

Mayoral Candidate Jon Mitchell



The New Bedford municipal elections will be held on November 8th, 2011. A list of the candidates can be found [here](#). New Bedford Guide does not endorse candidates and we offer our site for any candidate to publish articles. Articles can be submitted to info@newbedfordguide.com. Here is an article submitted by Jon Mitchell who is running for mayor. Learn more about him on his website and Facebook page.

Several months ago I decided to run for Mayor of New Bedford because I believed New Bedford is at a pivotal point. We can keep up the positive momentum we've built up over the past several years, or we can slip back and lose the progress we've worked hard to achieve. I don't want us to slip back, and neither do you.

Here is what I offer as a candidate:

For almost ten years, I was a federal prosecutor, pursuing drug dealers, white collar criminals, and corporations that broke the rules.

I went after the polluters responsible for the Buzzards Bay

Oil Spill, and I was the prosecutor on the team that hunted mobster Whitey Bulger. Over the years, I led teams of federal agents in many complicated investigations, including several right here in New Bedford. In all these cases, my job was to sort out complex problems, to exercise sound judgment, and to make decisions.

I believe New Bedford needs a Mayor with precisely those skills.

As Mayor, I will make to you the following commitments:

First, I will fight at every point to bring jobs to New Bedford. In my previous job, I sat across the table from corporate executives on multi-million dollar issues and fought successfully to reach agreements. I didn't back down then, and I won't back down as Mayor.

Second, I won't rest until today's deep, pervasive problems in our schools are a thing of the past.

As the son of two public school teachers, I want the children in our school system, including my own children, to receive an education that puts them on a path to success. To do that, we need to restore confidence and accountability throughout our school system, and it is long past the time for talking about our drop-out problem. We need to become much better at identifying at-risk kids at an early age and giving them the help they need to stay in school.



We won't get far in growing our economy or improving our schools if we don't have safe streets. No one wants to live or come to a place where they feel insecure. As someone who has spent a career in law enforcement, believe me: I am the last

person the criminals want to see in the Mayor's Office.

The citizens of New Bedford should know this: New Bedford means a great deal to me. This City is not only my home. It is where my roots are. My family's story is the same story as thousands of others who worked hard in the mills and on fishing boats, sacrificed for their children, and helped make New Bedford the great place it is today.

This is where my wife Ann and I are raising our three girls. As a father, I want a future for my children where they hold good jobs and live happy, full lives right here in New Bedford. I am committed to being the kind of Mayor that makes that same future a reality for all the children of our City. To do it, I am going to need your help. That is why I am asking for your vote on November 8th.

Stay tuned for our interview with Jon Mitchell next week!

Demystifying Melville and Moby

Herman Melville's classic American tale, Moby-Dick, comes alive this Saturday, with a lecture and two walking tours at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. The lecture will start at 10am, and the walking tours will start at 1pm and 4pm. The lecture will take place in the New Bedford Whaling National Park visitor center at 33 William Street,



downtown New Bedford, and both tours will begin in the lobby. Admission is free for all events.

“Demystifying Melville and Moby,” a talk by Irene Duprey-Gutierrez, will take place at the visitor center theater at 10:00 AM. Duprey-Gutierrez, who holds a doctorate in educational leadership, is a writer and retired English and journalism teacher.

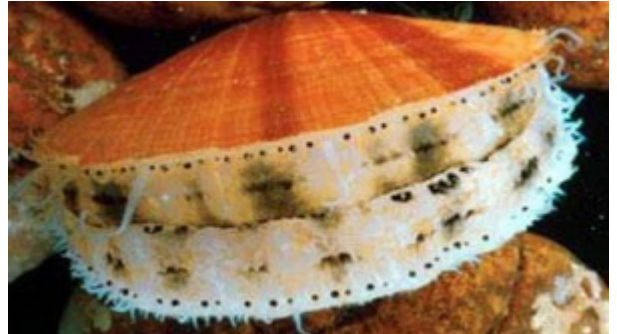
The 1pm walking tour, offered by educator and park volunteer Diane Duprey, will follow Ishmael from his arrival in New Bedford until he takes the schooner to Nantucket where he signs on as a crew member on the “Pequod.” Along the way the tour will visit sites that Ishmael visited and others similar to ones mentioned in Melville’s Moby Dick.

