

# Dartmouth mom seeks public's help locating endangered autistic teenage son

"Please help. My son is missing from Dartmouth. He is an endangered autistic teen.

Last seen late last night, Dec 1st. He was lured away by a female he met online. His name is Robert. He is 5 ft 9, 190 lbs. Wears glasses and wearing black and white nautical sneakers, not sure about color of clothes. He is on medication and did not bring any with him.

Female's name is Alexandria. She is supposedly living in the surrounding area of Worcester with her aunt Marianne.

He is possibly looking for a shelter to stay in, in that area.

If anyone sees him please reach out to Dartmouth Police Department or myself, his mom, Janet at 508-365-9635."



*Janet Braga photo.*



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**New Bedford has roadwork  
sites for the upcoming week  
of December 5, 2022 –**

# December 9, 2022

The City of New Bedford has roadwork sites for the upcoming week of December 5, 2022 – December 9, 2022, and they are as follows:

**Eversource will be working on gas main relays and test pits on:**

- Phillips Rd from Holly Tree Lane to Route 140

Other:

- Contractor (KR Rezendes, Inc.) will be working at MassDOT's Hathaway Triangle project located at the newly signalized intersection of Hathaway Rd x Nauset St.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be stabilizing the site to wrap up for the winter season. Sidewalk reconstruction and top paving course to take place in the Spring 2023.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working on West Street in the vicinity of St. Luke's Hospital raising structures in the roadway and stabilizing the site for the winter season. Final top course paving to be done in the Spring 2023.
- Contractor (PA Landers & various utility companies) will be working at the MassDOT project, Kings Highway.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working on various streets, citywide, completing minor repairs and installations.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working on sidewalk installations and street furniture installations on Union St from Sixth St to County St.
- Contractor (JH Lynch) tentatively scheduled to be work at the MassDOT project for intersection improvements at Rockdale Ave x Allen St. Work will include roadway repaving to stabilize the site for the winter season. Detour routes will be in place; signage and police detail will be on site.
- Contractor (SCR Constructors) will continue site work at the future South Coast Rail station platform locations in the city. (Church St at Carlisle St and Wamsutta St at Acushnet Ave.) If you have questions, please email the project team at

SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us

- Contractor (C. Naughton Corp) to mobilize to the Samuel Barnett Blvd site at the railroad crossing between John Vertente Blvd and Duchaine Blvd. The contractor will establish a staging area and excavate test pits at the existing 16in water main. There may be lane reductions at times during working hours. There will be construction signage posted and police officers on site to assist with traffic management.

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# Empire Ford is Hiring in New Bedford for an Automotive Service Advisor

Empire ford is hiring for an Automotive Service Advisor/Writer. Join an awesome team!

Earn \$70,000.00 – \$100,000.00 per year

## **Job description**

Empire Ford needs an Experienced Ford Certified Service Advisor who is an expert in the art and science of customer service. Must be able to greet guests, schedule appointments and act as a liaison between customers and service techs. If you can make customers feel welcome and confident that their needs are being met, then our dealership may be your next career home. Put your people skills to work for us and find out more now.

**Please submit resume to David Pacheco, Service & Parts Director** at [dpacheco@buyempireautogroup.com](mailto:dpacheco@buyempireautogroup.com)

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Three years of automotive service advisor experience is

required, Ford experience preferred, but not necessary.

### **Job Responsibilities**

Greet service department customers promptly and courteously—attitude is everything!

Listen to customers and clearly translate repair needs to techs

Up-sell additional services using low pressure, high integrity methods

Provide accurate repair/maintenance estimates

Adhere to policies on vehicle care and operation

Follow up on each repair and keep customers informed of progress

Sell and manage extended warranties

Inspect repair quality and ensure all work is complete

Notify customers when vehicles are ready for pick up

Review and explain repairs and associated costs with customers

Handle minor customer concerns and complaints

Keep Service Manager informed of all problems and potential problems

Maintain Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) scores in accordance with dealership standards

Bilingual a plus

### **Compensation**

**\$5,000.00 sign on bonus to qualified candidates.**

Compensation is based on experience and commensurate with Fortune 500 companies. We offer the highest compensation packages in New England.

**Benefits include medical, vision and dental insurance, 401K retirement savings plan, PTO (Personal Time Off), company paid continuing education and training. ☐**

Health insurance

Paid time off

Dental insurance  
401(k)  
Vision insurance  
Life insurance  
Referral program  
Employee discount



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.

