



# Neighborhood and Community News

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## Welcome To The Neighborhood

The above is a picture of a snowy winter day in New Bedford. Fortunately, we are not having a snowy winter this year. The City of New Bedford however is prepared should Mother Nature change its course. DPI has purchased new equipment, tools, and conducted trainings so that residents and city streets are well serviced.

The neighborhood groups held their annual tree lighting ceremonies and with the mild weather they were well attended. The Ashley tree lighting ceremony was bigger than it had been in years with close to 60 people in attendance.

The annual MLK program was hosted by the Pilgrim United Church and nearly full capacity. There were three winners in the Annual Essay Contest. The first place award went to Jaloni Owens from Voke Tech. The second place winner was Malik Joseph, from the Whaling City Alternative High School. Third place went to Clinton Dunston, a sixth grade student at Keith Middle School.

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## Community Spotlight

There are currently openings on the Human Relations Commission. The Human Relations Commission is a nine member body appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The purpose of the Commission is to promote mutual understanding and respect among and encourage and assure equality of opportunity for all people without regard to race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, or sexual orientation. The commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM in the Ashley Room at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

### Consumer Tip

This is tax season and it is a time for consumers to be on high alert. Some of the tax related scams include being told your being sued by the IRS. They are either looking for your financial or personal information. The IRS does not send text messages, make phone calls, or email, and they will not schedule your arrest.

### DID YOU KNOW

There was never a military battle at Fort Taber -Fort Rodman, but the fort deterred enemy navies from attacking our shipping and city during the civil war, World War I and World War II. In 1861 the fort was unofficially named Fort Taber after the current mayor Issac C. Taber (1860-1862). In 1898 the entire military property was officially named Fort Rodman in honor of Lt. Col. William Logan Rodman of New Bedford.



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## What's New in the Neighborhoods

The City of New Bedford conducted its 2016 Annual Point-in-Time Count of persons experiencing homelessness on Wednesday, January 27th from 2:00pm until Thursday, January 28th at 2:00pm (24-Hour Count). The Point-in-Time Count is required annually by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and conducted across the nation during the last 10 days of January.

The City of New Bedford announces New Measures to bolster its snowstorm fighting ability. Many residents attending the various neighborhood meetings were pleased over the snowplowing by the City of New Bedford this winter.

Summer jobs applications are now available at New Directions Southcoast for New Bedford youth ages 14-21. Applications are available at the youth annex, 5 Dover St., New Bedford, MA, Monday—Friday, 2-4PM. The deadline for applications is March 11, 2016. Do not delay, pick up an application today.

The Neighborhood United Meeting Schedule for 2016 is now on the City of New Bedford Webpage. Click on Residents on the homepage and you will find the meeting schedule for meetings within your neighborhood. Attend a meeting and find out what the hot topics are in your neighborhood and be a part of finding solutions that will help to better the quality of life within your neighborhood. Pictured top right, are neighborhood leaders Ken Resendes and Joy Trudeau.

For more information on any of these stories plus up to date city news, click on to the city of New Bedford's website at <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov>



Happy Holidays 2015.



## Neighborhood Watch

*“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is What are you doing for others?”*

The Parker St Neighborhood Association is not meeting nightly at the present time. Meetings are held the last Monday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Parker St. School. The meetings are in the mornings at the school for concerned parents and concerned citizens. The meetings are held in the Family Resource Center within the school and facilitated by the school's Family Resource Manager, Maria Mojica. For more information on the meetings you can contact Maria Mojica at 508-997-4511 ext. 2220.

**MLK** Neighborhood United meetings will now be at the Office of Community Development at 608 Pleasant St, 2nd Flr. All are welcome to attend, meetings are open to the public.

## Neighborhood Clean-up



Mayor Jon Mitchell and the Department of Public Facilities place a high priority on recycling. More recycling means less trash, which means longer life for the Crapo Hill Landfill and less expense for the taxpayers. Detailed recycling information is available at the City's website at [www.newbedfordrecycling.org](http://www.newbedfordrecycling.org).

### Household Hazardous Waste Days

*New Bedford residents only (ID required).* Collection is for households only, not businesses, schools or contractors. **Saturday, April 30, 2016 - 9:00am to 12:00pm**

### Paper Shredding Day

Saturday, May 21, 2016 - 9:00am to 12:00pm, City Hall Parking lot on William and Sixth Street. There is a nominal fee of \$5.00 per box. Shred Day provides a safe way to dispose of your personal information.

