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

City Celebrates New Year's Eve!

Bid farewell to 2014 and ring in the New Year in New Bedford with FREE programming from 5-8:30pm!

New Bedford, Massachusetts – New Bedford area residents are invited to enjoy an evening full of free family-friendly programming on New Year's Eve in Downtown New Bedford to bid farewell to 2014 and ring in the New Year!

Festivities will commence at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, with an Ecumenical Service at the Seamen's Bethel, followed by entertainment by harpist Eva Macfarlane from 6-7pm.

Program highlights throughout the evening include:

- The best Toe Jam Puppet Band concerts at 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 pm at the YMCA!
- Oceans 18 Mini Golf course at Custom House Square 5-8 pm (weather permitting)
- Amazing street performers, stilt walkers, jugglers and fire-eaters
- Costumed portrayals from the Whaling Era by the New Bedford Preservation Society and activities with the 1850's Ladies at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park
- Music with DJ Anghelli in Wings Court 5-8pm
- West African Drum Ensemble "Kekeli" and Brett Sylvia Puppetry at State Pier– Ferry Terminal 7-8:30pm
- Ensemble Events Photo Booth at Custom House Square – take home a New Year's Eve picture!
5pm- 8pm (*NOTE: Inclement weather - photo booth will be at the Art Museum, 608 Pleasant Street*
5pm – 7:30pm)



**DON'T MISS THE
FIREWORKS
ON THE WATERFRONT
AT 8:30PM**

- Batcud So Da, Cape Verdean Drum Corp performing around Custom House Square 5:30-6:30pm
- Bill Harley, children's entertainer and storyteller, at the Whaling Museum 5:30 – 6:
- And so much more ...

New Bedford's New Year's Eve festivities will culminate with a spectacular fireworks display on the waterfront at 8:30PM.

For more information and a complete list of New Year's Eve events visit www.DestinationNewBedford.org/holidays

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