

Mardi Gras “Fat Tuesday” Party to Feature Live Brass Band and New Orleans Style Buffet!

This February, the New Bedford Boys & Girls Club will host its first-ever Mardi Gras “Fat Tuesday” Party! The event will raise critical funds for the club’s youth programming, and will support their ability to continue to serve the community for years to come.

The event will offer top notch entertainment, food, and ambience. New Orleans music will be performed all night by the SouthCoast Brass Band alongside a traditional Jambalaya buffet, themed “Hurricane” drinks, dancing, auction items, Mardi Gras masks, beads, and more.

The event will take place on February 13, 2018 from 7:00pm-10:30pm at Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Boys & Girls Club located at 166 Jenney Street during normal business hours, or online at www.greasyluckbrewpub.ticketfly.com.

Proceeds to benefit the New Bedford Boys & Girls Club! The Boys & Girls Club is a critical organization within the community, serving children and young adults from New Bedford and all of its surrounding towns. The club assists youth from all socio-economic backgrounds, and helps participants develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship. Each year, the club serves 1,200-1,500 members, with an additional 2,500 non-members served through various events and programs. This event will help support these programs.

Jazz & Jambalaya!



FAT TUESDAY

MARDI GRAS 2018!

Proceeds to benefit the
New Bedford Boys & Girls Club

*Live Music by the SOUTHCOAST BRASS BAND
Jambalaya Buffet, Cash Bar, Auction*

**TUESDAY | FEB. 13, 2018 | 7:00PM
THE VAULT @ GREASY LUCK BREWPUB
791 PURCHASE STREET, NEW BEDFORD**

**\$50 in advance; \$60 at the door
Purchase online at www.greasyluckbrewpub.com or at the Boys &
Girls Club (166 Jenney Street) during normal business hours.**



South coast winter coat drive now has 15 location

Odie's Place now has 15 winter coat drop-off locations until 20 January.

"Please look into your closet and see if you have a gently used winter jacket for the homeless it is beyond unsafe out there and we need to help the less fortunate. Hats and gloves also accepted and we also offer scheduled home pickup courtesy of Uma Noite Folclórica/A Night of Folklore."

15 WINTER COAT DROP OFF LOCATIONS till 1/20

Ritual Sweat Society

634 State Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747

Tractor Supply Co.

207 Swansea Mall Dr Ste 15, Swansea, MA 02777

Oliveira Brothers Materials

33 Middleboro Rd, East Freetown, MA 02717

SALT Fitness Company

262 Swansea Mall Drive Swansea MA 02777

Prestige Auto

1175 State Rd, Westport, MA 02790

Purchase Street Records

767 Purchase St, New Bedford, MA 02740

Lee's Market

796 Main Rd, Westport, MA 02790

Downtown Smoke Shop – New Bedford

277 Union St, New Bedford, MA 02740

I Love Kickboxing Seekonk/Providence

20 Commerce Way Seekonk MA 02771

SERVPRO of Dartmouth / New Bedford
1476 Purchase St, New Bedford, MA 02740

The Landing Gift Shop
98 Front Street New Bedford MA 02740

Absolute Martial Arts
1119 State Road Westport MA 02790

ACE Hardware
661 Dartmouth St, South Dartmouth, MA 02748

Mellisa's Pet Depot
8 Sarahs Way, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Cycology Studio Inc.
1701 Stafford Rd.
Tiverton, RI 02878

PAACA holding winter hats, gloves and mittens drive for homeless count

From PAACA's Facebook page:

"We are collecting winter hats and gloves/mittens that will be distributed to the homeless of New Bedford during our Point in Time Count on Jan. 24 and 25.

Please drop them off at PAACA Mon-Fri from 8AM to 4PM or Sat/Sun 9-11:30AM.

Thanks to Marj Laporte for making these!!”

About PAACA

A non-profit consumer driven organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of substance abuse. PAACA serves client needs in a holistic fashion, by providing comprehensive wraparound services that address the biological, psychological, social, spiritual and economic aspects of life. PAACA is known for its grassroots, consumer driven approach; relying on its guiding principles of self-help and community service. These principles remain the foundation of all of our work and are the reason why PAACA’s capacity has grown exponentially since its inception.

New Bedford overflow shelter seeks volunteers, donations

The overflow shelter in New Bedford needs help as they are staying open in the day due to the extremely cold weather...they need help this week:

Wednesday (1/3): need 2-3 more helpers

Thursday (1/4): need 2-3 more helpers

Friday: they are all set!