Equal Opportunity Employer Drug-Free workplace

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# City of New Bedford Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting POSTPONED

Due to the weather forecast predicted for Saturday, December 3, the Downtown Holiday Stroll and the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting have been postponed until Saturday, December 10. Updated event information is as follows:

## **Downtown Holiday Stroll**

*Date and time: 12 – 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10*

*(Rain date: 12 – 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10)*



*Location: Downtown New Bedford*

**Activities:**

- Santa, New Bedford Fire Museum Antique Fire Truck Rides, Southcoast Brass Band (Barkers Lane) 12 – 5 p.m.
- Seaglass Theater Company Carolers, the Starchasers Fleet, the Winter Fairy (various locations) 12 – 5 p.m.
- Story Time with Salty Santa and Ornament Craft Projects (Fishing Heritage Center) 12 – 5 p.m.
- Kids' Crafts and Hot Chocolate (various locations) 12 – 5 p.m.
- Vendor Market (YWCA Southeastern MA) 1 – 5 p.m.
- Meet & greet with Celebrity Puppeteer Bill Diamond (PLAY Arcade) 12 – 5 p.m.
- Holiday Open House at the Nathan and Mary Johnson House (NB Historical Society) 12 – 5 p.m.
- BuyBlackNB Holiday Market (New Bedford Whaling Museum) 12 – 5 p.m. plus entertainment (Alma Stomp Crew, Our Sisters' School Soul Sisters, UMASS Dartmouth Gospel Choir, Pan African Dance Group, New Bedford Performing Arts Center Dancers 12:30 – 3 p.m.
- Calico Makers' Mini Market with DJ Anj Kepinski (Bristol Hall) 12 – 5 p.m.
- Santa spotting throughout downtown

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**City of New Bedford Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting**

*Date and time: 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10*

*Location: Pleasant Street in front of Main Library downtown*

**Program:**

- Join Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford City Council President Ian Abreu, and the New Bedford community for the annual tree-lighting celebration. This year's emcee will be Armand Marchand, executive producer for New Bedford Festival Theater.

- At 4:30 p.m., a parade will march from the bottom of William Street, near the Whaling Museum, to the library steps for the tree-lighting. The parade will feature the New Bedford High School marching band and color guard, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and surprise guests
- Remarks at the library by Mayor Mitchell and Councilor Abreau will be followed by holiday songs by Miss New Bedford Tori Kalisz and Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen Jaime St. Onge
- Free hot chocolate will be offered courtesy of Community Services, Veterans Transition House, and New Life Church
- United Way will have a toy drive box for children from infants to teenagers. All gifts must be unwrapped

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**[The Clasky Common Park Christmas Tree Lighting will still take place as planned at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 4.]**

### **Clasky Common Park Christmas Tree Lighting**

*Date and time: 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4*

*Location: Clasky Common Park at County Street and Pope Street*

#### **Program:**

- Remarks by Mayor Mitchell and Councilor Abreau, followed by holiday songs by Miss New Bedford Tori Kalisz, Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen Jaime St. Onge, and the Parker School Chorus
- Guest appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus
- United Way will have a toy drive box for children from infants to teenagers. All gifts must be unwrapped.” -City of New Bedford.

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# Massachusetts Gov. Baker joins recovery community leaders to reflect on opioid epidemic progress

“Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito today joined Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders, Attorney General Maura Healey, and leaders from the recovery community for a roundtable discussion on the Baker-Polito Administration’s collaborative progress in confronting the opioid epidemic over the past eight years.

The roundtable discussion was held at A New Way Peer Recovery Center in Quincy and included reflections from individuals and family members impacted by the opioid epidemic, as well as substance misuse providers and organizations. Roundtable participants included members of Governor Baker’s 2015 Opioid Working Group.

Watch the roundtable [here](#).

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has worked with the Legislature to support a fivefold increase in spending across the state budget to address substance misuse, with the Commonwealth investing nearly \$600 million in these initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget signed by Governor Baker.

The Administration also worked with the Legislature to pass two landmark laws to address the opioid epidemic: The first law, passed in 2016, instituted a first-in-the-nation 7-day limit on first time opioid prescriptions and instituted new

requirements around prescription monitoring and substance misuse screenings. The second law, passed in 2018, improved access to treatment from settings such as emergency departments and the criminal justice system, and strengthened education and prevention efforts.

“The opioid epidemic has impacted thousands of families and communities across Massachusetts, and we have partnered with many organizations, leaders and families over the past eight years to make the Commonwealth a national leader in responding to this challenge,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “I am proud that our Administration and the Legislature have dramatically boosted funding that has increased access to treatment and recovery and enacted major laws that have become a model for other states and the nation. Most importantly, we have worked together to change the conversation and reduce stigma, which will help more people seek help and get the resources they need.”

