

# Bedford Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club

Winter Newsletter

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## Presidents Message...

What a Fabulous start we've had to our Year!

The September kick-off meeting went great and our Ladies Night Out have all been a great time. We also had our first Children's Party – there were many happy children doing arts and crafts and having their faces painted. We really appreciated all the volunteers who donated their time and artistic abilities. I know how hectic weekends can be. However, reaching out to others and giving a little extra is what makes our club great.

Now the holiday season is upon us. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends and may we wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year. December is going to be a very busy month for us as we have the Children's Holiday party coming up with lots of great arts & crafts projects and of course treats and even maybe a visit from the big guy in the red suit. This should be fun! We also have the Spirit of Giving coming up this season. We have decided to give back to our community by helping families in the Bedford area who have been affected by with these unpredictable economic conditions.

We have some fun and exciting events planned for 2009. You will find a calendar of events listed on the inside pages. Be sure to mention us to neighbors, friends, or others who may not heard of our great club.

I hope you are as excited as I am about the upcoming events to chase away the winter blues - Sleigh Ride, Chili Cook-off and Spa Night with the ladies. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Have a Great Holiday Season.

Best Regards,  
Susan Feldman  
President

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### Board Meetings

Want to be more active in the club? Have an idea for an outing or event? Then join us at one of our board meetings! Meetings are open to all members to find out more about the club and share ideas.

Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 7:30pm.

#### Upcoming meetings:

January 11<sup>th</sup>

February 15<sup>th</sup>

March 15<sup>th</sup>

April 19<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup>



Contact Susan at [susanandjoel@comcast.net](mailto:susanandjoel@comcast.net) if you'd like to attend or host a meeting.

### Welcome New Members!

Jennifer & Sean Riley with Grace (7/08)

Debbie & Tedd Ellis with Madeline (1/02) and Sydney (1/04)

Amy & Jim DeVito and Emily (3/02) & Christopher (11/04) from Holliston, MA

Lorna Maglathlin with Caroline (21), Catherine (19) and Meghan (16)

Kathleen & Mike Desmond with Rachel (4/01) and Matthew (3/04)

Lisa & Jeff Rick from Derry, NH with Reagan (2/03) and Carter (5/08)

Gayle & Ken Hincks with Jack (11/03) from Portland, ME

Alyssa and Eric Zink with Charlie (3/06) and Annie (2/08) coming from Boston (though originally from Manchester)

Tracey & Frank Mossett and William (11/98), Sarah (2/00) and Kaitlyn (9/04) from Overland Park, Kansas

Tereza McCarthy and Ryan (5/03) from all the way from Agoura Hills, California

Val & Barry Draskovica from Phoenix, AZ

**A reminder that our Sunshine Committee** is here to supply meals to families with new babies or unforeseen illnesses. If you're pregnant or know of a member in need please contact Tracey Mossett at [traceymossett@yahoo.com](mailto:traceymossett@yahoo.com) and let her know. Also, if you'd like to supply a meal let Tracey know, we can't do this without you!

### Welcome New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Kim and John Beekman who welcomed **Kelsey Janyce** to their family on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Kelsey weighed in at 6 lbs 6 ounces and 19 inches long. Big brothers Alex and Tyler are glad finally have a sister.

Another Congratulations goes out to Deb & Jeremy Berger who welcomed **Ariel** into their family on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Ariel weighed 4 lbs 13 ounces.



### Our Annual Children's Holiday Party

Date: Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10am – 12pm

Place: Town Hall

Cost: Members \$2.50 pp  
Non Members \$8 pp



Come celebrate the season with arts & crafts, treats and a visit from Santa.

If you'd like more information or want to volunteer to bring a treat or help out with a craft contact Pam Macdonald on our Children's Party committee.

Don't forget to bring a canned good for the Manchester food bank!

