not seem to get nearly the attention it deserves.

Keep improving streets

Make all the street lights the same type and with minimal night sky light pollution. When you drive around Bedford all the street lighting is different from one side of town to the other

TREES, shade, landscaping, and benches for Generations park.

Get rid of the apartments and turn them into condos. Home-owners bring more to the community. I understand that apartments bring in more property tax revenue but the residents are destroying the city. Southlake, Westlake and Colleyville thrive without apartments!

We are still missing sidewalks in areas of the city. It needs to be a a totally walkable city, especially for the kids around the schools.

1st idea: holding a festival or a fair with vendors and activities that get our citizens outside and conversing with each other more than 5 food trucks. Husband and I are nonalcoholic people but understand the importance of beer and wine for others. With lots and lots of free children's activities, bounce house, balloon animals, face painting, drawing/painting on canvases,

trying different musical instruments, axe throwing. 2nd idea: Revamp Stormy park to have more flowers and pretty nature things

Improved aesthetics via plants and landscaping in public areas

Bring back the Bedford Blues Festival bigger and better than ever!

Citizens appear to be wanting more park benches and shade at Generations Park.

Find some way to bring businesses and restaurants to Bedford.

I would love for the city of Bedford to build a toddler friendly park with slides at the East Trail End in the area that is outside the Oncor easement. There should be plenty of space to build a park similar to the one we had.

More bike safety and usage improvements. Signage for trails. On road information. etc.

Holiday picture spots and Christmas lights in Harris Ryals Park.

Get the Vaxmobile to have a shot Saturday @Meadow Park Athletic Park parking lot.

improve sidewalks, bike paths.

Future-proof infrastructure like wastewater facilities, fire and rescue, etc.

Purchase any needed equipment for police and fire.

A majority loves Christmas and flock to Grapevine as Christmas Capitol of Texas. Bedford seems to cater to specific groups—liquor stores, gun collectors, etc. We need a niche appealing to the majority. It could be a safe small “hometown” area appealing to all ages. Maybe an area that includes different types of specialty restaurants—Italian, Greek, Mexican, Indian, German, etc. with specialty shops within walking distance (as in Main Street, Grapevine) with the idea being to park, eat, shop, and walk in a scenic area without having to get back into the car until time to go home! If there is going to be live music, it should be in an enclosed area as not all music appeals to all and some types could keep some away. Maybe also add a small theatre showing films appropriate to kids on one side and older appropriate movies on the other side. In these upside down times we live in, how refreshing it would be to spend some safe fun time as they do in small home towns!

Install a Slip and Fly Water Slide with tables and chairs around it so people can watch the fun. Totally unique concept! Watch the videos. It will make you smile!

Continuing road and sidewalk improvements.

Replace water pipes in some of the older residential areas.

Improve the Bedford linear park (trail) with more amenities like benches, water, etc. Sorry we removed some of the playground equipment as well.

Give it all to HEB so they will open a store in Bedford

Tennis courts, access to Generations Park from Lakeview Dr. (like we used to have), self-defense classes for citizens, parenting classes

More sidewalks, Bicycle lanes and access to kid friendly outdoor activities

Bring in new businesses

Walking trails and sidewalk repairs and beautification.

Plant more blooming plants on city property.

Lighting on the linear trail. It is very dark before sunrise

Enhancements not already included in the future Bedford Commons development. Recreational amenities, landscaping, beautiful signage. We absolutely need to develop our city in ways that are appealing to future citizens, including young families. I believe we have the leadership now to get this done.

Updating the sewer system on the south side of Bedford. Central pipeline area. It's been. Problem for long enough now.

Improve streets and sidewalks

Household gift cards to spend on local Bedford small businesses like Colleyville does. They send \$25 cards to households.

Traffic Policing

Replace the ugly fences along Central.

Update poles or make them solar powered on main streets. Central, Harwood, west park.

Some way to provide for more cleaning of trash on frontage roads. Clean burns (sp?) are important to attract visitors. Unfortunately due to health reasons ideas such as group contests (Boy Scout group, clubs, etc) are not viable for getting things picked up



The pool lift at the Roy Savage Pool needs updating. This would make the pool more accessible to residents with limited mobility.

I and many of my neighbors were very disappointed to see the unnecessary destruction of the East End Trails playground off of Hastings. I know there was some issue with an Oncor easement, but that's a large area and I feel the city could have done more to push back. Especially since the entire Meadow Creek Park area seems to exist in that same easement with no problems. Replacing the playground in that area would be a huge boost. Improving the landscaping along the greenbelt trail could also be nice.

I honestly don't know. I would say police and fire.

Open community Food pantry or closet that residents complacent food in for neighbors.

What a waste. Millions of dollars allocated for no reason. This is the reason why I have so much money stolen from me in a tax system that I have no real representation for. I can only image the stupid stuff you will chose to waste my money on. Maybe you could clean all the cheap paint off the curbs that has the street names that I am sure the mayor's brother-in-law did?

Continuing and growing bike/walking trails with more parks. We no longer have a playground around Hastings road and the next playground is far. Side walks need attention in the older subdivisions. Ways to encourage kids to play and be active outside, the Generations park is little far.

Fix parks and streets

After the young man's presentation at the council meeting last night, a skate park needs to be considered. Keeping the parks, updated and accessible to all is important. Additional community festivals would be good for a sense of inclusion for all.

Adding more recreational activities to the Bedford Boys Ranch. Plant more trees for shade as well for summer use

Yield to turn on industrial and Bedford rd. Update street lights on major roads and neighborhoods

Improvement to any area that appears rundown.

So many ideas! Bike lanes, public art - including infrastructure/artsy intersections, ensuring public infrastructure is up to par, training and development for staff - y'all have an amazing team! Collabs with local nonprofits, AARP Livable Communities, etc.

Lease the land from HEBISD behind Meadowbrook park and turn it into a public facility. Outdoor music venue? Endless possibilities.

Police and Fire Departments

More code enforcement officers. Police officers stationed at school crossings.

Widening Cheek-Sparger Rd.

More lighting along the jogging trails near Cummings and Murphy

Food truck park, subsidize boys ranch memberships for residents, traffic light timing research, loud vehicle enforcement.

Remove membership fee to the Generations Park YMCA.

