

Southcoast Health's Monthly Calendar Listings for April

ONCOLOGY

Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care offer the following support groups free of charge to cancer patients and their caregivers. The staff at Southcoast Health wants you to know that you do not have to do this alone.

The following support groups will take place during the month of April and are offered at Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, 206 Mill Road in Fairhaven or Southcoast Centers for Cancer, 506 Prospect Street in Fall River. Please call for dates and times:

FALL RIVER, Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care

Breast Cancer Support Group West

For patients with a breast cancer diagnosis

Call Susan Domingue, LICSW at 508-973-7810 for details

Colorectal Support Group

For patients with a diagnosis of colorectal cancer

Call Susan Domingue at 508-973-7810 for details

Lung Cancer Support Group

A support group specifically for patients with a lung cancer diagnosis

Call Susan Domingue, LICSW at 508-973-7810 for details

Support for Supporters

A support group for caregivers of patients with cancer

Call Susan Domingue, LICSW at 508-973-7810 for details

FAIRHAVEN, Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care

Breast Cancer Support Group East

For patients with a breast cancer diagnosis
Call Linda Casey, LICSW at 508-973-3000 for details

Under 50 Cancer Support Group
A support group for patients with any cancer diagnosis.
Call Linda Casey at 508-973-3000 for details.

Lung Cancer Support Group
A support group specifically for patients with a lung cancer diagnosis
Call Susan Domingue, LICSW at 508-973-7810 for details

Support for Supporters
A support group for caregivers of patients with cancer
Call Susan Domingue, LICSW at 508-973-7810 for details

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for people with ostomies, their family members and friends. Meetings usually include an educational topic and provide time for questions, discussion, and sharing among group members in a confidential, non-threatening environment.

NEW BEDFORD

Wednesday, April 19, from 3 to 4 p.m.
St. Luke's Hospital
101 Page Street
New Bedford, MA
White Home Living Room
Call Lisa Cyr at 508-973-5550 for details.

FALL RIVER

Friday, April 28, from 2 to 3 p.m.
Charlton Memorial Hospital
506 Prospect Street
Fall River, MA
Mooney Room on the ground floor (enter through the Center for Cancer Care entrance)
Call Tina McDonald, at 508-679-3131 x 27509 for details.

PARENTS ENDURING GRIEF

Offering hope and encouragement to families that have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) or other loss of a child. Experienced maternal/child nurses and a clinical social worker are available during the meeting.

NEW BEDFORD

Wednesday, April 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

St. Luke's Hospital

101 Page Street

New Bedford, MA

White Home Living Room

Call Judy Graves, RN, at 508-679-3131, ext 27067 for details.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association, known in the community as Southcoast VNA, offers free bereavement programs for grieving adults and children during the month of April. Registration is preferred for all groups. Please call 508-973-3227 for more information.

General Bereavement Group

General Bereavement Groups are designed for adults grieving the loss of a loved one.

NEW BEDFORD

Wednesday, April 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

St. Luke's Hospital

101 Page Street, New Bedford

Library Conference Room. Use main entrance from Page Street.

FALL RIVER

Wednesday, April 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Charlton Memorial Hospital

363 Highland Avenue, Fall River

Cardiac Surgical Conference Room. Use main entrance.

NEW BEDFORD

Wednesday, April 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

St. Luke's Hospital

101 Page Street, New Bedford

Library Conference Room. Use main entrance from Page Street.

FALL RIVER

Wednesday, April 26, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Charlton Memorial Hospital

363 Highland Avenue, Fall River

Cardiac Surgical Conference Room. Use main entrance.

Widows and Widowers Group

The Widows and Widowers group is designed specifically for adults grieving the loss of a partner.

SOMERSET

Tuesday, April 11, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Somerset Library

1464 County Street, Somerset

Shipyard Room

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Tuesday, April 25, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Somerset Library

1464 County Street, Somerset

Shipyard Room

Children's Bereavement Group

Death and dying are often difficult for children and teens to understand. These programs offer appropriate activities for ages 6 to 18 to assist in understanding and coping with the loss of a loved one or friend.

