

NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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Welcome To The Neighborhood

CPA funds and a grant called Wicked Cool Places is improving neighborhoods. City parks are being enhanced, murals and art can be viewed on public and private buildings making the city more vibrant and colorful, and bringing a sense of cultural pride to the neighborhoods. Look for the changes as your out and about.

In the West End there was a ribbon cutting for the West End Playground which was recently improved at the end of the summer. Over 100 residents attended the cook-out throughout the day and residents are pleased with the improvements made to the Park.

Census 2020 is upon us and outreach and promotion around the importance of getting an accurate count is underway. The Census also provides great paying temporary jobs, visit www.census.gov for more information.

Enjoy Fall,

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Community Spotlight

It is very important that every resident exercises their constitutional right to vote. There have been several debates sponsored by longtime neighborhood leader, Buddy Andrade. Debates were held in all parts of the city. Voting Day is November 5th.!!

K-9 Sgt Sean M. Gannon Memorial Playground was formally dedicated at Campbell Elementary School. Officer Gannon grew up across the street from the School and was killed in the line of duty April 12, 2018.

Consumer Tip

Census 2020 is coming outreach has already begun. Beware of Scams to get your personal information. The Census will never ask you for your social security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, money or donations.

Did You Know

The New Bedford Preservation Society is pleased to present New Bedford Artist and Artisans Rural Cemetery Tours. Historic portrayals in period costume will take place at several of the grave sites. Many of New Bedford's internationally famous artist and artisans are buried there. A re-conditioned monument of Abolitionist, Captain Daniel Drayton who is buried there is now at the cemetery.



Debate Night at Gomes School.



Downtown New Bedford

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What's New in the Neighborhoods



Pictured to the right is the beautiful senior garden at Temple Landing . The gardens located on the nicely groomed and maintained property has colorful raised beds and lovely flowers in wooden boxes hanging on fences and planted within some of the beds. These gardens were established by seniors living at Temple Landing and they take good care maintaining and caring for the garden. Costal Foodshed drops by monthly to sell local produce from local farms. A great initiative bringing healthy food to the community.

Neighborhood Watch

To the right is a picture from this year's National Night Out which was held at Ashley Park. The event was scheduled earlier due to the Triple E threat. The number of attendees was still very good. Ashley Park looks great. Many city Parks have gone through some renovation. CPA funds are helping to beautify the City of New Bedford. Wicked Cool Places is a City Grant in which proposals are submitted by artist, businesses and organizations to enhance a building or area in the City with the display of Public Art.



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is , What are you doing for others."

MLK

Neighborhood Clean-up



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. All recyclables must fit in the container provided. For your recycling questions visit the link on page 4, or call 508-979-1493.

Palmer's Island Lighthouse is located in the Acushnet River at the entrance to the New Bedford Harbor. There will be a clean-up on Saturday, November 9, 2019 10AM to 1 PM. If interested volunteers will meet at the east end of Gifford Street. Gloves and bags will be provided. Be sure to wear protective footwear, sunscreen, bring your own water bottle, and wear appropriate clothing. For more information contact: Sarah Porter at 508.991.6188.



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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 Tuesday of each month at Howland Green Library. Contact: Celeine Saraiva. Upcoming meetings are: **Nov. 12 (due to election)& Dec. 3rd. Annual tree lighting Dec. 6, 2019 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: George Ferreira. Upcoming meetings are: **Nov. 27 & Jan 29.**

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: **Nov. 20, & Dec. 18.**

Bullard St Neighborhood Meeting

– Meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30PM at Global Charter School. Contact: Ken Resendes and Joy Trudeau. Upcoming meetings are: **Dec. 2& Jan 6.**

NeighborhoodUnited–Meeting schedule has changed. Contact: Jerry Pinto at 508-889-1752. Meetings will be held as needed.

AJ Gomes Neighborhood Associ-

ation.– Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Gomes School. Contact: Buddy Andrade at 508-993-8500. Upcoming meetings are: **Nov. 19 & Dec. 17.**

Buttonwood Park Historic District/ Neighborhood Association

– Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Buttonwood Senior Center. Contact: Naomi Carney. Upcoming meetings: **Nov. 26 & Dec. 4.**

West End Neighborhood Association

– Meets the second Monday of the month at Temple Landing Community Room at 6PM. Contact: Kenneth Houtman. Upcoming meetings: **Nov. 11 & Dec. 9.**

Neighborhood Activities



Above Left: Photo from National Night Out 2019.

Election Day is Nov. 5, 2019, VOTE.

Absentee ballots are now available until November 4th.

Fort Taber Dance Series:

Nov. 17— Billy Couto and the After Hours

Dec. 1,—Mike Moran Combo. All events 1-4PM on select Sundays

Watch Neighborhood Update weekly, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday on Channel 18, 11:00AM and 7:30 PM features programs and activities in the City of New Bedford with host Marci Pina Christian.

Holiday Stroll, Saturday Nov. 30th, 12-5PM. Shop local, support Downtown New Bedford small businesses.

Downtown Tree Lighting, Nov. 30th at 5PM, Downtown Library.

Clasky Tree Lighting Dec. 8, at 5PM.

Cove St Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 6th at 5:30PM at The Loretta Bourque Park.

Pictured below are trick or treaters in Downtown New Bedford. This event was sponsored by Downtown New Bedford Inc. on the Saturday before Halloween.



What's Going On

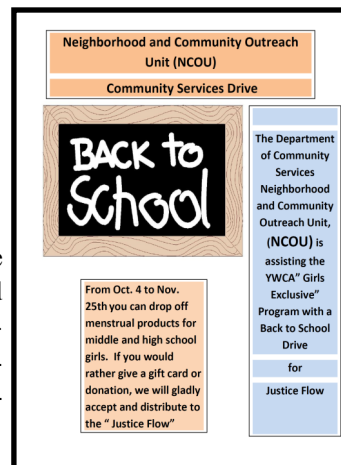
Apply on-line for Census jobs in New Bedford. For more information call 1-855-JOB-2020 or apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs.

Senior Travel Program: Back Roads of Central MA., 1761 Old Mill Restaurant/Kringle Candle Company/Idylwilde Farms Nov. 6

The Christmas Festival Boston's Seaport World Trade Center, Nov. 8th.

The Boston Pops Christmas performance, Dec. 6th.

The Justice Flow Project (see flyer) has been extended through the end of November. You can drop off products in Room 113 from 8:00-4:00PM at City Hall.



What's New In Community Services

October is Dispute Resolution Week. The New Bedford face to Face Mediation Program is an adult resolution program funded by the Office of the Attorney General. The Program which provides mediation to five district courts: Wareham New Bedford, Fall River, Taunton and Attleboro,

provides mediation for disputes and also summary process or eviction cases. In the month of August the program reached a record high in receiving an agreement rate of 81% for cases mediated in the month of August.

The FTFMP also recently

received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Massachusetts Trial Court at an event held. For more information on the program call 508-979-1464. If interested in having a presentation for your group or organization please call our local office located at 133 William St, Room #113.



"When Strangers start acting like neighbors, communities are invigorated." - Ralph Nader