

New Bedford School Bus Stuck on Sassaquin Avenue

Concerned parents in a local community group were rightfully upset when their kids did not show up from school earlier today. As of 5:30pm we could confirm that there were at least two students left on the school bus. "Pulaski Bus 11" is the vehicle that has gotten stuck. The road is currently blocked off as they try to extricate the vehicle and tow it. If you are unfamiliar with Sassaquin Ave in the far north end, its a relatively steep hill with a nasty curve on a good day. Throw 2 feet of snow on top of it and its a disaster waiting to happen.

Several parents called the school department looking for guidance and were directed to call the bus company (Reliable) only to be hung up on. Finally a group of parents backtracked the route the bus was supposed to take only to find them stuck in the snow. It was at that point a public post was made and other parents chimed in who were also looking for their kids. Feedback from many reflected the above sentiment that information was scarce and many parents were left in the dark. Reports are that the bus driver remained calm and kept the kids under control. At some point the bus was evacuated do to its proximity to Sassaquin Pond. Not a single parent who posted in the group received a call from the school or the bus company explaining what was going on or where they could pick up their kids. This is a developing story.

Complete Labor & Staffing of New Bedford Needs 100 Snow Removal Workers TODAY. Earn up to \$24 an hour.

Complete Labor & Staffing has plenty of snow removal jobs all around the area please come on down to 256 Union st or call the office (508) 858-5595 this is going on now first come first served. They are **HIRING NOW**, on the spot.

****SNOW REMOVAL\SHOVELERS WANTED****

COME JOIN OUR TEAM "COMPLETE LABOR AND STAFFING" WHERE WE PAY DAILY AND OFFER **PREMIUM WAGES OF 18.00 TO \$24.00 FOR DRIVERS**
*****WE NEVER PAY MINIMUM WAGE FOR SNOW!**

*****REQUIREMENTS*****

- * MUST HAVE PROPER WORK GEAR (BOOTS, GLOVES)
- * MUST BE ABLE TO WORK OUTDOORS IN FREEZING WEATHER CONDITIONS
- * MUST BE ABLE TO WORK EXTENDED HOURS DEPENDING ON THE NEEDS OF THE COMPANY
- * MUST BE HARDWORKING AND ABLE TO WORK WITH OTHERS
- * EXPERIENCE AND VEHICLE A PLUS BUT NOT NECESSARY-**Premium pay for drivers-**
- * MUST BRING 2 FORMS OF ID-STATE PHOTO ID-ALONG WITH SOCIAL SECURITY CARD OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- * PLEASE COME IN AND APPLY NOW!

Normal Branch Hours:

Monday through Friday 5am to 7pm

Saturday 6am-10am

****Snow Alert-Open NOW 24/7 THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND..**

Located at: 256 Union Street
New Bedford. MA



Southcoast Health Urgent Care Recognized for High Standard of Excellence

Southcoast Health announced today its Urgent Care Center locations in

Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Lakeville, Seekonk, Wareham and Middletown, Rhode Island have

been reaccredited by the Urgent Care Association and received the Accredited Urgent Care designation.

“This accomplishment represents Southcoast’s commitment to providing high-quality care to patients in

our community,” says Tonya Johnson, DNP RN NEA-BC, Senior Vice President and Chief Operations

Officer for Southcoast Hospitals Group. “Being recognized as an Accredited Urgent Care Center

demonstrates that our urgent care locations meet and exceed an exceptional standard of care. We are so

grateful for the amazing frontline staff who continuously put our community first.”

Accreditation is the highest level of distinction that can be earned from the Urgent Care Association. The

re-accreditation process is very thorough and must be completed every 36 months. It includes site visits, patient visit observations and policy reviews.

“It was a true team effort to achieve this re-accreditation,”

says Kelly Houde, Practice Administrator for Urgent Care Centers at Southcoast Health. "Especially as our staff continues to step up in unbelievable ways during these very difficult and trying times with COVID." Adding significance to this achievement, The Southcoast Health Urgent Care Centers continue to play an instrumental role in Southcoast's COVID response, providing essential support to hospitals and the community. "From testing to treating patients that are experiencing COVID symptoms, the urgent care team continuously steps up to care for patients who do not need to go to the emergency room," says Johnson.

Urgent Care Centers provide the community with immediate, non-emergency care, including treatment for illnesses and minor injuries such as burns, fractures and sprains. These locations are open to all patients in the community, including those who do not have a Southcoast Health primary care provider, with walk-in availability close to home.