More sensitive sensors at traffic lights to detect when a car or especially a motorcycle is waiting at the red light. Numerous times I had to wait at the southbound Murphy/Harwood light through several cycles before I simply decide it is not detecting me and carefully proceed through the intersection. Mine is not a light bike. It is a large Harley and I am tired of the non working sensors

General Health and safety of our city for all. Especially Crack down on Apartment standards to improve living and safety of those living in apartments. To rid our city of the drugs that seem to inhabit many of the lower income apartments.

I would give all of it to the library.

Right off hand I would like to see Murphy Dr. improved to remove the significant dips on each side of the roadway that are at each manhole. This is at least between Cummings and Harwood. Another significant need would be to add low level lighting along the Bedford trails between Woodpark Lane and Forrest Ridge. This trail is very dark and dangerous when the sun goes down, which is early much of the year. This lighting could be timed if necessary. Capp Smith park in Watagua has an excellent model for what I have in mind for this trail. A third consideration is a little larger and that would be the addition of a community roller skating rink. Since Skatetown in Grapevine closed there is not another rink in the area that can serve those youth and families that like to skate but cannot afford to ice skate regularly. Roller rinks provide a safe haven for some in the at risk youth population. Thank you

Many of our streets and sidewalks are in terrible condition. Don't think \$25,000 is enough to fix them or really to do much of anything.

lower water/sewage prices

Seeing that all streets have proper painting directions and crosswalks.

More funding to the library for staff to help with programs and services would greatly benefit the community. You're one of the only cities that has a library open on Sundays. Providing this service to the public greatly benefits the community at large and putting more funding into things like that can help Bedford's community grow stronger.

Have street sweepers go down residential neighborhoods to improve appearance of our community and keep our drains and waterways clear of debris. NOT city offices and parks. Those are already being maintained.

To the fire and police department.

Turn area by dog parks and baseball fields on Harwood into a nature area or fully into a usable park. Programs/incentives to draw businesses to Bedford and to help current businesses update storefronts. more frequent running of streetsweepers. Institute an annual large trash pickup

I would love to see more artwork on the linear trails. Talented high school and Jr. High students could provide the artwork. Cool cultural project and low cost!

Give back to local businesses and ensure that they stay in Bedford

Please consider partnering with HEB ISD to improve parks next to schools. For instance, Harris Ryals Park has extremely poor drainage and causes significant problems for Spring Garden Elementary when it rains. The grounds are often flooded and muddy near the sidewalks next to the building, and the drain has caused significant erosion. Further, please consider procuring the vacant YMCA to provide more parking for both Harris Ryals Park and Spring Garden Elementary. This would help alleviate traffic congestion tremendously.

Playgrounds/parks for the children with benches & shade.

Continue to host community involvement events like the blues festivals and various other celebrations. Use the funds to improve them further or help promote them more so more residents join the event. Additionally, any further expansion to the library of things options and catalog would be great!

Better safer sidewalk infrastructure through the city. Too many sidewalks just end irrationally and resume a block or so later.

A festival to replace the Barbeque and Blues festival, like a concert and carnival. More food pantry type locations/ options for at risk youth

Pave the crumbling streets— Bedford road, greentree lane other residential streets in poor condition. I deliver meals on wheels in HEB area. Bedford streets are by FAR the shabbiest. It's embarrassing to have friends come visit from other towns

More running/walking trails & paths

Assistance to Sam all business and households, investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Buy weed and feed for the grass at the boys ranch. Improve the grass so people can actually sit on the grass without weeds and insects for a picnic.

Improvements to the dog park. Bigger park, a splash pad like in grapevine, dog wash stations More service workers to help clean up the streets and remove trash from the creekbeds

Plant TREES (preferably evergreen native varieties) in our medians and public areas to clean our air, provide fresh oxygen + many other environmental benefits.

Build tennis courts for Boys Ranch or somewhere in BEDFORD. Sadly, Bedford currently has no public tennis courts.

Food banks for under privileged families all year long

Tennis courts Beautification of main roadways

1. Create an area(s) for a community vegetable/herb garden and chicken coup to promote healthy and affordable eating. 2. Increase the number of dog parks within the city. 3. Expand existing paved walking/biking paths.

Fix existing playground equipment at Central park.

Art classes, other learning at generation Park. More adult and not just senior/kids activities.

Not for a seedy motel, or skate parks, while very little is being done for the safety of Bedford residents. So I would hire more safety officers that are actually where there are real problems. Still too many car races going on, still at Pennington field and along the main streets, too many thefts, because all the CC is concerned with is what ways can they can make more money, and done care about the residents safety

Sidewalks

Where I live the water pressure is terrible for the last 17 years, the city has come out and measured several times but never does anything about it....

July 4th and Labor Day celebrations

Poured-in-place rubber playground surfaces. Sport courts (basketball, tennis/pickle ball, etc) at Stormie Jones and other parks.

I do not know the cost of this but i think all students should be provided free breakfast and lunches no child should be turned away from a meal because lack of funds. I also think their should be some form of (Bedford not Tarrant County ) community outreach programs for citizens that are short on food and or bill relief programs. We also have an increase of homeless citizens that need to be taken care of. Why can't we invest in some of the vacant buildings and help those citizens get back on their feet. Bedford is a wonderful community but we are failing in taking care of these situations.

The south end of Central Drive, between Schumac and Pipeline needs more speed signs, flashing yellow lights that alert drivers to the speed change and maybe a speed detection sign as well. People drive way too fast through that area.

Repair our streets and infrastructure. Get rid of drug and prostitutes in the hotel on the corner of Hwy 121 & Harwood (and anywhere else in the community). Help stop gun violence by eliminating or at least reducing the root cause of why or how this violence exists. I think the city is doing a great job on my other interests.

I would use that money to build a community garden in Bedford. A place to grow produce of all kinds and also build a type of building next to it that has classes available to teach the residents on how to make their own garden at home and grow what types of produce they would like to have whether they live in a house or apartment. Food is on the rise and if we can help the community with a simple garden they can have some food year round and won't have to starve.

Street improvements, shade structures for GP, rubber mats for playground at GP

Community garden where citizens could work and also share in the harvest of vegetables and fruits.

Free/low cost after school youth programming.

New and better Christmas decorations

Fire/police safety updated.

\$25k to purchase the old y

Crime Prevention with increased civilian training, security cameras, etc. Crime is becoming a major issue for our community. Thanks.

Improve street lighting

Historical marker in parks / trails. Tell the history / story of Bedford. Give residents some information about how great Bedford is.

Improve sidewalks and roads. Cut back weeds and overgrowth. New landscape and murals

a few more warning sirens around town, senior and teen programs, lower property taxes

I think with the leftover money. Some native Texas plants to beautify our trails/islands between roads would be lovely. Right now it is just weeds that get cut down every 4 weeks.

