

NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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Welcome To The Neighborhood

There's no better time in the City of New Bedford than the summer season. Like beautiful flowers the beauty of the city continues to blossom. There is always something to do, a festival, or family fun day, or perhaps a family movie night in the park. Neighborhood United will host the popular "movie night" series this year, in partnership with New Bedford Parks, Recreation and Beaches. New this summer, in the south end of the city, is the enjoyment that can be found through the Harbor Walk. To the far right is a picture of the 54th MA. Volunteer Infantry Regiment Mural, recently displayed on the Freestone's building in Downtown New Bedford. You can access Summer activities and more at www.newbedford-ma.gov/calendar. You can also add your events to the calendar.

Enjoy Summer!

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Community Spotlight

Pauline Macedo, Senior Ombudsperson, and Shelley Carvalho, Associate Project Manager, for the Department of Community Services recently participated in Boston University's Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research. Each received a certificate for successful completion of 19 accredited continuing education credits in aging and disabilities.

Pauline has provided direct services to the elder population for 15 years. Shelley Carvalho is also a Shine Counselor for the Council On Aging, providing assistance with medical forms. outreach and referral.

Consumer Tip

Beware this summer season of solicitors at your door wanting to pave your driveway on the spot. This scam is directed primarily at the elderly. Although they will tell you they have the best price around, the final bill will be costly, and the work is shoddy. If they come to your door, do not respond. If they will not leave and you might feel threatened call your local police. For consumer complaints and inquiries contact the Local Consumer Program at 508-979-1693.

Did You Know

When a whaling captain, William Whitfield, rescued a shipwrecked boy, (Manjiro) from a bleak island off the coast of Japan and brought him home to the New Bedford/ Fairhaven area, he initiated an international relationship between families and nations that has survived for over 150 years. Manjiro eventually returned to Japan where he raised a family. A sister city was established with Japan. Over the years a Japanese American Festival commemorating Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America was created.



54th Infantry Regiment Mural

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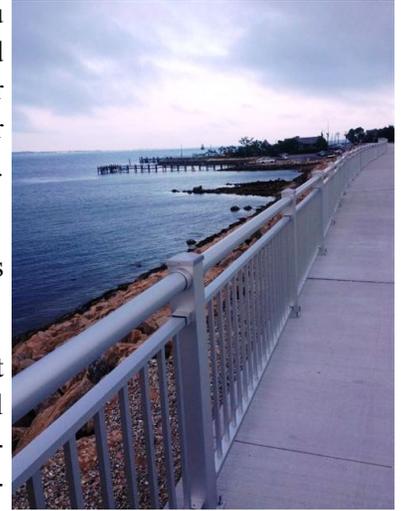
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What's New in the Neighborhoods

In the south end of the city, on Cove St., you will find the Harbor Walk. We caution you to be very careful as the railing is installed on the right side and not yet fully installed on the outer side. The Harbor walk provides visitors and residents with a spectacular view of Buzzard's Bay. The walkway is wide enough to walk your dog(remember your pooper scooper) or to run, bike, or just sit out there and gaze at a sunset or sunrise. This is something that residents will appreciate for a lifetime.

Movie nights have started and are bigger than ever. You can catch a movie at various locations. The schedule is listed on page 3.

National Night Out, annual family fun and anti crime event, will be held for the first time at the Paul Walsh Field. Last year, it was at Riverside Park. The annual event will be on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015. There will be entertainment and plenty of family fun activity. Community Agencies interested in having Resource tables and activities for children should contact Jerry Pinto, event chairman, at 508-889-1752. Organizations are expected to provide their own resource tables.



The Harbor Walk on East Rodney French Blvd.

Neighborhood Watch

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

There are some changes to the existing neighborhood schedule. For current meeting information you can check the community services calendar of events on its webpage. The neighborhood united meeting schedule is also included in this newsletter. Neighborhood United will not meet in August. Neighborhood United will start meeting every other month instead of each month.

for others?”

The Rockdale Neighborhood Association which has not been meeting for quite some time has started meeting again under new leadership. The first couple of meetings have been well attended. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Buttenwood Senior Center. All neighborhood residents welcome!

