



BEDFORD BYLINE

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September, 2010

BEDFORD DAY 2010 SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

PARADE: BHS marching band and local groups and organizations turn The Great Road into a sea of color and excitement for Bedford Day! The parade route begins at the intersection of The Great Road and Loomis Street, proceeds north on The Great Road and finishes at Mudge Way. Parade kicks off at 10:30!



FAIR: Activities, food, entertainment and friends are abundant at the annual Bedford Day Fair! The fair is held from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall



BEDFORD BIG BAND: Bedford New Hampshire's band features snappy instrumentals, sultry vocals and fun vocal quartets!

LIVE PERFORMANCES: Local talent will take the stage behind the playground (performances TBD... check the Recreation Department website—www.bedfordma.gov/index.php/departments/recreation). DanceTime will coordinate the performances featuring DanceTime's Starette Dance Company.

NORTH WING RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: Following the parade, the Bedford Selectmen will cut the ribbon to the renovated North Wing of the Town Center. Fair goers are invited to visit the Bedford Recreation Department Kids' Club school age child care center and The Corner middle school drop-in activity center.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE ORGAN: Built in Paris in 1897 and newly restored with over 400 pipes, the antique fairgrounds organ recreates the sound of the traveling fun fair.

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Crosby Drive/Middlesex Turnpike Project Update

In the early 1980's, the Towns of Bedford, Burlington, and Billerica saw the need to address traffic concerns in the area east of Route 3 on a regional corridor wide basis. Crosby Drive and Middlesex Turnpike all had roadway segments with Level of Service ratings at E or F, no pedestrian or bicycle accommodations, and a 30% higher than average accident rate. The roadway network was clearly limiting the economic development of the three-town area. The TriTown Committee was formed with members from all three Town's Selectmen, professional staff, busi-

ness community, and citizens to oversee the design of improvements to Crosby Drive and Middlesex Turnpike that would ultimately correct these deficiencies. Phase 1 of this project is now complete with the recent reconstruction of Crosby Drive.

The reconstruction of Middlesex Turnpike is planned to take place in two additional phases. There will be seven new intersections with traffic signals, sidewalks, and new storm water management system.

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New Rules and Regulations Adopted For Shawsheen Cemetery

On August 30, 2010 the Bedford Selectmen adopted new rules and regulations for Shawsheen Cemetery. In an effort to clarify and reinforce existing rules the Department of Public Works drafted a comprehensive list of proposed rules and regulations. In addition, a small number of new rules were incorporated to address changes in present burial practices and demonstrations of grief.

Before formally voting on the new regulations, the Selectmen asked for comments from the public. After much review, the Selectmen approved the following changes to the Shawsheen Cemetery rules and regulations:

- The advance notice for performing an interment has been defined as 24 hours for all interments from April 1st to October 31st and 48 hours for the period of November 1st to March 31st.

- Reinforcement and refinement of the planting and decoration restrictions has been proposed to assist with controlling a growing number of concerns that interfere with maintenance of the cemetery grounds. For above ground monuments, a 12" planting bed is allowed directly in front of the stone. On flush markers, an urn or pot with flowers with a 12" diameter may be placed directly on the marker. A two-year time frame has been established to provide time to comply with these provisions.

- Due to changes in the stone industry with the availability of exotic colored and textured granites from around the world and technological changes in the art of stone cutting,

provisions have been made to maintain the proper level of decorum without impacting a family's need for a unique stone or monument. Before any headstone or monument shall be erected, a drawing of said headstone or monument, complete with all dimensions, words, fonts, and type of material must first be submitted to the Department of Public Works for approval. Bright colored exotic granite is not allowed as are brightly colored inlaid lettering, and laser-cut or photographic likenesses of the deceased or any other image.

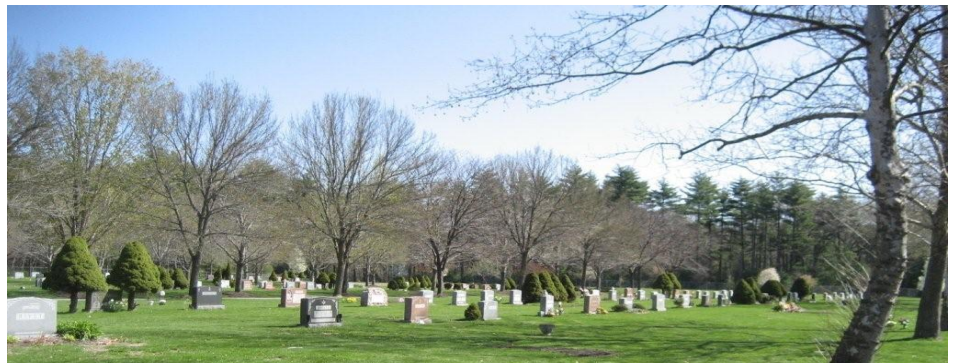
- A provision has been added to allow the purchase of up to two graves by non-residents within four years of leaving Bedford who were formally residents of Bedford for a period of at least ten years. A maximum of four graves are allowed to be sold to any current resident.

