



The Bedford Falls Sentinel



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NEWS OF THE WORLD

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WELCOME HOME

70 Wonderful Years



The annual *It's a Wonderful Life* Festival celebrates the connections between this upstate New York community and Frank Capra's classic film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, as well as our historical tradition of believing in the value of each individual. We heartily welcome the "Bailey Kids" – Karolyn Grimes (Zuzu), Carol Coombs (Janie) and Jimmy Hawkins (Tommy) who are appearing in Seneca Falls together for the first time. We also welcome Mary Owen (Donna Reed's daughter), Monica Capra Hodges (Frank Capra's granddaughter) and Lynn O'Leary Jameson, who portrayed Janie as a baby. We give special thanks to our sponsors, partners, all who make this festival a reality... and to everyone who has come from near and far to experience the spirit and community of "The Real Bedford Falls."

Schedule of Events

The following all day exhibitions/activities happen Friday, Saturday and Sunday

It's a Wonderful Life shown throughout the day, **Guntzel Theater, Women's Rights National Historical Park (NHP)**

Donna Reed: Another Mother for Peace, **Women's Rights NHP**

Launch of three new exhibits: "The Premiere Collection of Richard Goodson"; "Lynn O'Leary Jameson -- Portraying Janie as a Baby"; & "Frank Capra, A.P. Giannini & George Bailey." **The Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum**

Gingerbread Bedford Falls, Festival of Wreaths Raffle and "Victorian Era Christmas", **Seneca Falls Visitor Center**

It's a Wonderful Quilt Raffle and Silent Auction of Rare Autographed Items, **The Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum**

"The Connection between Seneca Falls and Bedford Falls" Exhibit by Walt Gable, **Women's Rights NHP**

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Friday 5:30 – 11:30pm
Saturday 9am – 1am
Sunday 9am – 10pm

See you next year!

December 8-10, 2017

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THURSDAY, DEC 8

6pm: “Merry Christmas, George Bailey!” An old-time radio play based on the 1947 Lux Radio Theatre broadcast performed by the Seneca Community Players. Tickets \$6 at WomanMade Products (315-568-9364). Bedford Falls Bijou Theatre, lower level

FRIDAY, DEC 9

7am – 7pm: Zuzu’s Gingersnaps, Mary Bailey’s Friendship Bread, and Uncle Billy’s Favorite Chocolate Chip Cookies. Bee’s Cookies and Cakes Café, 14 State St.

8 – 10:00am: “It’s a Wonderful Breakfast” with a special appearance by “The Bailey Kids” from 9:00-9:30. Free breakfast sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association of Rochester & the Finger Lakes. Call 800-272-3900 to register. The Gould Hotel

9am – 5pm: Bedford Falls Station 70th Anniversary Holiday Postmark. Seneca Falls Post Office

10am: Press Conference with “The Bailey Kids.” Wesleyan Chapel, Women’s Rights NHP

10am – 3pm: *It’s a Wonderful Life* characters on the street. Sponsored by Seneca Falls Visitor Center, Sinicropi Florist, Downtown Deli, Nonni’s, Bee’s Café, and Simply Home.

10:30am – 12pm: Welcome Reception. Sponsored by The Gould Hotel and the Alzheimer’s Association of Rochester and the Finger Lakes. The Gould Hotel

11:30am – 2:15pm: “The Bailey Kids” sign autographs. Items for sale include autographs; autograph fee for items you bring yourself. *It’s a Wonderful Life* Museum

12 – 4pm: Artist Yakovetic. Seneca Falls Visitor Center

12pm – Sat. 12am: Cousin Tilly’s Jingle Bell Bash. Holiday marketplace and restaurant and local craft beer and wine. DJ Jase Cole at 8pm. Finger Lakes Pretzel Factory, 61 State St.

2 – 7pm: “Bedford Falls” BBQ & Bake Sale. Musical entertainment and fun activities for all ages from 4 – 7pm. Proceeds to benefit the House of Concern. Trinity Church, 27 Fall St.

3:30pm: Jimmy Hawkins “73 Years in Film . . . From Classic Films to Live Television to the Digital Age: Recollections of Working with Donna Reed, Jimmy Stewart, Gene Autry and Elvis.” Wesleyan Chapel, Women’s Rights NHP

5pm: Skype connection with the Hoylake Community Cinema, United Kingdom. The Gould Hotel.

5 – 7pm: It’s a Wonderful Toothpick World. Make a Star Wars-inspired toothpick ornament with Stan Munro. Seneca Falls Library, 47 Cayuga St.