“Our administration has made tackling the opioid epidemic a priority since day one, and we have been proud to work with so many partners to expand access to treatment and support recovery and prevention efforts,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “Over the past eight years, Massachusetts has led the way in expanding substance misuse initiatives and getting people access to the help that they need.”

The Baker-Polito Administration has worked with a wide range of partners including treatment and recovery providers, advocacy organizations, individuals, families, the courts, law enforcement, educational institutions and many others to confront the opioid epidemic. After peaking in 2016, opioid-related overdose deaths fell for the next several years, with the November 2019 report showing 99 fewer deaths than the same period from a year earlier. The COVID-19 pandemic contributed to a nationwide increase in overdose deaths, but Massachusetts’ numbers have continued to trend lower than nationwide figures, and the most recent report from the

Department of Public Health (DPH) indicated that initial 2022 data showed overdose deaths decreasing again.

“Over the past eight years, we have made enormous strides in raising awareness and improving access to quality, equitable substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment across the Commonwealth,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. “We have invested strategically in evidence-based resources and promising practices including peer recovery, clinical treatment, harm reduction, outreach programs and low-threshold housing, recognizing that every individual’s path to recovery is unique.”

“Combating the opioid crisis has been and will remain a top priority in Massachusetts,” said Attorney General Maura Healey. “Together, with the Baker-Polito Administration, we have made meaningful progress in the fight against this epidemic and will continue to work toward justice, accountability, and improved access to treatment and recovery for our communities.”

“A New Way Peer Recovery Support Center, hosted by Bay State Community Services, welcomes everyone impacted by substance use disorders,” said Daurice Cox, Executive Director, Bay State Community Services. “We are a safe place that offers all pathways for recovery. Our staff use their lived experience, as people in recovery or as an ally in recovery, to provide support, compassion, understanding, and connection.”

### **Baker-Polito Administration’s Collaborative Record to Confront the Opioid Epidemic:**

**5X Increase in Substance Misuse Funding:** Since taking office in 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has worked with the Legislature to support a fivefold increase to state spending to address substance misuse. The FY23 budget signed by Governor Baker invests \$597 million in funding for substance misuse prevention, treatment and recovery programs across

multiple state agencies, compared to \$119 million in FY15.

**2016 Opioid Law:** Shortly after taking office, the Administration worked with the Legislature to pass landmark legislation to tackle the opioid crisis. Key components include:

- A first-in-the-nation 7-day limit on first time adult opioid prescriptions and a 7-day limit on all opioid prescriptions for minors
- New requirements for clinicians to check the Prescription Monitoring Program database before prescribing
- New requirements for schools to conduct substance misuse screenings and strengthen addiction education

**2018 Opioid Law:** In 2018, the Administration worked with the Legislature to pass a second major law that strengthened the state's education and prevention efforts, expanded the role of recovery coaches, and improved access to treatment. Key components included:

- Additional requirements for prescribers around data reporting and the institution of a new, statewide standing order for naloxone from pharmacies
- Created additional pathways to treatment from the emergency department, including more timely SUD evaluations and requirements to admit patients more quickly to treatment services
- Expanded the use of medication-assisted treatment in emergency departments, section 35 inpatient facilities and correctional facilities

**Medical Education:** The Baker-Polito Administration partnered with the Commonwealth's medical, dental and social work schools to develop core competencies and require increased education on opioids for students.

**Expanding Access to Life-Saving Naloxone:** The Administration has expanded access to Naloxone including through a standing

statewide order at pharmacies. The Commonwealth has distributed over 663,900 doses of naloxone and received over 34,800 reports of successful overdose reversals. In May 2022, the Administration launched a Community Naloxone Purchasing Program, which has already shipped 1,132 doses to community organizations.

**Housing-Focused Harm Reduction:** In the last two years, the Administration has provided \$22 million in funding to date for housing-focused harm reduction and recovery support initiatives. This includes initiatives designed to help people transition from street and shelter settings to housing opportunities that provide stability supports, helping individuals maintain their recovery and housing stability. The state maintains an open procurement to add additional low threshold housing capacity across the Commonwealth.” - Mass.gov.

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## **Massachusetts State Police and U.S. Marines join forces “Toys For Tots” for 38th year in a row**

“For the 38th straight year, the Massachusetts State Police are proud to assist the United States Marine Corps Reserve with the annual Toys for Tots holiday drive.

Donors may drop off new, unwrapped, non-violent toys for boys or girls, ages infant to 14, at any State Police Barracks across Massachusetts or at State Police General Headquarters between now and Friday, December 14. Those in Western MA

(Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden Counties) may drop off until December 15 and those in Bristol County (Dartmouth and Middleborough Barracks) may drop off until December 21. As always, donors also have the option of making a monetary donation by credit card or through the mail directly to the Toys for Tots program.