- Due to the higher rate of cremations, two flush markers per grave may accommodate either one full burial with a subsequent cremation burial or two cremation burials per grave.

- In compliance with the law, Funeral Directors must provide all required payment and burial permits prior to the interment.

- In order to comply with the best burial practice, one-piece covers for burial vaults are required.

For more information about these and additional rules and regulations of Shawsheen Cemetery please call the Bedford Department of Public Works at 781-275-7605.



Pictured here: Shawsheen Cemetery

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ELECTION INFORMATION

The State Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Polling hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All elections are held at the John Glenn Middle School located at 99 McMahan Road.

The last day of voter registration for the State Election is **Wednesday, October 13, 2010**. Residents may register at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or at the Police Station from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Fall 2010 JGMS After School Program

Submitted by Youth & Family Services Prevention Services Coordinator Jessica Santos

EXPLORING LAW ENFORCEMENT GIRL TALK WORDSMITHS BABYSITTER TRAINING

Attention all students that will be attending the John Glenn Middle School in the Fall! Bedford Youth and Family Services in collaboration with John Glenn Middle School is gearing up for another successful Fall after school program with a focus on the most popular activities and an exciting new activity "Exploring Law Enforcement" with Officer Kristen Dineen. Girl Talk with our high school student leaders, Wordsmiths (formerly known as School Scrabble) with Lisa Rainen, and Babysitter Training with Carol Eaton will also be available.



The registration deadline for all programs except for Girl Talk is October 1st 2010. The registration deadline for Girl Talk is November 5th 2010. Space is limited; be sure to sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot.

You can find our flyer and registration form at: www.bedfordma.gov/youth (click on Youth Development). Flyers are also available in our office and at the JGMS Main Office. Also, feel free to call Jessica Santos at 781-275-7727 ext. 262 or email at jessicas@bedfordma.gov



Bedford Police to Partner with Drug Enforcement Agency for the Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative

Submitted by Bedford Chief of Police James Hicks

The Bedford Police Department has joined the Drug Enforcement Administration in the National Drug Take-Back Initiative on **Saturday, September 25, 2010**, at Bedford Day.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will coordinate this nationwide one-day collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's homes. This national initiative will provide an opportunity for the public to surrender pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

Expired, unused, or unwanted controlled substances in our homes are a

potential source of supply for the increasing abuse of pharmaceutical drugs in the United States and are an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.



The Bedford Police Department

The Bedford Police Department's active participation and involvement with this program is consistent with our goals of educating the citizens of Bedford about the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

Not only will the "Prescription Drug Take-Back" provide a mechanism for individuals to surrender unwanted and expired prescription drugs, it will also raise awareness and promote drug education, thus lowering the current demand for these drugs, and providing a useful tool for information-sharing.

Targeted groups or individuals are people who have expired medications, those who no longer need prescription drugs, and who have no safe means of disposal.

By providing a safe method of disposing unused prescription drugs, we in law enforcement will help close one method in which users obtain drugs.

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Crosby Drive/Middlesex Turnpike Project,

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Phase 2 (the project about to start) begins at the intersection of Route 62 and Network Drive in Burlington with a new four lane cross section roadway across the MITRE field connecting to Middlesex Turnpike and continuing on thru the Crosby Drive/Plank Street intersection in Bedford. Phase 3 includes the reconstruction of Middlesex Turnpike from the end of Phase 2 across new culverts carrying the Shawsheen River thru to Manning Road in Billerica. The design of this phase is under review by MassDOT at the 75% level.

Several new developments within the Middlesex Turnpike corridor have been directed towards the Smart Growth concept. Three new high density residential housing developments on Middlesex Turnpike have been recently completed or are underway, allowing affordable housing opportunities within walking distance of quality jobs. Mixed-use

developments have even provided retail and restaurants within this previously industrial only area. The concentration of potential riders has assisted mass transit with scheduled service by the MBTA and LRTA. The project provides means for less reliance on the automobile including the installation of sidewalks and bike lanes which do not presently exist on Middlesex Turnpike.

The area businesses are filling up rapidly, approaching a high level of occupancy, as witnessed by the re-

Volunteer for Local Government



Several local government committees and boards are looking for new members to fill vacancies.

