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May, 2011

Highlights from Annual Town Meeting - March 28 and 29, 2011

A quorum of two hundred thirty-three registered voters was present for the first evening of this year's Annual Town Meeting, and a quorum of one hundred twenty registered voters was present for the second evening.

Highlights from the meeting included:

Passage of a Small Personal Property Exemption under M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 thereby setting a minimum Personal Property Assessment of \$2,000 for taxation purposes beginning FY12 as of the assessment date of January 1, 2011;

Various amendments to Article 52 of the General Bylaws pertaining to the Sewer System;

Adoption of the Stretch Energy Code, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy;

Authorization granted for a Tax Increment Financing Agreement for Mabbett & Associates, Inc. for the proposed redevelopment of property located at 5 Alfred Circle;

Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Projects Plan, which approved the purchase of several items including DPW vehicle replacements, asset management software,

and computer and network equipment. Passing of this article also included funds needed for various capital maintenance projects including, but not limited to, underground fuel tank testing, road repair, and hazardous tree removal;

Funding of several Community Preservation projects including, but not limited to, the Minuteman Bikeway extension 25% design, Town Center flooring, and roof and chimney work for Town Hall;

Funding of the Fiscal 2011-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Bedford Permanent Firefighters, Local #2310, IAFF;

Establishment of a separate enterprise fund for ambulance service effective in Fiscal Year 2013;

Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012 operating budgets;

Establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund to offset the anticipated future cost of providing post-retirement health and life insurance benefits to current and future retired Town employees.

For further details and a full set of Annual Town Meeting minutes, please visit the Town's website at www.bedfordma.gov.

Sign Up for Bedford's Safe Homes Program

Submitted by Youth & Family Services Prevention Services Coordinator Jessica Santos

The Safe Homes Program is a support network for Bedford parents with children in grades 6-12 who are concerned about alcohol and drug use at pre-teen and teen parties and gatherings.

Through Safe Homes, we are encouraging parents of Bedford middle school and high school students to make a pledge that they will provide a safe environment for youth when they have parties or gatherings in their homes – safe from alcohol, drugs, firearms, and other hazardous items.



The names of those who make the pledge will be included in the Safe Homes Directory – including the grade level of their children, address, and telephone number. The directory is mailed only to those who have made the pledge.

Last year, 260 families of students in grades 6-12 signed the pledge; we hope to double that number this year. If you made the pledge last year, your name will remain in the directory, with an update to your

children's grade levels, unless you request that it be removed.



If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to join the Safe Homes Program and make it clear that you are committed to providing a safe environment for teen parties and gatherings.

This year the program is being announced earlier than in the past. You can sign up online for the Safe Homes Program by going to our website at www.bedfordma.gov/youth; from there, go to the Prevention Services link and click on the box that says Sign Up Online. You can also download the Safe Homes flyer and pledge form and mail it to Bedford Youth & Family Services, Town Center, 12 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730. Let's join together to keep all our youth healthy and safe.

For more information or questions about the Safe Homes Program, please call Jessica Santos, Prevention Services Coordinator at 781-275-7727 ext. 262.

Bedford Citizen of the Year Nomination Forms Now Available



Nomination forms for the Bedford Citizen of the Year 2011 are now available online (www.bedfordma.gov), at the Bedford Public Library, and at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall. Nominations for this year's Citizen of the Year are due by Friday, August 5, 2011.

The Town of Bedford annually recognizes its Citizen of the Year to honor individuals within the community and the valuable contributions they have made to the Town of Bedford.

Hazardous Household Products Collection Schedule

Submitted by Board of Health Director Heidi Porter

The Town of Bedford is pleased to announce the 2011 schedule for collection of hazardous household products. As in past years, the collection will take place at the Town of Lexington Landfill Site on Hartwell Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the following dates (which are Saturdays unless otherwise indicated): April 23, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 18 (this is a Sunday), October 15, and November 5.



Please note that advanced registration is required. You can acquire your registration form from the Board of Health, Town Center, 12 Mudge Way or call the office at 781-275-6507 to register and have the form sent to you. You must have the form with you when you attend the event. *Continued on page 2*

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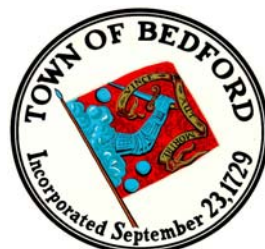
Save the Date for Bedford Day 2011

This year's annual Bedford Day celebration is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011. For further information about the events, including applications for the parade and fair, please contact the Recreation Department by calling 781-275-1392, or visit their website at www.bedfordrecreation.org.

