



Bedford Main Street, Inc.

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BEDFORD BLUES & BBQ RAISES \$3,305 FOR THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL

This past Saturday, more than 1,300 people from the Bedford community and beyond reaffirmed their support for the National D-Day Memorial while enjoying fantastic food and music at Bedford Blues & BBQ.

Half of the \$5 admission (before expenses) for the event is being donated to the National D-Day Memorial, which totals \$3,305.00. This donation, added to funds raised at LibertyFest on July 4th, brings Bedford Main Street's level of giving to \$6,330.00 for this summer. "The D-Day Memorial, and what it stands for, is incredibly important to Centertown Bedford. We [the Bedford Community] must show our support for the Memorial before we can expect the rest of the world to." Said Scott Smith, Executive Director of Bedford Main Street.

After expenses, the remaining funds raised at Bedford Blues & BBQ will go towards Bedford Main Street's operations, which include the Centertown Merchants Committee, Façade Improvement Grant Fund, and economic development activities.

Bedford Main Street would like to thank its volunteers that made this event happen, including the volunteers from the National D-Day Memorial Foundation who manned the gates. Like all Bedford Main Street events, Bedford Blues & BBQ could not have gotten off the ground without the considerable support of the City of Bedford, particularly the Public Services, Police, and Electric Departments.

Hosted by Bedford Main Street, Inc., Bedford Blues & BBQ was sponsored by WROV FM. Partners include the City of Bedford, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, James River Blues Society, and Bedford Council for the Arts.

Bedford Main Street's next event is the 21st Annual Centerfest, held on Saturday September 28th from 10:00am-11:00pm. The entire Centertown area will be blocked off, with music on three stages, an art show, crafts, antique show, food, and children's activities.

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Bedford Main Street, Incorporated is a non-profit organization dedicated to the historic preservation and economic development of Bedford's Centertown business district. Founded in 1985 as a part of the Virginia Main Street Program, Bedford Main Street achieves its goals through the activities of the Merchants Committee, Design Committee, Farmers Market, and special events in Centertown. Bedford Main Street also sponsors the Bedford Council for the Arts.

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