



# Neighborhood & Community News

## Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Summertime has almost come to a close, along with the many outdoor festivals that we enjoy. The next two editions of this newsletter will feature some great pictures of summer activities, for your enjoyment.

On the neighborhood scene, National Night Out, an annual event organized by Neighborhood United in partnership with the NBPD, brought the community out in great numbers for food, fun, entertainment and useful information. This year Target came on board as a corporate sponsor and the committee benefitted greatly from their support. Many of the photos in this newsletter are from the National Night Out event held at the Alfred A Gomes School grounds on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Community garden and green space initiatives helped to beautify our city. You will find them in the south and west end neighborhoods.

As the school children of the city head back to school Gifts to Give is making sure they are prepared by donating backpacks to all of the schools in the city. If you know of a child in need ask them to see their school nurse to receive a backpack.

As we plan for the colder months ahead we will be looking for volunteers for **Operation Snow Bank** which is a neighborhood based ,volunteer matching program, that links snow removers (Snow Angels) with seniors and other disabled residents in need of snow removal services for their walkways and stairs. This program matches volunteers with people in their neighborhoods ,for convenience. If you want to be a Snow Angel call 508-979-1638 today.



Who is in this picture?



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## Neighborhood Spotlight



## National Night Out!



# 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.

<b>Brook lawn Neighborhood Association</b>
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.
<b>Hope VI Safety Watch</b>
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.
<b>Acushnet Commons</b>
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.
<b>Mt Pleasant Neighborhood Association</b>
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. <b>The Ward 3 candidates will debate at the next meeting.</b> Get answers to questions about your neighborhood.
<b>Clarks Point Neighborhood Association</b>
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at Fort Taber Community Ctr. The chair of this group is Celine Sarava.
<b>Far North End Neighborhood Association</b>
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.
<b>Goulart Square Improvement Association</b>
Meets the last Tuesday of each month at Ashley Park Community Center at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Steve Pontes.
<b>Bullard Street Neighborhood Association</b>
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.
<b>Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association</b>
Meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30, at the Buttonwood Warming Center and the chair is Gerry Pinto.
<b>Acushnet Heights Neighborhood Association</b>
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.

Parent Support Group, Tuesday evenings 7-8:30PM, 105 William St, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at the Family Resource Development Ctr.  
For more info call 1-800-632-8188

**On April 2009 9/11 was established as National Day of Service/Remembrance. Help create a wonderful legacy that honors the victims and those who rose to service in response to the attacks on America. Perform a good deed, volunteer, or engage in charitable activities. Call the Department of Community Services at (508)961-3136.**

<b>Neighborhood United</b>
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.
<b>South Central South First</b>
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. Come to a Family Movie Night at Gomes School. Volunteers are needed for the Family Movie Nights. It's great entertainment for the entire family.  For more information contact Suzanne bee @aol.com or silva.l@comcast.net. All are welcome.
<b>Cove St. Neighborhood Association</b>
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.
<b>West End Neighborhood Association</b>
This group is restructuring. Interested in taking a leadership role call Contact <a href="mailto:Suzannebee@aol.com">Suzannebee@aol.com</a> Be the change you are waiting for. Get involved.

## Neighborhood Activities

**Colo Colo Gallery, 25 Centre Street, Nilton Cardenas, Living in Memory, paintings and drawings Sept. 1-26, 2009. Opening reception Friday, 6-8PM, 9/11**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sizzlin Salsa Dance Party, Friday 9-1AM, Howland Place. For more info call (508)999-3255, 9/25**

**Community Connections Inc., Walk-A Thon, to benefit its programs, 8:30-Registration, 9:30 Kickoff, 10 David Drown Blvd in Fairhaven, 9/19 (Rain Date 9/20)**

**Paper Shredding Day, Open to New Bedford & Dartmouth Businesses & Residents, Saturday, 9-12noon, (Rain or Shine) 9/12**

**1st Ever New Bedford YMCA Lobster Races, Carter's Parking lot, 1PM 9/13**

**New Bedford Baby Project Fund-raiser, Postcard Prints of old New Bedford & Yard Sale, 352 Union Street, 9-3PM, For further information call Diane Bolton at (508)994-8421, 9/12**

**Operation Clean Sweep, Final neighborhood clean-up of the season, 8:00-10:30AM, Ward 4, begin at Gomes School. To register call (508)979-1493. 9/19**

**Working Waterfront Festival, Free family friendly, educational celebration of New England's fishing industry. Food, Music, Activities and more, Pier 3 Merrill's Wharf, 9/26-27**