The 4pm walking tour, offered by park volunteer Peter Hacunda, will give visitors a sense of the New Bedford that Herman Melville would have seen and experienced during his time here in New Bedford.

Moby-Dick has become a part of popular culture throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, popping up in everything from a Led Zeppelin song to The Simpsons to Star Trek. There are many different adaptations of Moby-Dick in a variety of genres. This year, to mark the 160th anniversary of its publication, the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park all come together to celebrate the iconic tale of the great whale in art, on screen, in community and on stage. For more information on these events, go to www.zeiterion.org, www.whalingmuseum.org, and www.nps.gov/nebe.

Ocean Explorium Opens New Live Sea Scallops Exhibit

The Ocean Explorium has installed a new Sea Scallop Touch Tank, part of the growing Living Laboratory of aquaria and live exhibits.



The Ocean Explorium's newest exhibit allows visitors to actually hold a live scallop in their hand. "People are drawn to life," said Explorium Director Mark Smith. "Zoos and aquariums have come to understand this natural inclination, and live exhibits are designed to allow the public as much access as can safely be permitted."

"Sea Scallops are an important animal to the citizens of New Bedford. Now, they can see and even touch a live Sea Scallop," Smith said. "What a great way to learn about this fascinating animal."

Dedicated to the memory of Ernest and Mary Dalzell, the tank houses several sea scallops, ranging in size from three inches in diameter to over seven inches in diameter.

Warren Gibbons, Exhibit Curator, installed the Sea Scallop exhibit with assistance from volunteer Greg Clear. The new exhibit joins the Rocky Shore touch tank, opposite the Ray and Shark touch tank which opened in July.

The Ocean Explorium, located at 174 Union Street in Downtown New Bedford, is open Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, and is handicap accessible through the building's rear entrance.

J.Kelley Band Seeks Extras for Music Video



by
Michael
Silvia



The J.Kelley Band wants YOU to come out and be an extra for their “Shake You” music video that will be shot in downtown New Bedford! There are several minor and extra rolls for the videos still open to include a “hot” mom, yoga girls, shake you dancers and of course extras for the bar scenes at The Candleworks Restaurant (Monday, 24 Oct, 2-10 PM), Rose alley Ale House (Wednesday, 26 Oct, 7-11 AM) and The Waterfront Grille (Wednesday, 26 Oct, 5-11:30 PM). The ultimate goal is to get

500,000+ view on YouTube.com, so join us and get your few minutes of fame!

The music video will be shot between the 24-26th of October and extras are needed for all three days. Interested people should e-mail jkelleyband@gmail.com and like our fan page dedicated to the Music Video production: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/JKelley-Shake-You-Music-Video-Extras/299290783420513>. We will post updates and changes on that fan page!

The music video is written and produced by yours truly and directed by acclaimed director Jay Burke of Whaling City. The story of the video is simple; boy meets beautiful, crazy girl, crazy girl chases boy around New Bedford with boy escaping crazy girl to play a concert on the waterfront of New Bedford. Full details of the video can be found [here](#).

Extras Timeline

Extras are broken down into core extras (those willing to stay for long durations) and mass extras (those staying for large audience shots, but for short durations). Extras will be needed for the following days and times:

Monday, October 24th (Candleworks Restaurant – 72 N Water St # 4, New Bedford, MA)

Synopsis: extras will be at the bar and around the restaurant mingling. This is where J.Kelley meets Lauren. Some minor dialogue. Extras should dress like they are going to see live music at a nice bar/restaurant.

