

THE BEDFORD BANNER

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First VP Takes Over Chamber Presidency

President Arthur Costa will be leaving the Chamber effective February 1. After five years with the Sovereign Bank Bedford branch he has been relocated. Arthur has done a terrific job serving on the Executive Committee for the past five years and his leadership and enthusiasm will be missed.

Attorney Maureen Pomeroy has agreed to step into the president's position effective immediately. This will be the second time she has served as president of the Chamber. Pomeroy is "is very excited to have the opportunity to lead the Chamber again. I feel I am in a much better place professionally and personally than I was six years ago. Plus, I still have several things I would like to accomplish."

She will begin her term implementing past president Lea Ann Knight's vision to establish standing committees for each of the Chambers roles. The five committees, Economic Development, Publicity, Programming, Fundraising and Membership, will consist of members from the general membership as well as members on the board of directors. This is an excellent avenue for Chamber members to become involved with the Chamber and work their way to becoming directors. The committees will also allow the Executive Director to devote more time to meeting the needs of the members and exploring new and innovative programs for the Chamber.

To All My Chamber Friends,

It was recently brought to my boss's attention that I would be becoming the President of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce. Out of sheer fear for the Chamber having to deal with me, he had me relocated and shuffled out to beautiful Chelsea (By the Sea).

In all sincerity, it has been an absolute pleasure to have been a part of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce, and it is with great sadness that I will be leaving. Over the years, I have had the privilege of meeting, and working alongside some extraordinary people. This includes Maureen Sullivan (who has always done her best to put up with my unorthodox behavior).

I have been a member of many Chambers of Commerce in my years and I can honestly say that none of them can compare to the camaraderie and enthusiasm that I have experienced here in Bedford.

I have had an absolute blast in my time here and I will miss all of you dearly.

*Sincerely,
Arthur P. Costa*

Attorney Pomeroy's goals for 2009 are to have the Chamber become a solid sounding board in the town's political arena as well increase the Chamber's visibility. "In business for business" Pomeroy hopes to continue to encourage the growth of existing industries and businesses while giving assistance to developers and businesses seeking to locate in the Town of Bedford.

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The Goddard School



The Goddard School® will open its doors at 52 Middlesex Turnpike in Bedford. At The Goddard School® children are provided the opportunity to develop their natural curiosity and creativity through play to foster a lifelong love of learning. Children are encouraged to explore various activities like painting, music, fitness, nature/science, and reading at their own pace.

“We implement curriculum and learning tools that focus on the development of your child’s motor, cognitive, and intellectual skills, as well as social skills that help build confidence in children”, explains Megan Sheehan, Director at The Goddard School®.

Ms. Megan brings over 10 years of experience in early childhood development. Her background includes previous roles as Center Director and Play Therapist; she also has extensive experience in early intervention. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Development from Colby-Sawyer College. She and her husband Glen, plan to enroll their nineteen month old son, Nolan, in our Toddler room where

CHAMBER CALENDAR



- February 9** Multi- Chamber Networking Event
5:30-7:30 pm *Newton Marriott*

- February 12** Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting
7:30 a.m. *Doubletree Bedford Glen Hotel*

- February 12** Speakers Bureau Breakfast Series
8:00 am Business 2009 – The Year of Changes
Doubletree Bedford Glen Hotel

- February 26** Working Women’s Alliance
12 noon *(note change due to February Vacation)*
Town Center

- March 12** Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting
7:30 a.m. *Bedford Police Station*

- March 14** Town Elections
8:00 am-6:00 pm *JGMS*

- March 19** Working Women’s Alliance
12 noon *Town Center*

- March 23** Annual Town Meeting
7:30 pm *Bedford High School*

he will enjoy learning through play.

Children ages six weeks to six years are eligible for our program. Children can enroll at any time in Goddard for a minimum of two days per week, up to five, for a half or full day. Our hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Goddard School® is a nationwide franchise of Goddard Systems, Inc.® The Goddard School® were recently recognized as the #1 Preschool Franchise for the seventh consecutive year by Entrepreneur magazine. With over 300 schools nationwide and 40,000 children currently enrolled, The Goddard School® represents the fastest growing preschool chain in the United States.

