

9 Reasons to join the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce



by
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I always tell business owners in the Greater New Bedford area that there are four investments that provide the biggest return: advertise with NewBedfordGuide.com, join Downtown New Bedford Inc. (\$100/year), join AHA! (\$100/year) and become a New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce member (\$285 or more). Combined, the last three cost around \$500 and are a great way to get promoted by three fabulous non-profits year round. If your business is not downtown, you may not benefit as much with a Downtown New Bedford Inc. or AHA! membership, but at \$100 it is still cheap. Everyone can benefit from NewBedfordGuide.com advertising or a Chamber membership.

NewBedfordGuide.com is proud to be one of the featured incentives to join the Chamber this year during their membership drive. Join the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce between June 10-13 and receive \$3,000+ in benefits to include a business shout-out on New Bedford Guide's Facebook page to 34,000+ followers. Other incentives include marketing packages for the southcoasttoday.com, The Real Estate Book, SouthCoast Business Bulletin, Fall River Herald News, and 15 other items. Here's the list of incentives this year:

Special Incentives (Time Limited)	Value
FREE Business Spotlight—New Bedford Guide	\$200
FREE 1/8 Page Advertisement in SouthCoast Business Bulletin	\$149
FREE 10,000 Online Display Impressions on SouthCoastToday.com	\$99
FREE 1/4 Page Ad in The Real Estate Book of Greater New Bedford	\$125
FREE SouthCoast Media Group Website Review Report	\$50
Buy any media package, get second FREE—WJFD FM 97.3	\$500-\$1,500
FREE business cards from Spectrum Marketing	\$50
FREE Advertising gift certificate for Fall River Herald News	\$50
FREE Season Pass to the Chamber's Monthly Business After Hours	\$180
FREE (one) office cleaning up to 1,000 sq ft, TNT Cleaning	\$350
FREE Sam's Club \$25 gift card for all new Chamber Members	\$25
\$500 discount on a new website from New Bedford Internet and 1 st month hosting charges are waived!	\$500
Savings on Comcast Business Class Service (new customers only)	\$170-350
FREE Subscription to Inc. Magazine	\$10
FREE Subscription to SouthCoast Business Bulletin	\$10
FREE Listing on the Chamber website and a Free link to your website	Invaluable!
FREE Listings in the Chamber's 2015 Membership Directory & Community Resource Guide	Invaluable!
90 Day Money Back Guarantee	
PAY BY CREDIT CARD AND ALSO RECEIVE...	
FREE Advertising in the Chamber Focus Newsletter	\$115
FREE Set of Chamber mailing labels	\$150
FREE Two Passes to Attend a Good Morning SouthCoast Program	\$40
TOTAL VALUE (with more to come...)	\$3,000+

If you are interested in becoming a member and want these incentives e-mail **info@newbedfordguide.com**.

Here are 9 reasons to join the “Chamber” this year.

1. The \$3,000+ in incentives listed above.
2. Chamber Membership Directory – Your company gets listed in the “yellow pages” of Chamber Members and online: **<http://members.newbedfordchamber.com/list/>**
3. Networking – There is a monthly Business After Hours (**<http://newbedfordchamber.com/business-after-hours/>**) and several other events throughout the year. Check out their photo gallery of past networking events: **<http://newbedfordchamber.com/photo-gallery/>**.
4. Training – The Chamber offers seminars, workshops, and other meetings. Check out their event calendar: **<http://members.newbedfordchamber.com/events/>**

5. Advocacy – The more members that join, the stronger the Chamber can advocate for its members with government affairs and economic development.
6. It's inexpensive – Starting at \$285 a year.
7. There is a non-Profit Rate: 1-4 employees: \$215, 5-24 employees: \$235.
8. Referrals – The Chamber is a great way to gain referrals from other Chamber members.
9. It's a business expense and a tax write off!

For more info check out the Chamber's website: <http://newbedfordchamber.com/>. Contact info@newbedfordguide.com to sign-up and receive the special incentives.

New Bedford, Fall River benefit from the Massachusetts lottery system



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This week I read in the local papers and heard on the radio that the Massachusetts lottery system benefited the rich more than the poor. I had always heard that the Commonwealth distributed money back to the cities and towns based on population size and a few other factors. I wasn't completely

sure, so I decided to do some digging.