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Learn to Cope, a weekly support group offering peer-support, education, resources and HOPE for families dealing with addiction and recovery.

FALL RIVER

Every Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Mooney Conference Room

Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care

506 Prospect Street, Fall River

Child Birth and Family Education classes

Southcoast Health offers a wide range of child birth and family education classes on an ongoing basis. Please call the appropriate contact listed below for more information on each class.

Childbirth Classes

Birthing Bootcamp

Childbirth Classes for Young Parents (ages 12 to 17 years)

Refresher Childbirth Classes

Pre-registration is required for all classes. We recommend calling to register during the 16th week (10 to 12 weeks for multiples) of pregnancy to assure placement in the class you need. Not all classes are offered at all locations. Many health insurance companies will reimburse the cost of classes. Be sure to contact your insurance company to ask about coverage.

For more information, please contact the following:

Charlton Memorial Hospital

363 Highland Avenue

Fall River, MA

Gina Kiser, RN, BSN, CCE

508-973-7308

kiserg@southcoast.org

St Luke's Hospital
101 Page Street
New Bedford, MA
Patty VanDenBerghe, RN, BSN, CCE
508-961-5445
vandenberghpa@southcoast.org

Center for Women's Health
300B Faunce Corner Road
Dartmouth, MA
Patty VanDenBerghe, RN, BSN, CCE
508-961-5445
vandenberghpa@southcoast.org

FALL RIVER/NEW BEDFORD

Breast-Feeding Basics
Learn about the healthy option of breastfeeding, basic skills to provide a good foundation and how to avoid potential stumbling blocks. Expectant mothers and their partners are encouraged to attend. Please call to register.

Charlton Memorial Hospital
363 Highland Avenue
Fall River, MA
Call Gina Kiser at 508-973-7308 for details.

St. Luke's Hospital
101 Page Street, New Bedford, MA
Call Patty VanDenBerghe at 508-961-5445 for details.

DARTMOUTH

Infant and Child CPR for Families and Friends
This pediatric CPR course covers techniques for newborns to 8 year olds. The class is \$40 per person or \$60 for two people. Pre-registration is required.

Center for Women's Health

300B Faunce Corner Road

Dartmouth, MA

Call Patty VanDenBerghe at 508-961-5445 for details.

Breastfeeding Support Group

A place for breastfeeding mothers to come for physical, mental and emotional support. The class is facilitated by a lactation consultant/councilor. There is no charge and registration is not required. Drop-ins and their female support people are welcome.

Center for Women's Health

300B Faunce Corner Road

Dartmouth, MA

Call Patty VanDenBerghe at 508-961-5445 for details.

WEIGHT LOSS SEMINARS

BARIATRIC INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

SouthcoastCenter for Weight Loss will offer free informational sessions on the risks and benefits of weight loss surgery, also known as bariatric surgery, during the month of April.

The free informational sessions will be held at:

HYANNIS

Wednesday, April 5, at 7 p.m.

The Cape Codder Resort

1225 Iyannough Road

Hyannis, MA

FALL RIVER

Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

Charlton Memorial Hospital

363 Highland Avenue

Fall River, MA

WAREHAM

Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m.
Tobey Hospital
43 High Street
Wareham, MA

NEW BEDFORD

Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m.
St. Luke's Hospital
101 Page Street
New Bedford, MA
White Home conference room

FALL RIVER

Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m.
Charlton Memorial Hospital
363 Highland Avenue
Fall River, MA

Millions of Americans fall into the category of clinically severe obesity – more than 100 pounds overweight with a body mass index greater than 40. Body mass index is a calculation of weight in relation to height.

Weight loss surgery has been endorsed by a consensus panel convened by the National Institutes of Health as the only effective means of inducing significant long-term weight loss for the vast majority of patients with morbid obesity.

The Southcoast Center for Weight Loss's community-based program is designed to incorporate a thorough approach to weight loss surgery utilizing a team comprised of dietitians, psychologists, nurses and surgeons to provide a safe and comprehensive surgical weight loss program.