Saturday (1/6): need 4 helpers

Sunday: they are all set!

Monday (1/8): need 4 helpers

A volunteer would assist the staff by monitoring the hall between 3-9 p.m. Or a volunteer could also help with meal prep from 2-4 p.m.

Also, if anyone has any old magazines, books, games, or DVDs to help entertain the guests during the day...please let me know!

They have 36 regulars (25 men 11 women) and have had 30 overflow guests as well which has been taxing on their resources and regular volunteers.

If you are able to do any of the above, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Robin Muise 617-694-5541.

South coast winter coat drive runs until 20 January

With the temperatures dropping to record dangerous levels, Odies Place Animal Rescue has announced their Third Annual Winter Coat Drive for the less fortunate.

The following are the drop off locations announced so far for our Winter Care Kit Drive. These locations will have a giant box where you can donate until January 20th.

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634 State Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747

Tractor Supply Co. (South Swansea, MA)

207 Swansea Mall Dr Ste 15, Swansea, MA 02777

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Registration Open for the 2017-2018 Ben Rose Intramurals Sports Programs' Night Basketball Games at Gomes School Gym

Tuesdays-Thursdays 6pm to 8pm and Wednesdays-Fridays 6pm to 9pm

Old Bedford Village/Community Foundation of SEM, partnering with the Ben Rose Recreation & Education Center, All Scholastic Athletic Program, Tonka's Tumblers, Minority Action Committee, Neighborhood United, AJ Gomes Neighborhood Association, Verdean Gardens, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, New Bedford Office Community Services, Police Department and Public Schools, Announces Registration Open for the 2017-2018 Ben Rose Intramurals Sports Programs from Monday October 2, 2017 till

Friday October 20, 2017. Donate to "Sponsor A Youth \$20. Campaign"

Opening Night Tuesday October 17, 6pm-9pm for registration, organization and games.

Night Basketball Games will be played on Tuesdays-Thursdays 6pm-8pm ages 6-14 Wednesdays-Fridays 6pm-9pm ages 15-24 from

October 17, 2017 to June 22, 2018 and on Mondays starting October 23, 2017 Gymnastics with Tonka's Tumblers 6pm-9pm, all games are played at Alfred J. Gomes School Gymnasium 286 South Second Street, NB.

The Intramurals Sport Programs Night Basketball Games for ages 6-14 and ages 15-24, each player will play a minimum of one game per session day. Games are two (2), sixteen (16) minute halves with 3 timeouts total per game. Full court pressing is allowed throughout the entire game. Teams cannot press once they have a 15pt lead. All rules subject to change.

Volunteers and Donations Needed, Donate to the "Sponsor A Youth \$20. Campaign."

The Ben Rose Intramurals Sports Programs 2017-18 goal is to organize, develop and implement year around recreational, sports, wellness, nutritional, health, cultural and arts activities at neighborhood schools, city playgrounds, parks, fields and facilities. The Intramurals Sports Programs' plan is to organize weekdays, evenings and/or weekend recreational, sports, wellness, nutritional, health, cultural and arts activities for pre-teen youth, at risk youth, young adults, adults, seniors, students, parents and neighborhood residents of the Gomes Renaissance School District. For more Information E-mail obvdcbr@yahoo.com

New Bedford mom proud of 7 year old son's effort to support victims of Hurricane

Harvey

The following was submitted to us from Nicole Conceicao. She discussed her son Richard's effort at supporting the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

"Today I give my son all the praise in the world, he is some kind of special!

Yesterday after picking up my 7-year old son from school we went to the Dollar Tree store. While there shopping, we were talking about the hurricane that took over Texas. He asked "Can we buy some water and donate it?" I immediately said "Yes!"

When we got to the New Bedford Police Head Quarters, we parked and walked the waters down to the police. My son asked the police officers if the cop that was going to Texas was there helping. They directed him to the trailer where Officer Donnie Williams (little did I know was a friends of mine in high school) was packing up everything that was being donated.

To my surprise my son looked at that officer, wished him luck and asked him to be safe and return safe and sound. That was what I thought was my proudest mommy moment I've had in his short 7 years of life. Little did I know that was just a start to what followed!

When he saw all the cars that were in line to donate he looked up at me as we were walking back to our car and said "Mommy I really want to help, can we stay to unload the cars?" I was extremely proud of him so of course I had to say yes!