Further emphasizing the exceptional standard of care, Southcoast Health Urgent Care Centers are backed by the specialty services and resources of Southcoast Health. Equipped with advanced diagnostic tools and resources, all seven urgent care centers offer comprehensive care with the ability to refer patients to a specialist if needed.

For added convenience, patients seeking services at Southcoast Health Urgent Care centers can wait in the comfort of their own home until it's their turn to be seen through the online check-in system. Visitors can find the closest center, its current wait time and even save a spot in line before arriving.

To learn more about Southcoast Health's Urgent Care Centers, please visit: <https://www.southcoast.org/services/urgent-care/>

About Southcoast Health

Celebrating the system's 25th anniversary in 2021, Southcoast Health is a not-for-profit, charitable organization and the largest

provider of primary and specialty care in the region, serving communities in Rhode Island and across Southeastern

Massachusetts. Southcoast Health is a Newsweek's World's Best Hospital in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Out of the 2,743 considered hospitals in the United States, only 250 earned this recognition. In 2020 and 2021, St. Luke's is a Newsweek and Leapfrog's Best

Maternity Hospitals. US News ranks Southcoast 9th among hospitals in Massachusetts, and 2nd among those in the Providence

Metro area. In 2019 and 2020, the Southcoast Health system also received seven awards, including Best Hospitals and Best Place

to Work, in SouthCoast Media Group's Best of the Best Awards voted on by residents and readers.

Potential Snowstorm This Weekend Could Drop a Foot of Snow in the Greater New Bedford Area

Prediction models are all over the map (pun intended) as a swath of winter weather will descend on the Southcoast late Friday through Sunday morning. Early totals show 1 to 3 inches Friday night with the *potential* for up to 14 inches Saturday through Sunday. Obviously the modeling might change, but there

is little doubt that our area will be affected in some way, shape or form during the weekend.

There is every indication that a storm will continue to develop and strengthen off the Atlantic coast later this week. Fun Fact: the storm *might* intensify enough from Friday to Saturday to be classified as a bomb cyclone as it moves north into New England. Late January is typically prime time for winter storms; we've dodged a few bullets this season and the last couple of winters have been relatively mild.

We'll continue to update the forecast as the weekend approaches. In the meantime...

we're gonna need more bread and milk



Seoane Landscape Design is Hiring for Multiple Positions

About Us:

Seoane Landscape Design, Inc – 551 Bedford Street – Abington, MA 02351

Established in 1973, Seoane Landscape Design and Garden Center, Inc. is an award-winning, full-service landscape contractor for high-end residential and commercial properties. They are located 45 minutes North of Fall River and New Bedford.

****TRANSPORTATION INCLUDED****

Company Offering to qualified applicants:

- Pay is commensurate with experience
- Benefit package with health insurance
- 401K
- Profit sharing
- Overtime available
- Career and advancement opportunities
- Year- Round work

Available Positions:

- Machine Operators (Hydraulic License a must)
- CDL Drivers (DOT card a must)
- Landscape Crew Members
- Maintenance Crew Members
- Landscape Masons

Requirements:

- Experience with Maintenance equipment & construction tools is helpful
- Ability to work 45-55 hours per week (OVERTIME PAY OVER 40

HOURS) (Monday – Saturday)

Please contact Dennis Baptista @ 781-706-5593 if interested OR

Email your resume to: sstoddard@seoanelandscape.com

You may also fill out an online application here:

<https://www.seoanelandscape.com/contact-us/employment-opportunities/>

****In Person Job Fair** In Fall Rive: OPEN HOUSE 2/26/22 – 10AM – 2PM**

ST. ANTHONY'S BAND CLUB – 1040 PINE ST – FALL RIVER, MA



Empire Ford is Hiring for an Automotive Service Technician in New Bedford

Empire Ford is searching for two experienced Automotive Technicians to join our fast growing Service Department. We are a high volume, high energy team dedicated to delivering the best customer experience around. Apply here: <https://www.empirefordofnewbedford.com/employment/index.htm>

Being one of the top-producing maintenance and repair facilities in the state that offers some of the best pay plans in the industry, WE ARE TH BEST so we're also LOOKING FOR THE

BEST!!! Qualified candidates should possess a “Can Do Attitude” and an APPETITE TO THRIVE!!! Please send resume to Dave Pacheco at dpacheco@buyempireautogroup.com

Annual earning potentials \$50K – \$120K

M-F shifts with a potential to work Saturdays as well.