### Ladies Night Out

Watch your e-mail for upcoming events. If you sign up for LNO you will get an evite. November LNO was lots of fun we tasted and some made wine at the Vinter's Cellar right here in Bedford. Contact Pam Macdonald at pmacdonald01@comcast.net if you'd like to get on the list!

December: No LNO this month!

January: LNO Annual White Elephant Party  
Save those bad holiday gifts. This is one time when re-gifting is okay (like that ceramic chicken from Aunt Louise). Look for your evite.

February: Spa Event – Stay tuned for more details

March: TBD (St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl?)

### Spirit of Giving

This year for the Spirit of Giving the Bedford Newcomers and Neighbors Club will be collecting items to donate to families in town that have been directly impacted by the current economic conditions.

We will be receiving wish lists from Peter Woodbury, Memorial and Riddle Brook schools the first week in December at which time an email will be sent out to members informing you of how you can sign up to participate in this wonderful event.

We will also be celebrating the Holiday season with a Spirit of Giving Open House on Monday, December 15th from 7-9 pm at the home of Pam Macdonald, 12 McIntosh Lane. Please stop by to drop your unwrapped gift off and have some Holiday Cheer with your fellow BNNC members.

If you are unable to attend the Open House, we will also be collecting the unwrapped gifts at the Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13th.

Please mark your calendars for this great event - more information and evite will follow soon.

### Couples Night Out

We are planning a winter Sleigh Ride at Charmingfare Farm. More details to follow.

And what do you think about night tubing at Pat's Peak in Henniker?

We also have some ideas for a bowling outing and a

chili cook-off for some upcoming events.

If you'd like more information or want to help out with the planning and coordination of Couples Night Out events please contact Allison Twite at gatwite@comcast.

## INTEREST GROUPS

Group Lead: Linda Degler lindadegler@yahoo.com

If you are interested in joining a group please contact Linda she will put you in touch with the lead person in the group – if you sign up for a group and haven't heard anything from the group contact Linda.

### Doggie Playgroup

Lead: Monique Ackley monique@abrowncow.com

Don't forget your four-legged friends! Meet once a month for a romp in the park and socialize your pups!

### Ladies Night Out

Lead: Pam MacDonald pmacdonald01@comcast.net

Come and enjoy a night out with friends new and old. We meet at 7:30pm the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

### Men's Poker

Lead: Olaf Zwickau olafz@comcast.net

Let the men get a night out once a month for poker group. Groups are still being created.

### Potluck Dinner

Lead: Mary Mullin mullin8@comcast.net

This is a couples group that meets monthly at a member's home for a potluck dinner.

### Running/Walking Group

Lead: Pam McDonald pmacdonald01@comcast.net

Tired of running the same old route on your own? Meet up with other runners at Riddle Brook School for group runs.

### Tykes Around Town

Lead: Open

Join us once a month for fun outings and events for parents and their children.

### Children's Playgroups

Lead: Open



It's time to play! Groups are arranged by ages from newborns to 5+ year olds. We meet 1x/week at rotating homes and are completely informal.

### Babysitting Co-op

Lead: Susan Fanburg sfanburg@pol.net

What could be better than having an experienced Mom watch your children? How about earning points while watching other children to be redeemed when you need a day or evening out. We group members into age categories for more of a playdate setting.

### Book Club

Lead: Open

If you would like to try new books or share your favorite book with others – sign up for this group.

### Bunco

Lead: Susan Feldman susanandjoel@comcast.net

Bunco is a fun game and a great way to get out once a month and enjoy good food, drinks and conversation.

### Couples' Event

Lead: Allison Twite gatwite@comcast.net

Co-lead: Open

Monthly events just for couples at various locations around the area.

### Couples' Game Night

Lead: Susan Zwickau susan@kvse.com

Enjoy playing games? Share your favorite games with other couples once a month in this group.

### Sunshine Committee

Lead: Tracey Mossett traceymossett@yahoo.com

Is there a new Baby on the way? Have an illness and you need a little helping hand? The Sunshine Committee is here to provide you with a couple meals. We're always looking for a few volunteers to provide meals!

