



# Neighborhood & Community News

## 1st Place Winner

### Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Welcome to the fall edition of the Neighborhood and Community Outreach Newsletter. This newsletter is being brought to you by the Neighborhood and Community Outreach Unit within the Department of Community Services. We work together as a team attending neighborhood meetings throughout the city providing outreach and support to the many neighborhood groups. The NCOU team is lead by Marci Pina-Christian and includes John Lobo, Neighborhood Liaison, Pauline Macedo, Ombudsperson, Nora Andino, Constituent Services Liaison & Robert McPherson, Weed & Seed Coordinator.

Neighborhood Update Cable Show and NCOU sponsored a Best Gardens Contest and the winners are featured in this newsletter. First Place, home garden of Bob and Peggy Souza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Serenity Gardens, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Sacred Space & 4<sup>th</sup> Place The Green Brigade/Gifts To Give Raised Bed Pumpkin & Mural Project. We congratulate and appreciate those who are working towards beautifying our city. The winners were from every part of the city. NCOU provided Shredding Services in the parking lot across the street from city hall. The event was well received and we will provide two annually.

As the holiday season draws near we will partner with other service providers on food and clothing drives. Enjoy the beautiful colors of the fall season!



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### Neighborhood Spotlight



2nd Place

3rd Place

4th Place



# 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>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 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Ken Resendes.
<b>Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association</b>
Meets quarterly at 6:30 PM, at the Buttonwood Warming Center, the next scheduled meeting will be Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> . The chair is Gerry Pinto. For more information call Jerry at 508-889-1752
<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.

<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. Neighborhood United hosted a pancake breakfast recently and will host a chowder and crab cake fundraiser to benefit National Night Out. 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 meeting and join in on the excitement over the Community Garden at the Morse Drill site. Coming this summer, 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. Now planning for Family Fun Day on June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 11-3PM on Ruth and Salsbury St.
<b>West End Neighborhood Association</b>
This group is under construction.

## Neighborhood Activities

**Bioneers By the Bay, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental and social justice conference in downtown New Bedford, Oct22-25<sup>th</sup>. For more info visit [www.connectingforchange.org](http://www.connectingforchange.org).**

**Colo Colo Gallery, 25 Centre Street, New Bedford, MA, Primordial Ceramic Sculpture, October 1-31, 2009**

**Greater New Bedford CommunityHealth Foundation, Nostalgia Night with "Frank Sinatra", A Night of the American Songbook, featuring Mike Dutra & Nine Piece Band with guest Jennifer Minelli, Friday, Oct. 30, 2009. For tickets call John or Marci @ 508-979-3136**

**It's Here Zumba. Join in the fitness craze sweeping the country. Get fit while having fun-you won't even realize your working out! For everyone, Friday's from 10-11AM. Hazelwood Center, Only \$3**

**Parents Support Group, Parents helping parents is anonymous, free and confidential. Meets Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30PM, 105 William St, New Bedford, Ma, Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30PM. For more information call 1-800-632-8188.**

## Census 2010 It's in Our Hands

The census is important because it determines the distribution of government funding for critical community services and it impacts your voice in Congress. "Be Counted.

**Holiday Food Drive**, You can help those in need by dropping off a non perishable food item in the blue bin at City Hall from Nov 1 –Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.