Streets, Senior Center, Arts & Entertainment Hall.

Create an E-Waste recycling center

Safety festival with first responders educational games and demonstrations/shows with department softball tournament at generations park, replacing major stoplights and street signs with updated ones, making street crossings more visible

Swingsets at Brookhollow Park! The neighborhood kids would love that!

Equipment for first responders Library books, resources Food banks

We need another dog park with additional features OR add/improve our existing dog park!

Transportation for elderly and handicapped residents to dr appt in Bedford city limits.

Roads and streetlights

Design and install signage on major corridors and thoroughfares that provide direction to City offices, facilities, City owned points of interest, and Generations Park. Multiple locations would be needed to address various travel patterns to these sites.

Landscape medians on major thoroughfares, replace the shabby Bradford Pears on Harwoods media with better species of tree

Well... We've spent plenty on the old Bedford boys ranch, and frankly, I'm pleased with the improvements to the old Bedford school. However, I'm not really satisfied with turning over the running of the new generation park to the YMCA. It seems they have higher operational costs and that's reflected in the dues and fees that are currently being charged. I remember when hi school and local students would work there to earn extra money, and I suppose they still can but the two things I dislike most about generations park are that they cut down all the trees (where is the shade!) and now it's being run by the YMCA. Can some of these funds go towards changing from the YMCA administration back to the way it was before?

Sidewalks. I live in the older part of Bedford (between Wade and Circle and Bedford Rd and Pipeline.)There are very few sidewalks along the side streets to make the area more walkable. Creating safe pathways to access the neighborhood parks would really add to walkability of the city.

Skate park. Interactive art trail through Bedford

More solar light poles in residential areas where there are none

More police

Free More senior citizens Activity

Lobby Austin for the proposal that local sales tax be split between the seller's location and the buyer's residence (e.g., based on Zip code of the credit card used to make the purchase). I would like half the sales tax I'm paying the Southlake Costco to come back to Bedford!

Planting more trees along main city streets. Lowish maintenance and enhances the aesthetics and help promote Bedford as a "green" community. Some areas of Bedford are nearly treeless and need some help.

Benches and shade structures for the playgrounds at Generations Park and any other parks without them. Continue the public art with painting utility boxes. Protective vests for any police officers not having them including police dogs A new or GREATLY improved animal shelter.

Hire more police/fire

I would use it on an outreach project. Take a poll of the communities needs (ie food, clothing, shoes) and see if we could do something with that.

Updating parks!

We would like to see more attention/money spent on code enforcement. There are far too many properties that are in disrepair. We would also like to see better development or redevelopment.

free pool days in the summer more police presence

Updating our traffic lights with sensors or timers to be adaptable with traffic flow

A city town center like all the other cities around us have to stimulate tax money for our city.

We can't compete with Southlake Town Center or Euless Glade Parks, but, if you could get the HEB Grocery Store to open in Bedford, that would be a gold mine.

I would like to see maybe an outdoor theater like Shakespeare in the park.

Fix creek erosion

Tether ball at Boys Ranch Park.

Intersection improvement

Skate park, painting Murals around town, blues fests,sponsor motorcycle obstacle course rally's

Develop a Senior Playground has seen in many European nations, eg. Sweden.

Fixing fences that boarder main roads. Broken panels/fence down/holes etc makes neighborhoods look bad.

Pickleball courts at Stormie Jones park. Walkways under or over highways so it's safer to cross them on foot or bicycle.

Additional lighting along the greenbelt where there currently isn't any.

More street lights at every corner of every street are needed. Make sure that they are not burned out.

Repairing the streets. Hiring more police.

Offer outdoor venues of entertainment, i.e., bands, performing arts. The new Generations Park is an ideal location for these events. Save taxpayers trip to Cypress Waters, Colleyville, Saginaw, Southlake.

Pretty banners on light posts on Forrest Ridge and Bedford Road. Not just when we have Festivals. Create a gift shop in OBS and sell City icon charms. Link a Wine Fest tour with Silver Dollar winery and Grapevine. Create an Intra City low cost/fee shuttle service to get around Bedford. Start the 4th Fireworks at 9:30pm. Keep Bedford's history and seek Historic Preservation funding. Perform On Stage in the Park performances. Get Hurst and Euless to Share the Wealth they get from tax money revenue which Bedford is missing out on.

Increased Code enforcement and fines for junk or inoperable vehicles in residential neighborhoods. Tree trimming along city roads and sidewalks

Investigate Atmos for randomly overcharging customers! Yes it's widespread!

Roads need to be improved.

That's great but I'm horrible at this. Perhaps invest in current projects that would improve if given a larger budget.

First, ensure we have enough police & firemen (no occupancies). Streets are starting to be worked on so please continue. Sidewalks in some areas are so bad it is difficult to walk them. Perhaps set up something on the website so they can be reported (if hasn't already been done). We have lots of neighborhood parks & several have been updated; keep up the good works!

Walking trail next to cheeksparger is falling apart. Replacing with cement would be great. Possibly connecting somewhere to power line walking trails and even Euless trails would be amazing. Any parks that have old/broken playground equipment.

\$25k doesn't go very far. The ongoing project to add artwork to electrical boxes has been a low cost way to add color and something unique to the city. Expanding that would be good. Some areas need improved street signage and lights. And sidewalks

Conduct research into the traffic light management and stop signs. Try to remove unnecessary ones. Purchase electronics to coordinate traffic lights so the main streets flow without stopping at every light. Make traffic lights blink after 11pm at main intersections. We are wasting gas waiting at every stoplight.

Bring back Blues and BBQ.

Spend it on Bedford co..ons or performing arts, or on outdoor space

Competitions among citizens.. Ethic foods preparation.. Kids Drwaing/Creativity competition,.

roads

More police presence

Reduce the price of joining the YMCA to \$10 a year for all elderly 62 years and older. This park has been paid for by our tax dollars.

General playground improvements for younger children, such as: A new play structure or small interactive stations in or near east trails end park. Upgraded playground underlayment (the cushioned turf recently installed at Chisholm Park in Hurst is amazing!). Toddler play equipment at playgrounds.

More benches at generations park, especially by the playground. And a cover for the playground to give shade.

