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Welcome To The Neighborhood

Fall is here and always on time as indicated by the cool nights. It has its own beauty as displayed in the colorful mums pictured on this page.

School is back in session. In the picture to the right, are students from Voke Tech High School who organized a public forum in September to resolve on-going issues. Many leaders from the community came out to listen and lend support to help the school and students move forward.

It's election season. Please exercise your right to vote! Some of the neighborhood leaders will be hosting candidate debates.

Remember to visit the City of New Bedford's webpage for all of the many activities in New Bedford at www.newbedford-ma.gov/calendar. **You can add your events to the city calendar by going to www.newbedford-ma.gov/calendar/**

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Community Spotlight

In the last edition the spotlight was on two community services employees, Pauline Macedo and Shelley Carvalho. None of us expected that a month later we would say a final good-bye to our friend and co-worker. Shelley Carvalho, who came to her untimely demise on Aug. 7th 2015. Shelley, aside from the skills she brought to the office as a project manager and trained mediator, brought smiles, laughter, and joy into the lives of many. We miss her greatly. She will always be in the hearts of her Community Services Family. **February 15, 1958-August 7, 2015**

Consumer Tip

New Bedford has partnered with Good Energy the national leader in municipal aggregation, who has assisted over 2 million people in saving money on their electric bills, through bulk purchasing. Aggregation simply put, is group purchasing which provides very low rates. Do not change your utility provider yet. Many are locking customers into two year contracts with high cancellation fees. Buyer Beware.

Did You Know

Do you know the people who many of our squares and monuments are named for? Baylies Square, for example, in the north end is named for Lieutenant Frank Leaman Baylies. He was a World War 1 flying ace. He is credited with 12 aerial victories and it is believed there may have been 8 more. He was born on September 23, 1895 in New Bedford. He joined the French aviation in May of 1917. He died on June 17 1918 when his plane was shot down. He was awarded the highest medals of honor. He was admired as a man of valor even by the enemy. He died at the young age of 22.



Above: Student Forum at Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School. Below: Shelley Carvalho.



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What's New in the Neighborhoods

This year is an election year and there is plenty of activity and signs all over the city. Many of the neighborhood groups are inviting councilor-at-large candidates or prospective Ward Councilors to their meetings to discuss hot topics. In the picture to the right, Far North End leaders, Bob and Peggy Souza are holding signs outside of the AJ Gomes School. The Candidates Night was sponsored by AJ Gomes Neighborhood Association. This group will host another Candidates Night the end of October.



Bob & Peggy Souza & Councilor Morad @ Candidate Night-Gomes School

Municipal aggregation will be coming to New Bedford this fall, in time for the winter season. Representatives from the New Bedford Office of Energy will be visiting all of the neighborhood groups and hosting community meetings to educate the public on this great energy savings opportunity. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about this money saving offering. For more information call New Bedford Energy Now at 508-991-6193.

Cove St Neighborhood Association will host its annual halloween party and parade on October 31st. It departs from Hazelwood Park at 7:00 PM. Its annual tree lighting ceremony will be December 4th between Salisbury and Ashley Street.

Neighborhood Watch

“Life's most persistent and urgent question is What are you doing for others?”

MLK

The Cove St Neighborhood Association has changed back to its original meeting day and location, which is the first Monday of the month, at New Bedford Demolition and Salvage on Cove St, 6:00 PM.

The Rockdale Neighborhood Association has changed its name to Buttonwood Park Area/Historic District Neighborhood Association .

A new group has formed in the South End and it is called the New Verdean Garden Neighborhood Association. They will meet monthly and this group is a resident association. Meetings currently will be facilitated by Buddy Andrade.

Neighborhood Clean-up



Please don't place the following in your recycling carts; trash, electronics, needles, or syringes, hazardous waste, food or liquid, diapers, wood, pillows or clothing. There are many drop off spots around the city for clothes.