Please join us for a Meet and Greet on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 from 4:00pm-8:00pm at The Goddard School or come by for a tour of our beautiful facility located at 52 Middlesex Turnpike. For more information or to register, please contact us at 781-275-7880 or visit our website www.goddardschools.com.





Multi-Chamber Networking Event

Arlington, Bedford, Billerica, Concord, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newton-Needham, North Suburban, Reading-North Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown-Belmont, Wellesley, Wilmington, Winchester

Monday, February 9, 2009

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

\$10.00 Member – \$20.00 Non-Member

Hosted by:

Newton Marriott Hotel
2345 Commonwealth Ave., Newton

Similar to Speed Dating, Speed Networking provides you the opportunity to meet 15 individuals, one-on-one, in 5 minute increments. In a 5 minute meeting with another individual, you can describe your respective businesses, exchange business cards, and pass on referrals.

When you hear the bell ring, its time to move to another seat and meet someone new.

Mark your calendar's, gather your business cards and company brochures and make your reservation for another great networking event. Tables are shared with up to three organizations and provided at no additional cost on a first-come, first-served basis. Over 200 people typically attend our multi-chamber events. Bring a friend or business associate.

Yes, I plan to attend on February 9, 2009

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$10 per person for members, \$20 per person for non-members)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

Please clip and mail with payment to the BEDFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 12 MUDGE WAY 2-2 BEDFORD, MA 01730
TELEPHONE 781-275-8503 BCOC@BEDFORDCHAMBER.ORG
You can also pay on line at www.bedfordchamber.org under events

**BEDFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BREAKFAST SPEAKERS BUREAU**

Business 2009 – The Year of Changes

*What are they?
Why are they important?
How to take advantage of them?*

Jeffrey Busha

*Director of Government and Legislative Affairs
Small Business Service Bureau*

Annamarie Kersten

*Massachusetts Office of Business Development
Regional Director, Greater Boston Industry Director, Financial Services*

Thursday, February 12, 2009

8:00 am

\$15.00 per person
Full breakfast served

Doubletree Bedford Glenn Hotel

44 Middlesex Turnpike
Bedford, MA 01730

REGISTRATION FORM

**Mail to: Bedford Chamber of Commerce 12 Mudge Way Bedford, MA 01730
or you can sign up online at www.bedfordchamber.org**

Name(s) _____

Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ Participants @ \$15 per person

For more information, contact the Chamber office 781-275-8503

2009 Chamber Committees

Economic Development (Town Liaison, Issue Support)

“Promote new business development in Bedford, act as liaison to the town, and support pro-business issues”

CHAIR: Pam Brown, pbrown@brown-brown-pc.com
 Col Orr, david.orr@hanscom.af.mil
 Coe Kittredge, gckesource@verizon.net
 Sheldon Moll, sgoll@aol.com
 Kevin Latady, klatady@verizon.net
 Josh Cohen, jcohen@sfp-ma.com
 Larry Carlton, lhc@carltonduran.com

Membership (Ambassador & Recruiting)

“Develop an Ambassador’s program & recruit new Chamber members”

CHAIR: Lea Ann Knight, leaAnn.Knight@edwardjones.com
 Kevin Latady, klatady@verizon.net
 Linda Mitchell, linda.mitchell@MED.VA.GOV

Programming (Breakfast Series, WWA, Afters Hours Networking, Golf League)

“Plan and facilitate business networking and information seminars/workshops for members”

CHAIR: Maureen Pomeroy, mfpesquire@yahoo.com
 Alan Shoemaker, shoe@mitre.org
 Larry Carlton, lhc@carltonduran.com
 Josh Cohen, jcohen@sfp-ma.com
 Brian McKay, bmckay@middlesexbank.com
 Joan Turnberg, joan@live-life-well.com
 Karen Kenney, kk0118@earthlink.net

Publicity (Newsletter, Cable Show, Event PR)

“Organize and provide publicity for all Chamber events”

