

## December 2<sup>nd</sup> Tree Lighting/Artisans Market & More 2023

Please join the Town of Bedford on Saturday, December 2, 2023, for the annual tree lighting festivities! The day will consist of several events:

**Tree Lighting, 5:00 p.m.** Citizen of the Year Angelo Colao will lead the countdown to light the trees on Bedford Common at 5:00 p.m. sharp. This will be followed by a special visitor from the North Pole arriving atop a fire engine with treats and wishes for a joyous holiday season.

**Holiday Artisans Fair, 2:00-6:00 p.m.** An artisan's fair will be held in conjunction with the tree lighting and winter walkabout. Sponsored by the Bedford Cultural District and the Gallery Committee @ First Parish Church, the fair will take place inside the First Parish Church on Bedford Common. More than two dozen local artists, craftspeople, will exhibit and sell original work. Live Music. **Children's Fair 2-4pm** Downstairs at First Parish. Children select and wrap free gifts as well as enjoy art making activity. Child care available.

**Holiday Storybook Trail 2-6p p.m. & Sunday** 14 outdoor locations on Great Road and Mudge Way to read a page from "Snowmen at Night" Free paper bookmark with locations.

**Winter Walkabout, 2:00-6:00 p.m.** The Winter Walkabout presents a flurry of activities to encourage everyone to stroll, shop, savor, and socialize to kick off the winter season. Bedford Recreation, Economic Development, and Healthy Bedford in collaboration with the Bedford Chamber of Commerce, invite you to walk around Bedford Center, enjoy the lights, and shop and dine local while celebrating the arrival of winter in Bedford. Participating establishments include:

- **Suzanne & Company**, 90 The Great Road, beer & wine garden, live music
- **Brown & Brown PC**, 110 The Great Road, Cider and snacks and craft project- Greenery/Swag Holiday Door decorations
- **Fetch It**, 48 The Great Road. Warm beverages and snacks
- **Bedford Historical Society**, Old Town Hall, 16 South Road, gift shop items for sale, archives and vintage recipes on display, and free candy canes
- **First Parish Church**, front steps. 75 The Great Road, hot chocolate
- **Ken's NY Deli**, 72 The Great Road. Make a purchase of \$5 or more and mention RAFFLE to enter a chance to win a gift certificate. 3 winner will be picked at 6:00 pm.
- **Bedford Fire Station**, 55 The Great Road, hot chocolate with marshmallows
- **Barrett Sotheby's**, 51 The Great Road, professional family photos w/Santa, warm drinks, Bedford Cupcakes will also be there.
- **Bedford Free Public Library**, 7 Mudge Way, Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale (Saturday and Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m.)

Please note that Elm Street between the Great Road and School Way will be closed beginning at 3:00pm to the completion of the event. Parking is available on the Town Campus. For more information: [Bedford Cultural District | Bedford, MA \(bedfordma.gov\)](https://www.bedfordma.gov/)