

Largest Career Event of the Year, the 2017 SouthCoast Job Fair, Is Now Accepting Vendor Applications

The New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, Lifestream, the Greater New Bedford Career Center, Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board and Bristol Community College will host the “SouthCoast Job Fair” on Thursday, April 20, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, located at 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, Ma 02745.

Our largest career event of the year, the “SouthCoast Job Fair” will provide your business with an opportunity to interact one on one with a large group of talented job seekers. Our goal is to help you make connections to meet the workforce needs of your businesses.

Exhibit Table Dimension, Booth Pricing

- *6-foot table (no electricity):* \$350
- *8-foot table (with electricity):* \$400
- *Multiple Table Discounts:* If renting more than one table, you will receive \$50 off each additional table.
- *Early Registration Discount:* \$50 off for exhibitors registered on or before February 10, 2017.

Each Employer Will Receive:

- 8 or 6-foot table (depending on choice and or availability)
- 2 Chairs
- Complimentary breakfast & lunch provided by the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce

- Access to electrical outlets (must be requested)
- Access to hundreds of well-prepared job seekers

Location: Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, Ma 02745.

Date: April 20, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM EDT

Contact Information: Ian Abreu, Manager of Business Development & Public Policy

Fees/Admission: Admission is FREE for attendees with a resume!

Register Now

Help Wanted: The City of New Bedford hiring Sewage Plant Maintenance Person

POSITION: SEWAGE PLANT MAINTENANCE PERSON

LEVEL: GRADE 7 \$13.78/hr – \$19.91/hr

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

FUNCTION: Performs the inspection, overhaul, repair, testing, maintenance and operation of a wide variety of mechanical and electrical equipment.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of the Assistant Superintendent of Wastewater.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Directs subordinate employees, as required.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Performs maintenance and preventive maintenance procedures within the collection system and all

related facilities.

Recommends and implements improvements and modifications to machinery and equipment.

Performs tasks requiring some specialized skill or knowledge relating to the maintenance or operations of the treatment plant and related facilities.

Works in accordance with established City work rules and safety practices.

QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent preferred; minimum two years' training and experience in maintenance and repair of mechanical equipment similar to that used in a wastewater treatment plant, pumping stations or appurtenances; or any equivalent combination of education and related experience.. Participation in State-approved mechanical apprentice program preferred.

Must be capable of obtaining a Massachusetts Collections System Certification within six months from the date of hire.

Must have a telephone. Subject to call for emergency work during any given 24-hour work period to assist with any emergency that would impair the safety of the general public, such as flooding, ice and snow control, etc. or a City facility.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Duties require frequent and extended periods of outside work, subject to all weather conditions and extremes; continuous walking, standing climbing and frequent periods requiring sustained uncomfortable physical positions; regular and sustained periods of strenuous physical exertion,

requiring the ability to lift, carry and position heavy objects utilizing proper body mechanics and techniques; operation of equipment which causes loud noise levels and high vibrations; may require the exercise of caution when operating equipment or handling chemicals or other toxic materials; utilization of proper sanitary precautions when handling trash, garbage and other potential hazards.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts or in outside weather conditions. The employee is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes, toxic or caustic chemicals.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderately noisy.

SELECTION GUIDELINES: Formal application; rating of education and experience; oral interview and reference check; job-related tests may be required.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. March Meeting

Local environmental advocacy group Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. meets monthly with the next meeting taking place Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the Millicent Library, Fairhaven, MA. Open to the public. Attendees are advised to use the Walnut Street entrance on lower level.

Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. advocates for the safe cleanup of New Bedford Harbor and other contaminated sites in the Greater New Bedford area. The group provides information about the detrimental health effects caused to our community from toxic chemicals such as PCBs, DIOXIN, mercury, lead and others. HARC was formed in anticipation of the cleanup of contamination in the Acushnet River that needed to be done in order to protect human health.

HARC's primary goal is to ensure the health-conscious clean up of the Acushnet River which runs through New Bedford Harbor into Buzzards Bay, to monitor and advocate for the total preservation of said body of water and shoreline, educate the community about the health effects of toxic chemicals in our environment, to obtain environmental justice for generations now and in the future and to ensure a quality environment, forever, through its efforts.

The Acushnet River was known to be the #1 most PCB contaminated river in the world. Concerns about fish consumption with PCB contaminated fish prompted the EPA to designate this site as the "New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site". It is the largest Superfund site in all of New England.

Through years of hard work from HARC's 600 members, other community groups, and strong Congressional support against the EPA's plans to incinerate the PCBs in New Bedford, the EPA decided to withdraw its plans. Later, they developed a much safer plan, when the EPA began full scale, hydraulic dredging of PCBs in the Upper Harbor in September of 2004. PCB sediments were then sent to an off-site TSCA, (Toxic Substances Control Act), approved landfill in Michigan.

