

Bedford County News



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Quarterly Newsletter

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Highlights

Regional Comprehensive Plan: Earlier this year the County adopted its Regional Comprehensive plan and has already begun the process of implementing the plan.

Broadband: Sub-committees have formed out of the regional broadband taskforce focused on outreach, funding, mapping, conducting inventory of our current assets and looking at conducting a regional survey.

Workforce Development: The Bedford County Economic Development Association just hired an entrepreneurial coach to work with the community to foster entrepreneurial growth in the community. Additionally, the Economic Development Association will be conducting an economic needs assessment in the near future.

Women's Center: A birthing/women's center committee was recently formed. They are looking at gathering data to help with future funding needs.

Trail and Recreational Amenities: The Old PA Pike was approved by the Commonwealth as an official authority and are currently working towards acquiring funding to implement the updated Master Plan.

Criminal Justice Advisory Board: The District Attorney's Office worked to revamp the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. They have since created sub-committees

focused on drugs and alcohol, mental health, and inmate re-entry. Committees will be meeting regularly to develop goals and achieve positive results in these areas. Additionally, an ad-hoc committee was developed that will focus on a day treatment/reporting center as a possible diversionary program to incarceration.

Reimagine Everett: Recently, the County Commissioners forgave the delinquent taxes on the Everett theatre. This building has not been utilized in years. With the support of the Commissioners, Everett Borough, and Everett School District Reimagine Everett will be able to turn this theatre into a community asset once again.

Solar Project Ground Breaking: Recently, the Bedford County Commissioners held their ground breaking ceremony with their partner, RER energy at the correctional facility. The project will help the county save on energy costs for years to come.

Correctional Facility Healthcare Provider Change: The Hyndman Area Health Center is now providing inmate health care at the correctional facility. The change in providers will help to contain costs and work to improve services for current inmates and those transitioning from the correctional facility.

County Initiatives

IT Committee: The IT Committee is working on developing an IT plan that sets goals and helps the County work towards technology improvements.

Windows 10 Upgrade: The County will begin meeting with county departments in March to begin the Windows 10 upgrade process. If you requested a computer in your budget they were approved; however, you should wait for the County to schedule an initial project management meeting. We will be working with each department one on one to ensure this upgrade goes as smoothly as possible.

Community Needs Assessment: Center for Community Action has been working with a consultant for the past year on a community wide needs assessment. They have conducted focus groups and surveys throughout the community. This tool will provide useful data to county stakeholders. The consultant will be compiling the data and making recommendations to Center for Community Action.



