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PRESS RELEASE

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 4th at 5:00 p.m.

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

Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll

Date and Time: Saturday, December 5th 12:30-4pm and Sunday, December 6th 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 5th and Sunday, December 6th from 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. [2015 Holiday Stroll Guide](#)

City of New Bedford Official Christmas Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Saturday, December 5th at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Pleasant Street in Front of Main Library Downtown
Join Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford City Councillors and the New Bedford community for this festive annual event!



At 4:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will lead a parade up William Street to the Main Library. The parade will feature the award-winning New Bedford High School Marching Band and the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard. At 5:00 p.m. Mayor Jon Mitchell will welcome all for the City's official Tree Lighting Ceremony. This event will include live entertainment, a light show and a vocal performance by special guest, Samantha Johnson!!

Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park

Date and Time: Sunday, December 6th 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!

Monty Park Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Monday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Monte Park located at Acushnet Avenue and Cannon Street

South End Business Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Thursday, December 10th 5:00 p.m. tree lighting

Location: Howland Green Library, 3 Rodney French Boulevard

Ashley Park Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Saturday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Sunday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fire Station # 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue

Brooklawn Park Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Monday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Brooklawn Park (1997 Acushnet Avenue)

Harrington Park Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

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

Custom House Square Holiday Celebration

Dates: Saturday, December 12th and Saturday, December 19th

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS
NEW BEDFORD 2015
*Family Friendly Fun
Throughout the Month of December!*

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN CUSTOM HOUSE SQUARE
Part of the Seaport Cultural District
SAT. 12/12 & 12/19, NOON-5PM

- Horse & Carriage Rides
- Holiday Carolers
- Performances by Harpoon Harmonizers
- Barber Sharp Quartet
- Kettle Corn Vendor
- & lots more!

CITY CELEBRATES! NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE SEAPORT CULTURAL DISTRICT
THURSDAY 12/31, 5-8:30PM

- Holiday Art in Custom House Square
- Toe Jam Puppet Band
- Family Magic Workshop with Jedlie's Magic Circus
- Street Performers, Stilt Walkers, Jugglers & Fire-Eaters
- Dance Party with DJ Anghelli
- Fireworks Over The Harbor
- & lots more!

Full list of Holiday Happenings including events at the Zellerbach Theatre, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Buttonwood Park Zoo, New Bedford Historical Society, New Bedford Preservation Society and more at
www.destinationnewbedford.org/events

NB EVENTS

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), Wicked Good Kettle Corn, barbershop quartet-style sounds from the New Bedford Harpoon Harmonizers, street performers and a surprise visit from the Grinch! Take pictures on the big red sled and experience so much more!

Annual Santa Sightings 5K Fun Run and Walk!

Date and Time: Sunday, December 12th at 1 p.m.

Location: Race starts at MacArthur Drive and Union Street
Hundreds of runners in Santa suits participate in this annual 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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