The Boston Globe recently published an interesting story detailing how the lottery system in Massachusetts is geared to benefit the affluent towns over the poorest ones. According to the article, some contend the poorest communities in Massachusetts generally spend more on the lottery and receive less back once the state distributes the funds, therefore providing a net loss for the poorest cities/towns. For example, the article went on to point out that Chelsea is one of the poorest cities in Massachusetts. Its residents spend an average of \$1,179 per man, woman, and child on tickets last year. In 2013, Chelsea residents spent \$8.2 million, but only got back \$6.9 million. Clearly a drain on the city, but this was not the case for New Bedford or Fall River.

The Boston Globe's database reveals that New Bedford residents spend \$910.53 per year on lottery tickets, but provide less lottery ticket revenue than the city gets back. In 2013, New Bedford residents spent \$17.05 million and the city received \$19.45 million from the lottery. That's a net gain of \$2.4 million.

The lottery distribution formula seemed to benefit Fall River even more. Fall River residents spent \$13.6 million in 2013, but the city received \$20.1 million back. That's a \$6.5 million gain. Even though Fall River has a smaller population and contributed less to the lottery, the city received more than New Bedford. This is because Fall River has a lower household income (\$36,789 vs. \$34,437) and a higher poverty rate (21.6% vs 23.2%).

The main negative is that the money flows from the poorest in New Bedford and into the coffers of the city. Yes, the lottery is a net gain for the city, but where does the money go? That question is for a follow on article.

Seaside Street Party to feature local live musical, food and art



Mark that calendar!!!

Sat: June 21

- 4-6 Neal McCarthy Experiment
- 6-8 Heart and Soul

Sun: June 22

- 2-4 Jack Trade and the Gaad Damn Band
- 4-6 Livin' on a Bad Name

\$10 per ticket and all proceeds benefit the New Bedford Education Association.

A Call For Artists – Art in the Streets: Be a part of the First Annual Seaside Street Fest happening Saturday June 21st 4-8pm & Sunday June 22nd 2-6pm on lower Union Street in New Bedford, MA. NO fee to participate. BYOTable. For more info & to register email jlanagan@re-gendev.com.

Free Fitness Classes Begin June 17 in Cushman Park



Twenty FREE classes to get yourself into shape!

Fitness is alive and vital again at Cushman Park, Fairhaven, Massachusetts this summer! The South Coast community can keep fit and stay healthy with free exercise classes taught by two of the top fitness instructors in the area.

Twenty free classes in all –Yoga in the Park with Kripalu Certified Yoga Instructor, Jeff Costa and Summer Bootcamp with Certified Functional Trainer, Wayne Goulart are held through the summer in Cushman Park on Green Street.

Yoga in the Park will take place starting June 17 and continue for 10 weeks through August 19 every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.



Kripalu Certified Yoga Instructor, Jeff Costa

This is a gentle yoga series for all levels, designed to introduce newcomers to the basics of stretching and mindfulness and challenge yoga enthusiasts with a focus on compassion for the body. Summer Bootcamp, begins June 19 and continues each Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. through August 21. The Bootcamp class consists of various exercises that build functional strength and core stability with circuits utilizing light dumbbells and body weight exercises.

Yoga in Cushman Park's instructor, Jeff Costa, RYT200 is a Yoga Alliance Nationally Certified Instructor and a graduate

of the Kripalu School of Yoga and Health. With 25 years experience in the fitness industry and a BA in Liberal Arts from Boston University, the strength of Jeff's teaching lies in his attention to detail and his compassionate approach to students' needs. Jeff's authentic voice and classical approach to alignment create a class environment which engenders happiness, personal power, and peace of mind.

Summer Bootcamp instructor Wayne Goulart's career in health and wellness began as a hobby when he started lifting weights with his brother in the basement of his family home.



*Summer Bootcamp
with Certified
Functional
Trainer, Wayne
Goulart*

That hobby grew into a lifestyle and eventually a passion. Wayne is a certified personal trainer (A.F.P.A.) and has been working for ten years as lead trainer at the New Bedford YMCA. A certified group exercise instructor, in 2009 Wayne was a featured instructor at Fitness at Cushman Park. Wayne's specialty is functional training and his clients are from all walks of life, ages and fitness levels.

