

Virginia Packer



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Ginny has lived in Bedford twenty-five years. Along with husband, Dave (who's lived in Bedford since 1964), they have a combined family of five children and fourteen grandchildren, spread all over (Seattle, Denver, Boston, and Amsterdam) which affords many traveling opportunities.

Ginny joined the *Citizen* team in fall of 2012, serves on the executive committee and co-chairs the fundraising efforts. "Becoming very involved with the *Citizen* has given me the opportunity to delve deeply into citizen journalism, a wonderful way to inform and engage residents about the importance of civic responsibility and the many and varied cultural opportunities we enjoy in Bedford. Bedford somehow maintains the small town feel, yet has a mighty footprint. It has a true participative government, outstanding schools, an incredible library, and a wealth of programs with something for everyone. New groups and initiatives sprout up all the time, adding to the vibrancy. Hopefully, the *Citizen* is making all that makes Bedford special more visible and accessible to the public, making us all feel more interconnected."

She is an active member of First Parish serving in a number of roles, and in the past was active with Friends of the Library, the Bedford Aids Task Force, and the Bedford Cultural Council. For four years she and Dave were co-presidents of AFS Cultural Exchange Programs, also hosting students from Mexico, Ecuador, and Russia, each for a full school year (as if the five children were not enough).

Professionally she's been a publishing consultant, working for The Huenefeld Company where she was vice-president, and became president of Pegasus Communications in 1996, retiring, so to speak, in 2009. Pegasus supported the field of systems thinking, publishing books and newsletters, running conferences, consulting, and creating AV products and training materials. During that time, she also was a board member of the International System Dynamics Society for nine years.

She graduated from Northeastern University with both a B.S. and an M.B.A.