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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Fall has come and soon the city will be busy with many neighborhood activities. Some of the neighborhood groups will host Halloween parties and parades. The South End Business Alliance and Cove St Neighborhood Association will sponsor the 44th Annual Halloween Parade. As many as 200 children have participated in this parade in previous years. This is an election year and neighborhood leaders have hosted mayoral debates and school committee debates. Some will also sponsor debates for city councilors.

In this edition we are focusing on program activities available to our youth and we welcome the newly appointed Assistant of Equity and Diversity, Danielle Carrigo, Ed. D to our community. She is featured in the Neighborhood Spotlight. This publication supports the New Bedford public Schools, *Where Are You Headed* campaign, and program initiatives on improving attendance and graduates.. Let's all use our talents and resources to help our kids succeed in the classroom. Congratulations to the Swift, Normandin and NBHS sophomore class for excellence in attendance. Your community is proud of your efforts!

Lets not forget the value of community service in a young life. November is Homeless Awareness Month. Your school or organization can organize a food drive for the needy within our community. The Medical Reserve Corp is enlisting junior volunteers ages 16 and over. Find out more on this in this newsletter. Thank you for the e-mails letting me know that you enjoy this email. Be sure to go to the polls on November 8th. Every voice needs to be heard. Enjoy the fall season.

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Neighborhood Spotlight

There is a new face within our community in the New Bedford Public Schools administration building and it is Dr. Danielle Carrigo, newly appointed, Assistant to the Superintendent for Equity, Diversity, and Family Engagement. I recently met with Dr Carrigo and asked her a few questions. Dr. Carrigo has over 20 years of experience in education. Her experience is a combination of classroom teaching as well as administration. She has specialized in working with gang involved youth. Dr Carrigo is of Hispanic origin. She came to the United States when she was two years old. Her early years were spent on army bases. She lived in California for many years as well as other parts of the country. Dr. Carrigo also brings to our community skills in the area of two-way bi-lingual emersion, also known as dual language instruction in which students learn competency in both languages preparing them for a global world. Dr. Carrigo received her doctorate from Harvard School of Education. Her dissertation was on two way bilingual emersion programs. She is very sensitive to the needs of English as a second language students in the classroom and also the communication issues parents are faced with.. She served as the Assistant Headmaster at Charleston High School and administered a small school within a school which is something the New Bedford Schools are studying. Under her administration 85% of the students went to 4 year universities. Her responsibilities at NBHS will include equity and diversity investigation, issues of discrimination and harassment, providing education to schools on issues, working towards diversification of staff, bullying issues and fostering family engagement. I found Dr. Carrigo to be a very caring person in stating” I believe every parent is concerned for their child, it’s a matter of how to tap into it.”



Dr. Danielle Carrigo



Where Are You Headed Rally at NBPS Admin. Bldg.

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

<p>Brook lawn Neighborhood Association</p> <p>Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Brooklawn Senior Center at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Scott Lemieux. For more info call (508)985-0995.</p>	<p>Goulart Square Improvement Association</p> <p>Meets the last Tuesday of each month at Ashley Park Community Center at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Steve Pontes.. For more info call (508) 996-1594..</p>
<p>Hope VI Safety Watch</p> <p>Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the Caroline Community Center. The chair of this group is Ron Gonsalves. For more info call (508)993-5337.</p>	<p>Bullard Street Neighborhood Association</p> <p>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, you can contact him at 774-201-9357.</p>
<p>Acushnet Commons</p> <p>Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Wamsutta Apts. office at 6:30 PM. This group includes the Wamsutta apts and the surrounding area. For more info call (508)991-5239.</p>	<p>Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association</p> <p>Meets quarterly, at the Buttonwood Warming Center and the chair is Gerry Pinto. For more info email Gerry@safezones.org day.contactGerry Pinto.</p>
<p>Mt Pleasant Neighborhood Association</p> <p>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. For more info call (508)989-7487</p>	<p>Neighborhood United</p> <p>Meets the 1st 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. For more info contact Suzbee@aol.com (508)858-9881.</p>
<p>Clarks Point Neighborhood Association</p> <p>Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at Fort Taber Community Ctr. The chair of this group is Celeine Sarava. For more information contact celeine@verizon.net. To host the Ward 6 city councilor debate. On Oct 26 At Fort Taber Community Ctr @ 6PM.</p>	<p>South Central South First</p> <p>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 Suzannebee @aol.com or silva.l@comcast.net. All are welcome.</p>
<p>Far North End Neighborhood Association</p> <p>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. For more info call (508)998-8830</p>	<p>Cove St. Neighborhood Association</p> <p>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. For more info, lorettasmil@earthlink.net The annual tree lighting ceremony will be December 2nd at 6:30 on Ruth and Salsbury Streets.</p>

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 you neighborhood.