Attendees to the classes should bring a mat for Yoga and a mat plus set of weights for Bootcamp. Classes take place weather

permitting – cancellations will be posted on the Facebook page:
HYPERLINK ["http://www.facebook.com/fitnessincushmanpark"](http://www.facebook.com/fitnessincushmanpark)
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Fitness in Cushman Park is presented free to the public only because of generous support from community contributions. Last summer's classes were a resounding success and over fifty fitness enthusiasts attended each session.

For more information about the fitness program or to sponsor Fitness in Cushman Park call 508-287-2482 or visit Fitness in Cushman Park's Facebook page HYPERLINK ["http://www.facebook.com/fitnessincushmanpark"](http://www.facebook.com/fitnessincushmanpark)
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Unique entertainment at TL6 for June AHA!



AHA! Night. Thursday, June 12th from 5-9pm.

“Living Couture: The Body as Canvas” – A collaborative art experience featuring body painting by Melinda Abreu & jewelry by Tenacious Lilly.

A live window featuring four models*, theatrical jewelry by Tenacious Lilly, & other-worldly illusions, music & lighting. An experience like no other.

Melinda Abreu is both a fine artist & make-up artist. She uses body paint & make-up from Kryolan City Boston. Melinda will also have prints of her work & other fine art for sale.

Tenacious Lilly jewelers is the work of Jenny A. Liscombe-Newman and Arianna Swink. They are also co-owners of TL6.

Light refreshments will be provided by TL6. Sponsored in part by AHA! New Bedford.

*Models will be appropriately covered using attire suitable to body paint and make-up.

New Bedford Police Department requests helicopter support to fight crime

On June 2nd, 2014, the New Bedford Police Department's explained the reasons for the increased helicopter traffic over New Bedford on their Facebook page :

In response to recent violent activity in the city, The

Massachusetts State Police Air Wing, is in the area adding to our increased patrols and police presence.

The New Bedford Police Department is committed to taking all means necessary to reduce fear and improve the quality of life for the folks who live, work and raise their families in New Bedford.

We thank our partners at the Massachusetts State Police for their assistance at this time.

Please share this information with those who may not have access to Facebook and may be concerned.

Three students facing criminal charges in New Bedford High School vandalism case

Individual disciplinary hearings were conducted by Headmaster Kulak today on two of three students who have been considered suspects in the incident that occurred on Friday, May 30th, 2014 at New Bedford High School in which fire extinguishers were activated releasing materials into the air mixed with material from the home economics classroom causing the school

to be closed. The third student requested a change of date for the hearing. The hearings held resulted in the students being barred from participating in any end-of-year activities including the senior prom as well as being forbidden to participate in the Graduation Exercises which will be held next Thursday, June 12.

Students were informed at the hearings that their actions of "defacing, destroying, and... causing damage to school property, insubordination, and socially unacceptable behavior" violated the code of conduct for students of New Bedford High School.

Dr. Pia Durkin, Superintendent, said that "It is more than unfortunate that this incident attempted to overshadow the terrific work of our students who attend our schools every day at the time of year when we are celebrating their accomplishments. We will not tolerate vandalism or any other thoughtless acts which reflect blatant disregard for fellow students and staff and the high expectations we hold for all of New Bedford's students. Over the past week, I have spoken to dozens of kids who refuse to have this event define their school and will proudly end the year strong." Superintendent Durkin also praised the New Bedford Police Department for their continued persistence and diligence in handling the investigation.

Dr. Durkin has not yet heard back from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on whether or not the school year at New Bedford High School must be extended by one day as a result of last week's closure.

Statement from the New Bedford Police

The School Resource Officers (Officers John R. Ribeiro, Shane Harris, and Willie Coates) assigned to New Bedford High School under the direction of Sergeant Samuel Ortega began a criminal investigation to identify those responsible.