New this year, donors also have the option through the Toys for Tots website of shopping for a toy online and donating it through the organizations new Virtual Toy Box.

For more information about making a monetary donation or donating a toy through the Virtual Toy Box, please visit the Toys for Tots site at <https://www.toysfortots.org/donate/>.

For those still wishing to donate locally, you can find locations of MSP Barracks here: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-state-police/locations>

General Headquarters is located at 470 Worcester Rd. (Route 9 eastbound), Framingham. Those needing assistance requesting toys, and who are not currently working with a nonprofit agency/organization or church, are encouraged to check with their local Toys For Tots county campaign. Every Toys For Tots county handles individual family requests differently. For information about how to request toys, please visit <https://toysfortots.org/donate/toys.aspx>

We thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful program. For many families, economic realities make the holidays difficult. Families in need have all they can do to ensure their children have enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a roof overhead. Holiday gifts for young ones might not fit into the budget. That is why we are proud to support the USMC Reserves once again in the mission to ensure that all children, regardless of their family's situation, have gifts this Christmas and holiday season." -Massachusetts State Police.



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# **Nomination papers now available for New Bedford's Ward 3 preliminary special election**

"Schedule announced for Ward 3 Preliminary and Special Election.

The Board of Election Commissioners is advising the public that nomination papers are now available for the Ward 3 Preliminary Special Election.

Candidates can pick up their nomination papers, election calendar, and information packet at City Hall located at 133 William Street Room 114 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Before issuance of nomination papers, candidates must sign a statement containing the person's name, address, and the office the person intends to seek. Anyone other than the candidate must present a signed authorization to secure papers on their behalf.

Candidates must obtain at least 50 certified signatures to be eligible to appear on the preliminary ballot scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023. In the Preliminary Special Election, New Bedford Ward 3 voters will be casting their votes for Councilor for the remainder of Councilor Hugh Dunn's term.

The last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners is December 6, 2022, at 5 p.m.

The Board of Election Commissioners has released the schedule

lining up for the Ward 3 Special Election that will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

**Schedule:**

DECEMBER 6, 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to submit nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners for the certification of signatures.

DECEMBER 20, 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to officially accept nominations once signatures are certified with the Board of Election Commissioners.

DECEMBER 22, 5:00 PM: Last day and hour for filing withdrawals or objections to nomination papers with the Board of Election Commissioners.

JANUARY 13, 5:00 PM: Last day to register to vote for the Preliminary Election.

JANUARY 17, 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee preliminary ballot.

JANUARY 21, 9:00 AM TO 12 Noon Saturday Absentee Voting, City Hall, Room 114

JANUARY 23, 12:00 PM: Last day and hour to apply for an in-person absentee preliminary ballot.

JANUARY 24: PRELIMINARY ELECTION – POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

JANUARY 31 at 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to file recount petition with Board of Election Commissioners.

FEBRUARY 17 at 5:00 PM: Last day to register to vote for the Ward 3 Special Election.

FEBRUARY 21 at 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee election ballot.

FEBRUARY 25, 9:00 AM-12 PM (NOON): Absentee Voting, City Hall, Room 114

FEBRUARY 27: Last day and hour to apply for the in-person absentee election ballot.

FEBRUARY 28: Ward 3 Special Election – Polls open 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

MARCH 10: Last day and hour to file for a recount for the Election 5:00 P.M.” -City of New Bedford.

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# **Lifelong New Bedford resident Bob Bromley announces candidacy for Ward 3 City Council seat**

*Longtime public servant, Veterans Advisory Board chairman and government fiscal analyst pledges a “Back to Basics” focus on constituent services.*

“Lifelong city resident Bob Bromley is running for the Ward 3 City Council seat in the upcoming special election to focus on constituent services and the concerns of residents of the ward.

“I am honored and excited to announce my candidacy. I have lived in Ward 3 virtually my entire life and want residents to have a voice. I will be a strong advocate and voice for the residents of Ward 3,” said Bromley, a longtime public servant, chairman of the City’s Veterans Advisory Board, and fiscal analyst for the State of Rhode Island.

Bromley is running chiefly because of the need for improved constituent services, which he will deliver for the residents of Ward 3.



*Robert Bromley photo.*

“He decided to run because he saw a need for improved constituent services. “The primary job of a ward councilor is to serve the residents of the ward, and that focus is sometimes lost,” he said. “We need to get back to basics. Fixing street lights, filling in potholes, and responding to the needs of residents might not be glamorous, but they directly impact quality of life. If I am elected, residents can be assured their concerns will be heard and addressed by a responsive, action-oriented councillor.