CHAIR: Christine Pinney, christine@christinepinney.com
 Coe Kittredge, gckesource@verizon.net
 George Waggoner, gwaggoner@hfcu.org
 Sal Monaco, Salvatore_Monaco@millipore.com
 Dr. Jean-Marc Slak, jmslakdc@gmail.com

Fundraising (Flavors of Bedford, House Tour, Prom Stroll)

“Assist and support the Executive Director in all fundraising events”

Laurie Walsh, g4cps@verizon.net
 Mike McNeill, mike_mcneill@hilton.com
 Bud Koor, bud@greatroadgalleryandframing.com

We are looking for members to sit on all these committees, if there is one that interests you, please contact the chairperson or call the Chamber office 781-275-8503

What Changed in 2008

By Adam Schwartz

Now that 2008 is just about over, I figured it would be interesting to look back at what’s changed in retail during the past year. According to my count, Bedford added 12 new stores, 7 stores were renovated, 1 store moved within Bedford and 2 stores closed.

The new additions are Asiana Bistro, ACE Hardware, Bedford Auto Clinic and Gas, Bedford Farmers Market (Seasonal), Bedford Rug Company, Corner Antiques, Cuzz’s Candy and Novelties (closed January 2009), Design 1 Kitchen + Bath Showroom, Northside Convenience and Gas, The Paperback Exchange, Verizon Wireless and Youn’s Taekwondo Studio. The stores that closed were Bedford Martial Arts Studio Hair Extraordinaire, JC Cleaners, Payless Shoes and Citgo Gas Station.

The plans for 2009 are Bedford Freight House Re-Opens, Cambridge Savings Bank moving to the Old Mobil Station, Panera Bread (In Bedford Marketplace), Renovation of Bedford Marketplace Shopping Center and HomePlate Cafe on Middlesex Turnpike.



Welcome to New Members

Helen Chen & Company
114 East Street
Lexington, MA 02420
(781) 862-3250

ReadPay, Inc.

Angela McDonough
200 Great Road Suite 248
Bedford, MA 01730
(877) 470-2832

The Goddard School

52 Middlesex Turnpike
Bedford, MA 01730
(617) 967-7068

Sullivan Tire

25 North Road
Bedford, MA 01730
(781) 275-0823

Design 1 Kitchen & Bath

363 Great Road
Bedford, MA 01730
781-275-0311

Army & Air Force Exchange Services

Bldg 1515
75 Grenier St
Hanscom AFB, MA 01731
(781) 424-3346

Membership Renewals

Amptek, Inc.
Arts of Flowers by Bonnie
B & D Agency
Baudanza Electric Co., Inc.
Bedford Acupuncture
Bedford Car Wash Corp.
Bedford Florist
Bedford Funeral Home
Bedford Historical Society, Inc.
Bedford Motel
Bedford Orthodontics
Best Western Plaza
Brookline Bank
Brown & Brown P.C.
Café Luigi
Callahan's Karate
Cambridge Savings Bank
Carlton Willard Village
Christine Pinney Marketing
Community Connections Yellow Pages
Dalya's
Dr. Dianne Bridgeman
Edward Jones Investments
First Parish
Frank Webb's Bath Center
FUJIFILM Recording Media U.S.A., Inc
Millipore Corporation
Designs Unlimited

Great Road Gallery & Framing
Harold F. Nichols Ins. Agency
Inside Out Staging & Design
New England Nurseries
Kimberly Bee Design
Leary Auto Repair
Live-Life-Well
Mc Colough Associates, Inc.
Mead Bros Tree Service
Middlesex Savings Bank
Minuteman Advisory Partners
Minuteman Volkswagon
North Road Chiropractic
O'Malley & Colangeli CPAs
Oganix Spa & Salon
Port Oil
Progress Software
Quality Database Design
Richard E. Egan Insurance Company
St. Michael's Parish Center
Suzanne's 24/7 Shop at Home Site
The Entrepreneur's Source
The Higgins Group
Vela Ventures
Watson Law Offices
Town Planner of Middlesex
Women's Financial Network

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