That investigation, which involved a number of investigative steps including the review of surveillance footage, as well as interviews of both students and staff, the officer's were able to identify three suspects responsible for the damage to the school. All three were New Bedford High Seniors and will be summonsed into court, to face the following criminal charges:

- B&E night time with intent to commit a felony – M.G.L. Chapter 266 sec16, &
- Malicious Defacing of Property – M.G.L. 266 sec 126A

They are identified as:

1. A Male Juvenile

2. Jose Matias

18 years old

289 Hillman St

3. Derryn Pinette

18 years old

166 Charles St.

Chief David A. Provencher stated that he commends the officers and staff at New Bedford High for the swift and successful conclusion to the investigation of a very serious act of criminal vandalism. He also commends Superintendent Dr. Pia Durkin for her support and assistance in bringing this investigation to a quick resolution. This act should not and is not considered as a "prank" in any way. There is simply no other way to view this act than as a crime. We take this very seriously and are satisfied with the quick and successful resolution to this investigation.

New Bedford Beach Parking Passes Available Beginning Monday, June 9, 2014

Update (June 11, 2014)

City of New Bedford 2014 seasonal beach parking passes are now available for purchase during normal business hours (8:00AM-4:00PM) at the Parks Recreation & Beaches Office at 181 Hillman St., Building 3, at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall at 133 William St, and at the Traffic Office at the Elm Street Garage downtown. Passes are now also available at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St. on weekdays from 1:00PM-8:00PM and on Saturdays from 10:00AM-3:00PM.

Seasonal parking passes are \$5 for city residents. Residents must bring their vehicle registration to obtain a resident seasonal parking pass. The City offers seasonal parking passes to non-residents from surrounding communities for \$20. Residents from Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Westport, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Acushnet, Freetown, Lakeville and Taunton are eligible. Non-residents from communities other than these are able to purchase seasonal parking passes for \$50.

The City of New Bedford continues preparations for the opening of its public beaches, with the sale of beach parking passes beginning on Monday, June 9, 2014.

The beach parking program, which covers East Beach, West Beach and Fort Taber, requires residents and non-residents to acquire a seasonal parking pass or pay a daily rate for parking.

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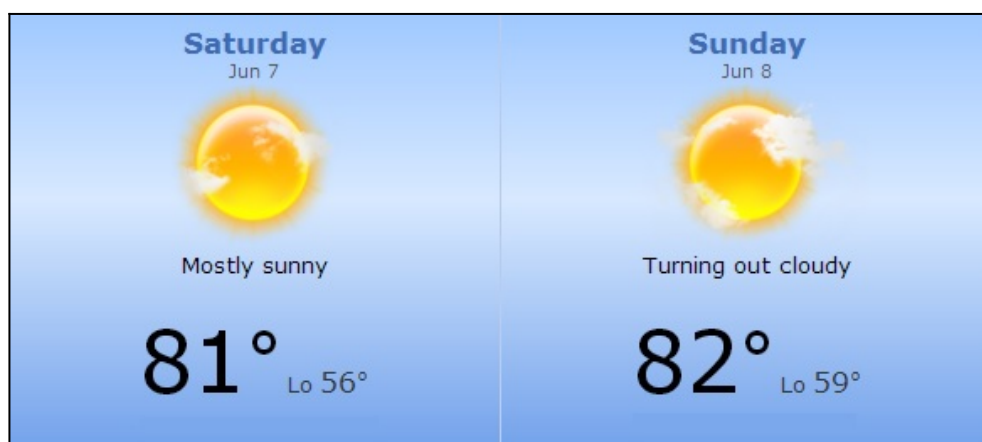
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Non-residents from the surrounding communities specified pay \$5 for a one-day parking pass. Non-residents from communities other than those specified can purchase a one-day parking pass for \$15.

The City of New Bedford encourages everyone to come and enjoy the sparkling waters and the clean, safe, family-friendly beaches of New Bedford. East Beach this summer will feature new improved beach volleyball courts as well as a newly-formed Adult Recreation Beach Volleyball League. West Beach is a swimmers haven with an accessible pavilion providing shade, cool breezes, beautiful sunsets, and a fully accessible bath house. Fort Taber boasts sweeping views of New Bedford Harbor and Buzzards Bay in historic, Fort Taber Park.

Beaches are guarded by a professional waterfront team from June 28, 2014 through Sept. 1, 2014.

20 Things To Do This Weekend (June 06-June 08)



Well, it finally looks like we're going to get a break from all this weekend rain. I guess, I can stop work on that Ark that I was building. Even better is that this weekend will be the first weekend that will resemble a truly summer weekend. We'll hit the 80s! There is quite a lot going on in the South Coast and beyond, now that warm weather is here to stay. People are planning events to keep those of us who enjoy seizing life, busy indeed!

