

## New Firehouse Update November 2022:

Everyone connected with the Fire District and the Fire Department gets the question all the time, “When will the Fire Department be moving into the new building?” We are asking ourselves the same thing daily as the project approaches the finish line. We do not believe that we will be in, as we had been projecting, by the end of this year, but we are confident that we will move during the first quarter of 2023.

Like the rest of the world, we’ve experienced supply chain delays. And like on any large construction project, one contractor’s issue affects the ability of the other contractors to stay on schedule. There have been some specific jobs that we were not willing to approve as finished due to workmanship we deemed inadequate: those things had/have to be redone properly before we will sign off.

As you can see, the site work is almost finished for the initial stage: the fence is down, the trailers are gone, and the Devil’s Tower dirt pile has finally disappeared. The landscaping efforts will continue after the building is complete and occupied.

We look forward to inviting you all in to see the finished space!

There is a rumor going around that the project is “way over budget.” This is not true. The Bond Vote in 2020 approved an amount to spend, and that’s the budget we have to get the station operational and occupied. It is true that a few non-operational spaces will be left unfinished until we can afford to complete them as part of our regular operating budget sometime in the near future.

Speaking of the operating budget, we are pleased to announce that the 2023 budget will reflect a small tax decrease. With careful planning over the past 5 years, and with the cost of living rising right now, we will be tapping into buffer funds instead of raising the tax rate.

We will continue to issue updates as the project progresses. Thanks to everyone for the support as we strive to serve the community’s needs now and for the next century!

A happy and safe holiday season to all,  
The Commissioners of the Bedford Village Fire District

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