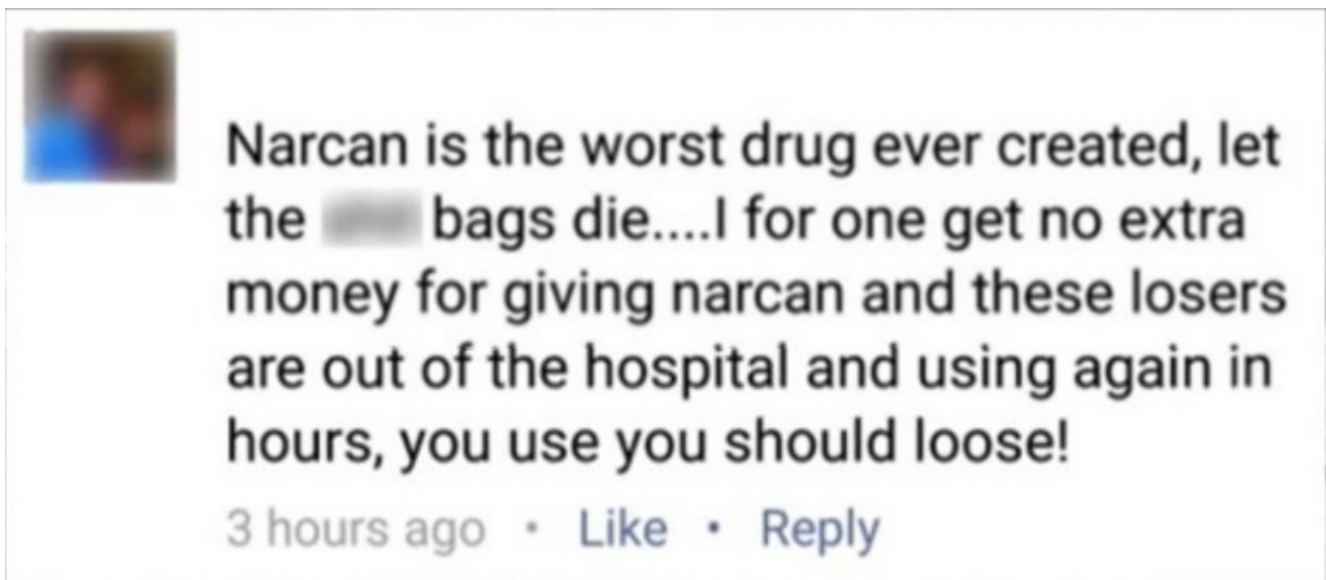


# The Narcan Butterfly Effect

There is a debate that rages on social media every time Narcan comes up; do you save heroin users with Narcan or let them die? Should medical professionals be reviving heroin addicts multiple times? Ten times? There were several car accidents recently in New Bedford involving overdoses, one involving an innocent man who was crushed by an SUV while unloading his van.

Just this month a **Weymouth firefighter was suspended for 90 days** over a Facebook post against using Narcan to save addicts. Here is what he posted:



Many people believe that Narcan allows addicts to take risks knowing that they will be revived should they overdose. Police in Massachusetts are even **finding used Narcan kits in drug dealers' homes**.

*Eight used Narcan kits were found in the Davidson Ave. apartment. Marhefka reportedly told police that she had dispensed the Narcan to users who overdosed in her apartment. Two unopened kits and more than 100 dirty syringes were also found at the apartment.*

Most people are compassionate and believe in saving drug abusers unlimited times, or until they get help. You will hear frequently, "If it was your son, daughter, brother or sister, you'd change your tune and want to save them."

While saving addicts is a must, there is a Butterfly Effect on society.

First, there is a high cost associated with saving a person overdosing. Not only does Narcan cost the taxpayers in Massachusetts millions of dollars annually, it costs thousands of dollars every time emergency personnel arrive on the scene and save an overdosing person. When a person overdoses and someone calls 911, you will generally see police, fire and EMS personnel arrive on the scene to save the person. Additionally, if fire, police and EMS are responding to overdosing victims then resources are not only strained, they may not be available for another emergency like a fire, heart attack or care accident.

