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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

**The City of New
Bedford
dedicates park
to long Serving
neighborhood
leader**

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

At last summer has finally arrived. It is one of the most enjoyable times of the year in the City of New Bedford. Our parks, museums, beaches and neighborhoods will be busy with activities. Some of the neighborhood groups have held their family fun days but there are still more to come.

There is something to do in the city every weekend. There are wonderful new exhibits at the Whaling Museum The Azorean and Cape Verdean Maritime and the Sitting in New Bedford exhibits. Sitting in New Bedford is a display of various things that are part of our past and future. If you haven't been there in awhile you will enjoy all of the changes that have taken place.

There are festivals and many special events to enjoy, some are listed on the activities page of this newsletter. The weather has been great for those of you that are avid gardeners. The annual best garden contest is underway, remember to send your photos in, you might be a winner.

This summer residents and non-residents will be required to obtain beach permits. Information on the prices and how to obtain them are included in this newsletter.

We who are part of the neighborhood and community outreach unit at city hall: Nora Andino, John Lobo, Pauline Macedo, and myself congratulate Loretta Bourque for all that she has accomplished as a neighborhood leader and for being honored with the dedication of Loretta Bourque Park.

Enjoy the summer season!

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Neighborhood Spotlight

This is not the first time this newsletter has put the spotlight on this neighborhood leader, however her latest honor is worthy of recognition. On June 11, 2011 the City of New Bedford dedicated The Loretta Bourque Park to the active 91 year old neighborhood leader and founder of The Cove Street Neighborhood Association. Loretta is an example of commitment, and love for one's community. She still is a force who knows how to get things



Loretta Bourque

done. As neighborhood groups struggle today with membership, she is an example of the importance of neighborhood leadership and the ability to make accomplishments that will be long lasting. Neighborhood leaders have made many permanent changes in their neighborhoods through the assistance of small mini grants or through fundraisers. If you are interested in becoming more active in a neighborhood group in your area take a look at the neighborhood meeting schedule in this newsletter and attend a meeting.



Loretta Borque at the dedication

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

<p>Brook lawn Neighborhood Association</p>	<p>Goulart Square Improvement 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>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.. Contact your neighborhood leader for more information on its Annual fun day.</p>
<p>Hope VI Safety Watch</p>	<p>Bullard Street Neighborhood Association</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>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. For more info on the family fun day contact Kenny. Special guest this month will be Chief Provencher.</p>
<p>Acushnet Commons</p>	<p>Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association</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>Meets quarterly, at the Buttonwood Warming Center and the chair is Gerry Pinto. For more info email Gerry@safezones.org Contact your neighborhood leader for information on the annual fun day.</p>
<p>Mt Pleasant Neighborhood Association</p>	<p>Neighborhood United</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>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 call (508)858-9881.</p>
<p>Clarks Point Neighborhood Association</p>	<p>South Central South First</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.</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>Cove St. 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>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</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.



Children inside of the Bookmobile



Cape Verdean Flag Raising



The Bookmobile appeared to the delight of many children at Acushnet Heights Family Fun Day



OLOA Children's Dance Group @ City Hall

Did You Know?

The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford held its first service in 1708, four centuries ago. Did you know that from 1833-1834 Ralph Waldo Emerson, one of the great American literary writers of the 19th century, was an interim pastor.. The Unitarian Church today remains a liberal church committed to social justice. On July 4th 2011 the Unitarian Church held its 30th 4th of July Annual Jazz Service.

Consumer Tip Corner

The Massachusetts "Do Not Call" registry applies to telemarketing companies that operate in the commonwealth. While the national registry pertains to all telemarketing companies. Consumers should register on both lists to avoid calls. To register call 1-866-230 2255.

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...

Operation Clean Sweep- Save the Dates, 2011 schedule...

Ward 5, **July 16th**, Volunteers will meet at St Luke's Hospital and will receive a free cup of their award winning chowder Ward 3, **August 20th**, **Sept 17th**, Ward 4. **August 20th**, Ward 3, **Sept 17th**-Ward 4 Pre – register before the clean up, Call 508—979-1493

Artworks! Summer workshops, ages 6-18, July 5-August 26th. Scholarships available. Call 508-984-1588.

Foster Parent Training– Free training to offer information on how to become a foster parent to children in state custody, 100 N. Front Street, **Thursdays**, 6-8PM

Farmers Markets– Brooklawn Park begins July 11th on Mondays 2-7PM, Clasky Common-Opens July 9th, Saturdays, 9-1PM, Wings Court, Thursdays 2-6PM. Senior centers will have Farmer's market coupons available at all sites beginning Monday July 18th.

City Celebrates Summer Thursdays, www.ahanewbedford.org

50's Night Downtown, For more info call 508-971-6233, July 21, 2011

National Night Out at Gomes School, Includes food and fun activities, resource tables, unsung hero awards, music & entertainment, 4-8PM, **August 2, 2011**

97th Annual Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, www.portugueseifeast.com, **August 4-7**

The Feast of The Blessed Sacrament-The largest Portuguese feast in the world. Enjoy live music & entertainment, Portuguese & American food, 12PM-12AM, 50 Madeira Ave., New Bedford, Ma.**Aug. 4-7**

Kool Days, Dance, Art, Song, Games and Fun, for 4th and 5th grade girls and boys from Lincoln, Parker, Ashley & Swift Schools at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 169 Belleville Road, N.B. for more info contact Monica Castro 2(508)997-4889 Mon-Fri, 9-3PM, **Aug. 8-26th**.

7th Annual Working Waterfront Festival. For more information www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org

www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org, **Sept 24-25th**

BULLETIN BOARD

New Bedford Beaches-As of June 23, a \$5.00 summer season parking pass will be available to New Bedford residents and \$15 for non-residents. Parking at West Beach is only available with a season parking pass. Residents will need to provide a driver's license and vehicle registration to obtain the season pass. You can purchase your beach passes at the beaches or at City Hall in the City Clerk's office..

New Job Posting The City is looking to fill a new position – the Community Energy Coordinator. The most important requirement is that this person be deeply committed to New Bedford, to the environment, and to equity. And that they are able to think and act holistically. For more information please take a look at the Community Energy Coordinator Job Description:

http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/Personnel/jobs/Com_Energy_Coord.pdf.

Best Garden Contest ..

We're Coming To Your Garden

Neighborhood Update Cable Show wants to find and recognize three of the most beautiful home or community gardens in New Bedford.

To enter send a photo of your garden to:

Dept. of Community Services
C/O Best Gardens
133 William Street
New Bedford, Ma 02740

Photos will NOT be returned!
Winners selected on September 1st



**Beach & Fort Taber Parking
Fees Collected 8am-4pm**

**New Bedford Resident
Season Pass
\$5**

**New Bedford Resident
Daily Pass
\$1**

**Non-Resident Daily
Pass Only
\$15**

