Help Wanted: City of New Bedford Deputy Inspector of Building

Performs a variety of routine and complex administrative, supervisory and technical work in administering and enforcing building and related codes. Ensures and enforces that State and City building and zoning codes are being maintained in order to ensure public safety.

Reviews plans and permits, and makes necessary corrections. In the interest of public safety or in case of danger, the Deputy Inspector of Buildings may temporarily cease work, and/or close sidewalks or streets adjacent to said building.

Provides technical building code advice to supervisors; makes presentations to supervisors, boards, commissions, civic groups and the general public. Enforces a variety of codes, including Uniform Building Code, Uniform Mechanical Code, Uniform Housing Code, Uniform Abatement of Dangerous Buildings Code, and local codes such as nuisance, clearing, grading, filling, zoning, etc. Issues correction notices and citations. Explains, interprets and provides guidance regarding all applicable codes to architects, engineers, contractors, developers and other interested parties.

Administers the permitting function through the View Permit Program, including application, fee assessment and collection, permit issuance, inspection and occupancy.

The position requires seven to ten years of construction and supervisory experience, supervision of building construction or design; or a four-year undergraduate degree in a field related to building construction or design; or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Duties require a thorough knowledge of materials and methods used in building construction and building, electric, gas, plumbing and sanitary codes, zoning by-laws and planning, conservation and historic matters equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in Engineering.

Certification by the MA Board of Building Regulations and Standards in accordance with the provisions of 780 CMR 7. One or more I.C.C. certifications, including, but not limited to, plans examiner, combination inspector, or local building inspector. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license with good driving record. Subject to CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 212, 508-979-1444. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. New Bedford has a residency requirement. EEO

15 Things To Do This Weekend (Aug 22-Aug 24)

A wonderfully mild weekend is in store for us! We'll be in the lower to mid 70s throughout this gorgeous weekend. Nights and mornings will be cool hovering in the low 50s. We may see a shower on Friday, but otherwise no precipitation. These types of weekends are perfect for heading out on some adventure and seizing what the area has available in terms of events, goings-on and happenings. There;s a ton of stuff going on within less of an hour's drive.

As always, click on the title for more or detailed information

on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our **event** calendar where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high traffic, weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details. Have an event to add? Check out our **tutorial**. For more info, you can click on each title. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!



Friday, August 22nd



Paint "Summer Cottage" at Painting w/ A Splash!

Zoo Nights! (5:30pm-8:00pm)

The first 2014 Zoo Night is tonight! Zoo Nights are designed to offer families an opportunity to enjoy the Zoo on cool summer nights, experience animal encounters and participate in children's activities. Look for further details to follow at www.bpzoo.org.

Westport Rivers Winery Sunset Music Series : Neal McCarthy Trio (6-8pm)

Admission \$10 per carload and beer, wine and SoCo local food will be served for a fee. Weather permitting. 417 Hixbridge Road.

Painting with a Splash: Sunset Beach & Van Gogh Starry Night (7:00pm)

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Saturday, August 23rd

Silverbrook ACUSHNET Country Store (9:00am-8:00pm)

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also has a wonderful and unique line of crafts including their popular candle/potpourri items and a great selection of handmade Amish items that truly make great gifts for any occasion.

Church of the Good Shepherd Annual Yard Sale (9:00am-3:00pm)

The Annual Yard Sale, the major church fundraiser, is here! The kitchen will be selling stuffed cabbage, hot dogs, cornon-the-cob, beverages and desserts. We need a chairperson, as well as volunteers to price and organize donations, to work during the sale, and to help break down afterwards. Most of the setup is completed, now we are focusing on the actual day. Hope to see you there! We need all the support we can get to make it a very successful event!



The "Z" always has something fabulous going on!

Edaville's Curious George Weekend (10:00am-5:00pm)

Curious George has returned to Edaville once again to save the day! Meet and greet with Curious George himself and his owner, The Man in the Yellow Hat. Experience all new Dinoland, unlimited amusement rides, and unlimited train rides through cranberry country, plus enjoy all of our indoor and outdoor play spaces. For an additional \$15 Breakfast with Curious George is available!

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Family Sand Scuplture Festival (Westport)(11:00am-2:00pm)

At Horseneck Beach State Reservation: Three age categories will compete for prizes and title of King of sandcastle at the beach. Registration for individuals and teams begins 10:30-11 a.m. For more information call (508) 636-8816. 5 John Reed Road.