Second, overdosing victims are not only a danger to themselves, they can be a danger to the public should they overdose while driving a car. This past weekend **a man overdosed while driving a Ford F250, hitting and snapping a utility pole**. Medics arrived, administered Narcan and saved the mans life.

Last month a man seriously injured another man reportedly on the way to a methadone clinic. He was speeding down Bellville Avenue and likely passed out at the wheel colliding with a parked van, crushing one man between his SUV and the van. A second man near the van was also injured. The first victim was hurt so bad that he needed to be evacuated by helicopter to a Rhode Island hospital. The driver of the vehicle was overheard saying that he was on his way to a methadone clinic downtown.

While Narcan is a great tool to bring overdosing people back

to life, there are consequences that the rest of society must deal with, especially when overdose victims are allowed back on the street the same day. Yes, addicts overdosing are brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, but what if you save a man from overdosing and that man then cripples or kills your loved one who was simply trying to unload tools out of his/her work van? In Massachusetts, thousands of people are being saved with Narcan each year; good or bad, this has caused and will cause a Butterfly Effect that we all have to deal with.

What do you think? Is Narcan a good or bad thing for our community? Is there a limit to how many times Narcan should be used on the same patient? Or unlimited use?

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## **New Bedford High School Student Lillianne Condez Performs Monologue**

After Jasmine Guy's (A Different World, Harlem Nights) Master Class in Acting given to New Bedford High School Students yesterday, a few of the students were able to perform a monologue. Here's Lillianne Condez's performance.

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## **Southcoast Health announces**

# **cancellations, early closings and delays due to winter storm**

Southcoast Health today announced cancellations, early closings and delays for Monday, February 8, due to the severe winter storm forecast for the region.

All Southcoast Health outpatient services, including physician practices, urgent care centers, cancer centers, rehabilitation services, and radiology and laboratory services will close by noon today. All three Southcoast hospitals – St. Luke's Hospital, Charlton Memorial Hospital and Tobey Hospital – will remain fully operational for inpatient and emergency care, however outpatient services may also close by noon.

It is highly recommended that patients call ahead to check on the status of their appointment or service. All closings are posted at <http://www.southcoast.org/news/cancellations/index.html>.

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# **Sandwich man overdoses, drives truck into utility pole in New Bedford**

Last night at approximately 6pm a 46 year old East Sandwich man overdosed while driving his Ford F250 and struck a utility pole on Logan St. severing it. This caused a chain reaction of damage to three other nearby utility poles.

Witnesses observed the truck driving east on Logan St. and stop at the stop sign at Acushnet Ave. It then accelerated rapidly and crossed over to the opposite side of the street before striking the pole. This caused several outages in the area.

Officer Jenna Touchette arrived to find the operator with severe facial injuries and showing signs of an overdose. Medics arrived, administered Narcan, and the male transported to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment. He has been identified as Leo Curran Jr. age 46 of East Sandwich.

He will be summoned into court to face charges of operating under the influence of drugs and operating to endanger.

Video by Carlos Pimentel Felix.

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## **New Bedford Warming Center Opened at 6AM on Monday for Residents in Need of Shelter**

The City of New Bedford Emergency Management Department in partnership with Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc. (PAACA) will open a warming center at PAACA's 360 Coggeshall Street facility at 6AM on Monday morning. Residents in need of shelter during the storm are welcome. Further, the City's emergency overflow shelter at PAACA will be fully operational on Monday night with intakes beginning at 6:30PM.

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# **City of New Bedford Announces Closures of Schools and City Offices**

## **Parking Ban Effective Midnight Tonight**

New Bedford, Massachusetts– The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Southeastern Massachusetts including Bristol County and New Bedford, for 4AM on Monday morning through 7AM on Tuesday morning. According to the National Weather Service, heavy snow is expected to spread across the New Bedford area on Monday morning and continue into Monday night. The forecast indicates that snow will begin falling in the southeast part of the state between 2 and 4 AM. The potential for a foot or more of snow is possible with blizzard conditions.