4:30-8:30 PM – Mass and Core Extras (Mass extras released at 6:30 PM)

6:30-8:30 PM – Core extras only

Tuesday, October 25th (Rose Alley Ale House – 94 Front Street, New Bedford, MA)

Synopsis: extras will be at the bar and around the restaurant mingling. Extras should dress like they are going to see live music at a sports bar.

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM – Mass and Core Extras (Mass extras released at 12:45 PM)

12:45 – 2:45 PM – Core Extras only

Wednesday, October 26th (Waterfront Grille – 36 Homers Wharf, New Bedford, MA)

Synopsis: extras will be at the bar and around the restaurant mingling. Extras should dress like they are going to see live music at an outdoor bar. Dress warm.

6-7:30 PM – Mass and Core Extras (Mass extras released at 7:30 PM)

7:30 PM – 10:30 PM – Core Extras only

Five Reasons Not to Practice Yoga



by Pam
Teves

People often come up with a variety of excuses not to do things. Here is a list of a few good reasons not to practice yoga:

1. You enjoy lacking energy and motivation.

Like so many others, your desire to watch Oprah re-runs outweighs your motivation to get up and practice yoga. Yoga can offer energy and motivation to start a healthy habit, and provide benefits off your mat. Releasing some tension that you

might have built up frees up your energy to be put to more useful things.

2. Sweating is icky.

Not all types of yoga will break a sweat, but if you do find yourself taking a vinyasa or hot yoga class it's probably going to cause your body to release toxins and nourish your skin from the inside. Sweating is useful in many ways, it is a natural way of regulating your body temperature, and creating that post yoga glow after a good class that wouldn't be possible without a little sweat.

3. You like looking older then you actually are.

There are many ways that we can take care of ourselves to keep us looking younger and healthy. Releasing toxins when twisting, stretching, and sweating in a yoga class can do this. Also, think about how you feel after doing something good for yourself. Do you walk away a little taller and with a smile? When you feel beautiful and confident, you naturally look younger and more radiant.

4. You want to be stressed out.

If you've ever been stressed most people will tell you to breath, and this is the first thing you do in a yoga class. We open classes this way to reduce the level of stress and clear the busyness of our minds. Now

imagine over an hour of this. Think of all the stress that could be released, not to mention the endorphins that exercise releases into your body. But why would you want to be less stressed and happier?




5. You have a bad; back, knee, shoulder, hip, toe...etc. And you like the pain.

You've hurt yourself in the past and now you don't want to injure yourself any further ...well I don't blame you! When

you're in a yoga class let your instructor know what your injuries are and they will work with you to offer variations or modifications that could work better for your body. I find that people who that listen to their body and do not pass their edge get the most satisfaction from Yoga. Please, don't compare yourself and your practice to others in class and take your time on your mat to appreciate what your mind and body can accomplish in the moment. Creating a safe practice is what will increase your ability to keep on practicing and, who knows, maybe even stretch out that hurt (back, knee, shoulder, hip, toe, etc).

Want to practice Yoga? Already do, but want to increase your time on the mat? Check out our Yoga Seven Days a Week article for the New Bedford and the South Coast!

New Bedford Santa 5K Fun Run (10 Dec, 2011)

There is something cool (or hot and stuffy) about thousands  of Santa Clauses running a 5k. On December 10th, 2011 that is exactly what will happen in downtown New Bedford. Area residents can participate by registering for the race and purchasing a Santa suit. The fun run is open to all ages and all levels of runners. The run kicks off at 11am starting at the New Bedford City Hall and making a turn around at Pope's Island Marina.

Registration costs \$35 and includes a Santa suit. Geoff Smith, a two-time Boston Marathon winner and event organizer states that this is a fun event and no running background is necessary. "The vast majority of people entering will not be

serious runners,” Geoff states on the website. “The Santa Sightings 5K Fun Run is all about having fun so if you run, jog, walk or crawl, we really don’t mind.”

Head over to SantaNB.com for more details. You can also subscribe to their Facebook Fanpage at: <http://www.facebook.com/SantaSightings>.