For more information or to register for a free seminar call 508-273-4900. For more information on the Southcoast Center for Weight Loss visit www.southcoast.org/weightloss/.

WEIGHT MANAGAMENT INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

Southcoast Center for Weight Loss will offer a free weight management informational session during the month of April.

The informational session will review the different non-surgical weight loss options offered at the Southcoast Center for Weight Loss. The sessions will include information on Optifast, a weight loss program which combines lifestyle education, meal replacements, medical management and individual and group counseling. The sessions will also include information on a non-meal replacement option program called 3C's for Success (Commit, Challenge, Change).

For more information or to register for an informational session, call 508-525-3114.

MEDICAL FITNESS/REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

Southcoast Health offers medical fitness and rehabilitation programs

Southcoast Health will offer the following medical fitness and rehabilitation programs during the month of April.

FALL RIVER, NEW BEDFORD & WAREHAM

Medical Fitness Program

This individualized exercise program is designed for those with cardiovascular disease, congestive heart failure, cancer, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, high blood pressure, overweight and chronic orthopedic conditions. The program is offered for \$60 per month at three classes a week or for \$40 per month with two classes a week. A doctor's prescription is required to participate.

Cardiac Rehabilitation

An ongoing, structured exercise and education outpatient program for individuals recovering from heart attack, heart surgery, heart disease or are high risk for the same. A physician referral is required. The cost of this program is

covered by most insurances.

Pulmonary Rehabilitation

This is a structured exercise and education program with oxygen saturation monitoring during exercise. It is designed for individuals with pulmonary diseases including asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and COPD. The cost of the program is covered by most insurances. The program meets year-round. A physician referral is required.

Call 508-961-5435 for details.

Zeiterion hosting its third annual fundraiser with a Swingin' Sinatra Supper

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center will transform into a swingin' Sinatra Supper Club for its third annual fundraiser, the Center Stage Gala, on Saturday, April 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The glamorous evening will feature live entertainment from The Strictly Sinatra Band, dinner, dancing, open bar, silent auction, and the inaugural Paragon Award honoring first recipients Deborah and Benjamin Baker. Center Stage Gala tickets are \$150 per person (\$50 of each ticket is tax deductible) and benefits the non-profit Zeiterion Theatre. Tickets can be purchased by calling (508) 997-5664 x143, online, or at the Box Office at 684 Purchase Street. Space is limited, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

The biggest fundraising event in the Zeiterion's calendar, the third installment of the Center Stage Gala will transform the theatre into The Copa Room at The Sands Hotel. The stage will

triple in size to transport patrons to a time when Sinatra and his Rat Pack pals reigned supreme on the Vegas strip. The event raises critical funds that support The Z's mission to entertain, educate, and inspire the community through the performing arts, while contributing to the cultural, social, and economic well-being of Greater New Bedford.

"The Z is a cultural cornerstone for New Bedford, and it's important that the community have an opportunity to come together to celebrate and support it," said Nicole Downing Merusi, Development Director, Zeiterion. "That's what the annual gala is all about. Plus, it's a really great party with lots of fun elements. Who doesn't love a good excuse to get all dressed up and celebrate with friends?"

To acknowledge commitment to the Zeiterion and the community, the theatre will present the first-ever Paragon Award to Deborah and Benjamin Baker. Following the inaugural presentation, the award will henceforth be named in their honor to recognize The Bakers for dedicating their time, expertise, and resources to the Zeiterion for more than three decades.

"We are overjoyed to both name this Paragon Award for, and present it to, Deborah and Benjamin Baker," said Rosemary Gill, Co-Executive Direction, Zeiterion. "They have been a pillar in the success of the Zeiterion. Their commitment, loyalty, and generosity embody the meaning of paragon. They are true models of excellence in our community."

The success of the previous two Galas, which brought attendees to the opulent 1920s and exotic Havana, Cuba, has quickly established the Center Stage Gala as the "can't-miss" event of the fundraising season. This year's Sinatra Supper Club flashes back to the elegant yet raucous Rat Pack era, as the authentic Strictly Sinatra Band, led by Michael Dutra, will have guys and gals dancing the night away. Open bar will feature iconic cocktails, like the classic martini, and

Russell Morin Catering will serve up generous hors d'oeuvres and a three-course dinner that will feature timeless favorites true to the evening's theme.