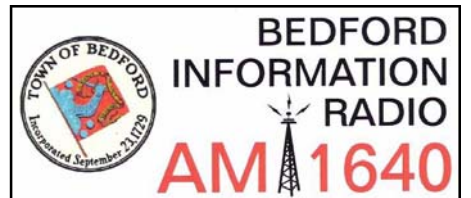
Committees and boards with vacancies are:

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Arbor Resource Committee
- Cable TV Advisory Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Cultural Council
- Fair Housing Committee
- Historic District Commission
- Housing Partnership
- Land Acquisition Committee
- Trails Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee
- Wilson Mill Park Planning Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

To fill out a Questionnaire for Volunteers form, visit our website at www.bedfordma.gov and click on Committees. Questionnaires should be printed, completed, and mailed to the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall at 10 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730.

For questions, please contact a member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee:

Dawn Theodore	781-275-9243
Lora Goldenberg	781-275-7354
Ilsa Gottlieb	781-275-0953



cent move of iRobot, Zink, and GSI into the project area.

The infrastructure of the area is being improved to sustain the economic viability of this corridor. Towns along the entire Route 3 north corridor are meeting regularly to discuss common interests in managing the growth of this desirable area for businesses. Bedford is committed to spending at least \$900,000 to replace the Middlesex Turnpike water main so that adequate water supply and fire fighting capabilities continue to be present.

Town of Bedford Bedford Byline

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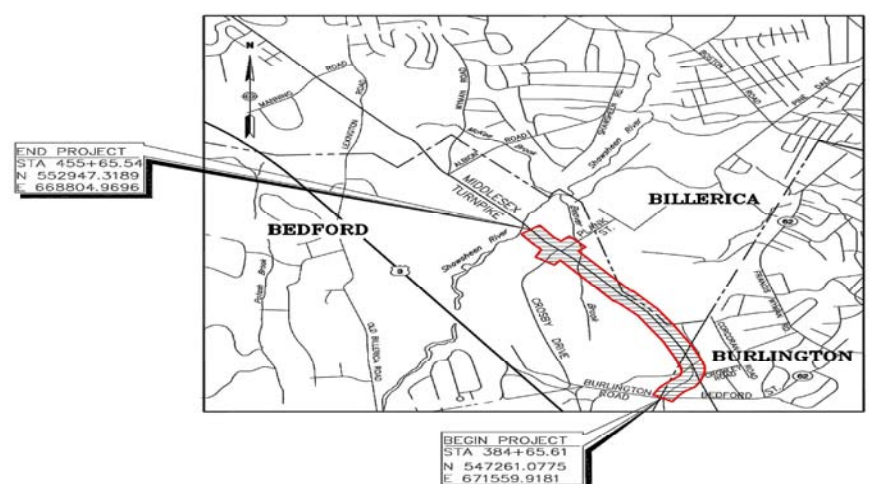
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Raising Healthy Children in an Information Age

Join Bedford's Youth and Family Services on Wednesday, October 27th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. as Meghan Gardner talks about how to get our children and teens "unplugged" from computers and texting long enough to experience the rest of life surrounding them.

Meghan will discuss why the internet, social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc), online gaming (World of Warcraft, etc) and texting hold such allure for human beings and kids in particular.

She will help you understand the role these tools have and the impact they have on society. Then she will provide parents with important tips and ideas on how to raise our children in an "Instant Information Age" so that they learn how to balance technology with the rest of their lives.

Most importantly, Meghan will cover the vital ingredients to "unplugged activities" that kids and teens need to be able to step away from their online games.

You will learn why many modern sports and hobbies fall short when competing with online games for a kid's interest and how these activities can change to inspire and grow that same passion. For parents of children of all ages. This event is free and will take place at the Town Hall Auditorium located at 10 Mudge Way.

Please note: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 has been designated as:

Bedford Families Unplugged Day

This night of November 10, 2010 is designated as an evening without homework, sports, or other activities for Bedford Public School students. Additionally, there will be no town-related meetings scheduled. All residents are encouraged to make November 10th, 2010 a day to take a break from our hectic lives and schedules, a day for family time and connection.



The Bedford Community Partnership spearheads this event and hopes that through this community initiative everyone including all family members and working parents will have the chance to be home from work or school for dinner and make this night a special time of family engagement.

For a month's worth of unplugged activities check out the Youth & Family Services Department website at www.bedfordma.gov.

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OTHER BEDFORD DAY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



FRIENDS OF THE BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE:

Friday, September 24: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 25: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 26: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

16th ANNUAL DANNY OATES MEMORIAL 5K ROAD RACE & 2.5K FITNESS WALK:

Where: Lt. Eleazer Davis School

When: Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. rain or shine!! Start time of the race is 8:30 a.m. to allow plenty of time to get to the parade and fair!

