



Mayor's Youth Council packing backpacks



# Neighborhood & Community News

## Special Edition

### Welcome to the Neighborhood!

As fall is upon us and the hustle and bustle of children settling back to school is behind us, there will be many youth related activities on the horizon. This edition of the newsletter will focus on youth related programming and opportunities. This is the time of year when we start to plan for the holiday season, which provides many opportunities to give to others. In this newsletter, we highlight ways in which young people can serve. Many of our schools are encouraging young people to get involved in community service opportunities. Students and teachers have found that these experiences enhance the lives of young people and help them to become better citizens. This year at the National Night out event, held at the Gomes School presented unsung hero awards to young people who are giving of themselves and their time to their community. Roosevelt Middle School invited 100 professional women of the city to have tea in their cafeteria with their students. The tables were set with china and the goodies were scrumptious. The women were escorted into the cafeteria by young boys in black suits and ties. A wonderful exchange on careers schools and various other topics occurred between the women and girls. These kinds of activities and more will continue this year. Lastly, if you are a young person with a great idea put it into action. You can collaborate with a nonprofit organization and apply for a mini-grant through the United Way. Many great ideas have come to life through mini grants.

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Elementary School



## Neighborhood Spotlight

This edition of Neighborhood and Community news is placing the spotlight on the public relations member of the Mayor's Youth Council. The members, appointed by the mayor are the eyes and ears on youth issues for the mayor. Any student can bring issues of concern to the Mayor's Youth Council. The council meets with the mayor and does the necessary follow up to resolve the issues.

Felicity Saucier is a senior at New Bedford High School and has been a member of the youth council for two years. She got involved because friends recommended that she join. I asked Felicity what she thought of young people involved in community service and she responded that it is incredibly important. It gives others a fresh perspective and together we can do a lot. Some of the projects that the Mayor's Youth Council is working on include a Veteran's Aid Drive. They are collecting necessary items like razors, shaving crème, deodorant, and other toiletries. They distributed 70 backpacks to school children in need. The backpacks included crayons pencils pens notebooks, binders, and dividers to keep them organized. This winter they will do their annual Coats for Kids for financially unstable families. Donations of new or gently used coats can be donated to the Mayor's Youth Council. When Felicity was asked what she learned from being a part of the mayor's youth council she responded, I have developed skills that I didn't know I had. I have become more articulate, more appreciative of people I work with, more self-confident and definitely have more pride in the city. It is gratifying to work on projects from infancy to completion.

# 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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| <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. For more info call (508)985-0995   |
| <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. For more info call (508)993-5337.   |
| <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. For more info call (508)991-5239.  |
| <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. For more info call (508)989-7487   |
| <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 Celeine Sarava. For more information contact celeine@verizon.net  |
| <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. For more info call (508)998-8830   |
| <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. Pick up the new Goulart Square newsletter at local businesses in the Goulart Square neighborhood. For more info call (508) 996-1594  |
| <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 next meeting will be August 19th The chair of this group is Ken Resendes, you can contact him at 774-201-9357.   |
| <b>Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association</b>  |
| Meets quarterly, at the Buttonwood Warming Center and the chair is Gerry Pinto. For more info email <a href="mailto:Gerry@safezones.org">Gerry@safezones.org</a>   |
| <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. For more info call (508)858-9881.   |
| <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. For more information contact Suzanne bee @aol.com or silva.l@comcast.net. All are welcome. Join in on the Halloween parade Oct 31, starting at Hazelwood Park to Clegg Field. Enjoy food,, entertainment ,and fun |
| <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. For more info, <a href="mailto:lorettasmil@earthlink.net">lorettasmil@earthlink.net</a> . Join in on the Halloween parade, Oct 31, starting @  |
| <b>West End Neighborhood Association</b>   |
| This is a newly formed neighborhood association in need of a leader to conduct the monthly meetings. If you have an interest in neighborhood organization call 508-979-1464 or 508-979-1692.   |

**Healthy Snacking Guidelines** Keep beverages healthy, Choose low fat milk, water, & low amts of 100% juice  
Avoid soda, sweetened juice drinks and sports drinks

**The New Bedford Whaling Museum-** Is seeking 10 motivated juniors and seniors from NBHS to participate in its Teen Apprenticeship Program, Sept-Jan, Feb-May, July-Aug. Applications can be obtained by contacting Robert Rocha (508) 717-6849

Interested in government & leadership. Call the Governor's Statewide Youth Council @ Office of Community Affairs @(617)725-4020

**Gifts to Give-** Is always looking for young people to be involved in their program of social justice, service learning, positive action, and community organizing. Call 508-717-8715 for more information.

**Our Sister's School-** Call for Volunteers, many opportunities

**North Star After School Programs, NBHS Hip Hop Club,** Using hip hop music and culture to increase social, artistic, and academic skills.

**Acushnet Heights Youth Club,** A safe haven for children of this neighborhood, contact North Star Learning Center for more information.

**NCOU Winter Food Drive-** Donate food items in the blue bin near the elevator at City Hall when paying your bills.

Go to [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov) and find volunteer opportunities under forms.

## Community Events

**Paper Shredding Day-**Bring your outdated documents and they will be destroyed

**Girls Exclusive-Tuesday & Thursdays October 19<sup>th</sup>, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 3-5PM @ Dennison Memorial Community Center.** Community Service, fundraising, Culture, Leadership, Field trips & More. For more information contact the YWCA at 508-990-2358 or [teenservices@ywcasema.org](mailto:teenservices@ywcasema.org)

**Contest for High School Juniors & Seniors-**The themes is honoring the contributions and achievements of women in US politics/civic life. You can submit a poster no larger than 22x28, a digital video or a 400-500 word essay. Go to [www.mass.gov/ago/womensequality](http://www.mass.gov/ago/womensequality) for details

**Brick by Brick- Creative Minds, Fall 2010.** Classes begin Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and end Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Music for the soul, Art for the mind & Girls Rule( for girls onlt). Transportation provided, call 508-990-9090

**Saturday Academy-** High quality, positive, out of school activities, an offering of The Department of Community Services for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade male students from Parker, Lincoln, & Swift schools. For more information contact Jason @ 774-634-5190

**Citizen's School-**After school enrichment program using volunteer community teachers at Keith and

On Education....

*Education is not the piling on of information, learning, data, facts, skills and abilities, that's training or instruction, but rather making visible what is hidden as a seed.*

Thomas Moore

New Bedford High School After Prom Committee- For every single household (parent/guardian or adult child who test drives one of the many 2010 and 2011 Ford vehicles that will be on hand, Ashley Ford will donate \$20 to New Bedford High School up to \$6000. Funds raised will go to the After Prom Committee, Oct. 23, 9AM-4PM.

*Off the Wall*



# BEST GARDENS CONTEST WINNERS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE



## 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE



**CONGRATULATIONS  
BEST GARDEN WINNERS 2010**