Make sure you clean all recyclable bottles and containers. Not cleaning these items will cause maggots. Additionally, the plastic containers for plant and mums are not recyclable. You can put them in your garage cart. While glass bottles and jars are recyclable, broken glass ceramics, such as dishes, drinking glasses, light bulbs, mirrors, pyrex cookware are not recyclable.

Recycling is now mandatory for everyone in the City of New Bedford. City inspectors will be inspecting trash and recycling carts. A garbage cart overflowing is a sure sign that a resident isn't recycling. For your recycling questions visit the link on page 4, or call 508-979-1493.



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community-services](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-services)

There is representation at neighborhood meetings from City Hall, the Police Dept, the District Attorney's Office, Community Services, City Councilors, and others.

The Department of Community Services advocates for and offers programs to New Bedford residents with an emphasis on culturally diverse, disabled senior and youth populations. Projects include adult literacy, out of school activities, consumer mediations, elder services and the American with Disabilities' Act compliance, The Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, Council on Aging Board, & Human Relations Commissions are within this department. The department works with neighborhood and community/ faith- based groups. Our staff is Spanish and Portuguese Speaking.

Additional Community Links You Should Know:

www.neighborhood-united.info

www.newbedford-ma.gov/taskforce

www.newbedford-ma.gov/parks-recreational-beaches

<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/facilities-fleet-management/solid-waste-recycling/>

www.neighborhood-ma.gov/community-development

[www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-services/
divisions/human-services/human-relations-](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-services/divisions/human-services/human-relations-)

Neighborhood United Meeting Schedules

Brooklawn Neighborhood Association–
Not meeting until further notice.

Cove St Neighborhood Association–
Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the New England demolition and salvage. Contact: Loretta Bourque. Upcoming meetings are **Oct 5, & Nov. 2. Annual tree lighting Dec. 4, 2015 at Loretta Bourque Park on Salisbury and Ashley Streets.**

Mt Pleasant Neighborhood Association–
Meets the last Wednesday of each month at Sacred Heart church community room. Contact: Henry Bousquet–
hoek7@aol.com. Upcoming meetings are **Oct. 28. 7 Nov, 25.**

Clarks Point Neighborhood Association–
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Waste Water Treatment Center. Contact: Celeine Saraiva-

Celeine1@comcast.net. Upcoming meetings are **Oct. 21. 7 Nov. 18.**

Far North End Neighborhood Association– Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Pulaski School. Contact: Bob and Peggy Souza. Upcoming meetings are: **Oct. 13th. & Nov. 10. Annual tree lighting ceremony, 6:30 Dec. 13th.**

Bullard St Neighborhood Meeting–
Meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30PM at St Anthony's Church. Contact: Ken Resendes and Joy Trudeau. Upcoming meetings are: **Oct. 5.& Nov. 2. Annual tree lighting Dec. 12, 6:30 at Riverside Park.**

Neighborhood United–Meeting schedule has changed. Contact: Jerry Pinto. Meetings will be held every other month. Next meeting **Nov.5th.**

AJ Gomes Neighborhood Association–
Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Gomes School. Contact: Buddy Andrade at 508-993-8500. Upcoming meetings are: **Oct 27. & Nov. 24th**

Hope VI/Caroline Apts. Meets the Second Tuesday of each month at the Caroline St Apts. Contact; Henry Bousquet-
hoek7@aol.com. Upcoming meetings are: **Oct. 13, & Nov.10.**

Buttonwood Park Historic District/ Neighborhood Association– Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM at **New** the Buttonwood Senior Center. Upcoming meetings: **Oct 7, & Nov. 4th.**

New Verdean Garden Neighborhood Association, Meets the third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is Oct.21.

Neighborhood Activities



Above Left: Family Fun Day at Wamsutta Apts.

Acushnet Common/Wamsutta Apts— Meets as needed at the Wamsutta Apts. For more info call Tova Rea at 508-991-5329.