## **One-Day Delay of Residential Trash Collection**

There will be no residential trash collection on Monday, February 8, 2016 and ABC Disposal will be operating on a one-day delay schedule for this week. Therefore, residents whose normal trash collection day is Monday should put their trash out curbside for collection on Tuesday. Residents whose normal collection day is Tuesday will put their trash curbside on Wednesday. Residents whose normal collection day is Wednesday will put their trash curbside on Thursday. Residents whose normal collection day is Thursday will put their trash curbside on Friday. Residents whose normal collection day is Friday will put their trash curbside on Saturday.

## **New Bedford Public Schools Closed Tomorrow, Monday, February 8, 2016**

All New Bedford Public Schools will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 8, 2016. Please monitor local media and the

New Bedford Public Schools website [www.newbedfordschools.org](http://www.newbedfordschools.org) for updates.

## **New Bedford City Offices-Closed Tomorrow, Monday, February 8, 2016**

City offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 8, 2016 including City Hall, the public libraries, senior centers and the Buttonwood Park Zoo. New Bedford Regional Airport will remain in operation for as long as it remains safe. Passengers should contact their air carriers directly to confirm their flight status because widespread cancellations are expected. Only City employees designated as essential should report to work.

## **Citywide Snow Emergency Parking Ban Effective Midnight Tonight, Sunday, February 7, 2016**

In preparation for the approaching snowstorm, the City of New Bedford has announced a citywide snow emergency parking ban to take effect at midnight tonight, Sunday, February 7, 2016. The parking ban will be strictly enforced and will remain in effect for 48-hours thereafter, unless lifted or further extended by City officials. The parking ban is designed to allow City workers to efficiently remove snow from New Bedford roadways to allow public safety vehicles and residents to travel safely.

While the snow emergency parking ban is in effect, parking is permitted on the north side of all streets going east and west, and is permitted on the east side of all streets going north and south. The permitted side of the street is typically the side opposite of the fire hydrants.

Please note that on streets which are normally posted for parking on one side of the street only, residents are to obey the signs as usual.

Vehicles should never be parked within ten (10) feet of a fire

hydrant or twenty (20) feet from a corner as required by law, regardless of whether a snow ban is in effect, or not.

### **Double-sided Parking Ban Areas**

To increase public safety during storm events, as of January 2016, the areas designated for a double-sided parking ban have been expanded to include sections of five new streets (listed below), in addition to the Downtown and Acushnet Avenue Business Districts where a double-sided ban has been in place in years past.

The new street sections were selected because they are major routes for ambulances, school buses, and SRTA buses, and have a history of large vehicles being unable to successfully navigate due to the narrowness of the street.

During a snow emergency parking ban, no parking is therefore permitted on either side of the street in the following areas:

- \* Downtown Business District: Downtown New Bedford between Walnut Street northerly to the Octopus and County Street easterly to JFK Boulevard
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Map of Double Sided Parking Ban: <http://www.newbedfordguide.com/new-bedford-parking-ban-streets-map>

Violations of the snow emergency parking ban will be subject to ticketing at \$50 per ticket and towing at full cost to the owner of the vehicle towed. The vehicle owner is also responsible for the full cost of storage for any towed



vehicle.

The City of New Bedford has designated the following areas as preferred parking areas for those residents in need of off-street parking while the emergency snow parking ban is in effect:

- \* Victory Park – Brock Avenue
- \* Hazelwood Park – Brock Avenue
- \* Cove Street Parking Lot – Cove Street and Morton Court
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- \* Buttonwood Park Parking Area – Hawthorn Street Side and Lake Street Side
- \* Former St. Mary's Home – Entrance on Mill Street
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**Warming Center to Open at PAACA at 6AM on Monday Morning for Residents in Need of Shelter**

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**Sand Available to City Residents at Various Locations**

The Department of Public Infrastructure has made sand available to city residents at many locations throughout the city. Residents are advised to bring their own small container to collect the sand at any of the following locations:

- \* Norfolk St & Acushnet Ave
- \* Toby St & Acushnet Ave
- \* Manila St & Acushnet Ave
- \* Fire Station #5 –Acushnet Ave
- \* Phillips Rd & Pine Hill Dr
- \* Welby Rd, North Side, Between Two Buildings

