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BEDFORD SPLASHES INTO SUMMER!



Mt. Gushmore

There have been a lot of smiles around the Bedford community lately. Residents have embraced the sunny weather and warm temperatures, and a buzz is in the air about the upcoming fun-filled summer months of 2005! Specifically, youngsters and adults alike are excited to see the opening of the pool facility, officially scheduled for Saturday, May 14th. Similar to last year's kickoff, plans are in the works to celebrate the opening with food, games, music and fun for all ages.

Based on feedback from the community, the biggest hit last summer was Mt. Gushmore, the slick, winding water slide that is a perfect way to get a cool splash on a hot summer day! We know the slide will continue to be a hit for many summers to come. The Bedford parents are also very pleased with the safety that the facility provides, with over 15 lifeguards monitoring the entire pool area and a shallow swimming area for the kids. As the population of the community grows, plans are in place to provide even more safety features to accommodate the increased number of residents enjoying the facility.

There is, however, one warning for all residents using the pool...BEWARE OF SHARKS! The summer of 2005 will introduce our community swim team, the Bedford Sharks. The swim team was formed in April, they will begin practicing in May, and competition will commence in June. The Recreation Center will officially announce and post the home meets that will be scheduled.

We hope you will all come out to cheer on the Sharks!

For many residents who moved in after the pool closed last year, this will be their first opportunity to enjoy the recreational facilities and all they have to offer. Because of Bedford's continued growth, more formal athletic programs and activities will be developed for the participation and enjoyment of all age groups. Plans for three-on-three basketball, doubles tennis, volleyball leagues, horseshoes, and much more are all in the works. Our new Director of Recreation and Activities will communicate details to the community as these programs are developed.

Residents with any questions should feel free to call the Recreation Center at 792-0188. Or, you can also visit the Director of Recreation and Activities Monday through Friday between the hours of 10am and 6pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT A HOPPING SUCCESS

On March 19th, Bedford at Falls River hosted its first annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Clock Tower and Village Green.



Easter Egg Hunt

Approximately 150 Bedford children gathered to hunt down hundreds of pastel-colored eggs filled with Easter treats. To make the

event even more memorable, a special appearance was made by the Easter Bunny. The youngsters were thrilled to have their pictures taken with the furry rabbit!

During the event, a bake sale was held by the Bedford Swim Team. The team would like to thank all of the residents who purchased items, as they were able to raise over \$250 for the upcoming season. Your continued support is much appreciated.

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LETTER FROM JOHN

What a great time of year to be a Bedford homeowner! Pool season is getting ready to start, the Bedford Sharks swim team has been established and your neighborhood is growing by leaps and bounds! Also, the addition of Ed Rowe as Director of Recreation and Activities will only enhance the possibilities for the neighborhood. Please be sure to stop by and meet him at the Recreation Center Monday-Friday 10am-6pm.

The Bedford Farmer's Market is in high gear now having re-opened April 30th with many more offerings than in the past, and Bailey Park, our newest and last playground to be built, is coming along nicely and should be completed by September of this year.

With over 130 new home sales year-to-date, we sincerely believe that you've made a great investment in a truly outstanding community. We also recognize and appreciate how many potential homebuyers are coming through our Welcome Center that have been referred by you as a homeowner. That shows that you believe as we do that Bedford is a great community to call home!

More than 500 families are living in Bedford with many more to come this year! There are great opportunities at Bedford to come out and meet your neighbors; whether it is on an evening walk, sitting by the pool or at an event at the Recreation Center. So get out and enjoy the wonderful summer season at Bedford!

Sincerely yours,

John Myers,

President, Wakefield Development Company



COMMUNITY NEWS

BEDFORD NAMES DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & ACTIVITIES



Bedford is pleased to announce the addition of Ed Rowe as the new Director of Recreation & Activities. The continued growth of the community and a rising interest in more formal recreational programs and activities for all age groups has created the need for an experienced individual to provide direction. Before relocating to Bedford, Ed worked at Fairfield University as Assistant Director of Athletics, responsible for event management and facility operations. Prior to this, he was part of the Organizational Staff for the World Scholar-Athlete Games in Newport, RI. "My goal," says Ed, "is to develop effective new programs, increase community participation, and to ultimately provide something for everyone to enjoy!"

"ALL IN" FOR A GREAT CAUSE

The bad news was Wayne Newton couldn't make it. The good news? Bedford's first Casino Night was a hit! Over 80 people gathered at the Recreation Center on Saturday, April 23rd for a wonderful cause. Excitement filled the house as residents danced with Lady Luck at the blackjack tables, roulette wheels and slot machines. The authentic casino-style setup, provided by All-In Entertainment, was fantastic – it truly felt like a Vegas Hotel. The best part of the evening was that nobody lost – a portion of the proceeds were donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Eastern North Carolina. The organization grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The night began with a social hour, from 7pm-8pm, during which time a regional representative from Make-A-Wish Foundation® spoke of their mission. Then, it

was on to the tables! Residents were given funny money to use on the gambling floor – it seems everyone enjoyed the variety of games to choose from. Tables were staffed by experienced dealers/ hosts who not only instructed people on the rules, but also created a lot of fun and excitement. By the middle of the evening, the room was filled with smiles, laughter and an occasional celebratory cheer!