Miss New Bedford



Girls from the Butterfly Program



New Bedford High School Rally



Saturday Academy , community service

Did You Know?

Jan Ernst Matzeliger(1852-1889) was a bi-racial man born in Dutch Guiana, South America. He came to Massachusetts at 18 and lived and worked in a factory in Lynn having heard about the rapid growth of the shoe industry. It was not believed that shoes could be manufactured by a machine. They were sewn by hand. Matzeliger developed an automatic method for “lasting shoes” Lasting is making a mold of the person’s shape of the foot and duplicating it. His invention was arguably “the most important invention in New England.” His machine revolutionized the entire shoe industry in the U.S

Consumer Tip Corner

Saving your money to buy your first car? There are a few things you should know so that you do not get stuck with a lemon. Call the New Bedford Local Consumer Program or go to Room 221 at City Hall and pick up a Car Smart Guide. Find out everything you should know and what you should ask when buying your first car. You can find a car that’s looks great and runs just as good. Don’t be a victim.. Call the LCP program at 508-979-1464 or 508-961-3020

If you know of a historical figure from any ethnic background that you want others to know about. Call 508-979-1464 or email me at marcelina.pina-christian@newbedford-ma.gov and we will include the information in this newsletter. Hopefully, it will enlighten and educate our readers with the pride that we should all have in our city and its people.

Neighborhood Activities...

Mayor's Youth Council– Is an advisory group on city government to the mayor and city council. They provide the youth voice on issues important to young people in New Bedford. They attend city council meetings and school committee meetings regularly. There are openings for new members. If interested contact Pam Pollock St. 508-965-6927, or email Pam at pampol@aol.com.

Parents Helping Parents Support Group-This group is a weekly on going support group where parents can join anytime. The group meets every Tuesday from 7:00PM-8:30 PM at The Family Resource and Development Center located at 105 William Street, 3rd floor

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group-This group meets the third Tuesday of eve every month starting at 6Pm in the Ashley Room at city hall. For more information contact Brenda Grace at (508) 996-2168.

GLCPS(Global Learning Charter Public School) is looking for one middle school and one high school student to nominate for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Have you engaged in a volunteer community service activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2010? Compete against other Massachusetts students for a \$1000 scholarship and all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.. Visit <http://spirit.prudentail.com>

YWCA Week Without Violence-Oct 17-22nd-Your school, or organization can help by planning an event that promotes non-violence. Visit the YWCA webpage for the week's calendar of activities.

Want to find additional activities for your child after school? Visit Event Keeper at New Bedford Library. There are a variety of activities going on in all of the city libraries. Check it out!

Teen Room @ The Francis Lawler Library-Stop in or visit the library homepage to find out what 's going on, movies workshops, arts and crafts and more.

The I Can Network-Are you interested in a fun, flexible, schedule for cool afterschool programs? See the flyer on the backspace of this newsletter.

Quantum Opportunities Program– A four year program for youth entering high school that boost high school graduation and enrollment to college, funded by the Eisenhower Foundation. For more info call 508-984-3384.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Greater New Bedford Medical Reserve Corps is seeking junior volunteers ages 16-20. Our organization recruits, trains, and coordinates volunteers, clinical or non clinical to be utilized in the event of a large-scale disaster or emergency as well as local health responses.. This is a gratifying opportunity for a young person and a great way to give back to your community. The GNBMRC serves the towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven & Freetown..

Quote of the Day...A teacher affects eternity he/she can never tell where their influence stops.

Henry B. Adams

More Activities

The Learning Studio, Early Literacy Playgroup. Birth to 3 and siblings (all ages). Meets Wednesdays beginning September 14th 2011 3:00-4:30pm at 420 Kempton Street, New Bedford. Call 508-984-1588 to enroll.

Teens Reach Beyond-Public Art Projects-Thursdays, from 3:30-5:30pm at Artworks. Ages 13-18. Free Open Enrollment. Call 508-984-1588 to enroll.

School On Wheels, Harbour House Family Shelter. Volunteers Needed for Children Impacted By Homelessness. If you are interested in receiving training to be a volunteer within this program call 508-587-9091.