We also offer:

Up to \$10,000 Sign on Bonus (based on skill level)

Flexible Schedules / Full time and Shift opportunities

Benefits include medical, vision and dental insurance, 401K retirement savings plan, PTO (Personal Time Off), company paid continuing education and training. Our company maintains a strong policy of equal employment opportunity for all associates. We hire, train, promote and compensate associates on the basis of personal and professional competence and potential for advancement without regard for race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, disability or citizenship, as well as other classifications protected by applicable federal, state or local laws.

Experience:

Automotive Technician: 3 years

Ford Experience (preferred)

Diesel Experience (preferred)

License:

Motor Vehicle Inspection License (Preferred)

Valid Mass Driver's License

About Our Dealership

Rick Torres., the Empire Automotive Group's President and Owner, got his start in the car business in 1983. The Torres family's three dealerships, Empire Hyundai, Empire Pre- Owned,

and the Empire Ford store, are run by Rick and his two sons: Tyler Torres, and Trevor Torres. The family's dealerships are big contributors to the Bristol/Plymouth county community and we are looking for talented candidates to join our organization.

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$50,000.00 – \$120,000.00 per year

Benefits:

401(k)
Dental insurance
Employee discount
Flexible schedule
Health insurance
Life insurance
Paid time off
Referral program
Vision insurance

Schedule:

Monday to Friday
Weekend availability

Supplemental Pay:

Bonus pay
Signing bonus

COVID-19 considerations:

Here at Empire Ford we take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread and follow state mandated requirements.

Experience:

automotive: 3 years (Preferred)

License/Certification:

Driver's License (Preferred)

Click HERE to Apply:
<https://www.empirefordofnewbedford.com/employment/index.htm>
 Please send resume to Dave Pacheco at
dpacheco@buyempireautogroup.com

**Southcoast Health is offering
walk-in vaccine appointments
January 19th & 20th at Vanity
Fair in Dartmouth**

Southcoast Health will be accepting walk-ins at the Vanity Fair Vaccination Clinic located at 375 Faunce Corner Road in Dartmouth on:

Wednesday, January 19 from 10:30am – 3:30pm

Thursday, January 20 from 11:30am – 6pm.

The clinic is offering first, second, and third dose options, with no appointment needed.

COVID-19 vaccines are free, safe, and effective at helping protect against severe disease and death from the virus that causes COVID-19, including known variants currently circulating (e.g., omicron variant).

For more information regarding COVID-19 vaccines, boosters and testing [click here:](https://www.southcoast.org/covid-19-vaccination/)
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Mayflower Wind to Host Virtual Open House on its SouthCoast Economic Development Investments

Mayflower Wind, the developer of an offshore wind project located in deep waters far off the coast of Massachusetts will host a free virtual open house on **Thursday, January 27 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** to provide information about its project and economic development investments for SouthCoast communities. Mayflower Wind was recently awarded 400 megawatts in Massachusetts' latest offshore wind energy procurement and the win is accompanied by an economic development package that includes commitments to spend up to \$42 million.

Combined with its first award, Mayflower Wind is looking forward to delivering 1200 MW of low-cost renewable energy to Massachusetts residents and businesses and is committed to investing in local communities and supporting economic development across the state's **SouthCoast**.

The **second** in a series of virtual public forums, The Future of Clean Energy is Here, Mayflower Wind will present specific initiatives including:

- *Education, Training and Workforce Development*: Employment and training opportunities at every level of the offshore wind industry – from turbine installation, operation and maintenance to project management –will help to equip tomorrow's offshore wind workers, especially for the benefit of local communities, including Native Americans, women, minorities, veterans, and low-income populations.

- *Supply Chain*: Opportunities for qualified local and regional contractors and suppliers to provide goods and services and play a role in the industry.
- *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*: Creating opportunities for all members of the community to have a role in the offshore wind industry.
- *Applied Research and Innovation*: Investments in entrepreneurial initiatives that spur new technologies, services, and businesses as part of a regional Blue Economy approach
- *Ports and Supporting Infrastructure*: Mayflower Wind will develop its operations and maintenance port at the Borden & Remington site in **Fall River, MA** and run its crews out of New Bedford, MA among other initiatives.
- *Low-Income Ratepayer Reductions*: Mayflower Wind will support low-income customers through strategic electrification initiatives.

Mayflower Wind's Will Cotta, Supply Chain Manager; Christopher Hardy, External Outreach Manager; Kelsey Perry, Community Liaison Officer; and Dugan Becker, Communications Assistant will host the presentation and Q&A session via Zoom. All are welcome to participate in this FREE event by registering in advance at this **link**.

"Fall River and New Bedford are the anchors of our SouthCoast activity," said Daniel Hubbard, Director of External Affairs & General Counsel. "We encourage everyone to attend this event to learn more on how local communities will benefit from the offshore wind industry with well-paying jobs and community investments."

