

October 2011

## Residents

We are pleased to announce the new board for 2011-2012:

- Jeff Allred
- Brian Cappallo
- Mika Tepfer
- Melissa Boylan
- Dustin Wagner

The board can be reached at any time by emailing [VOPHOA\\_BOARD@yahoogroups.com](mailto:VOPHOA_BOARD@yahoogroups.com)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SERVICES

To receive Bedford Police and Fire department notifications: [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) Nixle's mission is to enable government agencies, small to medium size businesses and enterprise-level organizations to communicate in a secure way and exchange multimedia content over a trusted mobile platform.

Additionally, residents can email the City of Bedford at [bace@lists.bedfordtx.gov](mailto:bace@lists.bedfordtx.gov) to receive Bedford Alerting Citizens email notifications and for crime reports see [www.crimereports.com/](http://www.crimereports.com/)

BEFORE Old Man Winter Arrives....

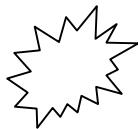
## COLD WEATHER TIPS (use at your own discretion)



- Keep pets inside.
- Bring potted plants inside.
- Make sure fireplace flues are working properly.
- Do not use charcoal or gas grills indoors. They produce deadly carbon monoxide fumes.
- Check on the elderly and infirmed.
- Disconnect and drain garden hoses.
- Cover outside faucets with insulating foam covers.
- Turn off water to outside faucets.
- Insulate exposed pipes (both hot and cold) under house with foam pipe insulation.
- Open cabinet doors under sinks.
- Set icemaker to make ice if the water line to it runs under the house.
- Don't forget to check on pipes to your washing machine in the laundry room
- Locate water main cut-off valve, and have a cut-off key handy.
- After the weather has warmed above freezing and any frozen pipes have thawed, turn off dripping faucets and monitor your water meter to check for unseen leaks.



## How to Protect the Outside of Your Home



- **Clean your gutters** and downspouts **before** cold weather arrives.
- Spray an ice repellent solution on steps and walks before freezing weather arrives
- **Check antifreeze levels in cars.** Add if needed, and run engine to circulate new antifreeze in the crankcase.
- **Add freeze resistant windshield wiper fluid,** and spray to circulate it in lines.
- **Check air pressure in tires,** since cold weather causes the pressure to lower.
- **Add mulch around plants,** and cover plants that are prone to frost damage with **burlap or cloth.** Remove covering when temperatures warm above freezing.
- **Drain birdbaths** and fountains
- Gently sweep snow off plants and shrubs in an upward motion with a broom.
- Use rock salt, sand, or clay based kitty litter on walks and drives (NOTE: Salt can damage grass and other plants).



**IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE HOME DURING SUB-FREEZING TEMPERATURES.....**Set the temperature of your home heating system no lower than 55 degrees to prevent pipes from bursting.

Best regards

**Jeff Allred**  
President HOA  
**Village of Oak Park**  
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