As the tables closed toward the end of the night, everyone gathered for the auction. Competitive bidding began for items donated by area businesses and residents alike. Everyone came out a winner, and the community was able to support a great cause.

To learn more about the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, please visit their website at www.eastncwish.org.

FARMER'S MARKET UPDATE

The Farmer's Market, run by Vollmer Farms, has opened for its spring/summer season. The dates and hours of operation are: Saturdays, 10am-6pm, and Sundays, 1pm-6pm. They will close for the late summer months on Saturday, July 9th.

If you haven't visited them lately, there is much you are missing! Vollmer Farms has expanded their product line to include cut flowers by Allison Tucker, and a new meat



farmer, Bailey Newton, who provides free range chicken and fresh meats. In addition, they are making available frozen products using the "Almost Famous" brand name. They have "Almost Famous" homemade chili, "Almost Famous" strawberry freezer jam, and "Almost Famous" strawberry mix, which is a great fruit topping for pancakes, waffles, shortcake and ice cream.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 1, Sunday Mother's Day Crafts For Kids 3:00pm-5:00pm	May 14, Saturday Official Pool Opening! Pool Hours 10:00am-8:00pm	June 8, Wednesday Financial Seminar 7:00pm-8:00pm Details Via E-mail
May 2, Monday Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm	May 16, Monday Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm	June 12, Sunday School Meeting 2:00pm-4:00pm
May 5, Thursday Welcome Committee Meeting 7:00pm	May 20, Friday Kids' Night Out 6:00pm-9:30pm	June 13, Monday Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm
May 6, Friday Mexican Happy Hour 6:00pm-8:00pm Game Night (Adult Social) 8:00pm-11:00pm	May 23, Monday Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm	June 14, Tuesday Bunco 7:00pm-9:00pm
	Kids' Night Out 	June 17, Friday Kids' Night Out 6:00pm-9:30pm
May 8, Sunday Mother's Day!	May 30, Monday Memorial Day	June 19, Sunday Father's Day!
May 9, Monday Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm	June 2, Thursday Welcome Committee Meeting 7:00pm	June 20, Monday Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm
May 10, Tuesday Bunco 7:00pm-9:00pm	June 3, Friday Happy Hour 6:00pm-8:00pm Adult Social/Game Night 8:00pm-11:00pm	June 21, Tuesday Summer Officially Begins! 
May 11, Wednesday Financial Seminar 7:00pm-8:00pm Details Via E-mail	June 6, Monday Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm	June 27, Monday Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm

Mother's Day Crafts for Kids

On May 1st, from 3pm-5pm in the Rec Center, kids ages 3 and up will be able to make a special marble tile coaster for mom! The cost for each child will be \$3.00. Please RSVP to Susan Fanelly at 449-2590.

Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Recreation Center. Volunteers are always welcome and needed to help fill up and distribute the wonderful bags given to our new community neighbors. Also, if you have a business or service to market and would like to add a coupon, brochure, etc. to the bag, please stop by during the committee meeting at 7pm.

Day After Cinco de Mayo Party!

The Recreation Center will hold its first Friday Happy Hour on May 6th, from 6pm-8pm. The belated Cinco De Mayo party will be a great way to get together with neighbors for a little fiesta at the end of the long work week. Chips, salsa, snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring your favorite Mexican spirits! Adults 21 and over may attend.

Game Night Kickoff

Following the Mexican Fiesta on May 6th, from 8pm-11pm, the Recreation Center will kick off its first official Game Night. A variety of board, dice and card games will be set up throughout the grand room, including poker, bunco, and "Scene-It." Instructors will be on hand for those not familiar with some of the rules. This will be an Adult Social, ages 21 and over only please!

Gardening Club Update

The response to the proposed Gardening Club has been strong. A representative from Homewood Nursery and Gardening Center will be hosting a kickoff seminar for the club. We first need to provide them with an exact number of members. Please call the Recreation Center at 792-0188 to officially sign up. Details will follow!



RECIPE OF THE MONTH *Recipe courtesy of Vollmer Farms.*

STRAWBERRY-BANANA BONANZA



- 2 cups mashed strawberries, sweetened
- 1 very ripe medium or large banana
- 1 Tbsp honey

- 1/4 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup vanilla ice cream

Combine the ingredients in a blender and process until smooth. Serve immediately.

(Makes about 4 cups)



WELCOME TO OUR
NEW HOMEOWNERS

Welcome New Homeowners

Wakefield Development and the Bedford at Falls River Community would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new homeowners. Each month, we are thrilled to see all of the new faces around the neighborhood. It's families like you that make Bedford a truly wonderful place to live!



Here is what Paula Brantley had to say about the Bedford at Falls River way of life.

“ This is the only place
I've lived that I feel
safe walking at night,
even at 10 or 11pm
I love Bedford! ”



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