For more information please call Marissa @ 508-979-1493



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community-services](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-services)

**There is representation at neighborhood meetings from City Hall, the Police Dept, the District Attorney's Office, Community Services, City Councillors, and others.**

## Neighborhood United Meeting Schedules

**Brooklawn Neighborhood Association** Currently no meetings are scheduled.

**Cove St Neighborhood Association** Meets the first Monday of each month at 6pm at the New England demolition and salvage. Contact: Loretta Bourque. Upcoming meetings: February 1, March 7 & April 4.

**Mt Pleasant Neighborhood Association** Meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Sacred Heart church community room. Contact Henry Bousquet, [hoek7@aol.com](mailto:hoek7@aol.com). Upcoming meetings: February 24, March 23 & April 27.

**Clarks Point Neighborhood Association** Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Waste Water Treatment Center. Contact Celeine Saraiva- [Celeine1@comcast.net](mailto:Celeine1@comcast.net). Upcoming meetings: February 17, March 16 & April 20.

**Far North End Neighborhood Association** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Pulaski School. Contact: Bob and Peggy Souza. Upcoming meetings: February 9, March 8 & April 12.

**Bullard St Neighborhood Meeting** Meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm at St An-

thony's Church. Contacts are Ken Resendes & Joy Trudeau, [bsna02746@aol.com](mailto:bsna02746@aol.com). Upcoming meetings: Feb 1, March 7 & April 4.

**AJ Gomes Neighborhood Association** Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Gomes School. Contact: Buddy Andrade at 508-993-8500. Upcoming meetings: February 23, March 28 & April 26.

**Taber Mills Resident Council** Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Taber Mills community room. Contact Bill Jennings [Wjennings1943@gmail.com](mailto:Wjennings1943@gmail.com) Upcoming meetings: Feb 9, March 8 & April 12.

**Hope VI/Caroline Apartments** Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4pm at the Caroline Housing Community Center. Contact Henry Bousquet, [hoek7@aol.com](mailto:hoek7@aol.com). Upcoming meetings: Feb 9, March 8 & April 12.

**Buttonwood Park Historic District/ Neighborhood Association** Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Buttonwood Senior Center. Upcoming meetings: February 3, March 2 & April 6.

The Department of Community Services advocates for and offers programs to New Bedford residents with an emphasis on culturally diverse, disabled senior and youth populations. Projects include adult literacy, out of school activities, consumer mediations, elder services and the American with Disabilities' Act compliance, The Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, Council on Aging Board, & Human Relations Commissions are within this department. The department works with neighborhood and community/ faith- based groups. Our staff is Spanish and Portuguese Speaking.

### Additional Community Links You Should Know:

[www.neighborhood-united.info](http://www.neighborhood-united.info)

[www.newbedford-ma.gov/taskforce](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/taskforce)

[www.newbedford-ma.gov/parks-recreational-beaches](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/parks-recreational-beaches)

<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/facilities-fleet-management/solid-waste-recycling/>

[www.neighborhood-ma.gov/community-development](http://www.neighborhood-ma.gov/community-development)

[www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-services/](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-services/)

**New Verdean Garden Neighborhood Association** Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at 163 Walnut Street in the community room. Upcoming meetings: February 17, March 16 & April 20.

**Wamsutta Apartments/ Acushnet Commons** Meets bi-monthly at 184 State Street. Call John Lobo for additional information, 508-979-1692.

**Parker Street Neighborhood Association** Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Parker Street School. The interim chair is Dana Rebeiro. Upcoming meetings: February 4, March 3 and April 7.

**Neighborhood United** Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Contact Jerry Pinto, 508 889-1752. Next meetings: Feb 16t at the Office of Community Development & March 15 in City Council Chambers.

## Neighborhood Activities

The Neighborhood Working Group—Meets at the former Ingraham School. Contact: Jackie Pina, 774-328-9925 ext 37. Call for meeting information.

CCT-Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores. This group advocating for better conditions for Central American Workers, meets on Wednesdays at 6PM at their center on 1532 Acushnet Ave. Contact: Adrian Ventura.

Invest In Kids After School Programs:

**Kool Notes**— For the Brooks, Lincoln and Rodman Schools, Creative Writing, Music, and Singing, Oct.15,2015-June2016, 2:30– 5:00, St Paul’s 884 Kempton St. (Thursdays only). (Ask your school for an application),

**Kidz Art**— For students from the Rodman School at the Buttonwood Community Center on Mondays

**Kool Day s**— For students from the Congdon School at the Hazelwood COA.on Tuesdays

**Kool Notes**—For students from the Brooks, Lincoln and Rodman schools at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 884 Kempton St., on Thursdays.

