



Saturday Academy

Fall River Neighborhood Conference

# Neighborhood & Community News

## Welcome to the Neighborhood!

The petals of the pink quinesett cherry tree outside of city hall are scattered on the sidewalk. The pink and white Bradford pear trees throughout the city are just a touch of the beautiful canvas of color soon to be all around us. These beautiful sights mark the arrival of spring. On the neighborhood scene, it is time for spring cleaning. Operation Clean Sweep began its kick-off on April 17<sup>th</sup> in wards 1 & 2. The city of New Bedford and Downtown New Bedford Inc will host another Shred Day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Additionally, to help with clean-up efforts the city of New Bedford will renew its City Barrel Initiative to help residents comply with the city ordinance requiring that all trash must be in a barrel. We can expect to see more community gardens which add a functional & naturalistic beauty to city neighborhoods. Neighborhood Update will again sponsor a best garden contest. Start Planting! Neighborhood leaders have begun planning their annual fun days. Look for the dates in the next newsletter. New Bedford offers an array of great festivals and parades throughout the spring and summer months. A taste of South Coast will be coming soon enabling us all to experience the fine cuisine from many of our area restaurants. Get out and about and enjoy this time of year.

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Bob and Peggy Souza

## Neighborhood Spotlight

In this edition the spotlight is on Bob and Peggy Souza, co leaders of the Far North End Neighborhood Association. Bob and Peggy were winners last year in the best garden contest. We now know that gardening is a favorite past time. They also enjoy spending time with Shiloh and Gracie, their pet Labradors and pride and joy. They both enjoy meeting with their neighbors and helping to resolve issues. One of the accomplishments they are most proud of is the tree-lighting established in 2008 and a bench provided in the Pulaski school park, through a mini grant. The Far North End does not have parks, and unlike other neighborhood associations had no preferred location for a tree-lighting. Now the residents of the Far North End can enjoy and take part in an annual tree-lighting at Fire Station #5. "I do this, says Bob, so my neighborhood has a voice in city government."

# See What's Going On in Your Neighborhood...

There is representation at neighborhood meetings from City Hall, the Police Department, the District Attorney's Community Service Liaison, city councilors and other concerned citizens. Attend a meeting, be heard, find solutions, and make a difference in your neighborhood.

Brooklawn Neighborhood Association
Meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Brooklawn Senior Center at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Scott Lemieux.
Hope VI Safety Watch
Meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the Caroline Community Center. The chair of this group is Ron Gonsalves.
Acushnet Commons
Meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Wamsutta Apts. office at 6:30 PM. This group includes the Wamsutta apts and the surrounding area.
Mt Pleasant Neighborhood Association
Meets the last Wednesday of the month at the Sacred Heart Church Community Center at 6:30PM. The chair of this group is Henry Bousquet.
Clarks Point Neighborhood Association
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at Fort Taber Community Ctr. The chair of this group is Celeine Sarava.
Far North End Neighborhood Association
Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pulaski School at 6:30 PM. The co chairs of this group are Bob and Peggy Souza.
Goulart Square Improvement Association
Meets the last Tuesday of each month at Ashley Park Community Center at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Steve Pontes.
Bullard Street Neighborhood Association
This group meets at St. Anthony's Church on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Ken Resendes.
Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association
Meets quarterly, at the Buttonwood Warming Center and the chair is Gerry Pinto.
Acushnet Heights Neighborhood Association
Meets the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Currently, it is redeveloping. Meeting dates and times will be reported as they become available.

**To receive a trash voucher city residents should contact the Office of Community Services at (508) 961-3136.**  
**Manage your waste, Recycle**  
**For more info call 508-979-1493**  
**Keep the city clean!!**

Neighborhood United
Meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in the Ashley Room at City Hall. Neighborhood United is a group of neighborhood chairs who meet once a week and support the work of each other. The chair of Neighborhood United is Susan Braga. National Night Out, Save the Date, 8/4
South Central South First
Meets the last Monday of the month at the Gomes School at 6:30 PM. The co-chairs of the group are Suzanne Braga and Latisha Silva. For more information contact Suzanne bee@aol.com or silva.l@comcast.net. All are welcome.
Cove St. Neighborhood Association
Meets on the first Monday of each month at New England Demolition & Salvage, 73 Cove Street, New Bedford, MA. The chair of this group is Ms. Loretta Bourque.
West End Neighborhood Association
Meets the third Monday of the month at Carney Academy at 6:30 PM. This is a newly formed neighborhood association. Its first tree lighting ceremony was held on Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> at the park on Hillman & Cedar St.

## Neighborhood Activities

**Birthday Parties at the Zoo.** If interested call the Bear's Den Café at (508)991-4556, ext 6.

**New Bedford Art Museum, "From Swain to Today."** - A selection of work that represents 37 artists who live, work, & exhibit in the New Bedford area.

**Brooklawn Park Public Meeting, Brooklawn Park Senior Center, 6PM.** What changes would you like to see at your park? **5/12**

**Operation Clean Sweep, Ward 5, 5/15, Ward 6, 6/19** To volunteer or register call (508)979-1493

**A Taste of South coast Cuisine and Music.** Fine cuisine, under a tent, from some of New Bedford's finest restaurants. **5/16.**

**Family Resource and Development Center. Offers 12 week group on "Importance of being a Dad."** For more information or to register call 508-994-4521.

**Shredding Day** for local residents and businesses, 9AM-1PM, City Hall parking lot, corner of William & North Sixth St, first 2, 30lb boxes free. Certificate of destruction provided if needed. **5/22**

**Our Sisters School** is accepting applications for students entering grades 5&6 in September 2010

**Best Garden Contest,** sponsored by *Neighborhood Update* cable show. Get your flower or vegetable gardens ready. To enter call 508-979-1464 Winners will be announced in August.