More events at our newly opened park and Center

Historical markers along trails and parks

Free or reduced fees to Bedford Rec center

Allow residents access to ENTIRE Stormy Jones Park. Enclosing a majority of the park for soccer fields is wasteful (not used year-round). We as residents pay taxes to have access to ALL parks. People in Whisperwood Dev were robbed of their access to most of the park. ALSO - Please look into new Murphy station at Harwood & 121 & their sign. Is it in compliance with city height limits? It is now visible over the rooftops of some homes in Whistperwood!

Improve dim street lighting in residential areas and add street lights in some neighborhoods.

We need a place in town, like Main Street Grapevine, where Bedfordites can come together and support as a community, as well as drawing neighboring consumers to drive business into Bedford.

City needs to figure out how to time traffic lights better throughout the city. Shouldn't take 15 to 20 minutes to drive thru Bedford.

I would add more police and more entertainment in the evening and bring back Bluesfest

Plant trees

Use it to make the YMCA cheaper. 50% of the families in HEBISD are on the free or reduced lunch program, and qualify for financial assistance with the YMCA. However, when the YMCA gives financial assistance, you lose the resident rate, so for a family of four, it is \$39 per month, which is still completely out of reach for the majority of families with school aged children. What a disappointment. Subsidize it directly, do not give it to the YMCA, because they will only come up with another reason to not pass the savings on to the residents.

Attracting more businesses to help reduce taxes.

I would spend that money on upgrading infrastructure and firehouses and police needs. Nothing for the arts center Nothing for the arts center

An upgrade to current playgrounds for toddler or younger child accessibility. Current parks (excluding the new Gen park) are not made for smaller children.

Shade and seating at parks. Free splash pad. Senior center. Walking trails.

Cultural and community events, infrastructure maintenance and improvements, parks and recreational activities

A Futsal court along the lines of what Arlington has built would be ideal. There's no expense relating to maintaining a field, and similar to a basketball court it could be a place where kids gather for free play, or could be rented to soccer clubs in the

area, many of which utilize futsal courts to develop their players' ball control skills.  
[https://www.arlingtontx.gov/news/my\\_arlington\\_t\\_x/news\\_stories/bob\\_cooke\\_park\\_reopening](https://www.arlingtontx.gov/news/my_arlington_t_x/news_stories/bob_cooke_park_reopening)

Rather than maim the trees, between the street and sidewalks, that interfere with power lines, simply remove the trees as they have little aesthetic value when they are "V"ed at the tops.

tennis courts

Increasing business tax base

I'd like to see some of the missing amenities from the new park added back in. There are many people missing those that they lost when new park was built.

Fix the Potholes, Community garden, festivals like octoberfest or arbor day

Put picnic tables and benches in the newly renovated Generations Park. Right now it is a sea of concrete with no where to sit and enjoy or have a picnic.

Make sure that the police and fire departments have all the equipment they need for the employees to be safe at their respective jobs.

City management of new REC. The pricing using YMCA is not comparable with neighboring cities.

Please upgrade residential street lighting. Many areas are extremely dark at night, and I believe brighter lights might help deter some criminal mischief and activities.

25k isn't enough to do much so I would give it to the schools and teachers

Residents not paying for use of the Center because Bedford tax dollars paid for it!

A sound barrier wall along HWY-121 near the Bandera subdivision.

\$25,000 Is not enough to change Bedford for the size of Bedford.

Dog parks

Outdoor Pickle Ball Courts

Bike lanes and sidewalks: Invest in bike lanes and sidewalks to make the city more walkable and bike-friendly.

More police

Improve streets, improve parks, improve sidewalks.

Provide a permanent covered area for a farmers market/local artisans/crafters etc. to show and sell their goods every weekend. Add booth-like structure to make it easier for individual set-ups. Schedule a monthly or bi-monthly event to showcase special events, etc. Needs easy access and plenty of parking such as around the library area. Make it available to other near-by cities to vary the products. Allow garage sells events/church and school fund-raiser events, etc.

I'd like to see it to maintain the open area on the south of Cheek Sparger.

Safety more police for patrol

Senior Center

Maintain rain and waste waste drainage, including residential street curbs to avoid restrictive and unsightly accumulations of dirt, sand, leaves, sprouted grass and weeds along the street curbs.

More inclusive parks. At least one sensory-friendly/inclusive event per year for children/residents with a disability (see the annual Hurst inclusive Easter Egg Hut, for an example). More focus on the disabled community. City staff training on working with disabled individuals. Better understanding and inclusion of autistic children.

Security cameras in neighborhoods. More police presence and better pay for same.

Moving brush and trees away from streets along Bedford rd and south of 121 by Albertsons. Hard to see around when pulling out of housing edition. Proper lane signage on 121 going west for bedford and mainly brown trail exit as highway highly congested in area. Paint a crosswalk for bell high school as it worn and unnoticeable plus proper flashing lights to make kids safer.

Apply it to the 70 million boys ranch bond

Add more seating and shade to Bark Park

Really miss the hockey rink! Would love to see one of those plus a bathroom at Central Park that can be used when the pool isn't open as little kids have small bladders.

Expand existing hiking and biking trails and encourage surrounding cities to do the same - also consider linking trails with other cities

Community events and entertainment geared towards Millennials and residents with young families, annual city commradere like a BBQ/founders day celebration, etc. A dog park area with agility equipment/fountain feature at generations park would be fantastic and a huge draw for residents.

Plant more oak trees native to this area. Make companies or city that cuts an oak tree down, replace it with large oak tree.

Not sure on cost, but we have a lot of parking lots that are much bigger than needed for strip malls and such. Consider the one next to Half Price Books. The concrete creates a lot of reflective heat and quite frankly are an eye sore. How about either planting some trees scattered through out the parking lot or create a little groupings of trees to break up these oceans of concrete. Of course NOT along the roadways, that could impede vision for drivers and create safety issues. Wouldn't old style parking lots look better with trees?

Set aside for security upgrades at schools. Biometrics- hand swipe or eyeball scans at every entrance.

I think it would be an environmentally friendly and popular option to create a composting program. I'm not sure how that would work or if it would need to be contracted to a certain company or managed by city employees. Citizens would be welcome to drop off their scraps and food waste and would be eligible to pick up compost as needed. The city of Grapevine also offers a mulch site for their citizens and that would be a good idea as lots of people in the Bedford community are interested in lawn/garden care.

#### Fire and Police

Additions to parks services... especially for youth. I would love to see a basketball court built that is available to everyone. Also, low cost classes through the rec center/swimming offered this summer. We have always taken advantage of the cheap swimming lessons and kids classes offered through the Hurst Rec Center and would love to see that in Bedford, now that we have the new center.