Fee: \$15 pre-registration/\$20 day of registration

Please note the new location and start time! Check the website for pre-race number pickup and our race training night. Electronic timing, long sleeve t-shirts guaranteed to pre-registrants (limited shirts to entrants on race day). Race is limited to 500 participants; awards will be given to the top three fastest male and female runners in each age group. Special awards for first Bedford finishers and first Bedford firefighter!



Proceeds of the race benefit the Danny Oates Memorial Scholarship given to a Bedford High School or Shawsheen Technical High School student from Bedford. Information and Registration online at www.dannyoates5k.com or mail your entry form and fee to: Lisa Freed, 246 Davis Road, Bedford, MA 01730 • 781-275-0494 • lafreed@verizon.net. Please make checks payable to "Bedford Masonic Association Inc."

KIDS FUN RUN:

On the field at Davis School starting at 8:30 a.m. No pre-registration necessary, register that morning just before the run. No entry fee, donations gladly accepted. Ages 3-10.

BEDFORD ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY'S 11TH ANNUAL REGIONAL ART EXHIBIT:

The 11th Annual Regional Art Exhibit will be held in the Union Room at the Town Center from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Art work will be received on Thursday September 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 for BACS members and \$12 for nonmembers. All art work will be judged for awards, and hung that afternoon. The show is open to the public on Friday the 24th during Town Hall business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Bedford Day, September 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Awards will be presented at 1:00 p.m. on September 25th. More info is available on the applications, which can be found in the Town Center Building, the Council On Aging, the Town Hall and the Bedford Public Library. Any questions, please call Jeanne Reidy (781-275-8983) or Laura Wallace (781-275-5498).



BEDFORD DAY SEVERE STORM INFORMATION:

The Town of Bedford's Bedford Day Fair and Parade are held rain or shine. If we encounter weather that is severe and threatens the safety of participants, the events will be postponed to Saturday, October 2nd. The decision to postpone will be made by 7:00 a.m. on September 25th. The information will be posted on the Town of Bedford website (www.bedfordma.gov) and recorded on the Recreation Department answering machine (781-275-1392).

Please note, the Severe Storm date applies to the Bedford Day Fair and Parade Only! The Road Race, Art Exhibit and Book Sale will be held rain or shine.



Questions? Please contact Bedford Recreation Department
781-275-1392

www.bedfordma.gov/index.php/departments/recreation

Looking for a Function Space?

DID YOU KNOW?

...that Budd Rail Diesel Car #6211 is available for rental for small parties and meetings;
...that it is heated and has air conditioning;
...that there is fixed seating for up to 30 people in the main passenger section;
...that a refrigerator, sink, and coffee brewer are available in the adjacent Freight House;
...that public rest rooms are accessible at the rear of the Freight House.



DID YOU KNOW?

...that the Great Room on the third floor of Old Town Hall is available for rental;
...that its 1,530 square feet of space can accommodate 100 people (seated);
...that there is a catering kitchen adjacent;
...that the space is used for wedding/receptions, showers, birthday parties, and conferences.

DID YOU KNOW?

...that there are five multi-use spaces available for rental in the Town Center Building;
...that the first floor Shawsheen Room seats over 100 people and has a large kitchen attached;
...that its second floor Union School Room has a wooden floor and is used principally for dance and exercise classes;
...that three smaller areas are used for conferences and meetings.



DID YOU KNOW?

...that you may view the spaces prior to booking by calling Fay Russo at 781-275-4880

MEMA Issues Power Outage Safety Tips

Taken from MEMA Press Release, July 28, 2010

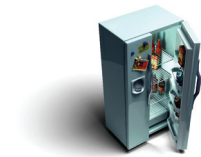
FRAMINGHAM, MA -

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has the following tips for dealing with a possible power outage:

- Check flashlights and portable radios to ensure that they are working, and you have extra batteries. A radio is an important source of critical weather and emergency information during a storm. Having a battery powered radio in your home will allow you to listen to Bedford Information Radio AM 1640 for emergency announcements.

- If your water supply could be affected by a power outage (a well-water pump system), fill your bathtub and spare containers with water. Water in the bathtub should be used for sanitation purposes only, not as drinking water. Pouring a pail of water from the tub directly into the bowl can flush a toilet.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when using a generator. Always use outdoors, away from windows and doors. Carbon Monoxide fumes are odorless and can quickly accumulate indoors.