Today, Upper Harbor sediments are still being sent offsite due to the much higher concentrations of PCBs in that area dumped by the responsible party, Aerovox, now AVX who is owned by Kyocera in Japan. Currently, after a \$366,250,000.00 plus interest settlement, the EPA is in the process of mechanically dredging and burying 300,000 cubic yards of PCB sediments in the Lower Harbor riverbed near a residential area and high school in Fairhaven, MA. You would think, after such a huge settlement, that the EPA would remove all the PCBs from the river offsite but instead, is burying a large amount in the riverbed. This is the first time in the entire country that the EPA is burying deadly, cancer causing PCB sediments in the riverbed dangerously close to residents. This is our fight today and HARC questions how the EPA is spending the money from the settlement with plans to leave 50 PPM (parts per million) of PCBs behind after their dredging is completed. This amount left will continue to contaminate the fish and in turn affect public health.

Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. appeals to everyone to join them in working to protect our air, soil and water, and especially public health, by removing all PCBs safely to an offsite TSCA,, approved landfill. For more information, contact Karen Vilandry, HARC president (508) 951-1184 harcgnb@gmail.com

Man reports being stabbed on Beetle Street

A 27-year-old man is in stable condition at Rhode Island Hospital Tuesday after reporting being stabbed on Beetle Street Monday night.

The victim received three stab wounds in the back. He apparently knew the suspect.

A witness told police that two men ran toward the victim and fought with him outside a doorway on Beetle Street. He described one of the men as heavyset, wearing a backpack and blue sweatshirt. The second male was described only as smaller than the first.

He said they ran east to Belleville Avenue, then ran north.

The incident was reported at 8:53 p.m.

New Bedford police are investigating. Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 508-991-6350 or the anonymous tip line at 508-992-7463 or e-mail tip@newbedfordpd.com.

Video by Carlos Pimentel Felix.

Prestigious APEX Business of the Year Award Luncheon To Award Three Local Organizations For Impact To Local Economy

On April 13th 2017, three local organizations that have impacted our local economy and contributed to the betterment of the community will be honored at the prestigious APEX Business of the Year Award Luncheon. Each year, the Chamber and a committee of selected representatives from partnering companies collect nominees from business owners, employees and area residents who highlight a local business for demonstrating creativity and imagination in the development of their company while exhibiting growth and contributing to society in a positive, proactive manner.

The Chamber's APEX Award is growing into one of the most esteemed honors to receive in the SouthCoast region. Out of dozens of nominations, the selection committee will have the daunting task of narrowing down the impressive list to a single large business, small business and a non-profit/educational institution. Last year, the recipients of the APEX Business of the Year Award were Horatio's, The Pasta House, and The YMCA of New Bedford. Over two hundred guests attended to help honor all the nominations, finalist and award recipients for their accomplishments and contributions to the community.

Join us at this year's APEX Awards where we will formally recognize all 2017's nominees, at a luncheon and award ceremony located at the Century House in Acushnet from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

2017 APEX Award Nominees

Large Business

- AFC
- Brahmin Leather Works
- Fernandes Masonry
- LifeStream Inc
- Summit Retail Solutions
- Tegra Medical

Small Business

- Acorn Inc.
- All Friends Smokehouse
- Century House
- Darn It! Inc
- Days Health and Sports
- Dorothy Cox's Chocolate
- H. Loeb Corporation
- Hampton Inn of Fairhaven/New Bedford
- Jim's organic Coffee
- Poyant Signs
- SERVPRO
- SEASTREAK

Non-Profit Organization/Educational Institution

- Alma del Mar Charter School
- Bristol Community College
- Burgo Basketball Association Inc
- Interise
- Mercy Meals and More
- Our Sisters' School
- Veteran's Transition House
- Zeiterion Theatre Inc

Rebranding the Greater New Bedford Home Show; Vendors Now Being Accepted

The Greater New Bedford Home Show has evolved into one of the SouthCoast's largest and most popular trade shows. This special event has allowed businesses to interact with thousands of local residents for nearly three decades. Each year, the Chamber staff works together to find innovative ways to keep the Home Show relevant and exciting for both exhibitors and attendees. After conducting research and receiving feedback from chamber members, past exhibitors and attendees, we are implementing changes, adding exciting new components and rebranding the Greater New Bedford Home Show.

The 1st Annual Greater New Bedford Home, Health and Wellness Show will combine home improvement with health and wellness, offering local residents answers to all their household and lifestyle needs at one event, under one roof, on one day. This unique event will be held in late Spring, on May 20th 2017 at the Greater New Bedford Voc Tech High School and will feature a diverse ensemble of business, and organizations promoting both home improvements and healthy living.

Attention all business owners: if you work in home improvement, health and wellness, or any home and lifestyle industry, then exhibiting at the Greater New Bedford Home, Health, & Wellness Show is a must for you! Interact with over 2,000 area residents at one of the region's largest Home, Health and Wellness Shows. Booth prices and sponsorships are available to fit any company's budget.

The New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, Couto Construction, WBSM, Fun107, and New Bedford Guide present the much anticipated Greater New Bedford Home, Health, and Wellness Show on Saturday May 20th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. Do not miss out on this exclusive opportunity to show case your products and services to thousands of consumers at this unique one-day event!

