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Newton Community Pride Announces 2nd Annual WinterFEST, January 28 & 29, 2023

January 5, 2023/NEWTON, MA - Newton Community Pride (NCP) is pleased to announce WinterFEST, scheduled January 28 & 29, 2023 in Newton Highlands, Cold Spring Park and Newton Centre. These all-outdoor events will be filled with wintertime family friendly fun.

“We are delighted to bring WinterFEST back this season for a weekend of free and accessible family entertainment and exciting winter themed programming for all to enjoy”, stated Blair Lesser Sullivan, Executive Director of Newton Community Pride. “Last year’s first WinterFEST was such a great success that we decided to bring the festival back to the community with even more activities and events.”, Lesser Sullivan added.

On Saturday evening, January 28 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM, NCP partners with the Hyde Community Center for a Community Soup Social at the Hyde Playground. Hot bowls of soup provided by local restaurants and served by Newton notables will keep attendees warm as they enjoy live music from the Eli Cash Band. Other entertainment includes glow in the dark hula hoops, Olaf from Frozen and other costumed characters. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided as well.

On Sunday morning, join the Newton Conservators and Olaf from Frozen for a family friendly, dog friendly (leashes please) winter walk around the 1.5 mile wooded trail of Cold Spring Park. Please meet at 10:00 AM at the 1094 Beacon Street entrance and proceed around toward the left at the trail entrance near the sports fields. Hot Chocolate, coffee and Dunkin’ Munchkins will be available at the end of the morning walk.

On Sunday afternoon, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM NCP will host on the Newton Centre Village Green, Elsa from Frozen, The Newton North Melocotones, Far and Wide with Tom Pugh and dance performances by Calpulli Coyoxochitl of Newton and the “Women in White”.

Several ice sculptures and a live sculpting demonstration of a giant moose from 1:00 – 3:00 PM by Images In Ice. Ice Sculptures include an ice castle, ice throne, and a mama polar bear with her cub. Fun keepsake from the Wicked Booth Photo Booth, food and hot chocolate from the Chubby Chickpea Food truck and the Coffee Trike, and a Winter Pop Up Market presenting crafts, chocolates and edible goodies.

This year, NCP is holding a winter blanket collection drive and has partnered with Welcome Home, a Newton non-profit providing families experiencing hardship with high quality household items. Please bring new or gently used full, queen or king blankets (no rips or stains) to the Newton Centre Green and drop off at the Welcome Home table during WinterFEST hours.

The Village Bank is the 2023 WinterFEST Presenting Sponsor.

For more information, please visit newtoncommunitypride.org/winterfest