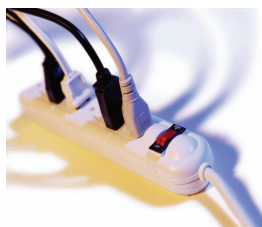


- Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings (remember to reset them back to normal once power is restored). During an outage, do not open the refrigerator or freezer door unnecessarily. Food can stay cold in a full refrigerator for up to 24 hours, and in a well-packed freezer for 48 hours (24 hours if it is half-packed).

- If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.

- Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator directly into household wiring, a practice known as "backfeeding." This is extremely dangerous and presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer. It also bypasses some of the built-in household circuit protection devices.

- In order to protect against possible voltage irregularities that can occur when power is restored, you should unplug all sensitive electronic equipment, including TVs, computers, stereo, DVR, VCR, microwave oven, cordless telephone, answering machine and garage door opener. (Review the process for manually operating an electric garage door.)

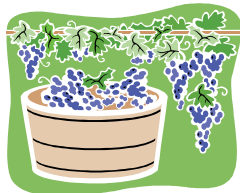


- Be extra cautious when you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by trees or debris, and could be live.

- Never attempt to touch or move downed lines, and keep children and pets away from them. Do not touch anything power lines are touching, such as tree branches or fences. Always assume a downed line is a live line. Call your utility company to report any outage-related problem.

Council On Aging Day Trip! Newport, Rhode Island Tuesday, September 28, 2010

You don't have to travel to California to visit a vineyard in grape harvesting season.



On Tuesday, September 28th Bedford seniors will take a day trip to Newport, Rhode Island, including a

visit to Newport Vineyards for a wine tasting, lunch at the Atlantic Beach Club, and a narrated cruise of Newport Harbor on the luxurious Majestic.

There will also be time for shopping along Bannister's Wharf, Bowen's Wharf, and Long Wharf. The Atlantic Beach Club is the only restaurant in Newport right on the beach.

Lunch choices include baked stuffed

scrod or boneless breast of chicken with accompanying potato, vegetable, dessert, rolls and butter, and coffee or tea.

The cost is \$78 with payment and menu choice due at time of sign up. Please sign up at the Bedford Council on Aging. On September 28th we will depart from Bedford Town Hall at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting Announcement

This year's Special Town Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the High school Auditorium.



Warrants will be mailed out in late October and will also be available on the Town Website.

Get Free Music Downloads You Can Keep!

The Bedford Public Library has made free music downloads available to all Bedford residents! This new digital music service allows patrons to search a large collection of music and download songs permanently at no charge. The MP3 files can be saved onto PC or Mac computers, smart phones and other devices. Each patron is limited to **three downloads per week**. Go to <http://www.bedfordlibrary.net/> to access this program. All you need to get started is your library card.

Freegal is a service of Library Ideas, a company offering music, movie and language learning solutions to public libraries. Sony Music Entertainment is a global recorded music company boasting a vast catalog comprised of some of the most important recordings in history.



Prescription Drug Take-Back,

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The Bedford Police will have a collection repository in the Bedford Police Station on Saturday, September 25th. This is also Bedford Day so we hope that you will take a few minutes to look in your cabinets and bring all unwanted prescriptions drugs to be disposed of properly.

These items will be accepted no questions asked. We encourage you to take this opportunity to clear your cabinets and avoid disposal of these

drugs into our water waste systems and our landfills. All items collected will be destroyed in the proper manner.



Any questions on the program can be directed to the Bedford Police Department at 781-275-1212.

2010 Street List Now Available

The 2010 Street List is now available from the Town Clerk's Office. The list includes a directory of streets, a list of residents, and a map of the Town.

The 2010 Street List may be purchased for \$20.00 at the Town Clerk's Office. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone number: 781-275-0083.

If you wish to receive a 2010 Street List by mail, please mail a \$22.00 check made payable to the "Town of Bedford" to:

**Town Clerk's Office
Town Hall
10 Mudge Way
Bedford, MA 01730**

2010 Bedford Citizen of the Year Celebration



All residents are invited to a reception on Friday, October 1, 2010 to honor the recipient of the annual Citizen of the Year designation.

The coffee and dessert reception will include presentations of gifts to this year's recipient, and the ceremonial changing of the Bedford Minuteman Company officers.

The honor of Citizen of the Year is bestowed upon a resident who has devoted their time through various organizations and groups to benefit the town as whole. The recipient of this year's award will be announced on September 16th, and that individual will be honored on Bedford Day, September 25, 2010.

What: 2010 Citizen of the Year Reception
When: Friday, October 1, 2010
Where: Old Town Hall Great Room, 16 South Road, 7:00 p.m.