He stuck it out for 2 hours even after the one hundred times of me checking on him and seeing if he was ready to go home to rest and eat. He was determined to stay until he couldn't do any more!

After 2 hours and lots of lifting and applause from not only me and the police department he also made Miss New Bedford Olivia Marques proud. It melted my heart to see him pitch in and help out a fellow community in such dyer need of help. Now if all children put there hands in something so great the world would be a greater place.”

WANTED: Bay Sox Is Looking For Host Families

Did you know that New Bedford is host to a nationally ranked summer collegiate baseball team? The New Bedford Bay Sox continues a New England tradition that started 130 years ago. The Bay Sox are members of the New England Collegiate Baseball League.

The League has thirteen teams across the six New England states and is considered one of the nations elite summer leagues. It brings together top-ranked college players from around the country, who aspire to achieve their big league dreams. Two of the Bay Sox biggest rivals hail from Plymouth and Newport.

What makes the league a success is the host families that house and support our local players. Without them the Sox wouldn't have a team!

BENEFITS:

- You get to provide an opportunity for your children to learn baseball skills and work ethic from pro prospects.
- A new relationship with a college athlete that often lasts for many years.

- A chance to join a friendly community of host families and Bay Sox fans.
- Family passes to all league games, special gifts and event invitations.

REWARDS:

- Family Season Passes
- Bay Sox Hats & T-Shirts
- Custom Made Bat
- Concession Stand Coupons

A \$500 value!

REQUIREMENTS

- A Private bedroom from June 1st until early August
- Access to a washer/dryer for the player's clothes
- The family's home should be within 30 miles of New Bedford, MA
- Some food in the refrigerator (the team feeds the players after all games)
- The player's transportation will be taken care of

**For more information contact Tammy Silveira (General Manager)
855-BaySox1 or tsilveira@nbbaysox.com.**

Host Families Have More Fun!

BAY SOX



**Host Families are essential
to our season's success.**

Become A Host Family!



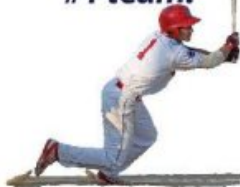
**Summer Isn't
Summer**



**Without Bay Sox
Baseball**

Our season runs from June 1st to Early August

JOIN THE FUN!
Go to bat for the
South Coast's
#1 team!



Elite college ball players from around the country converge on this region every summer to compete in our top-level baseball program. *All players are housed with Host Families for the ten weeks of the season.* These families are essential to the success of our program. All host families receive season's passes and Bay Sox merchandise for all family members, admission to all Bay Sox events and clinics, and other considerations. It's a great way to interact with future major league players and form a lasting relationship with America's Pastime.

For more info contact:
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Boys and Girls Club of New Bedford will be at the Whaling Museum Discovery Center brightening tonight as part of AHA! Celebration

The talented artists of the Boys and Girls Club of New Bedford will be at the Whaling Museum Discovery Center brightening the Thursday, May 11 AHA! Event.

The BGC's Spring Exhibition and fundraiser is key to keeping the art program going; the event runs from 5:30-7 p.m, at the museum (enter through North Water St. side). The exhibition begins at 6 p.m. and is free to attend.

BGC member artwork will be displayed and sold by silent auction alongside works by some of New Bedford's best artists. The award ceremony and presentations begin promptly at 6, followed by a reception, art auctions, refreshments, live music and collaborative art making with the Earth Artists. Leduc Center of Civic Engagement will have a "recycled craft" table set up for guests to make art during event!

There is also a birdhouse contest among the BGC creators; birdhouses will be auctioned at this event and the winning birdhouse team will receive a cash prize!

All proceeds from the silent Auction supports the BGC Art Program. Cash, checks and credit card payments accepted.

Ms. Outstanding Teen New Bedford will be part of the event and will give a brief presentation to the community about her mission and experience at the BGC. There will also be a break-dance routine by BGC members (no boombox required).

The theme of the May AHA! is creativity; art studios will be featuring new works and downtown will be vibrant with live music.

MISSING PERSON: New Bedford Teenager, Cheyenne Lake Missing Since Friday

This is my daughter Cheyenne Lake, she was last seen Friday afternoon leaving school on Hillman St. in New Bedford. If you see her or know any information, please contact me or New Bedford Police Department. Cheyenne if you see this please call me or message me and let me know that you are safe and where your at please! Cheyenne, we are really worried about you. I love you.

She was last seen wearing blue sweat pants, black Nike shoes, and a Trump cat shirt. Call 774-510-1349. Please share this post!