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!

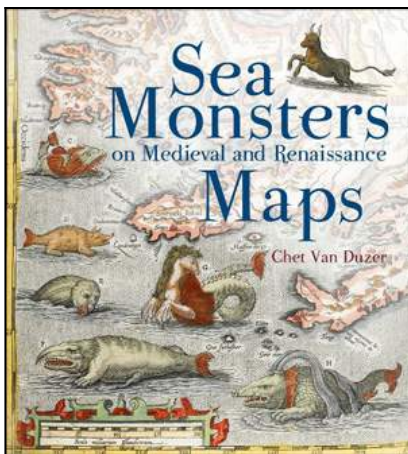
Friday, June 06th

St. Stanislaus Polish Festival: Day 1 (Fall River) (5:00pm-9:00pm)

Delicious Polish and American food, live music, money wheel, fried dough, ice cream, Polish dancers, great children's games, face painting, bounce house, DJ, gymnastics exhibition. Fun for all! Phone: 508-672-0423. Email: gsfallriver@gmail.com. 36 Rockland Street Fall River, Mass.

Portuguese Kids (5:30pm)

Special performance to aid the A&R Pennies From Heaven Relay for Life Team. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 and include food catered by Innerbay of New Bedford, call (774) 203-9933 for information and tickets.



*The Whaling Museum
always offering
fascinating
lectures!!*

Painting with a Splash: Red Wine Pour & Girl's Night Out (7:00pm)

Welcome to Painting with a Splash Where you are the artist! Painting with a Splash is the newest addition to Historic Whaling City Downtown New Bedford. Bringing you an experience

of art as entertainment. Add a little wine (BYOB) that will surely tap into your creative side. With step by step instruction and a little music, you and your friends will create the evenings featured painting with a splash of your own uniqueness. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Just a desire to have fun.

Public Lecture: Perilous Oceans: Sea Monsters on Medieval and Renaissance Maps (7:00pm)

Chet Van Duzer will trace the history of sea monsters on European maps, beginning with the earliest mappaemundi on which they appear in the tenth century and continuing to the end of the sixteenth century. One of the most visually engaging elements on these maps, sea monsters are important not only in the history of cartography, art, and zoological illustration, but also in the history of the geography of the marvelous and of western conceptions of the ocean.

Saturday, June 07th

Allen's Neck Rummage and Bake Sale (Dartmouth) (9:00-3:00pm)

Allen's Neck Quaker Meeting House Rummage and bake sale at 739 Horseneck Road.



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Acushnet: fresh
picked produce,
family events, ice
cream, pies, and*

more!

**Indoor/outdoor, multi-vendor yard sale (Acushnet)
(9:00am-2:00pm)**

Indoor/Outdoor, multi-vendor, yard sale Acushnet Sr. Ctr. building, 59 1/2 South Main Street, Acushnet Rain or shine. We will also be hosting a BBQ vendor. Hamburgers/cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips and watermelon. Phone: 508 998 0280. Email: acushnetcoa@acushnet.ma.us.

**Marion Art Center: "Tapestry of Innovation" (Marion)
(10:00am-2:00pm)**

Arlene has been a traditional basket maker, making functional baskets since 1981. After many years of creating utilitarian baskets, she acquired the necessary skills to experiment with new forms and shapes. She started making contemporary baskets using many non-traditional materials such as Japanese papers, wire, copper foil, pewter, brass etc. Her new work evolved to conceptual designs that represent ideas rather than functional containers.

**Shining Tides Annual Quilt Show 2014 (Dartmouth)
(10:00am-5:00pm)**

Features a raffle quilt "Jinny's Garden," 2013 Hoffman Challenge quilts, vendors, door prizes and more. At UMass Dartmouth Woodland Commons. Admission \$7.

**Cape Verdean Cultural Center Open House Celebration
(11:00-6:00pm)**

Live music, dancing, Batukada, arts & crafts, games, prizes, cash bar and more! The Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford invites you to tour the Cape Verdean Cultural Center and learn more about their goals and future plans. 1157 Acushnet Avenue.