6pm: The Preview Dinner: Celebrating the Premiere of *It’s a Wonderful Life* & Frank Capra’s Legacy. Advance tickets required, **SOLD OUT**. Shuttles leave from The Gould Hotel at 5:30pm for ticket holders. New York Chiropractic College, 2360 NY Rte. 89

6:30pm: It’s a Wonderful Bonfire, Tree Lighting, Caroling & Santa. Music by Calvary Chapel Worship Band. Concessions available. People’s Park

7:30pm: Holiday Lights Contest Winner announced. Sponsored by Seneca Meadows. People’s Park

SATURDAY, DEC 10

7am – 7pm: Zuzu’s Gingersnaps, Mary Bailey’s Friendship Bread, and Uncle Billy’s Favorite Chocolate Chip Cookies. Bee’s Cookies and Cakes Café, 14 State St.

8 – 11am: It’s a Wonderful Breakfast, \$7 at the door. Trinity Church, 27 Fall St.

9am – 1pm: Open House. Chemung Canal Trust Co., 54 Fall St.

9am – 2pm: Bedford Falls Station Holiday Postmark. Seneca Falls Post Office

9am – 3pm: Free horse-drawn wagon rides. Sponsored by Lyons National Bank. Corner of Fall and State Sts.

10am: 13th Annual George Bailey Award. Wesleyan Chapel, Women’s Rights NHP

10am – 12:30pm: Seneca Falls Police Department “Fill the Cruiser” Toy Drive. Meet the officers and have a picture taken in uniform in a patrol car. Century 21, corner of Fall and Cayuga Sts.

10am – 2pm: Free roasted chestnuts by the Knights of Columbus. Corner of Fall & State Sts.

10am – 3pm: American Legion Open House & Craft Fair. History of Veterans. Kirk Casey American Legion, 48 State St.

10am – 3pm: *It’s a Wonderful Life* characters on the street. Sponsored by ITT Goulds Pumps

10:30am – 12:30pm: Santa at the North Pole. Blossoms by Cosentino, 106 Fall St.

10:40am: “Bread, Salt & Wine” – It’s a Wonderful Life Housewarming. “The Bailey Kids” present housewarming gifts to the owners of a house built by Habitat for Humanity, 36 Haigh St. Shuttles leave after the George Bailey Award.

11am: Giant Cinnamon Bun Eating Contest, \$5 entrance fee. Café XIX, 20 East Bayard St.

11am: Mary Owen -- “Donna Reed, Another Mother for Peace” Wesleyan Chapel, Women’s Rights NHP

11am: Lighting the Trail -- Ludovico Sculpture Trail. Bridge St.

11am – 1pm: “The Bailey Kids” sign autographs. Items for sale include autographs; autograph fee for items you bring yourself. *It’s a Wonderful Life* Museum

11am – 3pm: Crafts, Music & Stories for Kids. FREE ROSE. Blossoms by Cosentino, 106 Fall St.

11am – 3pm: Ma Bailey’s Hot & Hearty Cook-Off. Businesses along Fall St.

11am – 4pm: “It’s a Wonderful Life” themed ice cream by Cayuga Lake Creamery. The Gould Hotel

12 – 3pm: Music by Cool Club. Seneca Falls Visitor Center

12 – 4pm: Artist Yakovetic. Seneca Falls Visitor Center

12 – 4pm: Bedford Falls Conductor. Seneca Falls Visitor Center

12pm – Sat. 12am: Cousin Tilly's Jingle Bell Bash. Holiday marketplace & restaurant and local craft beer & wine, band Darwin at 8pm followed by DJ Jase Cole. [FL Pretzel Factory, 61 State St.](#)

1pm: It's a Wonderful Parade. [Fall Street](#)

2pm: Recollections by Frank Capra's granddaughter, Monica Capra Hodges, followed by a screening of *Frank Capra's American Dream*. [Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights NHP](#)

2 – 4pm: "The Bailey Kids" sign autographs. Items for sale include autographs; autograph fee for other items. [It's a Wonderful Life Museum](#)

2 – 4pm: Informal Conversation with Mary Owen, Donna Reed's Daughter. [Women's Rights NHP](#)

2:30 – 4:30pm: Santa at the North Pole. [Blossoms by Cosentino, 106 Fall St.](#)

3pm – ? Bailey's Burgers and Hots. [Look for us on Fall St.](#)

4:40pm: It's a Wonderful Run 5K

6pm: "Merry Christmas, George Bailey!" Tickets \$8 at Woman-Made Products (315-568-9364). [Bedford Falls Bijou Theatre](#)

6pm: "Change Partners and Dance" and "Mary's Driving Lesson" Two episodes of *The Donna Reed Show* featuring Jimmy Hawkins. [Mynderse Academy, 105 Troy St.](#)