Mayflower Wind has the potential to generate over 2,000 megawatts of clean renewable energy. The project expects to begin generating power by the mid-2020's.

The January 2022 **virtual open house** continues the company's series of free online events to provide project information

and a discussion forum for community members and others. Sign up for project updates [here](#).

About Mayflower Wind

Mayflower Wind, a 50/50 joint venture between Shell New Energies US LLC and Ocean Winds, is developing an offshore wind lease area with the potential to supply over 2,000 megawatts (MW) of low-cost clean energy to electricity customers in New England. Mayflower Wind is committed to zero harm, innovation, and industry development, and investing in our local communities. For more information visit www.mayflowerwind.com.

High Point is Hiring for a Community Based Recovery Services Coordinator in New Bedford

Now Hiring: Community Based Recovery Services Coordinator
New Bedford, MA 02740 Position is Full-time/Benefits eligible.
Qualified applicants can apply [HERE](#).

High Point & Affiliated Organizations is a health and human service agency whose mission is to treat and prevent substance use disorders and mental illness. High Point has programs located throughout Southeastern Massachusetts offering a full continuum of care for substance use and mental health treatment, including inpatient, outpatient, residential, and community-based services. Programs and services also assist survivors of abuse, violence, and families experiencing homelessness. High Point believes that everyone has inherent

goodness, worth, and dignity. Our goal is to help individuals and families achieve personal change and improve their quality of life.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's Degree

Valid driver's license

Preferred at least one year related job experience.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide patient-centered, case management services as indicated in needs assessment/recovery wellness plan (transportation, 12 step meetings, linkages to medical/counseling appointments, housing, court etc.);
- Provide coordination with HPTC outpatient unit in New Bedford for client education/approach/sign-ups for CBRS programs;
- Coordinate monthly "group activities";
- Utilize Motivational Interviewing and Recovery Coaching in all client encounters;
- Complete/document needs assessments, service plans, encounter notes, and service delivery reports;
- Document all client progress on required forms;
- Investigate and develop community contacts and cooperative networks with other community groups and agencies;
- Coordinate with other departments and facilities to enhance and ensure quality care for all clients;
- Collaborate with other health and social service agencies in an effort to increase community services;
- Other duties as assigned by the Program Director.

For consideration, email resume and cover letter to:
tpacheco@hptc.org. Or you can apply directly online by clicking [HERE](#)



Struggling With Your Mental Health? Help is Available in New Bedford

There's help for your mental health, and it's way easier than you think.

Whether you're in a mental health crisis, just need someone to talk to or know someone who is struggling with mental health, there's a team ready to help.

Right here in New Bedford is the **24/7 Emergency Services Program (ESP)**, run by Child & Family Services at 543 North Street, just north of Buttonwood Park.

All you have to do is call 508-996-3154 at any hour of any day of the year to start a journey toward better mental health.

You probably have questions. Let's answer some of the most common.

Q: Do I need to be in a crisis?

A: No. You can call any time, for anything. Yes, Child & Family Services ESP helps those in a mental health crisis. But you do NOT need to be in a crisis to see them. Do not be afraid to call even if it's just to talk and process your emotions. The team is here to listen, be your outlet and intervene before you reach a state of distress, whenever possible.

Q: Do I need insurance?

A: No. The priority is you. You do not need insurance to call or visit ESP, so don't let that be a reason not to call. Pick up the phone and let them take care of the rest.

Q: Do I need reliable transportation? Do I need to come to your offices?

A: *No. Don't worry about transportation.* The Mobile Crisis Intervention (MCI) program allows members of the ESP team to meet you where it is safest, whether that's at your home, or somewhere in the community. If you prefer to visit at the offices, Child & Family Services offers transportation from 18 cities and towns from New Bedford to Plymouth.

Q: When are you closed?

A: Never. No time is a bad time. The phone lines and building are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, including holidays and weekends. You can call/visit any time of the day or night. The team is here to listen.

Q: Should I visit an emergency room first?

A: If you are in a medical emergency: Yes. If you are not, let ESP help you first, because the ER brings longer wait times and the possibility of large medical bills. And more likely than not, the ER will simply refer you back to ESP anyway. So skip that step, let ESP intervene and consider all your options, starting with the least restrictive level of care.

So if you or someone you know is stressed, depressed or struggling with mental health or substance use, please call the team at 508-996-3154. Child & Family Services' ESP offers 24/7 services for people of all ages in need of mental health counseling and/or evaluation.