Family Literacy Event-Come join us for a FREE fun and exciting time as we build our own scarecrow! Save your old newspapers and bring one of your children's old outfits to bring your scarecrow to life. This event is for children ages 2-5. There will be a free drawing for a prize. Snacks provided at Dottin Place, 8 Amanda Ave, New Bedford, MA, 12:30PM-1:30PM, **October 26, 2011.**

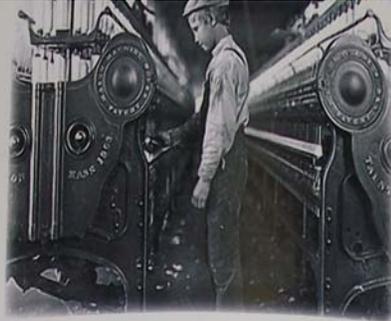
Cove St Neighborhood Association and the South End Business Alliance sponsor the 44th Annual Halloween Parade. The parade will step off from Hazelwood Park at 6:00PM. Prizes for best costume, plenty of treats. A safe and fun activity for children.

The Butterfly Project- Is an interactive program organized for young girls in grades 4th and 6th from Lincoln School. Girls build their leadership skills and create lasting social change through community action projects, and learning the history of our city. For more info contact Monica at 508-997-4889.

Saturday Academy- The City of New Bedford's Department of Community Services offers a weekly no-fee Saturday Academy Program for 4th and 5th grade boys from Parker,, Lincoln, Swift,, Ashley and Taylor schools. It is a 32 week program for 75 4th and 5th graders. The program is held at Dennison Memorial Community Center from 9AM-2:30. Free transportation services are provided. The program is designed reduce the impact of negative risk behaviors by building and strengthening the positive. It strives to improve academic performance, socialization, skills and self esteem. For more info contact Monica Castro at 508-997-4889.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum presents the preview of ***We Still Live Here***, *It is free and open to the public. This is an opportunity to learn about an exciting language revitalization project that is taken place here in Southeastern MA in the Wampanoag Nation. Adults are encouraged to bring school age children, 6:30PM, **Nov. 10th.***

The providers in the ICAN Network have come together to offer a safe, fun, and flexible menu of programs that will meet a wide variety of interests. The programs are offered Mondays through Thursdays from 2:45 pm-5pm, throughout the school year. Programs include skill building programs for girls from the YWCA, , design and music programs from Insight Youth Services and Dream Out Loud, (formerly Brick by Brick) and diversity programs from the CEDC.



Celebrating New Bedford

At Keith, Tues & Thurs 3-5 PM For more info call 508-979-4684

Celebrating New Bedford will take youth on a journey through New Bedford's history. Participants will experience different cultures, traditions, beliefs and cuisine that make New Bedford special. You will explore the differences that we face as a City, as well as the ways that we can celebrate one another. The program will include guest speakers, tours of historic sites and menus from restaurants throughout the city.



TWEEN 2 TEEN PROGRAM

At Keith, Tues & Thurs, 3-5PM

Learn the Power of being a Girl!

Make new friends and have fun while learning about home-alone safety, babysitting, nutrition, etiquette, self-esteem, cultural diversity and much more!

Attend an etiquette dinner and present a recycled fashion show!

For more info call Stephanie at 508-999-3255 or email: sdesousa@ycasema.org



eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca

PROJECT INSIGHT

At Keith, Mon & Wed, 3-5PM
Both days required for enrollment.
For more info call 508-979-1580



"The Other Side" is an opportunity to explore the other side of your educational journey. Choose from a variety of 6-week sessions that allow you to experience potential careers, hobbies, hands-on activities, sports and more such as street music, cooking, basketball, solar car racing, jewelry making, yoga, dance, poetry, karate and much more... You decide! Engaging fun field trips – Guest speakers - Snacks provided - Health and wellness activities

Awesome high school mentors assist staff
Homework help and tutoring too!
12 years experience of operating INSIGHT.
A program of PAACA's Youth Services Division.



Dream' Out Loud Center for the Arts



Creative Careers Program

At D.O.L. downtown New Bedford, Tues (Magazine) & Thurs (Music), 3-5PM
Transportation Provided from and back to Keith
For more info call 508-990-9090

On Tues, Teen Magazine Art for the Mind
Join us for Creative Writing & Graphic Design, Express yourself through illustration, photography, graphic design, manga and creative writing.
Get your stuff out there. Get recognized. Get noticed. Get published.

On Thurs, Music for the Soul ~ Express yourself through music.
Learn to perform, make beats, play instruments, write songs.
Experience a true recording experience.