Be sure to hold the date this fall for our annual Town tradition!

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Teens: Check Out The Corner at Town Center!

Submitted by Recreation Director Amy Hamilton

THE CORNER AT TOWN CENTER

Middle School Activity & Social Center
Operated by Bedford Recreation

When the school day ends, the fun begins at The Corner!

The Corner at Town Center is a fully staffed & supervised middle school drop-in center that is run by Recreation Program staff. The Corner has an open door policy; members sign in, but come and go as they wish. Staff oversees after school activities, special programs, and trips.

The Corner offers:

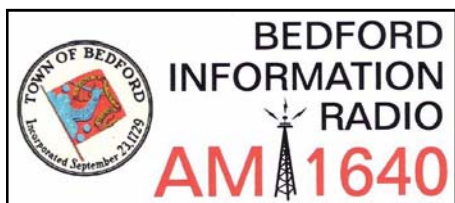
- Game Room: pool table, foosball, air hockey, bumper pool, ping pong
- Computer/Art Room: access to the Internet for homework, surfing, or email
- Lounge/Snack Bar: counter, booth, and table seating; video games; and snack machines
- Special Events and Activities, Wi-Fi



Game room and lounge area at The Corner

The Corner is located at the Town Center Building
12 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730
Recreation Department: 781-275-1392
Corner Direct Line: 781-953-3014

The Corner is only a short walk from John Glenn Middle School, and is open from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday (open at dismissal on early release days). For more information, please visit our website at www.bedfordrecreation.org.



Town of Bedford
Bedford Byline

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Volunteer for Local Government

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

Committees and boards with expected vacancies are:

- Arbor Resource Committee
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Fair Housing Committee
- Historic District Commission
- Historic Preservation Comm.
- Housing Partnership
- Land Acquisition Committee
- Sign Bylaw Review Committee
- Wilson Mill Park Planning

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
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Planning a Social Function?

In the Bedford Depot Park, adjacent to the Minuteman Bikeway and Freight House, is Rail Diesel Car #6211, on display and available for rental for small parties and meetings. Cosmetically restored, the rail car will be of interest to railroad enthusiasts and those who traveled in the Boston and Maine Budd Cars in the past. The train is heated and air conditioned; rest rooms are available at the rear of the Freight House.



Weddings/receptions, showers, birthday parties, meetings – all space needs are available in Old Town Hall's Great Room and in Town Center. The Great Room in Old Town Hall has an adjacent catering kitchen with large refrigerator, a separate ice-making cabinet, microwave oven, stove, and dishwasher. A projection screen is mounted and accessed by remote control. Round tables and padded folding chairs, with 6' rectangular tables for serving food, are part of the rental package. Alcohol is allowed with authorization by the Selectmen once permitting procedures are met.

Town Center offers a cafeteria (the Shawsheen Room) with a full operating kitchen that has refrigerators and separate freezer. There is a convection oven, 8-burner stove with double ovens, dishwasher, and microwave oven. This space is ideal for children's birthday parties as Town Center is adjacent to the Bedford Community Playground.

The second floor of Town Center offers the Union School Room with its wooden floor used principally for dance and exercise classes. The Flint Room, also on the second floor, is arranged principally in theatre style for meetings, often those with speakers, and features a pull-down projection screen. The Fitch and Mudge Rooms, smaller conference rooms, hold groups of 10 to 12 and are also available most evenings and weekends.



To view the various spaces for your activity, please contact Facilities Coordinator Fay Russo at 781-275-4880 or frusso@bedfordma.gov. Evenings or weekends can be arranged to determine the space to best meet your needs. Once the space and availability are agreed to, an application form is to be completed to confirm the date, along with a deposit. For additional information, please visit the Town of Bedford's website at www.bedfordma.gov.

What Do You Think About Cable TV In Bedford? Take Our Survey!

Are you happy with cable television service in Bedford? If you haven't yet taken the Cable Television Committee's online survey, please go to www.cable-survey.info by May 5th to have your opinion heard.