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Jane Gonsalves – Ward 5 City Council

I grew up in the west end of New Bedford in a family that was always interested in politics. Local affairs were a regular topic for discussion at our dinner table. My father served on the Redevelopment Authority in the 1960s, and so my siblings and I learned at an early age what was going on in our city. As a result, I have always had a keen interest in serving my community, although I never thought that I would run for office when I grew up!



I returned to New Bedford after graduating from Providence College with a B.A. in Economics. I was lucky to find a job locally in insurance and have worked in that industry until recently. Several of my friends were also living in New Bedford and over time, one by one, they seemed to gravitate toward public service. In 1992, I volunteered for Mark Montigny’s first campaign for State Senate. I got very

involved and spent most of my free time doing campaign work. I really enjoyed it and realized that I was learning valuable skills. The next year, in 1993, I ran for the Ward 5 City Council seat and was elected from a field of 5 candidates. It has been a wonderful experience, despite the stress that sometimes accompanies public service. I know that I have made a difference for people and neighborhoods during my tenure. I'm not afraid to say what I think and that sometimes results in criticism, but my constituents know that I will fight for them whenever they need me to. Residents who have contacted me by phone or email, or through my Facebook page or website, know that I am accessible and responsive. They also know that I'm relentless in seeking solutions and getting action on their behalf. I get things done!

I have had the opportunity to do a lot of small things for a lot of residents in the time I have served as Ward 5 Councillor, like getting trees removed and planted, sidewalks repaired, and zoning issues resolved, to name a few. These may seem like small things, but have made a big difference to the people who needed my help. This is a big part of the role of City Councillor and I find it rewarding to act as a resident's champion in City Hall. Not only have I solved problems for individuals, I have also had the chance to vote on bigger issues as well that affect the entire city. First and foremost in my mind is always what is best for New Bedford.

I'm proud to say that I have practiced fiscal responsibility. I've chaired the Finance Committee for four years and requested that the meetings be televised so that city taxpayers would know how the city was spending its money. I've sponsored many budget cuts annually to ensure that our city departments are run efficiently. I've questioned spending requests made by the administration for things like capital improvements and pay raises. The Finance Committee is responsible for voting on bonding requests and I make sure

that, before any vote is taken, the committee has all of the necessary information, including the reason the bonding is needed as well as the cost of that borrowing. These actions have contributed to the maintenance of the city's superior credit rating from Moody's.

I've always believed in the importance of New Bedford's unique neighborhoods and the necessity to maintain them by being vigilant on quality of life issues. I continue to advocate strongly for historic preservation in the city, and worked over several years to slow down the rush to demolish historic properties, through the passage of a demolition delay ordinance. The ordinance requires a public hearing, and a delay of several months before granting a demolition permit. This has forced real estate developers to find alternatives to demolition. The property now owned by the Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE) at 38 So Sixth St is one of the properties saved from demolition by this process. I've also sponsored several other amendments to zoning ordinances to strengthen the integrity of our residential neighborhoods. Roadway improvements to Rockdale Ave, Hawthorn St and Brownell Ave were completed recently to improve traffic flow and public safety in that important travel corridor, a project that I lobbied strenuously for. I was also a driving force behind the extension of the walking path around Buttonwood Park, which is enjoyed by so many citizens on a daily basis. I have also supported the building of new schools, which will improve educational opportunities for our children, and will be reimbursed by the State at a substantial savings to the city. I have voted for funding for AHA night, the Zeiterion and other creative economy projects so that residents and visitors can enjoy arts and culture in local venues.

The proposed expansion of the Buttonwood Park Zoo is an issue that will affect the residents of Ward 5 and the city as a whole for a long time into the future. I've been vocal in calling for further study of the proposed expansion and

chaired a task force made up of volunteers who developed a compromise plan for the Zoo. However I know the residents of Ward 5, and in particular, the neighbors of Buttonwood Park, want to be sure that we carefully consider the impact on the neighborhood, the park and the animals before any shovel is put into the ground and any more green space is taken. I continue to work with both the Zoological Society members and the Friends of Buttonwood Park to seek alternatives to expansion that will allow us to improve one of the best small zoos in the country, while maintaining green space for all of our residents to enjoy.