The diverse silent auction will also be available online through BiddingForGood, a charitable e-commerce company. Patrons near and far will now be able to bid on a variety of items at various price points, including a pair of diamond earrings from Hannoush Jewelers, a Custom Martin Acoustic Guitar, and a Martha's Vineyard getaway with Cape Air.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org, by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and two hours before each performance.

South Coast Chamber Music Series Closes with Mastery and Mystery

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's South Coast Chamber Music series wraps its very popular season with Mastery and Mystery, a concert featuring two French masterpieces and a viola sonata shrouded in mystery. Faure's ravishing Piano Quartet in C Minor and the iconic Ravel Trio hold their own against Rebecca Clarke's wildly sensuous Viola Sonata, a work at first

presumed written by Ravel under a pseudonym – because it was that good! Featuring Raluca Dumitrache, violin; Don Krishnaswami, viola; Timothy Roberts, cello; Janice Weber, piano.

Two performances are scheduled: Saturday, April 1, 4pm, St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street, Marion, and Sunday, April 2, 4pm, St. Peter's Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth. Admission is \$20 at the door.

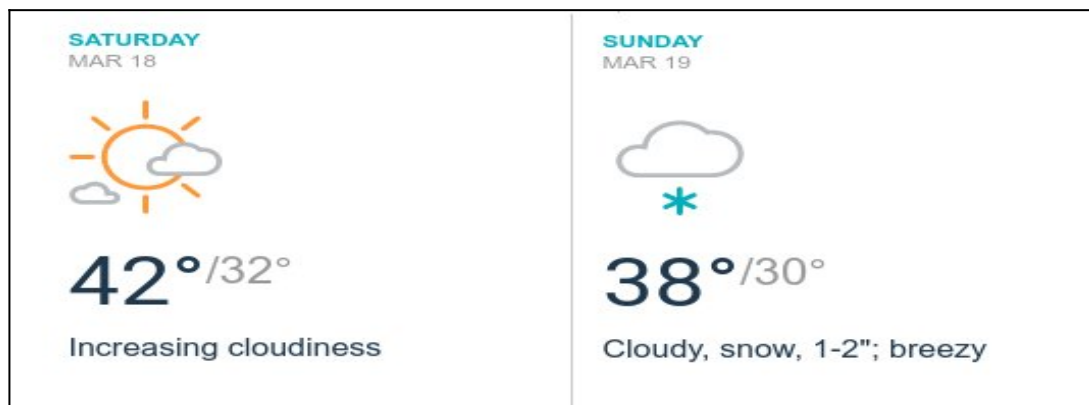
You deserve a symphony in your life—the New Bedford Symphony! The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with prize-winning guest artists from around the world, as well as a chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 30,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music in the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org for more information.

14 Things To Do This Weekend (Mar. 17 – Mar. 19)

Depending on your point of view this week's predicted Blizzard-apocalypse that never materialized was either a complete weatherperson failfest, or a stroke of luck. Either way, while much of New England, including most of the Bay State got covered in a significant amount of snow. The South received about 5-6" before switching over to rain which washed most of it away. Messy nonetheless. This weekend will be rather mild in comparison with temperatures as high as 42 degrees. Sunday we might get an inch or two of snow. Certainly

nothing stopping any of us from heading out and enjoying ourselves.

Lastly, a piece of very important advice in light of recent sad news: beware of carbon monoxide when running heaters and please take precautions.



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? Add it **here**. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, March 17th

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration at the Greasy Luck Brewery (11:30am-12:30am)

Greasy Luck Brewery presents a St. Patrick's Day celebration with live music featuring the Pourmen, Bagpipers, and Irish Dancers. \$5 charge after 9:00pm. See what's special about the newest ad hottest New Bedford Destination! 791 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA.