Your input will help the committee prepare for an upcoming annual hearing with Comcast and Verizon representatives. The public is welcome to attend the hearing on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Hazardous Household Products Collection Schedule (Continued from page 1)

Certain materials are not accepted as household waste at the event. Please view the list of acceptable and unacceptable materials under the Household Hazardous Waste tab on the Board of Health website – www.bedfordma.gov/health, or call the Board of Health for this information.

In an effort to be efficient and to keep costs down, we ask you to come to the event with at least 10 gallons or 10 pounds of waste materials. That is the minimum for which we are charged. You can reach this amount by bringing your neighbors' wastes to the event along with yours. Please remember these important safety tips: ensure waste containers are secured for transport, never mix chemicals, store different items in different boxes, and always leave materials in their original containers.

We hope you will participate in this important program which helps to ensure proper disposal of hazardous wastes from your home. Please contact the Board of Health at 781-275-6507 with any questions.

Concerts on the Common 2011

Submitted by Recreation Director Amy Hamilton



July 7 - Front Page Band

The Front Page Band is a dynamic and energetic 4-piece combo band that can play everything from swing & traditional favorites to classic hits. Sprinkle in some oldies from the '50s, a little Motown, pop, even a couple of country tunes, and you've got the famous "Front Page Sound." From Elvis, Sinatra, and Neil Diamond to The Temptations, Van Morrison, and Jimmy Buffet, Front Page plays the songs that everyone knows and loves to dance to and sing along with!

July 14 - Sugarfoot and The Brass Kickin' Horns

Sugarfoot & The Brass Kickin' Horns is a 7-piece funk/dance/reggae group. The band's soul and energy bring excitement and a contagious party atmosphere to every performance. Sugarfoot & The Brass Kickin' Horns has a soulful vibe that guarantees you will be grooving all night long!

July 21 - Grupo Fantasia

Calypso Fantasia: Colorful, uplifting music from Jamaica, Trinidad, and the Caribbean Islands. Soca,

Calypso, and Island favorites are featured. The band includes steel pan, percussion, and bass guitar.

Reggae Fantasia: Combines the roots sounds of the Caribbean Islands, elements of jazz, and the popular reggae rhythms of Jamaica to produce a lilting and original sound. Reggae Fantasia will liven up any event. Audiences will imagine that they are in the Islands mon!

July 28 - Reminisants

The Reminisants "oldies" band has a repertoire of dance music that appeals to a variety of musical tastes across several generations. The Reminisants have performed with many of the legends of Rock n' Roll, such as The Beach Boys, Chubby Checker, Paul Revere & The Raiders, Bill Haley's Comets, Shirley Reeves and The Shirelles, Herb Reed and The Platters, The Belmonts, and The Marvellettes.

All concerts are held on the Bedford Town Common. Rain cancellations or postponements will be posted on the Recreation Department's website (www.bedfordrecreation.org).

Council on Aging Upcoming Events

Time to Downsize, Clean Out, and Move. Help! Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Downsizing can be overwhelming! Join us for an informal program with downsizing experts at the Bedford Council on Aging. Panelists will discuss the aspects of finding the right new place to call home; staging your current residence for sale; distributing furniture, jewelry, and antiques; doing the final clean out; moving; and finally unpacking and organizing your new abode. Panelists include auctioneer/appraiser Douglas Stinson, Carl W. Stinson Auctioneers and Appraisers; professional stager/organizer Cindy Dedo Kelley from Clutter 2 Clean; move specialist/organizer Susan Elberger, Move It Into Place; secondhand/antiques dealer James Dunn, A Grand Old Tyme; President Larry DeRoche, Clean Out Your House Inc.; Elder Services Coordinator Wendy Aronson, Bedford Council on Aging; and moderator Seniors Real Estate Specialist Mary Lou Bigelow, BOWES Real Estate. The program is free and open to all ages. Please call 781-275-6825 to register.



Council on Aging Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the COA, Town Center



The School of Essential Ingredients by Erica Bauermeister (2009)

Description: A "heartbreakingly delicious" national bestseller about a chef, her students, and the evocative lessons that food teaches about life.