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Neighborhood Clean-up



Upcoming Operation Clean-Up Dates:- August 15th– Ward 3, September 19th-Ward 4. Volunteering is a great way to earn your community service hours.

Paper Shredding Day-Was held on May 9th and was the busiest one we've ever hosted. The next Shred Day will be September 26, 9-12PM, at the City Hall parking lot. Start collecting.

Recycling is now mandatory for everyone in the City of New Bedford. City inspectors will be inspecting trash and recycling carts. A warning will be issued for the first violation. On the second violation a fine of \$25.00 will be issued. Fines will increase after the second offense. For your recycling questions visit the link on page 4, or call 508-979-1493.

Neighborhood Activities



Loretta Bourque and Councillor Linda Morad

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 **Aug. 11, Sept. 8th.**

Neighborhood Working Group— Lead by Jackie

Pina this group meets at the former Ingraham School. Call Jackie for information at 774-328-9925 ext 37.

National Night Out, Tuesday August 4, 2015 at Riverside Park, 5-8PM, a family fun event. **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.

Movie Night Schedule:

Harrington Park, Court & Liberty St, across from the Hathaway School. Aug. 12th

AJ Gomes School Playground, Corner of South & South 2nd. Street. August 19th

Dottin Place-NBHA, 8 Amanda Ave. Aug. 26th. All movies start between 7:30 PM & 8:30PM. Free movie, popcorn & drink.

Downtown Movie Night, Aug. 28,th, Custom House Sq., Showing Finding Nemo and ET, 7:30 & 9:30 PM.

What's Going On

Summer Nights Concert Schedule. Series sponsored by the City of New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, All concerts are 6:15-7:45 PM outdoors at the Buttonwood Park Senior Center. **Aug 6**— Billy Couto & After Hours, Aug. 12—Nu Sound—starts at 6:30, **Aug. 19**—Jack Gomes Ensemble, **Aug, 26th**—Meadow-Larks(Swing Band & Dance Party. Bring

your lawn chairs or blankets.

New Bedford Farmers Market opened June 15th and will be 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.

Jazz at the Gardens: Music

for the Soul, at the Allen c. Haskell Public Gardens, 787 Shawmut Ave. New Bedford, MA, 6– 8:30PM.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Inc. Annual Cookout, 12:00-3:30PM, Buttonwood Park, New Bedford, MA. Contact: Brenda Grace @ 508-996-0168. August 22, 2015.

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples”

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. To assist with

compliance, The Commission for Citizens with Disabilities has made the lights available at a cost of \$5.00. The lights are available at the Department of Community Services. Residents may request a light by calling the department at 508-979-3136. At the time of installation, residents will also be offered a free reflective safety flag at no cost. Call today while the

lights are still available at minimal cost.

The New Bedford Face to Face Mediation Program and the Local Consumer Program received funding from the Attorney General's Office for fiscal year 2016. Both programs provide valuable services to consumers including education, referral, and mediation.



The Wishing Rock, at the Handicap Assessable Playground. A project of the Department of Community Services.



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There is representation at neighborhood meetings from City Hall, the Police Dept, the District Attorney's Office, Community Services, City Councillors, 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/

Neighborhood United Meeting Schedules

Brooklawn Neighborhood Association-

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM at the Brooklawn Community Center. Contact: Jerry Pinto-jerry@safezoneskids.gmail.com This group will not be 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 **Aug. 31, & Oct 5.**

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 **Sept. 26, & Oct. 28.**

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 **Aug. 19, Sept 16, & Oct. 21.**

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: **Sept. 8th, & Oct. 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: **Sept. 7, & Oct. 5.**

Neighborhood United-Meeting schedule has changed. Contact: Jerry Pinto.

Meetings will be held every other month beginning on **Sept. 3, & 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: **Aug 25, Sept 29, & Oct 27.**

Hope VI/Caroline Apts. Meets the Sec-

ond Tuesday of each month at the Caroline St Apts. Contact; Henry Bousquet-[,hoek7@aol.com](mailto:hoek7@aol.com). Upcoming meetings are: **Sept. 8, Oct. 13, & Nov.10.**

Rockdale Neighborhood Association-

Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Buttonwood Senior Center. Upcoming meetings: **Aug 5, Sept. 2. Special guest, Scott Downing.**