*Celebrate St.
Patty's Day at
the Greasy Luck
Friday evening!*

**Frederick Douglass: The Underground Railroad in New Bedford
(7:00pm-8:00pm)**

Lecture by the Director of the New Bedford Historical Society
Loretta "Lee" Blake. Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Room, 40
Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

**2nd Story Theater presents: "Murder at the Howard Johnson's"
(7:30pm-9:30pm)**

After a particularly bruising election year, 2nd Story Theater
offers a pain-reducing balm in the form of Bobrick & Clark's
shamelessly silly, ferociously funny farce. In a line-up that
promises "the ridiculous to the sublime," this kitsch '70's
comedy classic serves up the ridiculous. In spades. Thank God
it's sandwiched between a Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-
winner, otherwise we'd never be able to show our faces in this
town again! For information: boxoffice@2ndstorytheatre.com or
247-4200.

Saturday, March 18th

Oxford Book Haven & Cafe Book Sale (Fairhaven) (9:00am-1:00pm)

We have a large selection of books—most are 50 cents. We currently have a special section for our DOLLAR- A-BAG-BOOK SALE. Coffee, tea, soda and home-made coffee breads are available. We welcome anyone to join us in working on our puzzle. Computers and WiFi is available to the public. 357 Main Street, Fairhaven.

Free Financial Coaching Sessions (10:00am-12:00pm)

Free Financial Coaching Sessions with Stephen Barkhuff from Financial Fundamentals, LLC – If you are looking for financial guidance, sign up in advance for a 20 minute session with Stephen Barkhuff from Financial Fundamentals, LLC. Call 508-991-6278 to make your reservation today! Many spots are available so come to the Downtown Library to learn about successful budgeting and saving, reducing your credit and student debt, improving your credit score and more! Financial Fundamentals, LLC does not provide financial planning or investment advisory services or sell any financial products. New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

Old Rochester's Winter Farmers Market (10:00am-1:00pm)

A community event with wonderful vendor options including fresh produce, cheeses, sweets, breads, honey, entre food options, sauces, soups, pies (sweet and savory) organic and natural animal treats, soaps, lotions and scrubs, jams and jellies, coffee and much more! Stay warm this winter with alpaca wool or take a look at hand drawn cards for all occasions. Bring your children to play the musical instruments and listen and dance to the entertainment! It is a fun event for the whole family, 10-1 the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month! 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA.

Spanish Story Hour – Hora de Cuentos (12:00pm-1:00pm)

A monthly program of Spanish stories and themed crafts. Open

to all children and their caregivers. Enjoy juice and cookies while you create your art. Bilingual translation when required. Howland-Green Branch – New Bedford Public Library, 3 Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford.



*FREE story time at the
New Bedford Public
Library on Saturday
morning!*

Traditional Native American Talking Circle (1:30pm-3:30pm)

Based in Native American cultural practice the Talking Circle is a place to listen and be heard. It is a sacred ceremony and circle of connection, cleansing, healing and spirit with dignity, honor and power as we walk the Red Road. The Red Road is spiritual, emotional, mental and physical. It is a life long journey, ever learning, ever growing, ever evolving to live in total balance and harmony with all that is. It is a gift to us from our ancestors and our dutiful gift to the next seven generations. Intentional Self, 6 Cabot Pl., Stoughton, MA.

Knit-In (1:00pm-4:00pm)

Join us at the New Bedford Downtown Library for a Knit-In! All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Please bring your yarn, patterns, and friends to the Downtown Library for a fiber filled event! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA.

HoB Headlocks For Hailee (7:00pm-10:00pm)

A ton of exciting bouts from the area's best professional wrestling. The event will help a great cause! Click on thread title for full line-up. Also, the first ever open season lottery: Fans in attendance will be able to vote for who they want to face the current House Of Bricks Pro Wrestling Heavyweight Champion, Chris Cruise. Moose Lodge 914, 119 Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford, MA.