#### Tennis courts

I think the money should be spent on improving our safety services. Police, fire etc.

Repairing Wade street and the streets off of Wade. Putting lights up at the corner of Bedford Road and Wade drive since everyone uses Wade as cut through along with racing. Another idea is to have the money go to the police so they could catch people speeding, racing and running stop signs on Wade. The last idea allow the library to buy additional books, movies, and other items for people to check out and enjoy; replace missing or stolen books.

Outdoor lighted tennis court at Boys ranch that is open to all and skate board park.

Improve the entryways and beautify the City. Have a musical event that replaces Bluesfest with a wide array of music.

Free clinic for offering all immunizations for all ages.

Bonuses for 1st responders as a thank you for their dedication to their jobs!

I would implement something that is family friendly for young kids/teens.

Fixing Bedford Road and improving roads/lights/signage

#### More library books

I see on NextDoor or the neighborhood Bedford page, that when someone that is new to Bedford asks what is there to do in Bedford, almost all the responses are OUTSIDE of Bedford. Maybe invest in the shopping centers in Bedford---malls are gone, but having a place to park and walk from store to store, and eat are very popular!! The shopping places are run down, or empty. And they dont make sense--there is a shopping center with a popcorn place, a yarn store, chicken food and a planned parenthood?? I see protesters outside all the time. Why would I want to shop for yarn, with protesters outside?? Invest in uniqueness---Art, food, music, family.

Raises for first responders as they worked throughout the pandemic keeping us healthy and safe

Having witnessed the fire department trying to handle a backyard fire...pay for some training for them.

Get out of the YMCA contract and have the city run that facility. Spend some time on improving the safety of the intersections of Harwood at Brown Trail , Harwood at blue quail and harwood at central. Improve the drainage at the dog park. Revitalize the rundown shopping centers. Pick one or more from above.

Upgrade Central Hasn't changed much since we've been here (1994),and raised our kids. The new basketball court is a good addition. Better lighting would be a good safety measure

A beautification project to walking trails, high traffic medians. A small botanical garden project, to include tall trees to provide shade, water fall features, fountains, and beautiful plants that give residents a place to go for family outings/ pictures. Building A community garden

I think that the funds should be used to bring BACK the TNR program. It's a disgrace that Bedford STOPPED this program and then picks up and kills the Community Cats. My family and I moved to Bedford back in 1966. Bedford seems to be moving backwards, as compared to Hurst, Euless and Arlington. It's bad enough that we are the ONLY city that does not have the rolling trash can program in place. It's very difficult for some of us over the age of 50 to lift trash bags to get them to curbside.

Would love to see Blues Fest come back to Bedford or/and Art Fest. Something to get the residents excited for an outdoor event for the whole family. (more than just one) Encourage some non-profits to hold outdoor events to bring out our residents, young or old

Low cost senior living

Sidewalks on streets in southern Bedford. Specifically McCurry ave. Kids walk home from school in the street and people speed down it to cut through and skip the light

Revamp the YMCA for use of the seniors. Any improvements that are needed from the aging building and perhaps some workout equipment. Bring Old Bedford School up to ADA standards. It is unsafe as is for handicapped people.

Fixing the streets!

Put a sidewalk on one or both sides of Charleston Dr. Dozens of kids who attend Central Junior High walk to and from school on that street every day and there is no sidewalk. This street sees a ton of traffic and kids have to walk through residential yards to stay safe and out of the street.

I would offer some type of Grant for those needy citizens of Bedford. That would provide real benefit and create Community Sense.

Improving any park areas so that children and families can enjoy the outdoors and time with each other.

Beautification of entryways to make Bedford look prettier and more welcoming.

Build a Tennis Center where citizens can come to play tennis with a restaurant to stop in for food, drinks and snacks. Like Eules Golf course and Ravens grill. There could be meeting rooms for people to rent and congregate for special events.

How about a project to reduce the amount of property taxes we are now burdened with? I will be forced to sell and move this next year if something does not change.

Increased radar and or lighted speed limit signs on Central from 183 to Pipeline

Better infrastructure for bicycling. More cycling trails would be nice, but having bike lanes on the roads would be great.

We need to encourage more engaging small businesses to come to Bedford and seriously look at renovation/demolition of vacant shopping centers or vacant spaces in existing shopping centers. Upgrade and enforce codes on apartment complexes. Hold accountable and fine heavily complex owners who don't comply. Those are homes for residents of those complexes. Please give those residents confidence in feeling safe and that owners/managers will properly take care of their homes. Research nice hotels that include a good restaurant (three meal service).

Care for the Vietnam service memorial plaques on the grounds of the Municipal office facing Forest Ridge. Plant Trees. Keep permanent flags.

Meals on wheels including wellness checks on elderly/disabled residents.

Concerts with an individual or a band. (Not a festival of bands.) A space for a farmer's market. Open mic event each week. Entice businesses that are unique and not chains.

Education

**Q4** Any other comments or suggestions about community needs or priorities in Bedford?  
(187 responses by )





Stronger code enforcement on junkie unkept property

Stop allowing chains to suck up every bit of real estate so we can get stores and restaurants people actually want to go to

The monthly fees to the YMCA are too high

There needs to be an audit in regards to everything done for the revamping of the Bedford Boys Ranch.

Present council is doing good, but there are some people that will never be happy no matter what happens. Business needs encouragement to come in. Not industrial, but retail, foods, entertainment.

What are we doing with the old YMCA? If we aren't careful that will become a derelict building and an eyesore!

The new Y is amazing. Great job!

The city needs to work on filling the existing buildings with businesses before developing more land.

Fire department

Cheek Sparger has issues. It's so narrow (making me worry head on collisions are more likely) and gets so congested. I wish it were widened.

Stop worrying so much about appearance & being "a homeowners association". Way too much government interference.

keep bedford moving forward and current.. to make folks want to come shop and live in bedford.

Diversity & inclusiveness should be celebrated in Bedford. More celebrations that honor more religions, cultures, ethnicities.

A comprehensive plan to review all sidewalks or lack of sidewalks and create a 5 year plan similar to what was done with 4b and streets.

I love the numerous, positive changes happening in Bedford!

Ensure sidewalks are available for all citizens in all areas of town (i.e. west side of Forest Ridge North of Bedford Rd. connecting to the new YMCA Center).

I think things will ramp up now that our large community park is open! Can't wait to see Bedford continue to move forward! And for the performing arts center!!

