



Wamsutta Apts Family Fun Day

Neighborhood & Community News

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Welcome to the summer 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.

On the neighborhood scene, we can expect to see more community gardens in different parts of the city. Morse Drill Site and Victory Park are two future sites where beautiful community gardens will be developed. The waterfront, Fort Taber, Custom Square and many of the city's parks will be the venues for a host of spring and summer activities. Spring is here!

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Carlos Amado & Mayor Scott Lang



United Way Event

Neighborhood Spotlight



Photo by SoCo

This month's spotlight is on Chef Henry Bousquet. The newly elected vice president of Neighborhood United Association. Henry is also the chair of the Mt Pleasant Neighborhood Association. If you know something about Henry it probably is that food is his passion. Henry has given to this community that he loves in many ways. Henry has been working in restaurants since the age of fifteen in some of the city's best restaurants, the Candle works, The Pasta House, Margaret's and Bittersweet Farms. As a resident of this community, Henry is doing his part to make our neighborhoods better. Some of the ways that he has tried to do that is through politics. In 2007 he ran for City Councilor at Large and a write in candidate for Ward 3. Henry is also a Culinary Arts Instructor at Vocational Technical High School.

Henry is a native of New Bedford MA and still lives in the same neighborhood that he grew up in. When asked why investment in community is important to him Henry commented, " it is our civic duty as taxpayers to foster more community development. "We all have a responsibility to help police, watch our neighbors. I always wondered why people talk to each other when they are shoveling snow. I want to get back to the days when neighbors sat on the porch and talked to each other. I am trying to build a community network within my community.

Henry resides in New Bedford with his wife Tee and two children Phoebe 4, and Payton 2 ½.

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.

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| Brook lawn Neighborhood Association |
| Meets the 1 st 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 nd 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 nd 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. Special guest Jill Maclean, planning Dept, and presentation on guardian Angels. |
| 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 Celine 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. The annual family fun day will be August 8th . |
| Bullard Street Neighborhood Association |
| This group meets at St. Anthony's Church on the 3 rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Ken Resendes. The annual family fun day will be August 22nd . |
| Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association |
| Meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30, at the Buttonwood Warming Center and the chair is Gerry Pinto. The June monthly meeting has been cancelled. Special guest in July, Representative Tony Cabral. |
| Acushnet Heights Neighborhood Association |
| Meets the 3 rd Monday of the month. Currently, it is redeveloping. Meeting dates and times will be reported as they become available. |

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| Neighborhood United |
| Meets the 1 st 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. National Night Out, August 4th , come and join in on the planning. The chair of Neighborhood United is Susan Braga. |
| 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. 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. |
| 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. Now planning for Family Fun Day on June 20 th , 11-3PM on Ruth and Salsbury St. |
| 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. A new chair and co chair were elected at last month's meeting. |

Neighborhood Activities

National Night Out. Crime and drug prevention event . Food,, Fun,, Entertainment and Education, at the Alfred J. Gomes School, 286 South Second Street, New Bedford, MA,, 5:00-9:00 PM. **8/4**

Old Bedford Village Green Collar Jobs. Community informational meeting. New Bedford Public Library, 613 Pleasant St, New Bedford, MA. **8/4**

OBVD Go Green Campaign Discussions. Special guest from Weston Lucky Field Organics Community, 6:30 PM, Alfred J. Gomes School. **8/5**

Dedication of Teen Mural at Chadwick's Awards on County and Hillman Streets, 4:30 PM, **8/7**

Local Farmers Market. Wings Court. Enjoy fresh produce **8/6, 8/13, 8/20, & 8/27.**

Operation Clean Sweep: . 8:00-noon, Ward3, New Bedford. Pre-register @ (508) 979-1493. Volunteer info @ operationcleansweep.net **8/15**

Your're Invited! Kool Smiles Kool Karnival, Community Health Awarenesss Fair, 1:00-4PM, 137 Hathaway Rd. New Bedford, MA. 8/15

Census 2010

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."

Got a Beautiful Garden? Send a picture to Neighborhood Update/ Best Gardens Contest, 133 William St, New Bedford, MA. Winners will be selected in August. For more information call 508-979-1464.

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