Taber Mills Resident Council Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4PM, in the Taber Mills community room. Upcoming meetings are **Oct .20 & Dec. 8.**

Neighborhood Working Group— meets at the former Ingraham School. Contact: Jackie Pina , 774-328-9925

ext 37. Call for meeting information.

CCT— Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores.

This group advocating for better conditions for Central American Workers, meets on Wednesdays at 6PM at their center on 1532 Acushnet Ave. Contact: Adrian Ventura.

Invest In Kids, After School Programs:**Kool Notes Rodman School**, Creative Writing, Music and Singing, Oct. 15, 2015-June

2016, 2:30-5:00PM, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 884 Kempton St. **Thursday's only.** (Ask your school for an application), **Kool Days— Congdon, Campbell, Lincoln & Rodman Schools** Oct. 13, 2015-June7, 2016, 2:30-5:00PM, Grades 4&5 - Hazelwood Senior Ctr. 553 Brock Ave. Transportation provided at the school bus stop @ 2:30PM. Students returned at 5:10PM. **Tuesdays & Fridays only Butterfly Program**— Arts, Craft, & Dance. Oct. 7, 2015-June 8, 2016, 2:30-5:00PM, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 169 Belleville Rd. **Wednesday's only.**

What's Going On

Fort Taber Dance Series:

Dance to live music from 1:00-4:00 PM on selective Sunday afternoons: **Nu Sounds -Oct. 11, 2015-Billy Couto and the After Hours, Nov. 1, 2015, Rick Medeiros Combo, Nov. 15, 2015-Meadow-Larks Combo, Nov. 22, 2015-Final Concert TBD, Dec. 6, 2015. Free Admission,**

events are sponsored by City of New Bedford, Jon Mitchell Mayor & John R. Lopes, Music Director.

New Bedford Farmers Market Located at Brooklawn Park every Monday from 2-6PM, now through October. Custom House Square every Thursday from 2-6PM, and Clasky Common every Saturday from 9AM-1PM

Candidates Night- AJ Gomes Neighborhood Association will host the 2nd one on Oct. 27, 6:00-9:00 PM at Gomes School.

New Bedford Senior Travel Club, Wrentham Mall, Nov. 16-\$21.00. Lunch on your own. Call 805-991-6171 for reservations. Not too early to start Christmas shopping.

“We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men”
Herman Melville

What's New In Community Services

The New Bedford Commission for Citizens with Disabilities has made safety lights available to city residents with motorized wheelchairs or scooters, to help improve safety for operators and motorists. It is mandatory that the lights are installed on the wheelchairs and scooters. There will be a \$25.00 fine for those who do not comply. Lights are avail-

able at a cost of \$5.00. Please call community Services.

New Bedford Human Relations Commission whose purpose is to promote mutual understanding and respect among, and encourage and assure equality of opportunity for all people of the city without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex,

sexual orientation or national origin, is proud to be a sponsor of the film, *Hineini*, by local producer, Idit Klein. The commission hopes the film and discussion to follow will educate the public on issues of inclusion and acceptance which often cause conflict among groups. This film is free to the general public.

HINEINI:
COMING OUT IN A JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL
Free public screening followed by a Community open forum/ discussion lead by film producer and New Bedford native, Idit Klein, the executive director of Keshet.



Hineini (Hebrew for "Here I am") chronicles the story of one student's courageous fight to establish a gay-straight alliance at a Jewish High School in the Boston area and the transformative impact of her campaign on everyone involved.

Sunday, October 11, "National Coming Out Day"
2pm-6pm at the Tifereth Israel Congregation
145 Brownell Avenue, New Bedford
(Parking entrances on Brownell Avenue or Hawthorne Street)
Refreshments will be served.

Keshet is a national grassroots organization that works for the full equality and inclusion of LGBT Jews in Jewish life.
In grateful appreciation to the sponsors: The City of New Bedford Human Relations Commission and Tifereth Israel Congregation

“When Strangers start acting like neighbors... communities are invigorated” **Ralph Nadar**