More playgrounds at Boys Ranch.

Support more diverse restaurants and allow more multi-family housing. Housing costs are at record highs and using 10 million dollars of city money to prevent an increase in housing supply is mindbogglingly counter-productive.

We need streets repaired, cleaner water, less corner stores with a lot machines, and to get rid of the late night massage parlors.

We lack the "Main Street " feel. I think the Boys Ranch could be the place for community gathering but we would need a food option (and a place for sitting around, eating, drinking coffee), maybe a dog park.

The fees at the new Generation Park are too high and exclude many Bedford residents from being able to enjoy the facilities -

Let people in community know you are listening and widen your circle. Everyone is not comfortable coming to meetings but everyone has viable contributions. Schools have cultural months, perhaps the city could.

It up to par with the beautification of Bedford medians streets, like the surrounding cities also stop the speeding cars that are on the highway and Bedford Streets

Keep life better in Bedford.

Thank you for keeping up maintenance on the streets.

Bedford should do more to attract locally owned restaurants. Wood & Grain, Frezko tacos, Saap Lao, are just a few examples. I feel that Bedford doesn't have a stand-out characteristic. It should be the unique food destination of DFW.

The sidewalks in many neighborhoods are not ideal for walking with strollers, dogs, or elderly residents and could improvement

Sidewalks need work and walk traffic signal doesn't work on Cummings on top of the hill. It has been there many years, never working consistently. Very dangerous.

Meeting location

Your doing a great job! We have enjoyed the enhanced social media, the fun events, the beautiful new park. Jimmy and the mayor are transparent and doing an outstanding job.

No more cheap motels!!!!

Need to do more to encourage businesses to come to Bedford. Help with signage, tax breaks, awareness, etc.

We need mowing, edging, picking up trash around our entire city., Our city looks old and not loved. Bedford needs to be revitalized with a new energy. Add potted planters, park benches, flags. The city lacks pride. Also, we need more fine dining type restaurants.. Southlake, Colleyville, and Grapevine should not be getting all the business. We need to partner with Hurst and Euless for all events and we should get discounts at Texas Star Golf course. We are all a combined entity for HEB schools and the hospital..why can't Bedford residents get a discount for golf too?

Would be looking into more cybersecurity for further. With a older adults a focus how protect them from scams and they trust city before random people

Keep the city borders near the highways patrolled and safe

The noise level of the streets are too high. Is there anything that can be done to prevent revving of engines? (Police presence, change of speed limit, control of cars...)

The leader of the Buy Nothing West Bedford group is a paranoid control freak. She should be investigated & removed, but she has something to do with the city, so it will never happen. Personally, I don't think city commissioners should be able to have leadership positions in the Buy Nothing groups. It's a conflict of interest.

No more apartments!!!

So disappointed that after putting up with construction for 2 years, the city has put the YMCA in charge and has priced the new facility out of the range of a widowed senior. I live next to the park and have to drive to Euless to afford fitness programs.

More trees & Flowers and benches outside to reconnect with earth so that other people want to also connect and take care of our planet and home around us, but also the enjoyment of parties is appreciated too.

Take better care of the Seniors!

I see no reason no to institute Trap, Neuter, and Release cats in Bedford. Sooner or later, you'll put yourself out of business.

more toddler friendly parks

Improve sense of community among older residents who are against spending money on improvements.

Keep the old YMCA building and old equipment for the older crowd that goes there.

Please put shade and useable benches in Boys Ranch sooner rather than later. My home backs up to it and I bought here for a convenient place to walk in the park, but no longer can in the heat (most of the year).

Keep Up the good work!

Website is better now so thank you for updating it. Could you please plant some bigger trees at the Boys Ranch? It was so sad to see those huge trees mowed down for progress. Also, our animal shelter needs to be updated badly. Would it be possible to partner with Euless on a new shelter? I know Hurst has made a lot of progress partnering with the Humane Society. Perhaps we could build a new one on Bedford land close to Glade Parks. Fundraisers anyone?

Have a plan to address short term rentals. That is to restrict these.

Continue to keep streets clear of litter.

Maybe more public forums. I have observed that the public complaints on social media about any new developments (big exp is the Generations Park) are based on ignorance. These are people who do not attend city council meetings, meetings with the Mayor, etc. If they were offered a public setting to voice questions and concerns, perhaps it would diminish some of the moaning and griping about how our city money is being managed.

Overall I think our city is in good shape. I am proud to be here Just wish the sewer problems could be resolved. We're always seeing plumbing companies in our neighborhoods.

YMCA generations park needs better parking and more benches/awnings

Traffic policing oh 183 and 121

Better litter and trash pickup on the 183 corridor by TXDot and city services. Cleanup after accidents in intersections, repair of signs near entrances and exits.

Solor power. Let's get energy efficient.

Drugs are a problem but I can't offer suggestion for improving that problem

Ask city residents for input and voting when making major decisions that affect everyone, such as giving millions of dollars to an company to get a new name for the Bedford Boys Ranch Park. The new name is widely unpopular and residents are displeased that they were not involved in renaming of this fixture of the City of Bedford, and was disrespectful to the Bedford family who generously donated their land to the City of Bedford.

None at this time

Just keep doing what you're doing. The city council is doing a great job. More new business and revenue for the city.

More police officers that will actually respond to calls!

Do less and take less money from me thru my house taxes. The bleeding has to stop.

Thank you for finally painting water tower!

Keep our city safe and infrastructure in top shape

Update side streets not just main streets

May not be the place for this comment, but just to emphasize what I know has been expressed already, it really would be beneficial to have upscale restaurants/bars and an upscale, not a low-cost, hotel event venue added to our city.

Continuing to weave the community together through events, opportunities, trainings, days of service, etc. We are stronger together!

Not a tower on the side of the road. Something that truly benefits the people of Bedford. Supplies for police or fire.

Bedford is a super nice place to live!

water parks very early a.m.

Plant more trees in the Next Generation park.

Doing a great job in a hard environment of complaining and no help.

It would be nice if all of the classes at the senior center were instructor led.

Being a senior citizen and a long time resident of Bedford I took advantage of the old boys ranch facilities. Keeping in good health is a priority. I can no longer afford the fees at the Gen. park facilities. My point. LOWER the fees for residents of our community and senior citizens! We used to matter. Not anymore.

YMCA running the Rec center is ridiculous. Bedford residents should have cheaper access to the Rec center.