I believe a strong local economy needs strong small businesses. Therefore, I sponsored an effort to assist our struggling fishing industry by requesting a summit with federal officials be held in New Bedford to address changes to the current fisheries management regulations. I also drafted an amendment to existing zoning ordinances to allow recreational facilities to locate in renovated mill buildings. I have supported tax increment financing agreements to encourage businesses to expand or relocate to New Bedford.

Looking forward, I know that my work to improve New Bedford, and in particular the neighborhoods that comprise Ward 5, is not done.

In the next term, I will work with the School Committee to improve educational opportunities for our children and to reduce the dropout rate. An educated workforce is central to attracting new businesses to New Bedford, which will provide job opportunities and expand our commercial tax base.

I will work on making New Bedford more attractive to businesses and aggressively pursue opportunities to get new businesses to locate here and existing businesses to thrive and expand.

I will work to finish the plans for a dog park in New Bedford.

I will also seek to use Community Development funds to work with the neighborhood on a plan to update the Hathaway Courts playground. I will encourage the completion of a request for proposal for the redevelopment of the parcel at 478 Union St, which has finally been cleared and is ready for sale.

I will continue to lobby for the re-establishment of Community Policing as a means of reducing crime in our neighborhoods.

I will work with City staff to develop a plan for regular maintenance and replacement of city trees and sidewalks in order to make our neighborhood beautiful and safe for pedestrians.

If you would like more information about my campaign, please visit www.janegonsalves.com.

I am running for re-election because I have a passion for New Bedford and for serving its citizens. I ask for your vote on November 8th for Ward 5 Councillor.

All candidates running for office in New Bedford are provided the opportunity to submit articles for publication. Candidates should submit relevant articles to info@newbedfordguide.com. The final municipal election election will be held on November 8th, 2011. Check out our 2011 New Bedford Elections Page for articles, interviews and other useful information.

Creole Choir of Cuba at

Zeiterion Theatre (15 Oct)

This Saturday, October 15th, the Creole Choir of Cuba will perform at the Zeiterion Theater with the goal of entertaining audiences and raising funds to help wipe out Cholera in Haiti. You can purchase tickets [here](#). If you are looking for an unique experience, something different than the norm and want to make a difference in Haiti, the Creole Choir of Cuba is a must attend event. From the Zeiterion Theatre's website:

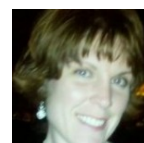


Glorious...Prepare to be swept off your feet – UK Morning Star

Wow! Just when you thought you knew all about Cuban music, along comes the steaming hot a cappella sound of the Creole Choir of Cuba. Vibrant dancing, eye-popping costumes, spectacular harmonies, and music of the Caribbean, Cuba, Haiti, and Dominica come together to create an impassioned celebration of roots, resistance and the irresistible rhythms of life. All across the world, the Choir's sheer joy, irresistible harmonies and hot Caribbean rhythms have brought audiences to their feet in bursts of thunderous applause.

Admission to the show is \$35.50 or \$70 to enjoy a block party under a tent in front of the Zeiterion Theatre starting at 6pm. The block party includes a traditional Haitian dinner provided by Morton's Fork catering. Following the 8pm performance, there will be coffee, dessert and a meet and greet with the artists in the tent for those with block party tickets. At this time the block party tickets are sold out. Get your tickets online or call the Zeiterion Theatre at 508-997-5664.

South Coast Weekend Guide (October 7-9)



by Amy
Knox

The answer to last week's trivia question is at the bottom of the page. Here is this week's trivia question: What is the oldest theater in New Bedford?

I am no weatherman, and recently my weather predictions seem to be off, but that is New England, unpredictable. The fall has been perfect. I'm not looking forward to bundling up and so I've been savoring the warm days by keeping my windows open, breathing in the fresh air and thinking warm thoughts. Weather.com is showing mostly sunny for this weekend, and if that stays true another ideal weekend is in store. The nights are expected to be comfortable, in the 50's, making it enjoyable to go out for a night on the town. The highs will range from 60's to maybe even 80 degrees on Sunday!