6:30pm: Photo opportunity with "The Bailey Kids" \$20 fee supports the IAWL Festival. [Mynderse Academy, 105 Troy St.](#)

6:30 – 7:30pm: Free dance lesson by Groove Juice Swing. [Mynderse Academy, 105 Troy St.](#)

7pm: Special screening of *It's a Wonderful Life*. Sponsored by the Delavan Foundation. [Mynderse Academy, 105 Troy St.](#)

7:30 – 10:30 pm: "Dance by the Light of the Moon" Featuring Andy Stobie and the Greater Finger Lakes Jazz Orchestra (19 piece orchestra). [Mynderse Academy, 105 Troy St.](#)

8pm: "Merry Christmas, George Bailey!" Tickets \$8 at Woman-Made Products (315-568-9364). [Bedford Falls Bijou Theatre](#)

10:45pm: Jimmy Hawkins Remembers – "Elvis & Me" Elvis Presley co-star Jimmy Hawkins (*Girl Happy & Spinout*), shares his "Memories of Elvis" followed by a special screening of *Girl Happy*. [Mynderse Academy, 105 Troy St.](#)

SUNDAY, DEC 11

7am – 7pm: Zuzu's Gingersnaps, Mary Bailey's Friendship Bread, and Uncle Billy's Favorite Chocolate Chip Cookies. [Bee's Cookies and Cakes Café, 14 State St.](#)

8:30 – 11:30am: Breakfast with Santa. Reservations required (315) 712-4000. [The Gould Hotel](#)

9am – 3pm: Free horse-drawn wagon rides. Sponsored by Lyons National Bank. [Corner of Fall and State Sts.](#)

10am – 1:00pm: "The Bailey Kids" Sign Autographs. Items for sale include autographs; autograph fee for items you bring yourself. [It's a Wonderful Life Museum](#)

10am: "What If You'd Never Been Born?" – Pastor Greg Asimakoupoulos. [First Presbyterian Church, 23 Cayuga St.](#)

10am – 3pm: Uncle Billy's Wonderful Scavenger Hunt. Starts at the [It's a Wonderful Life Museum](#)

10am – 3pm: *It's a Wonderful Life* characters on the street. Sponsored by Chemung Canal Trust Company.

11:00am: "Just a Housewife" and "The Geisha Girl" Mary Owen shares her mother's efforts to challenge gender and racial stereotypes through *The Donna Reed Show*. [Women's Rights NHP](#)

11:00am: "Lights . . . Camera, Action!" You're the star as you take a short stroll through "Bedford Falls" while participating in various movie scenes. Hosted by the Seneca Community Players. [Starts next to Chemung Canal Trust Company, 54 Fall St.](#)

11am – 2pm: Bailey's Burgers and Hots. [Look for us on Fall St.](#)

11am – 3pm: Clarence's Heavenly Confections. [Fall St. businesses](#)

12pm: Free roasted chestnuts by the Knights of Columbus for as long as they last. [Corner of Fall & State Sts.](#)

12 – 12:30pm: Holiday Music. Brass ensemble, combination of Middle & High School students under the direction of Laura Fitzgerald. [Seneca Falls Visitor Center.](#)

12 – 4pm: Seneca Falls Historical Society Tour of Historic Homes. Presale & members \$12, or at door \$15. [Starts at 55 Cayuga St.](#)

12 – 8pm: Cousin Tilly's Jingle Bell Bash. Holiday marketplace and restaurant. [Finger Lakes Pretzel Factory, 61 State St.](#)

12:30pm: *Finding God in It's a Wonderful Life*. Pastor Greg Asimakoupoulos will do a reading from his book followed by a book signing. [First Presbyterian Church, 23 Cayuga St.](#)

1pm: "Merry Christmas, George Bailey!" Tickets \$6 at Woman-Made Products (315-568-9364). [Bedford Falls Bijou Theatre](#)

1:30 – 2pm: Presentation by Carol Coombs: "Remembering Janie." Carol Coombs recalls her film career and appears with Lynn O'Leary Jameson (who portrayed "Janie" as a baby) for the first time. [Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights NHP](#)

2 – 3:30pm: Presentation by Karolyn Grimes, Carol Coombs & Jimmy Hawkins. Wonderful Life child stars discuss growing up in the studio system and meeting each other on the set. [Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights NHP](#)

3:45pm: Prizes awarded, Uncle Billy's Scavenger Hunt. Prizes sponsored by Generations Bank. [It's a Wonderful Life Museum](#)