Streets and sidewalk improvements are a very important need in Bedford. I do recognize that the city is working to improve these, and greatly appreciate the street crews that work on our roads, however I feel like this needs to stay a priority in Bedford so that we can continue to have long term improvements to our infrastructure.

I think overall you guys are doing great, I see engagement and notices on social media about upcoming events and love to go every chance we get. The library of things has been incredibly useful and appreciated. I love that it appears the catalog has continued to expand on it and I hope that continues.

Thank you for the great community events! Look forward to these continuing

The city needs to install benches and seating at the Generations Park playground as soon as possible. I have never been to a park that didn't have any sort of seating as a basic necessity. It is unreasonable to expect everyone to use a gazebo or pavilion-especially when they are reserved by others for parties and gatherings. Many parents just want a seat that isn't too far away to monitor their children. Further, the city needs to replace the wood chips as soon as possible. These are extremely painful on hands, arms, and legs when children fall on them (which happens quite frequently). Nothing makes me want to use that park as a parent. I would rather take my children to a safe park that has ample seating in Colleyville or Grapevine.

A better parks manager some one who cares to listen to the citizens.

I'm seeing improvements in streets, and that is very positive. As far as broadband, I would like to see progress in fiber optic Accra.

Figure out a way to make these absentee property owners in the strip malls to clean up their act. The appearance of these places are quite an eyesore. But the landlords/owners get too big of a tax write off by having them empty

City is overrun with apartments, storage facilities and low end motels. Feed our city budget with developments and retail that generates sales tax revenue. Encourage strip centers to improve their curb appeal. So many look like barren empty concrete wastelands which is a negative eyesore to potential investors.

Upgrade store fronts to be more inviting

No

Start fixing side streets south of 183/121.

Focus on desired restaurant and retail growth to keep shopping dollars within the city instead of the losing them to the neighboring cities.

Police salary bonus

More police activity, less construction of things that are having our trees cut down, and bring in unfavorable people.. more crime has been coming to Bedford, shootings, thefts, killing, bombs blowing up bridges. Section 8 apts. here are bringing in alot of theft, and these killings. However we already know the CC will vote for ANYTHING no matter what it is, as long as It brings in money. Seems to b everything going in is more favorable to younger people, and NOTHING, but a used building for the seniors

I think the city having the YMCA charge a significant fee to use the new facility is not right since our tax dollars paid for it, the gym I belong to is only 10.00. So we have this nice new facility that we can not afford to belong too

Street Lighting issues on dark major streets. Central Drive is real bad at night.

I would like to see the city ask for more input from the surrounding neighborhoods into what kind of playplayground equipment the residents would like to see in their local parks.

I appreciate all efforts by our government organizations here in the city of Bedford. I know it is not an easy task.

None that I can think of at the moment, but thanks for listening by getting a Murphy Express in. Their gas is cheap!

Love the art on boxes- murals maybe?

Hire sufficient contractors to complete projects in a much more timely manner!!!

Code Enforcement should be increased and fines issued for violations.

I think the new Center (YMCA) does not have enough Bedford (or logo "B") in it. Too much Y and not enough B

Stop following what other cites (ordinances are and start thinking about the city) Developing ordinances and not enforcing them is a waste of time and money. If we did not enforce the old ordanaces why change them to something you are not going to enforce?

Build on the property that you are holding on Don Dodson. Use it now. It is not ever going to be a good place for another shopping center or Bedford Commons. It needs to be used now to build a 55 and over neighborhood.

A central area or a few central areas that are more walkable/unique would be nice. Less shopping center with cars/parking and more people/community. I understand zoning and money make this a batch of a thing to achieve but I want to know and see people in the city of bedford.

More "natural" parkland ie unpaved. For example there is land that was recently purchased by a private owner off of Schumac and Shannon Ln. I think they wanted to build more houses there, but it is on a flood plain. Land like that would be good for the city to purchase for parkland. Also, there is a home next to Brookhollow park with quite a bit of land. If it ever comes up for sale the city should consider purchasing it and expanding the small park.

Helping those in need

Apartment owners need to keep property up.

There really needs to be a minimum standard for green spaces and common areas at shopping centers, gas stations, restaurants, etc. I've noticed the landscaping in these places is terrible and makes our town look shabby.

Well... We've spent plenty on the old Bedford boys ranch, and frankly, I'm pleased with the improvements to the old Bedford school. However, I'm not really satisfied with turning over the running of the new generation park to the YMCA. It seems they have higher operational costs and that's reflected in the dues and fees that are currently being charged. I remember when hi school and local students would work there to earn extra money, and I suppose they still can but the two things I dislike most about generations park are that they cut down all the trees (where is the shade!) and now it's being run by the YMCA. Can some of these funds go towards changing from the YMCA administration back to the way it was before?

Is it too early to suggest that the HEB cities put together a program that gives residents and commercial landscapers a financial incentive to trade in their 2-strokes for battery-powered string trimmers and leaf blowers? That would reduce both noise and air pollution.

Thank you for the much-improved communications in recent years and for public art.

There are signs all over Bedford cautioning drivers not to text or use cell phones while driving. I can't begin to guess the cost of the signs. It is rare to be at an intersection or on a road in Bedford and not see drivers on there phones. Has anyone been stopped, ticketed, cautioned or any way been admonished for texting while driving in Bedford? If not we should have saved or money on the signs because no one pays any attention at all to them, even in school zones.

Please save historic trees

Affordable housing! The cost of rent is now more than mortgage payments just 5-6 years ago. Plus the cost of houses have doubled. Along with just the standard cost of living increase and no one is getting paid more. With new houses being built I would like to challenge Bedford to make affordable single family homes for all of these renters to become more permanent in the community.

Landscaping and beautification updates

Why does it take so long to repair roads?

The redone Boys Ranch Park is so sterile, it used to be busy all the time and now it just looks like wasted space where people should be out doing things. We need more outside activities for people at the park, not just open spaces.

None at the moment

To clarify, intersection improvement with landscaping.

Improve landscaping at entry points to Bedford

Fix the lights along Central by stadium that seem to be out. Along the south side.

A 3D printer at the public library would be wonderful

traffic light staging improvement

We need sidewalks in EVERY neighborhood. We need decent streets in EVERY neighborhood. I keep seeing homeless people around the library and on Central.

Expand, update, and/or add more playgrounds.

Listen to the taxpayers and their wants and concerns. Focus on single-story homes for the city's seniors.