**Kool Days**— For students at the Campbell and Lincoln Schools at the North Baptist Church, 750 County Street, on Fridays.

**GiftsToGive**, a distribution warehouse, non-profit organization that collects gently used clothing and toys for non-profit agencies is fueled exclusively by volunteers – and they are always in need of volunteers. You can have fun doing meaningful work and make friends while helping out. You can participate as a group or individually. Teenage student fashionists put together packages of well-coordinated outfits for the thrift store in the building. Adults do everything from sorting donations to fixing things that break around the factory. They are located at Titlelist Drive, Acushnet, MA. Call 508-717-8715 if you have an interest in volunteering. Volunteer today and discover that we all have gifts to give.

## What’s Going On

### Fort Taber Dance Series

FREE

Dance to live music from 1pm–4pm

March 6, Mike Moran Combo  
March 13, Meadow Larks Combo  
March 20, NuSounds  
April 3, Billy Couto & the After Hours  
April 10, Pat Cordeiro  
April 17, Rick Medeiros Combo

### National Consumer Protection Week March 6-12th.

**Consumer Tip of the Day**— Listen to the Phil Paleologos morning show on WBSM 1420 AM for helpful consumer tips during the week.

**Attorney General’s Office Open House**— Wednesday March 9, 4-6PM, 105 William St. First Floor New Bedford, MA 02740. Meet the staff, learn about free services offered to aid and protect consumers across the commonwealth.

### Home Improvement Projects Workshop

– Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 6-8PM, New Bedford Library, 613 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Questions— Call the office at 508-990-9700.

New Festivals Program Grants Grant awards up to \$500 will be given. Deadline to apply is March 3, 2016. This is for festivals taking place between March 1- August 31, 2016. The application can be found online- Mass Cultural Council Webpage.

## What’s New In Community Services

The Human Relations Commission has openings for commissioners who are appointed by the mayor, approved by the city council and serve three year terms. The Human Relations Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month. The mission of the HRC is to promote mutual understanding and respect among citizens and to encourage and assure equal opportunity for all citizens.

Call Marci Pina-Christian at 508-979-1464, if interested.

**ESOL Shining Lights**— Family Literacy Nights. Program provides informative materials to educate parents and help them help their own children with school work, especially with reading. Family Literacy Nights will be twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. February 10-May 25th.

The Senior travel club is a great option for folks who like to travel but do not care to drive. This service is offered to seniors as young as 50. Some of the trips are day

trips and some are overnight trips. You may want to invite a few friends to join you. Call Jan Barette to receive a schedule of trips or to book one at 508-991-6171..

### Upcoming Trips:

**Twin Rivers Casino— May 9th**

**Warren’s Lobster House & Flaghill Vineyards—May 26th**

**Cape Cod Luncheon Train— June 8th**

**City of New Bedford**  
Mayor Jon Mitchell  
Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development  
Patrick J. Sullivan, Director

Do you have a great idea to improve your New Bedford neighborhood?

## GREEN • HEALTHY • BEAUTIFUL

### CitiWorks Mini-Grant Program 2016

CitiWorks Mini-Grants offer up to \$2,000 to neighborhood groups, non-profits, and other local organizations for community projects like tree plantings, community gardens, enhancing a neighborhood’s public spaces and other beautification projects.

Interested but want to know more?

FIND OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS GRANT!

Wednesday, March 2nd @ 5 p.m.

Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development  
608 Pleasant St., New Bedford

Want to submit an application?

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE:  
[www.newbedford-ma.gov/communitydevelopment](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/communitydevelopment)

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION:  
Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon

Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development  
608 Pleasant St., New Bedford

For more information concerning eligibility and if you have questions, call Edward Bates at the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development at 508.979.1500.

*“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to*

City of New Bedford Community Services Dept. in cooperation with Downtown New Bedford, Inc. and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District is sponsoring a

## PAPER SHREDDING DAY

*Open to Greater New Bedford  
Businesses and Residents*

Bring your outdated documents and they will be destroyed so your personal information is protected.

There will be a \$5 charge per box. Boxes should be reasonable to lift 30-40 lbs.

Examples of paper items you can bring include:

Bank statements	Medical forms
Insurance forms	Retired tax forms
Receipts	Personal files

Saturday,  
May 21, 2016  
9AM – noon (rain or shine)

Location:  
Parking lot across from City Hall,  
Corner of William & North 6th Streets  
(Enter on William Street)

*“When Strangers start acting like neighbors... communities are invigorated” Ralph Nadar*

*Ralph Nader*