Create Hands On! (12:00pm-5:30pm)

Have a FUN time with tons of paints, tons of giggles, tons of parents and kids having a blast together!! Create Hands On is an innovate, fun, family-oriented experience that revolves around creating a number of high quality arts & crafts projects for boys and girls — whether as a drop-in visit or when you book one of their incredibly popular birthday parties. Not only is it an effortless and effective way to have fun and connect with your kids, but tapping into your child's creative side his lifelong benefits!

Painting with a Splash: Tropical Sunset & Sunset Beach, Summer Cottage. (11:30am & 7:00pm)

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Don't miss out on Silverbrook's debut of Disney's Frozen!!!

Todd Baptista's DOO WOP 10 - SUMMER SPECTACULAR! (7:30pm)

Doo Wop and summer! A natural pairing. See four outstanding doo wop originals. For the first time, Todd Baptista's legendary DooWop series comes to The Z in the summertime! Travel back to the days when rock'n'roll was young, music was fun, and doo wop harmonies sprang from the street corners! The Z's popular series returns with a special summertime helping of classic 1950s' and early '60s hits and smooth, soulful harmonies from the original men and women who made the records and keep the magic flowing! Featuring doo wop pioneers performing the hits they made famous! Starring Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Shirley Alston Reeves, original lead singer of the Shirelles, the Mystics, Eddie Rich and the Swallows, and the Solitaires with Jack Colombo's Coast To Coast Band. Tickets available rockin' round the clock at www.zeiteiron.org or 10AM-5PM today and Friday at 508-994-2900.

Silverbrook ACUSHNET Movie Night: Disney's "Frozen." (8:15pm)

Disney's FROZEN will be making its Silverbrook Farm ACUSHNET debut with a meet & greet with Queen Elsa and Princess Anna. There will be Twilight Hayrides too! Showtime is at 8:15pm so grab some blankets and the family and go see this great new classic under the stars of Silverbrook Farm ACUSHNET!

Sunday, August 24th

1st Annual Poker Run (Middleboro) (9:00am-9:00pm)

Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit the Middleboro Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ride in memory of Joseph H. Thayer, Sr. Enjoy the ride, entertainment, food, raffles, prizes and more. All bikes welcome. Ride to Mattapoisett light house and back Start at Middleboro VFW, 12 Station Street, Middleboro. Register now or day of event. Call for registration materials or if you have any questions. Ask for Brian Thayer. Phone: 508-947-8648. Email: jmthayer7@comcast.net.

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Painting with a Splash: Yellow Daisy (2:00pm)

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24 August 2014

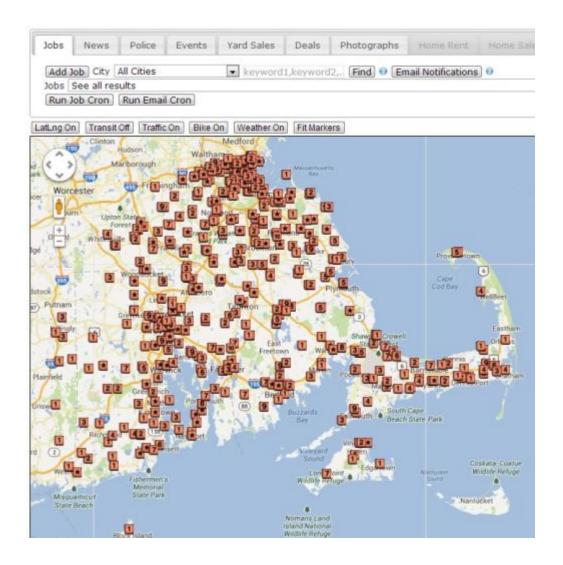


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1. 1. Maintenance Engineer/Journeyman #4548480

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THE PLUMBING SECTION, OF THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT. MUST HAVE AT LEAST (5) YEARS EXPERIENCE IN COMMERCIAL PLUMBING. A JOURNEYMAN SPRINKLER FITTER LICENSE IS PREFERRED. MUST HAVE A STATE JOURNEYMAN'S LICENSE

MUST BE ABLE TO PERFORM REPAIRS AND UPGRADE ALL PLUMBING SYSTEMS.