Put up arbors in parking lots like Southlake so shoppers can eat a lunch in the shade. Encourage businesses to put flower pots in front of their businesses. Encourage Fine Dining establishments. Ex: a Top of the Town dining at our banks and high rise building's top floors. Unite On Stage with Artisan theater.

Make cleaning up Bedford a priority!

The new Center is awesome!

Attracting businesses. More businesses.

I am impressed with the recent managing of projects and financing found for these projects. Keep it up! LOVE the new Bedford Center at Boys Ranch!!

I'd like to see periodic police patrols on the neighborhood streets. I'm in Mayfair Hills and I never see any patrol cars.

Cultural diversity programs, projects

Keep up the good work...

Work on recruiting HEB grocery store to Bedford so we can get a store that helps the community

Some of the streets still need improvement

Now that the center is open we NEED recreation programming. Whether it comes from the city or the YMCA, Bedford residents under the age of 65 need some sort of recreational offerings.

Send fliers to residents instead of relying solely on the website

Check sign height regulations at Murphy station - 121 & Harwood

Work with businesses to better control littering on their parking lots. Create a no lie ring program/campaign. Strive for a cleaner city.

We need our traffic lights to match our traffic patterns. There are too many lights that cause commuters to sit and wait 60 - 90 seconds when no cross traffic is present.

The city has hired to many code officers to drive thru Bedford looking for petty offensives. I call it legalized extortion. It's a waste of taxpayer dollars.

start to finish planning by city on projects so funds are properly allocated and budgeted before.

More sidewalks near the library. There are sidewalks on only one side of the road on Bedford Road and Forest Ridge in several places. The sidewalks are damaged, and are a trip hazard, and start and stop several times. It is impossible to get to Generations Park without dealing with damaged sidewalks and having to cross Forest Ridge twice because of a lack of sidewalks.

We need a senior center

Keep up the good work at the library and old school house. We haven't been to anything yet because our daughter is too young but these activities look awesome.

Better support for performing arts through financial support and affordable performance venues.

I wish we had a hardware store in Bedford

Safety should be a priority

Do something to restore the confidence of the community. Some people think the city is headed the wrong way.

None at this time.

I would love a town square (even small) added, maybe around the Old Boys School. Having a center to a town gives people a place to go, meet, have coffee and support small town business like restaurants, coffee and ice cream shops.

Would love to see the city become More fitness focused that encourages people to be active

No more apartments.

Provide better senior center activities similar to what NRH has at an affordable cost. Have line-dancing, senior yoga/stretching exercises, chair yoga, tai chi, quilt-making and painting classes. Add activities for senior men to pull them out of their homes

This city seems to be ruled by the elderly because they have the loudest voices and the time to go to the meetings. Young families are here too.

No, except removal or ridges that develop in roadways, especially in street crossings or intersections due to ground heaving or shifting.

Bedford needs more outreach for small businesses. Like a farmers meet on weekends with local vendors, farmers and etc... many businesses on bedford south of 121 starting to look ratty same on Harwood from shady lane to Norwood. Also a link on website to businesses to advertise as some places going out of business and never knew they even existed and add a classified section to website as well.

I love the direction that the city is taking!!

Listen to everyone NOT just vocal Senior Center folks!!!

Stuff for kids like a skate park is always good keep them active

Please continue to improve police presence and community security- especially south of the freeway

Keep up the good communication and transparency

Less liquor stores and cheap hotels please. We are a bedroom community. If taxes go up, then so be it. Cost of being a bedroom community.

Lower taxes, on businesses in Bedford. We drive people/ businesses away to surrounding communities. Put 50% of the grant to lower the business taxes by that amount.

I absolutely love all our city and council have done to improve our well being. Thank you for supporting our libraries and parks. It makes our city SO special... especially for our youth and families!!

Tennis courts

Create biking lanes.

Keep improving the City like has taken place in the last 2 1/2 years.

We need to fill the vacant business strips throughout the city. We need the revenue and the sight of empty spaces everywhere is not a good reflection on our city. Continue and enhance community involvement with our city by encouraging participation in outreach opportunities i.e., citizens fire/police academies, open house, city picnic, etc.

Repairing pot holes.

I know my answers are "boring" but the foundation of our community is the most important part of upholding the community. If we don't have a good foundation, nothing else will last! Thank you so much for keeping Bedford safe and family friendly!

Please do not allow panhandling to become acceptable in our neighborhood.

Really enjoy the higher fireworks

The road at Harwood and 121j...by Mcdonalds....there is what appears to be a crater in the road. Can we get that fixed? Also, maybe make the Bedford sign entering our city nicer.

More affordable memberships to the facility we have already paid so much into with our taxes

Street lights in neighborhoods.

We built a beautiful rejuvenated park and have basically given the facility to the YMCA who have implied it as their own. This is a Bedford expense and failure of the elected officials to keep it ours. Look at the run down facility they have left behind in our city for us to clean up.

Keep working on the roads - both major and residential

Keep grass and trees trimmed and trash picked up. Could easily raise the fine for littering!

Need to attract better businesses and make it affordable for them to stay. It's wild that the Lone Spur Cafe opened in the old Applebees location and has closed in less than a year. What makes that location so expensive to open up shop? Also Bedford should be ready to invite cannabis dispensaries to open up shop if recreational use is ever made legal in the state. Do the Colorado thing - levy a tax on it and send that money straight to schools. I know this is more of a state level and hypothetical thing, but if the city has plans in place to move quickly in this eventuality, it will benefit the community a lot.

I think Bedford will eventually need to address Short Term rentals and Corporate buyouts. That should take precedence over HOA's.

Bedford is looking and feeling much better these day. Thank you to the new city manager and staff for all you do.

Please make commercial properties fix up their shopping centers and keep them from becoming unsightly. Trash in empty buildings and dilapidated shopping centers make Bedford look horrible. Make them clean up their act.

Promotion and support for local businesses.

Is there anything that can be done about the homeless teens who's parents have abandoned them? There are several who couch surf or stay in the parks at night, but are trying to finish school. I do not mean to catch them and send them to Juvenile Courts. I mean help them!

Traffic speeds and driving and texting

Program to encourage youth to volunteer to serve residents, pick up trash, recycle, attend city meetings, etc. To help them mature.

More spending on the arts. It is a way to make us stand out above all the other mid-cities and Colleyville & Southlake. It is a great way for people to discover our community. I've been all over the metroplex for arts events. Many of the communities I would have never explored but was impressed by and have returned to visit restaurants and other businesses.