## New Interest Groups

### Off the Vine – Ladies Wine group

Lead: Open

Want to learn more about wine and meet others who share the passion? Meet once a month to learn about wine and girl chat. We will focus on a red and white varietal monthly and will be held outside the home (unless we have volunteers).

### How to Live Cheap and Well in Bedford

Lead: Mary Hibbard dmhibbard@juno.com

Let's get together and share ideas on how to save \$ on everyday things so you can spend money on the things you really want. Sharing ideas really seems to help, so we will be learning and sharing ideas from other resources and people.

## Local Winter Activities

### **Pats Peak in Henniker, NH** is

offering Women Only Wednesday (WOW) on Wednesdays for 7 weeks beginning January 7th (no classes on school vacation weeks). Meet for a continental breakfast at 9am in the Sleigh Room along with an exciting morning discussion, designed especially for women. Morning discussion topics for include: skiing/snowboarding fears and risk factors, yoga, skiing/riding exercises and nutrition, strength and power, stance and balance, confidence building, equipment/boot fitting and more. Then head out onto the slopes with on-hill clinics taught by women! To end the day, enjoy a delicious lunch with your instructors.

Program Cost: \$269 Women's Only Wednesday

Pats Peak Season Pass holders pricing and rental equipment options are available. Child Care and Kids Programs available. For more details visit <http://www.patspeak.com/adultskiclinics.htm> or give them a call at 1-888-PATS PEAK.

**McIntyre Ski Area, Manchester** is offering a Mom & Tot Program to introduce skiing to young children, 3 years old or almost 3 years old. The class is designed to allow a parent to assist the instructor with



the child's learning process. Through games and activities, the instructors facilitate an educational and fun learning environment. Parents are asked not to be on ski equipment until requested by the instructor. Parents should dress in ski clothing and insulated winter boots with good traction. Space is limited. This program consists of 5 one-hour lessons, with the first 15 minutes of each session allotted for instructor preparation (class organization, student dress and equipment, and class activities). Classes are on Wednesdays or Fridays from 11:15am-12:00n and begin the week of January 5, 2009.

Lessons cost: \$115.00 plus ski (\$45) and helmet (\$15) rentals.

For more information visit

<http://www.mcintyreskiarea.com/> or call 622-6159.

### **Go Snowshoeing!**

Rentals available at Beaver Brook, Hollis (<http://beaverbrook.org>) and America's Stonehenge, Salem (<http://http://www.stonehengeusa.com>).

Let's meet for snowshoeing at Legacy Park, New Boston Road on Wednesdays starting in January. We'll meet at the Warming Hut at 9:00am. More information to follow.



**For the Little ones...**

Ongoing Koala Bear Playgroup sponsored by Bedford Parks & Rec.

Meet Fridays from 9:30-11:00am at the Town Hall.  
Drop in Playgroup is open to infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Bring your own snacks.

Ongoing Story Times sponsored by the Bedford Public Library

Drop in sessions for ages 3 and up are held Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays at 10:00am and Wednesdays at 1:30pm.

**It's not too early to book your babysitter!**

The BNNC End of the Year Party maybe going to the Fireman Ball again. We had such a great time at last year's Ball and are so proud to support this great community that we're thinking about doing it again!

More information will be available as the date gets closer.

**Christmas Celebration at the Bedford Presbyterian Church**

All area residents are invited to two events planned for December 23. Caroling will begin at 5:30pm with hand bells and strings accompanying the choir. When the singing is over join them for their "Living Nativity" at 6:10pm.

For more information call the Church at 472-5841.

**Town Tree Lighting**

The Bedford Women's Club extends an open invitation to the community to attend the fourth annual lighting of the Town Memorial Tree on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 3:00pm at the Frazier fir located near North Amherst Road in front of the Bedford Presbyterian Church.