2. Watchperson (part-time) #4549480

Shift: 11:30 p.m. Saturday to 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Provides security to eliminate thefts or vandalism to vehicles and property, and performs janitorial duties. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license with a good driving

record. Must have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C. High school diploma or GED equivalent preferred. The City of New Bedford has a Residency Requirement.

3. MFG End of Line Inspector #4548477

Visual Inspection of Rubber goods off of the manufacturing line. Able to understand basic specifications and requirements in order to perform inspection of product. Computer skills preferred.

4. Mental Health Clinician #4548490

Demonstrated awareness of strength-based sensitivity to and competence in dealing with cultural and socioeconomic diversity. Work collaboratively in diverse multidisciplinary settings on behalf of children, youth, and families and/or the agency. Experience with reporting on government contracts.

5. Experienced Painters #4558781

Tangerine Paint is in need of experienced painters. Must have at least a minimum of 2 years experience. Responsibilities include but not limited to: Knowledge of spraying a plus. English Fluency required. Valid Driver's License and transportation a MUST! Selected candidate must have the ability to lift 25 plus pounds and able to climb ladders.

6. Maintenance Mechanic #4558818

To qualify, you must have experience in the following areas: Repair of production machinery in a fast paced environment including observing and testing the operation of machinery and equipment. Ability to diagnose equipment malfunctions and off quality problems. Ability to complete disassembly of production and manufacturing equipment in order to remove parts and make repairs with on assistance. High School Diploma or GED required and 5 years similar experience required. Vocational/Technical training preferred.

7. Truck Driver #4572499

Reputable seafood company looking for a CDL Class B Driver or if you have experience in driving a box truck employer is willing to train you. MUST be dedicated, hard working and willing to learn. You will be driving from New Bedford to South Boston and Logan Airport on a daily business.

8. Forklift Associate/Material Handler #4568246

Scan and pick cartons. Load/unload trucks. Lifting required up to 60lbs. May work at heights up to 24". Must be available for Saturday work and overtime as needed. Must be able to operate scanner and basic computer skills. Positions available on 1st and 2nd shifts.

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1. Digital Marketing Coordinator — First Citizens' federal credit Union

Full details and application process here.

- 2. Delivery Driver Papa Gino's (Fairhaven)
 Full details and application process here.
- 3. Activity Assistant N.B. Jewish Convalescent Home Full details and application process here.
- **4. Director of Capital Giving Tabor Academy (Marion)** Full details and application process **here**.
- 5. Field Investigator Commonwealth of Massachusetts (New Bedford)

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6. Assistant Women's Soccer Coach — University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

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7. Food Service Staff — Westport Community Schools

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Target spraying for Mosquitoes in New Bedford scheduled for Thursday

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Avoid outside areas with obvious mosquito activity

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IT'S GO TIME!!! Here's the official announcement regarding the 3rd Annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk!!!

Join us on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the Our Lady of

Angels Feast Grounds, located at 7 Jesse Street, Fairhaven for the 3rd ANNUAL KATIE BRIENZO MEMORIAL WALK!!! The walk is approximately 1.5 miles. Registration is \$15 (\$20 on Walk Day) and the First 100 to register receive a free Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk T-shirt. ALL proceeds from this event benefit the consumers of M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc., Katie's favorite charity. Katie was also a consumer at M.O.L.I.F.E. and it was her home away from home. The staff there helped her not just overcome her disability, but to thrive as an independent young woman.

You can Pre-Register at the M.O.L.I.F.E. website or save the Registration Form, print it up, fill it out, and mail in a check/money order made payable to "M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc." for the \$15 registration fee. Here's the link to Pre-Register by credit/debit card via PayPal: http://molifeinc.com/events/ You MUST include your PayPal confirmation number on the Registration Form when mailing it in to show proof of payment.

If you are unable to attend and would still like to donate to the Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk, you can check the line on the Registration Form to Sponsor A Walker for the \$15 fee. This donation will go to those who want to participate, but who may not have the money to do so.

For anyone who owns a business or who would just like to donate generously to the Walk, we are accepting Sponsor donations. A donation of at least \$100 will get your name or business on the back of this year's t-shirt. Deadline for Sponsors is August 31st.

** WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATION TO HELP THE M.O. FOOD = LIFE FOOD PANTRY IN NEW BEDFORD **

Registration begins at 11am and the walk begins at 12 noon, sharp! There will be music by DJ JT Stevens, raffles, games, and face painting following the Walk. Food and drinks will be available to purchase as well. Again, ALL proceeds go to

M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc.

