

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Charles W. Morgan

Descendants of Whaling Masters on page!

Cape Verdean Recognition Week

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Summer in New Bedford is always enjoyable and seemingly the shortest of all of the seasons. This summer has not been a disappointment thus far with the variety of activities for all. For your entertainment experience a live musical concert on Fridays in downtown New Bedford during lunch hours at the Custom House Square and in the evening on Pier #3. Many of the neighborhooders have applied for and were awarded mini grants to offset their programs. You can expect movie nights in the park within some of the neighborhoods which was such a big hit last summer that it is expanding to more city parks. The Annual Best Garden Contest sponsored by the Department of Community Services and Neighborhood Update cable show is under way. Residents should submit photos of their garden to Neighborhood Update, 133 William St, New Bedford MA. Winners will be selected on September 1st, don't delay, Send your photos or email them. Prizes will include gift certificates to area nurseries, an appearance in Neighborhood Update to share gardening and a plaque.

The last wooden whaling ship made its way back to New Bedford the homecoming nothing short of spectacular. Neighborhood United will be bringing back National Night Out after a one year break. This year the event will be at Riverside Park and you can find information at neighborhood-united.info under National Night Out. Lastly, the new trash program has got off to a good start neighborhood streets are looking much cleaner. We're getting better one neighborhood at a time. Enjoy Summer!

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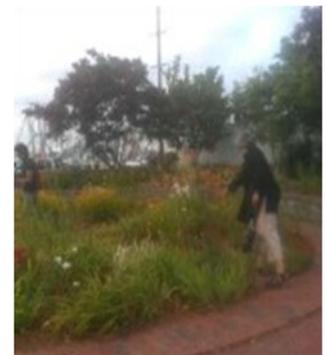
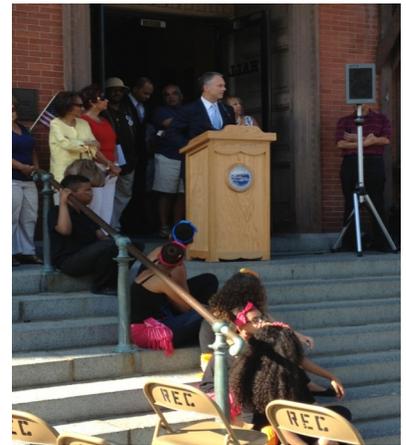


This up to date Night Out. and the

(Top rt.) Former City Solicitor Rita Arruda 's last day a work.

Neighborhood and Community Spotlight

There is much going on this summer from the design of a beautiful butterfly garden by children of the Gomes School in the South End to festivals in the parks, fitness in the parks, farmer's markets and more. Murals are adding historical, cultural and fun backdrops as you can see below. The New Bedford public art committee is doing its part to help keep the neighborhoods graffiti clean. The NB Beautiful committee is open to your ideas on beautification projects. They do not just create projects, they are planting and weeding in our parks and sidewalks and you can see some of their handiwork below. There is much to see and do this summer. Enjoy!



Top Rt. OLOA Dance Group perform at City Hall

Top rt. CV Flag Raising, Bottom Left to rt.- NB Beautiful photos.

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

<p>Brook lawn Neighborhood Association</p>	<p>Goulart Square Improvement Association</p>
<p>This group is restructuring and the location and meeting day is subject to change. No meetings scheduled at this time.</p>	<p>Will not be meeting until further notice.</p>
<p>Caroline St. Apts Neighborhood 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 Henry Bousquet. For more info call (508)989-7487.</p>	<p>This group meets at St. Anthony's Church on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Ken Resendes & Joy Trudeau. You can contact him at 774-201-9357. Next meeting is Sept. 25th.</p>
<p>Acushnet Commons//Wamsutta Apts.</p>	<p>Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association</p>
<p>This group meets as needed at the Wamsutta Apts. office at 6:30 PM. This group includes the Wamsutta apts. and the surrounding area. For more info on upcoming meetings call (508)991-5239.</p>	<p>No meetings until further advised.</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 at PACCA on Coggeshall St. The chair of Neighborhood United is Jerry Pinto. For more info or to present at a neighborhood united meeting call Jerry at 508-889-1752. Visit the Neighborhood United webpage at neighborhood-united.info Next meeting September 4 th.</p>
<p>Clarks Point Neighborhood Association</p>	<p>AJ Gomes Neighborhood Association</p>
<p>Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Waste Water Treatment Ctr. The chair of this group is Celeine Saraiva. For more information contact celeine@comcast.net.</p>	<p>Meets the last Tuesday of the month at the Gomes School at 6:30 PM. The chair of this group is Buddy Andrade. For more information contact Buddy at 508-993-8500. All are welcome. Next meeting Aug.26th.</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. July and August meetings cancelled.</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. Will meet in August, no Sept. meeting.</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.

Neighborhood Update's Best Garden Contest



We're Coming To Your Garden

Neighborhood Update Cable Show wants to find and recognize two 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!
Contest ends August 22nd.
Winners selected on September 1st

Bottom Right-Senior Community Gardening

Did You Know?

Captain John Theophilo Gonsalves, born December 16, 1858 on Brava, Cape Verde was the last Captain to sail on the Charles W. Morgan, the last wooden whaling vessel.