This weekend, definitely check out one or some of the many opportunities in the area to listen to local music, celebrate nightlife, enjoy the arts, benefit a good cause, avoid the heat, or support the zoos in our area. As always, most events discussed here are from LocalOracle. To have your events promoted for FREE, submit them [HERE](#). If you need directions, simply click on the event name for contact info and directions.

FRIDAY, October 7

Roger Williams Zoo (1000 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI) is presenting Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular. See thousands of illuminated pumpkins on display in a woodland setting. Themed groupings of pumpkins showing children's favorites and pop culture all brought to life with special lighting and music. This is not only for families to enjoy, it's for all ages. The Zoo is open nightly from 6 – 11pm. Tickets are:



- Monday – Thursday: Adults \$12, Seniors \$10 and Children (3-12) \$9.
- Friday – Sunday: Adults \$14, Seniors \$12 and Children (3-12) \$11.

In our neck of the woods, Your Theater (136 Rivet St., New Bedford, 508-993-0772) presents "The Lepers of Penikese." The play is directed by Ray Veary and this is a glimpse of an unique piece of history – a diverse little community which for 16 years balanced hope and despair on an island in Buzzards Bay. The show starts at 8pm and tickets are \$8 -\$10,

Friday night is theater night in New Bedford, The Zeiterion (684 Purchase, New Bedford) is hosting what the New York Times calls, "one of the finest musicals of the century", My Fair Lady. Beautiful costumes, exceptional acting, and of course unforgettable songs like "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" and more will be at the Zeiterion Theatre tonight. What a wonderful way to end the week by going to dinner at one of the many local restaurants and then seeing the play. You can get tickets online from \$48.50-\$52.50.



Family Fun Campfires at Buttonwood Park Zoo will be held this Friday night. Bring a blanket and enjoy the fire while story telling, snacks and activities will be going on. Starts at 6:30pm, members \$25.00, non members \$35.00. Call 508-991-4556 ext. 18 to pre-register. If inclement weather the Park will call it off by 5pm. Stay tuned!

Candleworks Restaurant (72 N. Water St., New Bedford.) will be hosting Debonair on Friday night starting at 9:30pm. Stop in for drinks, sit back and enjoy the music in an elegant atmosphere.

Looking for a more fast pace scene? Head down to the Ice Chest (136 Huttleson Ave) and enjoy DJ Eddie Freitas from 9pm – 1am or head to Fins (37 Union St.) where DJ Rage will be spinning some tunes and enjoy free pizza at midnight. For more events, check [HERE](#).

SATURDAY, October 8

Gallery X (169 William St.) is presenting Low Brow art exhibit from 11am-3pm. Come and check out the art work. Best of all it's free!

Here is a reminder that King Richard's Faire is still going on. Take a ride back in time to the medieval period at King Richard's Faire (235 Main St. in Carver). Eat with your hands, watch fire-eaters, acrobats, jousting, and much more. This year is it's 30th anniversary which makes it more special. Tickets are \$27 (cash only), times are 10:30am – 6pm. This event will be going on every Saturday and Sunday until October 23.

If you missed the production of "The Lepers of Penikese" at Your Theater, it is showing Saturday again at 8pm.

Johnny Edwards Power of Soul will be performing at The Ice Chest on Saturday night from 9pm -1am. (136 Huttleson Ave). For more events, check [HERE](#).

SUNDAY, October 9

For the early risers, New Bedford Community Rowing presents the second annual Pope's Island Rowing Regatta. Starting at 8am until 2pm, there is a 5k race, circumnavigating around Pope's Island. Rowers from all over and



all abilities will be participating. Come and watch this spectacular view of rowers in New Bedford harbor, especially since it should be a great sunny day. If you would like to participate next year head down and speak to one of the rowers or call Vincent Sario 508-801-7065.