Thank you all in advance for helping to keep Katie's memory alive. This is an opportunity to do some great things in her honor. It's going to be a fun day so I hope to see you all there and please spread the word!

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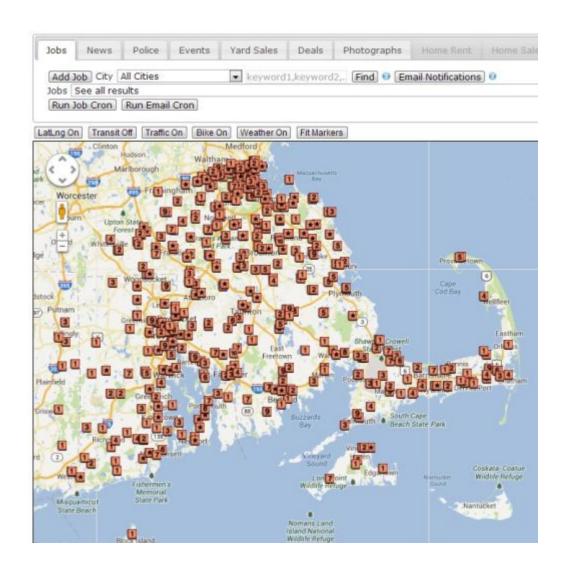


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1. Early Childhood Educator/Teacher #4524007

Early Childhood teacher with Associates Degree or EEC (Dept. of Early Education and Care) Certified.

2. Customer Service Rep/Order Entry #4516663

Accurate order entry taken by phone, fax or email from repeat customers, including updating customer information in system;

Resolution of customer issues over the telephone including billing inquiries, customer complaints and sales opportunities; respond to customer correspondence and inquiries via email, fax and phone in an appropriate and timely manner; promote sales when opportunity arises. Must be able to work calmly with patience and courtesy in customer relations, strong organizational skills, and proven history of accuracy and attention to detail.

3. Butcher #4524121

New Restaurant, butcher shop & deli opening up soon. Experienced meat cutter needed. Must have knowledge of meat, different cuts and how to cut the meat along with using butcher/meat cutter equipment.

4. Distribution Packer #4516657

Under direction of senior shippers, packer prepares a variety of finished items for shipment to customers according to standard procedures and special customer specifications. Prior to packing product a final inspection is conducted to assure consistency of colors and accuracy of labels. Must use computer system to produce custom labels, then label and package products as required for shipping. Some heavy lifting up to 50 lbs. required. Use of hand trucks, carts, pallet jacks.

5. Party Host (Part-Time) #4524029

This is a part time position that can go anywhere from 10-15 hours per week and you must be available on weekends and some weekday evening hours. Must have exceptional customer service skills and enjoy working with children.

Cashier/Snack Person (Part-Time) #4524032

This position goes from 10 to 15 hours per week. You must be flexible for days, nights and weekends. Greater customer service skills and work well with children. Some cashier experience helpful.

7. Floor Guard/Supervisor #4524037

Must have roller skating ability with excellent social qualities as you will be working with children and families who are looking a clean, healthy fun environment suitable for all ages. Hours are 10 to 15 per week, flexible with days, nights and weekends.

8. Assistant City Planner #4490407

Performs a variety of routine and complex technical and professional work in the current and/or long-range planning of the City, and the development and implementation of land use and related policies and regulations. Conducts technical research studies and prepares statistical reports and recommendations for drafting or revising local legislation and plans, projecting trends, monitoring socio-economic data, etc. Evaluates land use proposals for conformity to established plans and ordinances; evaluates proposals' development impact as they relate to the adopted plans of the City and makes recommendations.

9. Code Enforcement Inspector #4516681

Minimizes environmental health and sanitation problems, and continues to decrease the rodent and vermin population within the community through law enforcement and education. Conducts inspections, investigations and communication/outreach activities throughout the City to ensure compliance with State Sanitary Codes and numerous other State and local regulations.

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Mosquito Spraying Planned in New Bedford (Aug 18)

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may wish to close their windows this evening prior to the spraying.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced on Thursday the first case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) infection was detected in a deer from Freetown, also located in Bristol County. As result of this finding, DPH raised the EEE

risk level in Freetown to "high" and in the surrounding communities including New Bedford the risk level has been raised to "moderate."