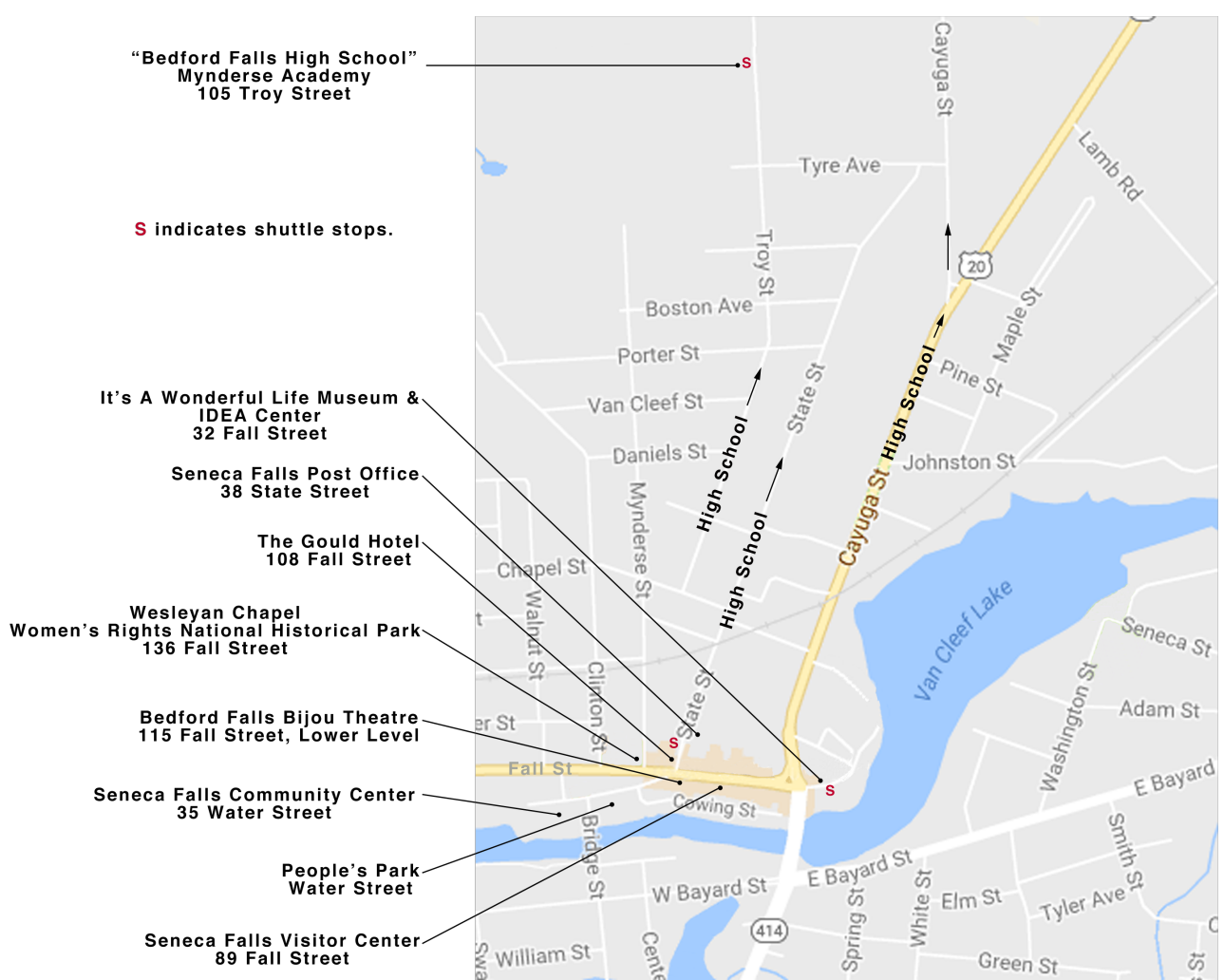
3:30 – 5:30pm: *It's a Wonderful Life* closing party. Music, raffles, and refreshments. Sponsored by the Seneca Falls Business Assn. [Seneca Falls Visitor Center](#)

4:15pm: The Bells of the Real Bedford Falls ring throughout the town in honor of those who have made a difference in our lives. Music by the Mynderse Academy Chamber Singers. [Gather in front of the It's a Wonderful Life Museum](#)

4:30pm: Seneca Singers Christmas Concert. [Seneca Falls Library, 47 Cayuga St.](#)

6pm: "For Auld Lang Syne: Celebrating the Final Scene of It's a Wonderful Life with the Bailey Kids." Christmas dinner, showing of the Finale of *It's a Wonderful Life*, Christmas carols & "Auld Lang Syne." Shuttles leave The Gould Hotel at 5:30 pm for ticket holders. Advance tickets required, **SOLD OUT**. [Seneca Falls Country Club, 2790 NY Rte 89](#)

Festival Map



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