For football lovers head over to the Ice Chest Bar & Grille for "All Day NFL Sunday Ticket." Meet friends, watch your favorite team and enjoy delicious, fresh food. Did I mention their 1,000 quart bar filled with ice cold beer?

On Sunday night at Rose Alley Ale House, Kenny Richards will be performing from 6 – 9pm. This is also a great place to try a new beer, listen to music and catch a game.

Every Sunday night starting at 7pm., The Pour Farm Tavern will be having Jam Sessions hosted by Matt Antunes. Jazz, Blues, Funk, or Good Ol' Rock and Roll are welcome. Want to jam? Contact Matt: straightlaceproductions@comcast.net

For more events, check [HERE](#).

Last week's Trivia question: What is the world's largest fair that has been going on for over 200 years? (Hint: Many cities have smaller versions of this fair.)

The answer: Oktoberfest! This is the oldest and largest fair held in Germany every year, it attracts millions of people to Munich.

I live for my weekends and try to take advantage of what the local towns have to offer, there so much to do and see right in our backyard. Enjoy the weekend and the weather.

2011 New Bedford Oktoberfest Review



By Shonna
McGrail

Details on the 2012 New Bedford Oktoberfest here: <http://www.newbedfordguide.com/new-bedford-oktoberfest-2012/2012/09/14>

Music could be heard rising up from downtown New Bedford this past Saturday, the first of October as pedestrians roamed the cobblestone streets, enjoying last of the warm weather. At the center of it all was Oktoberfest, which was taking place under a gigantic white tent in Custom House Square. The 6th annual Oktoberfest was quite a success, and a spectacular way to greet the start of fall.

Between the delicious beer selection, the music and the generally festive atmosphere, Oktoberfest was a very enjoyable way to spend my Saturday night. Oktoberfest started at 3pm in the afternoon, but I didn't arrive until after dinner, and around that time many other people seemed to pile in as well. The crowds of people purchasing seasonal brews and culinary

treats seemed to be in high spirits as they not only participated in a great party, but also an important fundraiser.



Proceeds from Oktoberfest, along with proceeds from all food sold by Rose Alley, went to two worthy charities this year. Oktoberfest is the largest annual fundraiser the South Coast Business Alliance (SCBA) hosts every year, and proceeds are always dedicated to helping

associations that benefit at-risk youth. It seemed evident to me that the fundraiser was a success based on the number people under the tent. I spoke with a SCBA director Nick Francis and he confirmed these beliefs.

I can safely say that the 6th annual was one of our most successful Oktoberfests yet," said Mr. Francis. "The support shown by those coming out in droves to attend our event is so rewarding. We could not make the event what it is without all of those in attendance along with all of our great sponsors and lastly the volunteers who are truly the pulse of the entire day. We, once again, proudly put together a successful event with no bumps in the road raising money and awareness for the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County and Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts."

Tickets to Oktoberfest bought you one free beer. I started off with a cool, crisp Wachusett Imperial Pumpkin Ale. After that, I bought some tickets to try a few additional brews. Tickets were \$4 each and bought any beer, cider or wine being offered under the tent. My favorite drink that I sampled was the Not So Great Pumpkin Ale by local favorite, Just Beer. Despite what the name might suggest, I found it to be great. There were many other delicious options as well.

Food being served included brats (\$5) and turkey legs (\$7) from Rose Alley which came in generous portion sizes. No Problemos was also feeding the crowd with chips and salsa (\$3), tacos (\$3.50) and beef or chicken quesadillas for \$6.50. Additionally, Pizan's Pizza was present, selling pizza at \$3 a slice.

In terms of music, the stage itself was very cool, with projectors and light displays and a very decent sound system to carry the sound of some very talented musicians into the night. As Mr. Francis put it, "Folding a professional all-star music lineup, our biggest brew selection and one of the countries premiere audio/visual companies, in MiddleHouse, into the mix leaves you hard pressed to find a better way to kickoff the fall season."