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P R E S S R E L E A S E

New Bedford to Celebrate the Holiday Season with Many Festive Community Events!

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The following community events will take place throughout the City of New Bedford during the month of December in celebration of the holiday season:

Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Friday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Park on the corner of Ruth Street and Salisbury Street

Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll

Date and Time: Saturday, December 6th
and Sunday, December 7th from noon to 4
p.m.

Location: Downtown New Bedford

During the first weekend in December,

Downtown New Bedford will be bustling with holiday spirit, shoppers, families and festive activities. On Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Downtown New Bedford Inc., will present the Annual Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll. Artisans, crafters, restaurants, specialty shops and boutiques will come together to create a unique holiday shopping experience. The two-day event is organized by Downtown New Bedford Inc., and aims to encourage holiday shoppers to buy local. <http://www.downtownnb.org/>



City of New Bedford Official Christmas Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Saturday, December 6th at 4:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Plaza

Join Mayor Jon Mitchell and Elected Officials for this festive annual event!

At 4:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will join the New Bedford High School and All-City Middle School Marching Bands and Color Guard for a parade up William Street to the Library steps. At 5:00 p.m. Mayor Jon Mitchell will welcome all for the City's official Tree Lighting Ceremony. New this year – special entertainment and a holiday surprise!

Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park

Date and Time: Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Clasky Common Park at County and Pope Streets

Join the countdown celebration to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park. Members of the Parker Elementary School chorus will perform and Santa Claus is expected to join the celebration.

Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Sunday, December 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Fire Station # 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue

Harrington Park Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Harrington Park located at Court Street and Tremont Street (across from Hathaway School)

Brooklawn Park Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 17th at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Brooklawn Park (1997 Acushnet Avenue)

South End Business Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Thursday, December 11th 4:15 p.m. book reading, 5:30 p.m. tree lighting

Location: Howland Green Library, 3 Rodney French Boulevard

Ashley Park Tree Lighting

Date: Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ashley Park on the corner of Rivet Street and Bolton Street

Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Riverside Park on the corner of Belleville Avenue and Tallman Street

Saturday, December 13

Custom House Square Holiday Celebration

Dates: Saturday, December 13th and Saturday, December 20th

Location: Custom House Square (Intersection of William Street and Acushnet Avenue in the Historic Downtown)

Get ready for the holiday season with an array of holiday activities in Custom House Square.

Including: Free horse drawn carriage rides (12-2pm & 3-5pm), carolers in the Historic District (12 – 1:30 pm), visit with Santa Claus (1-3pm).

Take pictures on the big red sled and experience many more activities!

NEW THIS YEAR:

Celebrate the Holiday Season all month long!

Saturday, December 6

City of New Bedford Tree Lighting

Special entertainment and a holiday surprise!

*Saturday, December 13
and Saturday, December 20*

Horse drawn carriage rides, carolers in historic downtown, and much more!

Annual Santa Sightings 5K Fun Run and Walk!

Date and Time: Sunday, December 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Race starts at City Hall in Downtown New Bedford,
133 William Street

Last year, nearly 1,700 runners in Santa suits participated in this family-oriented run through the historic city of New Bedford.

Visit <http://www.thesightings.com/event/santa-sightings/> for more information or to register to participate!



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