Bromley has lived in New Bedford his entire life. He graduated from New Bedford High School and Roger Williams University.

Bromley has worked as a Senior Fiscal Analyst for the State of Rhode Island Senate for 30 years.

He previously served as the finance manager for the City of New Bedford Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development for six years. In that role, he oversaw programs that provided funding to renovate housing in the city through federal, state and local finance sources.

Before that, Bromley served for four years as administrative aide to former State Rep. Robert M. Koczera.

"My career has provided me with experience in government finance and community outreach," he said. "These positions have taught me the importance of careful budgeting of City resources and the importance of listening and responding to constituents. I pledge to the taxpayers of Ward 3 that their best interests will guide my decision making, and that I will work to ensure efficient and effective budgeting by the City."

Bromley, whose parents both served in the military, has been a lifelong supporter of veterans causes. He was a founder of the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum, which highlights the experiences and achievements of area veterans. He also serves as the chair of the City of New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board. This board provides advice and guidance on City veterans' issues and organizes the annual Memorial and Veterans Day parades. He also serves on the board of directors for the Friends of Buttonwood Park.

He is the widower of the late Karen McAfee-Bromley, lifelong city resident and the former head zookeeper at Buttonwood Park Zoo, and whose late father, William McAfee, was a long-time captain in the New Bedford Fire Department.

Bromley is the father of Hannah Bromley, 21, a graduate of New

Bedford High School.

He said it would be a privilege to serve the city as ward councillor.

“I have always lived in New Bedford because I appreciate the city and its people,” he said. “Residents work hard and deserve a councillor who will work hard on their behalf and advocate for them at City Hall.”

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## **New England Aquarium treats 180 turtles and counting with the advent of “cold stun” season**

“In total, 120 critically endangered Kemp’s ridley turtles and 33 green turtles have been admitted to our hospital. Many of these turtles suffer from dehydration and pneumonia – all symptoms of cold-stunning. The number of cold-stunned sea turtles has risen over the last 20 years from about 50 in the year 2000 to 700 in 2021.

Once the turtles arrive at our hospital, our staff physically evaluates the condition of each individual turtle (checks heart rate and respiratory rate) + conducts bloodwork and X-rays, and a specialized care plan is put in place.

As the turtles continue to come in, we are working closely with partner organizations to help transport stabilized animals to make room for new arrivals. Volunteer pilots with Turtles Fly Too began transport flights on Sunday, and took 40

turtles to secondary rehab facilities.

The more critical turtles will remain in our care, and we will continue to accept new patients. Stay tuned for more updates as the cold stun season progresses!"-New England Aquarium.

**All photos by New England Aquarium:**



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## **Lindsey's Family Restaurant in Wareham to Permanently Close**

As announced on its Facebook page earlier today from owner Cheri Lindsey:

"To My Amazing Customers,

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this announcement. Unfortunately, after 74 years of being in business, Lindsey's Family Restaurant has closed its doors for good. This decision was not made lightly and has been extremely hard to come to terms with. I have dedicated 40 years of my life to providing our community with delicious, homemade food and excellent service and am so proud of all we have accomplished. Sadly, like so many other restaurants before us, we have finally succumbed to COVID.

Although government funding we received allowed us to operate for a couple years longer than some, ultimately having to shut down 2 days per week due to lack of staffing, increasing wages, increasing food cost and a decrease in consumer spending, I am left with this startling reality.

I want everyone to know that it has been an honor to serve you over the past four decades and I could not imagine dedicating my life to anything else. I have seen generations of families come through our doors. I have shared in the mourning of parents and spouses lost and rejoiced in the birth of children and grandchildren. I have been fortunate enough to employ some absolutely incredible people that have become more like family than employees and will forever be indebted to them for helping to make Lindsey's such a special place. Lindsey's has allowed me to show love and appreciation through our food to thank countless nurses, caregivers, first responders, veterans and local businesses throughout the years and for that I will be forever grateful.

Never in my life would I have thought this would be how things would end – so abruptly with no closure for myself, my family, my employees or my customers. At the end of the day, we are not shutting down because the quality of our food declined. We are not shutting down because people did not want to come to eat here anymore, as there were often lines out the door. We are shutting down because we could not physically staff our restaurant to be open 7 days a week. This fact has left me



shocked, devastated and confused.

Please know that closing this way will never sit well with me and is something that I am going to have to work through in the months and years to come. My heart is broken. I cannot say thank you enough to everyone for your patronage and support over all these years. It has meant more than you could ever know."

Sincerely,  
Cheri Lindsey