- \* Essex St & Phillips Rd, Campbell School
- \* Saint Theresa's Church – Acushnet Ave
- \* Balls Corner, Mill Rd & Belleville Ave
- \* Saint Mary's School/Church –Illinois St
- \* Tarkiln Hill Rd & Acushnet Ave
- \* Police Station #3 – Ashley Blvd
- \* Wilks Library –Acushnet Ave & Princeton St
- \* Ashley Blvd & Princeton St
- \* Belleville Rd & Hope St
- \* Mount Pleasant St on Nash Rd Side (in place)
- \* Fire Station –Davis St & Acushnet Ave
- \* Deane St & Ashley Blvd
- \* Bullard St & Acushnet Ave
- \* Shawmut Diner, Between the Driveways
- \* Acushnet Ave & Sawyer St
- \* Sawyer St & Mount Pleasant St
- \* Beetle St & North Front St
- \* Beetle St & N. Front St
- \* Coggeshall St & Ashley Blvd
- \* Coggeshall & Purchase St
- \* 10 Kilburn St
- \* Purchase St & Logan St
- \* Rockdale Ave & Granit St
- \* Linden St & County St, South Side of Linden St
- \* Fire Station #7 –Durfee St & Cottage St
- \* Durfee St & Shawmut Ave
- \* Red Cross, Rockdale Ave & Durfee St
- \* Purchase St & Wamsutta Ave
- \* Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Studley St & Summer St, On West Side
- \* Merrimac St & County St
- \* 1554 Purchase St, Fire Repair
- \* Pleasant St & Pope St
- \* Parker St & County St, East Side of County St
- \* Parker St & Rockdale Ave
- \* Pleasant St & Pearl St
- \* Purchase St & Campbell St

- \* Cottage St & Campbell St
- \* Sycamore St & State St
- \* County St & Sycamore St
- \* Pleasant St, Rear Lot of Fire Prevention
- \* Maxfield St & Pleasant St
- \* E.M.T.S. Chancery St, Inside Parking Area
- \* S.E.C. Summer St & Hillman St
- \* Ash St & Hillman St
- \* Fire Station #2 –Pleasant St
- \* County St & North St
- \* Pope’s Island Marina
- \* Third District Court, North Side of Kempton St
- \* Liberty St & Kempton St
- \* Pleasant St & Middle St
- \* South Sixth St & Middle St
- \* County St & Middle St
- \* Elm St Garage, On Acushnet Ave
- \* Buttonwood Library
- \* Pier 3 –Visitors Center
- \* South Water & Hamilton St
- \* William St & Acushnet Ave, Custom House Square
- \* City Hall, Pleasant St Side
- \* Centre St & Front St
- \* Market St & Sixth St
- \* Second St & Union St
- \* Union St & Acushnet Ave
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- \* School St & Purchase St
- \* School St & Sixth St
- \* School St & County St
- \* Walnut St & Acushnet Ave
- \* Maple St & Atlantic St
- \* Maple St & Reed St

- \* Madison St & County St
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  - \* Thompson St & Crapo St
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  - \* Howland Green Library, Driveway, Rodney French Blvd
  - \* Rockdale Ave & Dartmouth St
  - \* Fire Station #11, Brock Ave & Mott St
  - \* Willard St & West Rodney French Blvd
  - \* Clegg Field, Brock Ave
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# **New Bedford public schools closed Monday, February 8**

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UPDATE:

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School classes are cancelled for tomorrow, Monday, February 8th.

Alma del Mar Charter School, St James-St John School and Global Learning charter school will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 8, due to the impending snowstorm.

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# **New Bedford's double-sided parking ban and alternative parking locations**

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# **Emergency Shelter to Open Monday Night for Residents in Need of Shelter**

In light of the approaching storm, the City of New Bedford Emergency Management Department has requested the opening of an emergency overflow shelter at Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc.(PAACA)'s 360 Coggeshall Street facility for Monday night. No specific time has been designated yet.