**Chanukah at the Palace**

Chanukah begins with the lighting of the first candle December 21st. Join the celebration with Chanukah at the Palace Theater Sunday, December 28 at 7:00pm. For more information or tickets call the Palace Theater at 668-5588.

**Winter Camp at the Educational Farm!**

Date: December 29, 30 & 31, 9:00am-4:00pm.  
Cost: \$150

Learn about our animals, help with farm chores, outdoor games, sledding, or nature walk, and farm-related craft time or movie at the end of the day. Open to ages 6 to 10.

Children should bring two hearty snacks and a lunch that does not require refrigeration, along with plenty of warm clothes for outdoor adventures.

Registration deadline is December 22. Visit <http://www.theeducationalfarm.org> for more info.

**Get your Pet and Family Photos with Santa!**

Dates: Dec 6th & Dec 13th, 10:00am—5:00pm

Not just for the cat, dog, ferret and goat anymore! Bring the kids by as well! Photos are ready within minutes of sitting with Santa.

**And don't forget the tree!**

Help out the animals this season and buy your tree or wreath at the Animal Rescue League's Annual Tree and Wreath Sale now through Dec 24th while supplies last! Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 1-7:00pm, Fri., Sat. & Sun. 12-5:00pm.

Visit <http://www.rescueleague.org> for more info.

**December**

- 13—Children’s Party
- 15—Spirit of Giving
- 20—Winter Solstice
- 21—Chanukah begins
- 24—Holiday recess
- 25—Christmas
- 31—New Year’s Eve



**January**

- 1—New Year’s Day
- 2—School resumes
- 8—TAT
- 11—Board meeting
- 13—LNO
- 19—MLK Day

**TAT – Monthly Activities**

January 8, 10am—12n  
 Let’s meet for a little bouncing at BounceU! This is open ‘Preschool Bounce’ time for those preschool to 7 yrs old. Don’t forget your socks!  
**Please make your own Reservations.**  
 Cost is \$11.00 for the first child, \$10.00 for siblings.

February 19, 9:30am  
 Join us at The Children’s Metamorphosis, 17 Rockingham Rd, Londonderry, NH (exit 5 off Route 93). If the weather is bad we will let you know if we still plan on going.

March 19, 9:30am  
 Come work off some energy with us at Chuck E. Cheese on South Willow Street, Manchester.

**We are looking for someone to help out with Interest Groups.**

This is the perfect opportunity if you’d like to get more involved with the club. If you are interested, contact Susan at [susanandjoel@comcast.net](mailto:susanandjoel@comcast.net).

**Welcome New Board Member!**

Laura Averill – Publicity

Laura moved up here 14 years ago from NJ with her husband Mike. They have two boys, Karl (8) and Andrew (5). When she has time, which is rare, Laura enjoys sewing, quilting, gardening and hiking with her family. She has also just started tennis, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.



**February**

- 14—Valentine’s Day
- 15—Board meeting
- 17—LNO
- 19—TAT
- 23—Winter Vacation

**March**

- 2—School resumes
- 10—No School
- 15—Board meeting
- 17—St.Patrick’s Day
- 17—LNO
- 19—TAT



**Have some news to share? Looking to find or sell something? This is your space!**

Email items to sell, news to announce to [monique@abrowncow.com](mailto:monique@abrowncow.com) to be added to our next newsletter.

All items must be submitted by March 15th for inclusion in our Spring/Summer edition.

**For Sale**

Susan Zwickau – has a very nice cherry Mission style crib and changing table to sell. Both in great condition.  
Looking for \$400 for both or reasonable offer.  
She can be reached at 494-5407.

**Selling off...**

Children's Clothing: girls 2T – 4T, winter to summer styles from Hanna Anderson, Gap and Gymboree.

Porta-Crib in great condition available.

And a GE Triton Dishwasher.

If interested in any of these please contact Susan at [susanandjoel@comcast.net](mailto:susanandjoel@comcast.net).

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