For more information, contact Deven at the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, 508-999-5231, ext. 26, or visit www.newbedfordchamber.com.

Don't miss the opportunity to place your products and services in front of thousands of potential customers at the 1st Annual Greater New Bedford Home, Health and Wellness Show. Companies specializing in or involved with household improvements, as well as businesses within the health & wellness industry are highly encouraged to exhibit at the newly revamped event. Space will also be available for local restaurants and caterers to sell and showcase their signature recipes. The Greater New Bedford Home, Health and Wellness Show will also provide homeowners, residents, and families an exclusive chance to interact with companies face to face, and discover solutions to all their household needs while learning more about healthy lifestyles options.

Several Sponsorships opportunities are available and are an excellent way to maximize your companies' exposure through the promotion of this highly marketed event! For more information regarding the new and improved Greater New Bedford Home, Health and Wellness Show contact Deven Tillman at (508) 999-5231 ext 26 or visit our website at newbedfordchamber.com. Be sure to check regularly for updates!

Raynham Man Who Molested Young Girl Receives Maximum Jail Sentence

A 39-year-old Raynham man was given the maximum jail sentence allowable earlier this month after being convicted at trial in Taunton District Court of molesting his girlfriend's six-year-old daughter, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced today.

Damion Paxton was convicted by a jury of his peers of indecent assault and battery of a child under 14, enticing a child under 16, and assault and battery. After his conviction, Judge Michael Brennan sentenced the defendant to the maximum two-and-a-half year in the house of corrections and placed him on supervised GPS-monitored probation for an additional five years after his release from jail.

The case dates back to 2013, when the victim was just six-years-old and living in Raynham. The defendant, who lived with them for about two month months, would coax the victim into his bedroom by letting her play a videogame. He would make her sit on his lap while playing. She testified at trial that the defendant did not play with her, but rather was looking at her and watching her while she playing. While on his lap, he would rub her lower back under her shirt, going down to her waistband area. He also reached over and touched her vaginal area over top of her clothes. She testified that he would also reach over and touch her chest area, near the neck line of her shirt, but would not go inside her shirt. She said these incidences would happen mostly with the door closed and that they would stop when her mother or sister would come into the area.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan

Burns.

"This defendant took advantage of his temporary living arrangement to abuse an innocent six year old girl. His conduct is despicable and I am pleased judge Brennan imposed the maximum sentence for this career criminal," District Attorney Quinn said. "I commend the victim for testifying under very difficult circumstances."

Armed Robbery Investigated At Expo's Mini Mart; Police Seek Public's Help

New Bedford police are investigating a report of an armed robbery Friday at Expo's Mini-Mart, 382 Brock Ave.

A clerk reported that a suspect armed with a handgun stole an undetermined amount of money and fled north on Brock Avenue. The suspect was described as a white male in his in his late teens or early 20s, tall and thin, wearing a black hooded coat and a black ski mask. The incident was reported at 3:09 p.m.

New Bedford police are investigating. Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 508-991-6350 or the anonymous tip line at 508-992-7463 or e-mail tip@newbedfordpd.com.

OUI Driver Arrested at Fatal Crash in Attleboro; Deceased Victim Passenger in Taxi

Massachusetts State Troopers are currently on scene of a two-car motor vehicle crash with a fatality on Route 95 in Attleboro. The deceased victim was a passenger in a taxi that was struck from behind by a speeding vehicle driven by an impaired operator.

Preliminary investigation by Troopers assigned to the Foxboro Barracks indicates that a 2014 Kia Cadenza was being operated at an extremely high rate of speed on the southbound side of Route 95 in Attleboro. At approximately 1 a.m., prior to Exit 2, the Kia rear-ended a taxi cab, a 2015 Toyota Camry, that was also traveling southbound.

As a result of the collision, a passenger in the taxi suffered fatal injuries. The name of the victim and the cab company are not being released at this time.

Troopers have placed the operator of the Kia, a 41-year-old Roslindale man, under arrest for operating under the influence and other motor vehicle offenses. His name will be released later today, along with exact charges.

The investigation is being conducted by Troop H of the Massachusetts State Police, with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, State Police Crime Scene Services Section, and State Police Detective Unit for Bristol County. Troopers were also assisted at the scene by the Attleboro Fire and Police departments and Massachusetts Highway Department.

The breakdown lane and right travel lane at the crash scene remain closed at this time to accommodate the ongoing

investigation. No further information is being released at this time. Please do not call the barracks directly.

Help Wanted: City of New Bedford hiring Parking Lot Cashier

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKING LOT CASHIER (temporary part-time) \$12.23 (19.5hr/wk)

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Collects parking lot fees and tickets. Performs maintenance and security of designated area, namely parking lot or parking garage. Collects fees and tickets. Provides security within garage to limit thefts and vandalism of vehicles occupying garage and garage property. Maintains garage and office to ensure they are kept clean and orderly.

High school graduate or GED equivalent preferred. Familiar with customer service professional interactions. Counts money to verify amounts and issues receipts for funds received. Ability to access, input and retrieve information from a computer. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact the 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.** EE0