Cirque du Soleil's "Zarkana" - September 2, 2011

Join your friends from the Bedford Council on Aging for a spectacular day of acrobatic theater at Rockefeller Center's Radio City Music Hall for one of Cirque du Soleil's most creative and exciting shows, "Zarkana!" This new production with 71 performers tells the story of Zark, a failing magician seeking his lost love in a world of unusual creatures. There will be time for sight-seeing in Rockefeller Center after the show. The bus will make brief stops for lunch and dinner (on your own). The bus will depart from Bedford at 7:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 9:00 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$129, due in full at sign-up. You may sign up for yourself and one other Bedford resident beginning May 5th. Please contact the Council on Aging at 781-275-6825 for more information or to sign up.

Library Happenings

"The Joy of Getting Things Done" with Linda King

Date: Monday, May 2, 2011

Time: 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Location: Bedford Public Library Meeting Room

Learn effective systems, specific skills, and strategies to help you make the changes you want in your life. Leave not only with a realistic, achievable approach to meeting the challenges that hold you back, but also feeling empowered to make immediate, positive changes in your life.



Linda King is a productivity specialist, life coach, and owner of The Joy of Getting Things Done, a professional coaching practice (www.jovofgtd.com). She lives in the Boston area.

The Bedford Free Public Library is located at 7 Mudge Way in Bedford, Massachusetts. This event is free and the building is handicapped accessible. Directions and more available online at www.bedfordlibrary.net or by calling 781-275-9440. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

"Building a Better Resume" with Theresa Maturevich

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: Bedford Public Library Meeting Room

Looking for a new job? A solid resume can help you land an interview. Stop by the library for this resume building workshop with Theresa Maturevich and learn tips for formatting and writing an effective resume. This program is free and open to the public. *No registration is required.*

Theresa Maturevich is Head of Reference Services at the Bedford Free Public Library.

More Items Now Renewable at the Bedford Library

In response to popular demand, the Bedford Library has loosened its loan rules on renewing items. All Bedford Library materials may now be renewed once, with the exception of new books and equipment. This is a change most notably for DVDs, music CDs, travel books, and magazines.



But, as always, no items may be renewed if there are holds waiting.

Bedford Celebrates Walk and Bike to School Day on May 4, 2011

Please join us on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 as Bedford celebrates Massachusetts Walk and Bike to School Day. This year all three eligible schools, Davis, Lane, and JGMS, are participating. Please consider walking or biking with students from one of our gathering spots – the more the merrier!

- 7:50 a.m. Gathering at St. Paul's Church on Pine Hill Road for 8:00 a.m. departure – 1 mile WALK to Lane School
- 7:50 a.m. Gathering at Marshall's parking lot on Great Road for 8:00 a.m. departure – 1.5 mile BIKE ride to Lane School
- 8:00 a.m. Gathering at Middlesex Community College overflow parking lot for 8:00 a.m. departure – 0.5 mile WALK to Lane School
- 8:45 a.m. Gathering at Lutheran Church parking lot on Davis Road for 8:55 a.m. departure – 0.3 mile WALK to Davis School

For questions or further information, contact Safe Routes to School Coordinator Carla Baer at 781-275-7727, or email saferroutes@bedfordma.gov.

Bedford Local Transit's Updated Fixed Route Schedule

The Bedford Local Transit (BLT) is a public transportation service offered by the Town of Bedford and funded in part by the MBTA. The BLT offers fixed route service to shopping destinations within Bedford, Burlington, and Billerica, as well as door-to-door dial-a-ride service within Bedford each weekday at times when there are no fixed route runs.

To view the BLT's updated fixed route schedule, visit their website at <http://www.bedfordma.gov/bedford-local-transit> or call 781-275-2255.

Need to Get Rid of Used Items? The Bedford Public Library Offers the Following Tips for Making Donations