New Bedford Ballet: "The Secret Garden" (2:00pm & 8:00pm)

Presents "The Secret Garden" at the Zeiterion theatre. Reserved seating is \$20, general admission \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, \$8 for children 12 and younger.

Available at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center box office and New Bedford ballet Website. 684 Purchase St.



OPEN HOUSE



The Cape Verdean Association In New Bedford (CVANB) invites you to tour the Cape Verdean Cultural Center and learn more about our goals and future plans.

WHEN: SATURDAY & SUNDAY, June 7th and 8th

WHERE: 1157 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford, MA 02746

TIME: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Contact:** cvainfo@cvanb.org

A weekend of celebration with our community

Live Entertainment

Music	Dance	Batukada
Arts & Crafts	Games	Prizes

Ca\$h Bar & much more...



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A lot of family fun!

St. Stanislaus Polish Festival: Day 2 (Fall River) (5:00pm-9:00pm)

Delicious Polish and American food, live music, money wheel, fried dough, ice cream, Polish dancers, great children's games, face painting, bounce house, DJ, gymnastics exhibition. Fun for all! Phone: 508-672-0423. Email: gfallriver@gmail.com. 36 Rockland Street Fall River, Mass.

GLBTQ Pride Dance (7:00pm-11:00pm)

First GLBTQ PRIDE DANCE in New Bedford sponsored by an Episcopal Church!! \$10./ticket, includes DJ Sarah Mello, beverages, munchies and a fantastic time!!! Tickets are limited, a few tickets will be available at the door. Phone: 508-992-4656. Email: spring44@comcast.net. St. Martin's Episcopal Church Hall Corner of County and Rivet Streets New Bedford.

Silverbrook Farm ACUSHNET Country Store Season Opening (9:00-am-5:00pm)

Silverbrook Country Store officially opens for the season! We will have SPRING PRODUCE, EMACK and BOLIOS's ICE CREAM, JAMS, BREADS, PIES and MUCH MUCH MORE! For directions and contact information, click on the event title or email them at thesilverbrookfarm@gmail.com! It is the beginning of a GREAT SEASON!

Painting with a Splash: Flip Flop Say & Fun City (3:00pm & 7:00pm)

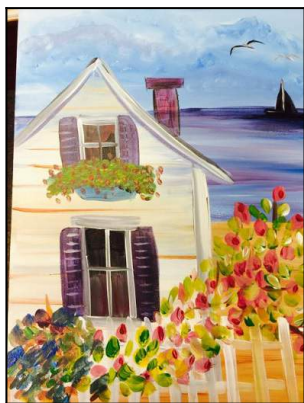
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Sunday, June 08th

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Painting with a Splash: Nantucket Cottage (1:00pm)

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Neil Diamond Tribute Show (1:00-3:00pm)

Acushnet Historical Society presents Neil Diamond Tribute Show featuring "Solitary Man" Bill Reidy. Admission FREE. Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main St.

**12th Annual Benefit Pops Concert at Tabor Academy (Marion)
(3:00-4:00pm)**

Tri-County Symphonic Band. Concert program entitled "Fairy Tales, Witches and Wizards." Tickets \$25 and all proceeds benefit the Tri-County Music Association's John R. Pandolfi Scholarship Fund. Fireman Performing Arts Center at Hoyt Hall, Tabor Academy, 235 Front St.

**Dartmouth 350th Incorporation Celebration & Fireworks
(Dartmouth) (4:00-9:00pm)**

Music, fireworks, fun! Join the town of Dartmouth in celebrating their 350th anniversary!

Want to sponsor this weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details.

**Downtown New Bedford
convenience store robbed at
gunpoint, clerk assaulted**



Shortly after noon time Costa's Cash Express at 211 Union St. was robbed at gunpoint. The clerk was struck in the face with a silver handgun. She suffered a cut to the lip area.

Two males entered the business, demanded cash, and fled with an undisclosed amount of money. They both fled easterly on Union St. but may have split up at Pleasant St.

Suspect #1- (had gun) light skinned black male approx. 5-9 and thin build

- Wearing a light blue hooded sweatshirt
- Black shorts
- Black sneakers

Suspect #2- dark skinned black male approx. 5-10 and thin build

- Wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt
- Baggy jeans

Anyone with information is asked to contact New Bedford
Detectives at 508-991-6300 ext. 320.