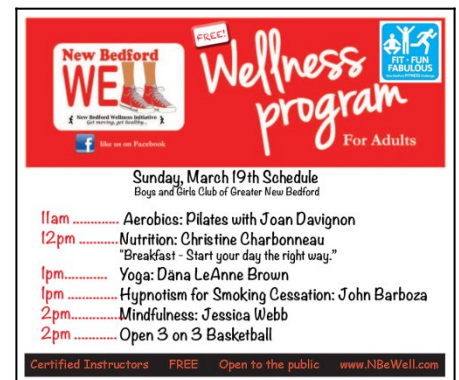
J. Kelley Band at the Greasy Luck Brewery (9:00pm-12:00am)

Rock n'roll, pop/rock, roots, americana, whatever you want to label it is fine. Just turn it up & sing-along! J. Kelley comes to New Bedford's hottest new spot: The Greasy Luck Brewery at 791 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA.

Sunday, March 19th

New Bedford Wellness Program For Adults (11:00am-3:00pm)

Special NB Well Sunday: "Sense of Peace" with Qigong, massage, nutrition, yoga, and sound healing. Peace in ourselves, peace in our world.



Get healthy, stay healthy!

Freetown Rabies Clinic (10:00am-1:00pm)

Get the all important rabies shot for your dog. Licenses will also be available. Nail clipping done for a donation – proceeds to go to benefit Animal Control. East Freetown Fire Station, 157 County Road and Assonet Fire Station at 3 Elm Street. Click thread title for full details.

The Ivy Leaf: Traditional Irish Music (3:00pm-5:00pm)

Continue celebrating St. Patrick's Day throughout the weekend with a musical performance by The Ivy Leaf, a traditional Irish band based in Boston and Providence, featuring fiddles, flute and whistle, concertina, bouzouki and guitar, and vocals. Wine and refreshments will be served during intermission and are included in the price of each concert. \$25 Member, \$30 Non-member. Blithewold Mansion Gardens & Arboretum, 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, RI.

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

New Bedford Ready to Host 40th Annual Half Marathon

Race Begins at 11:00 a.m. Sharp on Sunday, March 19, 2017

On Sunday, March 19, 2017, thousands of runners will participate in the 40 th Annual New Bedford Half Marathon. The race is hosted by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, a New Bedford based fraternal organization, and the City of New Bedford. The course is a challenging one that includes two major hills, waterfront views, and will be lined with hundreds of volunteers and cheering fans.

Organizers have taken great care to ensure that the New Bedford Half Marathon continues to maintain its reputation as one of the safest races in New England. More than 120 New Bedford police officers will patrol the course and ambulances staffed by New Bedford Emergency Medical Services will be

stationed throughout the city. The New Bedford Police Department has asked runners and spectators not to bring bags to the course as backpacks, suitcases and rolling bags will not be permitted near the start/finish area. The New Bedford Police Department is also asking spectators and runners alike to report any suspicious activity to one of the many police officers available throughout the course leading up to, during, and after the race.

Parking on the race course will not be permitted and “no parking” signs will be posted along the route to warn motorists. In addition, the race course is closed to vehicular traffic and residents are advised to plan ahead as traffic will be restricted from approximately 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. New Bedford Police encourage residents who live in the south end of the city, especially those who live on the peninsula, to plan to leave before 10:30 a.m. and return after 1:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to avoid Route 18 southbound from Union Street south while the race is underway.

The New Bedford Police Department has identified two alternative routes for persons wishing to gain access inside the course perimeter. Persons who may be visiting a patient at St. Luke’s Hospital or who need access to the inner perimeter for other reasons should consider the following routes:

1. Rt. 195 East bound to Penniman Street exit to County to Parker to Cottage St.
2. Rt. 195 Westbound to Downtown Exit to Rt. 18 Southbound to Rt. 6 exit (Downtown) to Mill Street to Cottage Street.



Mayor Jon Mitchell has announced that the City of New Bedford will offer complimentary parking at the Elm Street and Zeiterion garages and Whale's Tooth Parking Lot. Shuttle service from Whale's Tooth Parking Lot to the YMCA will be provided between 8:00AM and 10:30AM and after the race between 12:45PM and 2:00PM.

The entire New Bedford community is involved in welcoming the runners and their friends and families. New Bedford is a great place to shop, dine and explore before and after the race. Please visit www.destinationnewbedford.org for more information.