What	Who Will Take It?	How Can I Reach Them?	What Should I Know?
Appliances	St. Vincent de Paul	800-675-2882 http://www.svdpboston.com/faq.php	Fridge less than 5 years old. No stoves.
Automobiles	Donation Line	877-227-7487 http://www.donationline.com	Accepts cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles, jet skis, & snowmobiles.
Bicycles	Bikes Not Bombs	617-522-0222 http://bikesnotbombs.org	Accepts bikes, bike tools, hardware.
Books, DVDs, CDs	Bedford Library	781-275-9440 http://www.bedfordlibrary.net	No textbooks, abridged books. Pick up service available.
Building Materials	Building Materials Resource Center	617-442-8917 x232 http://www.bostonbmrc.org/bostonbmrc/index.html	Pick up service available.
Cellphones, PDAs	Minuteman Senior Services	781-272-7177 http://www.minutemansenior.org	Use drop box on 1st floor of the Bedford Library.
Clothing	Vietnam Veterans of America	800-775-VETS (8387) http://www.clothingdonations.org/maps/massachusetts.htm	Accepts clothing, toys, baby items, bikes, tools, household items, etc. Pick up service available.
Computers	Recycles.org	http://recycles.org	Accepts computers, cameras, copiers, office furniture, etc.
	Solutions at Work "Get Connected"	617-492-0300 x6 http://www.solutionsatwork.org/services/getconnected.html	Accepts computers, printers, monitors.
Eyeglasses	Lion's Club of Lexington	http://www.lexingtonlions.org	Use drop box on 1st floor of the Bedford Library.
Furniture	Mass Coalition for the Homeless	781-595-7570 x13 http://www.mahomeless.org	Accepts living room, kitchen, and bedroom furniture.
	Salvation Army	800-958-7825 http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/mas	Furniture is resold.
Household Goods	Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts	978-635-1710 http://hgrm.org	Accepts small appliances, bed linens, furniture, electronics, baby items, etc.
Medical Equipment	Bedford Council on Aging	781-275-6825 http://www.bedfordma.gov	Accepts walkers, shower seats, wheelchairs, etc.

Note: There are many organizations that accept gently used items for reuse. This list contains just a few of the closest resources.

Other places that accept donations include:

- Assisted Living Facilities
- Drop-off Bins
 - Planet Aid bin near Zwickers on North Rd accepts clothing
 - Red Cross bin next to Bedford Farms on North Rd accepts clothing
 - Society of St. Vincent de Paul bin behind St. Michael's Church on Concord Rd accepts clothing in bags
- Homeless Shelters
- Nursing Homes

*Please call ahead and make sure that the organization accepts the type of item you are looking to donate.

Consider selling your item:

- Craigslist (www.craigslist.org)
- Ebay (www.ebay.com)

Recycle your unused goods:

- Freecycle (www.freecycle.org)
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (www.mass.gov/dep/recycle)

Reduce junk mail waste:

- CatalogChoice.org (www.catalogchoice.org) – Opt out of receiving printed catalogs by mail.
- YellowPagesOptOut.com (www.yellowpagesoptout.com) – Opt out of receiving the Yellow Pages directories published for your area.

Repair broken items instead of buying new:

- Council on Aging's Fix-It Shop (www.bedfordma.gov/index.php/coa-home)
781-275-6825, 12 Mudge Way in Bedford



Springs Brook Park Opens June 13, 2011!

Springs Brook Park is a man-made filtered swimming facility set back in a beautiful wooded setting with sandy beaches, swim lanes, charcoal grills, shaded picnic areas, Red Cross swim lessons, volleyball and basketball courts, and much more. Springs Brook Park is fully staffed by lifeguards/swim instructors who are certified in water safety, lifeguard training, first aid, and professional rescuer CPR.



Springs Brook Park
181 Springs Road
Hours of Operation - 2011
 June 13 – August 14
 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 August 15 – August 28*
 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

*Hours may vary August 22 – 28 depending on staff availability
 Note: Park will close early for JGMS Splash Blast (6:00 p.m. on June 14, rain date June 15)

Season Membership 2011

Prices:	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Family*	\$240	\$305
Individual	\$85	\$110

*Family memberships consist of parents and their children living at the same address. Add'l fee for extended family members/daycare children.

Daily Admission

Mon - Fri: \$7/person ages 1 and up; **Sat & Sun:** \$9/person ages 1 & up
 Max. \$25/family weekdays only (not on weekends or holidays)

After 4:30 p.m.: \$3/person

*No charge for children under age 1 *No fee after 5:30 p.m.

*No charge for senior citizens (age 65+), but must be registered at the Recreation Office. Seniors may register by phone, mail, or in person.

Weekend family passes available for Bedford residents only at the Recreation Office (\$25 per pass).

Please visit the Recreation Department's website for more information, including a full brochure and list of special events and programs:
www.bedfordrecreation.org.