He was a cabin boy at the age of 11 and educated on the seas, advanced to being a Master of the seas. Many descendants of Captain Morgan reside in the city of New Bedford.



Cape Verdean Flag Raising

Consumer Tip Corner

The IRS scam has trapped many consumers and it is one that everyone should be aware of. The caller states that he is an investigator for the IRS and informs the consumer they owe a large sum of money to the IRS, and could be facing imprisonment if they do not comply with payment arrangements. The threat of prison is very frightening to most individuals and often time they panic without investigating the situation. This scam has found it's way to our community. If you are a victim of this scam or any other please contact the Local Consumer Program at 508-961-3136 .



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...

Coming to the Neighborhoods

Movie nights in the park for the whole family. Begins August 13th on Wednesday nights, 8:00-9:30PM . Check for the schedule at neighborhoods-united.info. Donations of pre-popped popcorn, powdered lemonade or Kool Aid, paper bags, and paper cups are needed. **To send donations call 508-889-1752.**

Field Day in the Park, Hazelwood Park, 10:30-@:00 PM. Enjoy food, fun, games and plenty of activity. This event is sponsored by NB Parks, recreation and Beaches, Neighborhood United and various youth serving agencies are partners. For questions, contact Alex Bettencourt with any questions at alex.bettencourt@newbedford-ma.gov, **Aug. 15th.**

Neighborhood Clean-Ups

Sunset Clean-UP— New Bedford citizens want to keep our beaches clean. Join Ian Abreu and volunteers to clean up West Beach 6-8PM, **August 11th,**

Operation Clean Sweep—Cleaning up our city one neighborhood at a time. Remaining dates: Ward 3, August 16th, Veteran's Transition House, 20 Willis Street, **Ward 4, Sept 20th** . Pre -register before the clean up, Call 508—979-1493 or visit the website at www.operationcleansweep.net

Tire & Car Battery Recycling Day, Shawmut Ave. Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Ave. An ID is required. Call Marissa at 508-979-1493 for all of your recycling needs.

Neighborhood Opportunities

Neighborhood's First-Single Family Home for Sale, 217 Cottage Street. Income guidelines are required. Open House Dates: August 2 (1-3PM) and Sat, August 9th (1-3PM), Sat, August 16th (1-3PM)

Neighborhood Services

Visit the new and improved Department of Community Services webpage for a variety of services. To add a neighborhood or community event to our community calendar call 508-961-3136 or 508-979-1464.

The New Bedford Local Consumer Program, Operates out of the City's Department of Community Services. Working in cooperation with the Attorney General's Office the LCP provides free information and mediation if a consumer is having problems with a business. The local consumer program provides information on auto repair suggestions, lemon laws, used car warranty laws, scams, identity theft, privacy rights, credit, debt collection, consumer rights, landlord tenant rights, and home improvements. For more information contact 508-961-3020 or 508-979-1464.

BULLETIN BOARD

State Primary-Vote—Registered voters unable to get to the polls on election day still have time to register for absentee ballots. The deadline is **August 20th.** The Election's Office will be open until 8PM. If you have questions on where to vote do not wait until you get to the polls call 508-979-1420 for any questions you might have. **State Primary, September 9, 2014.**

Got a Beautiful Garden? Neighborhood Update cable show wants to find and recognize three of the most beautiful home gardens in the City of New Bedford. To enter the contest send photos of your garden to Best Gardens, C/O Dept. of Community Services, 133 William Street, New Bedford, MA. (see flyer pg 4)

More Activities..

100th Feast OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS July 31-August 3, 2014. FOR A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, PLEASE Visit THE WEBSITE AT PORTUGUESE FEAST.COM.

For Seniors

City of New Bedford Travel Program. For all seniors 50 +years of age. New Bedford seniors travel program. For information call 508-991-6171. Great trips coming up!

For Children and Young Adults:

Annual Portuguese Feast Parade, The parade will step off from Brooklawn Park on Acushnet Avenue at 3PM and will proceed south on Acushnet Avenue ending at the Madeira Field. **Aug. 3rd.**

New Bedford Latino Festival– August 7th-Flagraising at 4PM at City Hall Plaza, **August 9th and 10th** at Hazel wood Park, 12PM-8PM. New this year, the parade will step off at 11:00 AM from the parking lot of third district court on **Sun August 10th.** Enjoy great food entertainment and fun. For more information call Angie at 508-617-6990.

New Bedford Andrea McCoy Recreation Center. Summer programs are now in session. Call and visit the recreation center on 181 Hillman St, bldg #3 and receive a booklet on a variety of summer programs, 508-961-3015.

Volunteer Opportunities– Visit or call the Department of Community Services for listings and information on volunteer opportunities within the community. Make a difference in your community. Call 508-961-3020

Destination New Bedford Ambassadors are needed!!. Do you love the city you and interested in sharing your knowledge of the community? Friendly, enthusiastic locals are needed to welcome visitors and guide and assist with general tourist inquiries. For further details or to sign up email krystol.gilbert@newbedford-ma.gov



Above: Children assisting with gardening.



Custom House Square in full bloom.