There have been no human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) or EEE so far this year. Last year, there was one case of EEE acquired by a Massachusetts resident. EEE is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. EEE is a serious disease in all ages and can even cause death.

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Mitchell proposes four year term of office for future mayors

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To avoid any suggestion that his proposal is motivated by personal political considerations, Mayor Mitchell also submitted a proposed amendment that would set the effective date of the act after the current mayor leaves office.

"If the council passes the amendment, I would not be eligible to be elected to a four-year term. This proposal is not about me, it is about the long term interests of the City we love," he said.

A change in the term of office for mayor requires an amendment to the City of New Bedford's charter. Mayor Mitchell has proposed the charter change as a Special Act which requires the approval of the City Council as well as the state legislature before it may take effect.

In a detailed letter to the Council outlining his proposal, Mayor Mitchell highlighted the serious disadvantages associated with the City retaining a two-year term for the office of mayor, "I believe that the adoption of a four-year term is necessary because the current two-year term impedes our ability to build the better future we all want for our

City, in that it (1) tends to undermine the general effectiveness of the executive branch; (2) skews policy and program initiatives toward narrow or trivial short term interests; (3) diverts time and energy to mobilizing campaign organizations and to campaign fundraising and away from important governmental duties; and puts New Bedford at a competitive disadvantage versus cities with more modern mayoral structures."

He pointed to the need for stability in the City's executive branch and with that the importance of devoting all of the mayor's attention and energy on the leading the city with a clear focus on the long-term. "That a mayor would be subject to a re-election campaign by the time he or she has just gotten up-and-running, in which the outcome may be the election of someone entirely new who would start the process all over again, is inherently destabilizing. Mayors serve the public best when they set clear, broad and achievable long-term goals and stay the course until they are realized. A four year term would significantly reduce the time necessary to campaign and to raise campaign contributions, which displace time spent governing," Mitchell said.

Nearly every major city in the United States has adopted a four year mayoral term. Once adopted, New Bedford would join the increasing number of Massachusetts cities with a four-year term for mayor including, Boston, Pittsfield, Quincy, and Springfield.

Local

Osteoarthritis

sufferers may be eligible to participate in medical research study



Suffer from knee pain

Have you been diagnosed with Osteoarthritis in your knees and have related pain? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a medical research study of an investigational drug for your osteoarthritis (OA) knee pain. If you have been medically diagnosed with OA of the knee and have moderate to severe knee pain, you may be interested in learning more about this medical research study.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be male or female at least 40 years of age
- Have a medical diagnosis of OA of the knee for at least6 months prior to entering the study
- Must be in general good health

All study-related visits, tests, and study drug will be provided to participants at no cost. In addition, reimbursement for study- related time may be provided. If you are interested in learning more about this research study and to see if it is right for you.

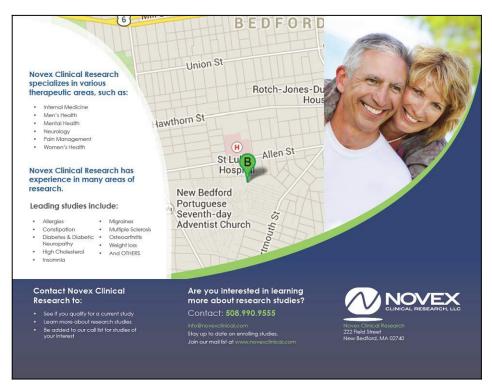
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Help Wanted: Buttonwood Park Zoo Watchperson

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD WATCHPERSON (Part-time/No benefits) \$11.55hr - \$15.92hr (plus 7% night differential) DEPARTMENT: Z00

Shift: 11:30 p.m. Saturday to 7:30 a.m. Sunday

Provides security to eliminate thefts or vandalism to vehicles and property, and performs janitorial duties.

Guards against fire, theft, vandalism and unlawful entry at assigned areas and buildings; checks locks to see that they are secure; maintains order in a given area; reports situations to police that cannot be handled immediately. Checks validity of individuals' credentials; patrols buildings and grounds looking for foreign objects, missing or inoperable lights. Checks gates, doors, exhibit fences inside perimeter; patrols parking lot. May perform other duties such as checking boilers, regulating heat. Maintains and cleans buildings, offices and restrooms to ensure that these are kept clean and orderly.

Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license with a good driving record. Must have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C.

High school diploma or GED equivalent preferred.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 212, 508-979-1444. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. New Bedford has a residency requirement. EEO