For more information on the race and race day activities please visit: www.newbedfordhalfmarathon.com

Faces Of New Bedford #94: Devin Byrnes

Meet Devin Byrnes, 42-year-old cook and owner of Destination Soups.



Devin grew up in Salem, MA and always found himself cooking, from a young age and through high school in restaurants. He located to New Bedford to attend the University of Massachusetts and fell in love. He never felt that Salem was a home to him, and got that sense while in New Bedford right away.

After spending about 7 years in New Bedford, he moved to New York chasing his career as a cook. While there he met his wife and they moved back to New Bedford, with aspirations of opening his own restaurant. Throughout the years, he had specialized in making soups, so it only made sense to open a soup shop.

His goal with Destination Soups is to have a place where the average worker or college student can stop in to have an affordable and healthy lunch. He has been able to successfully do that, although his first few years were a struggle, working open to close with only one part time employee. Devin was able to push through and persevere, even moving to a bigger space

and purchasing the building it is located in.

"There is something to be said for sticking around and sticking it out."

Faces of New Bedford is a project by Colton Simmons. If you are interested in booking a shoot or getting prints from the series email all inquiries to colton@coltonsimmons.com

Follow Colton on Instagram:
<https://instagram.com/simmonscolton>

Robber Gets Away With Money After Robbing 7-11 Convenience Store

Police are investigating a reported armed robbery early Thursday at the 7-11 at 1024 Cove Road.

The clerk told police that a man entered the store, which was empty at the time, wearing a hooded shirt and a partial ski mask, exposing just a portion of his eyes and nose.

The male asked to purchase cigarettes and when the clerk turned back around, the suspect stated that he had a gun in his shirt pocket and demanded money from the register.

The clerk handed him a small amount of money before leaving the store. No injuries were reported in the incident, which happened at about 2:37 a.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.

Man Attacked And Robbed Near Mechanics Lane

Police are investigating a report that a man was attacked Wednesday near Mechanics Lane in the SRTA bus terminal area and robbed of a debit card and cash.

The man told police he was assaulted by two white men, one about 5' 9'' with broad shoulders and the other 5'11'' with a thin build. The victim told police he was struck with an object which he believed to be a gun.

His debit card and a small amount of money were taken.

He refused medical attention for his minor injuries. He told police the incident happened at 5:22 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.

Tractor Trailer Driver Arrested for OUI after Crash in Milton

This morning at about 1:30 am, State Police from the South Boston Barracks responded to a tractor trailer rollover on the off ramp of Interstate 93 South in the town of Milton. Responding troopers found the tractor trailer on its right side with extensive damage and debris scattered across the off ramp.

An investigation by Trooper Christopher Johnson, determined that the operator, Eri Pleitez, 43 of Lynn, lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the attenuator located at the beginning of the off ramp to Exit 10. Pleitez was not injured in the crash. Trooper Johnson determined Pleitez was operating under the influence of liquor and was subsequently placed under arrest.

Pleitez was transported to the Milton Barracks for booking on the following charges;

- Operating Under the Influence of Liquor
- Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Marked Lanes Violation

Pleitez will be arraigned in Quincy District Court today.

Rt.93 was closed in both directions due to damaged overhead electrical cables.

Exit 10 off ramp remains closed for cleanup.

Massachusetts State Police Investigating Theft of Scenic Viewers Stolen in Florida, MA

Optical view finder that was stolen – not the actual one.

State Police are investigating the theft of two scenic viewers which were stolen from the Route 2, Eastern Summit, in Florida, Massachusetts.

Preliminary investigation by Trooper Talitha McCarthy-Johnson indicates that two commercial binocular units, which were located next to the Eastern Summit Gift Shop, were cut from their platform and taken sometime between February 27 and March 7, 2017.

The two binoculars, manufactured by Tower Optical, are constructed of bronze and cast iron and weigh approximately 305 pounds each. These binoculars are considered collectibles, given the relatively low number manufactured.

If you have any information relative to the whereabouts of these items, please contact the State Police Barracks in Cheshire at 413-743-4700.