

13 Things To Do This Weekend (Dec 06-Dec 08)



Friday and Saturday there will be a 70% chance of rain – possibly mixed with snow on Saturday morning. Friday will start out relatively warm with 55 degrees, but temperatures will slowly drop as the weekend goes on. While the nights may go below freezing, the days will not! Regardless, we are hardy New Englanders and nature will have to throw a lot more at us to prevent us from going out or even slow us down!

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? Check out our tutorial. For more info, you can click on each title. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, December 6th

Craft-0-Rama @ Ugly Gallery (11:00 am-6:00 pm)

Support your local small businesses and artists! CRAFT-0-RAMA has partnered with UGLYgallery to bring you a month long holiday pop-up shop, featuring artists from MA and RI! Shop

the best in locally-handmade gifts this season and support dNB! Shop CRAFT-0-RAMA during regular Ugly Gallery hours: Tues-Sun 11-6 November 30 thru December 24. Details in the event title.

Christmas Festival of Lights (Carver) (4:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Runs from today through January 1st. Edaville's Christmas Festival of Lights is arguably the most-loved festival of its kind, having earned generations of loyal fans. Passengers relax comfortably in warm and dry coaches while riding through a spectacular holiday setting featuring an explosion of lights. Kids of all ages will enjoy an array of vintage amusement rides and a visit with Santa in one of our indoor play areas. Stay for a delicious full meal or enjoy seasonal treats.

Padanaram Village XMas Festival (South Dartmouth, MA) (5:00 pm-8:00 pm)

Santa & his elves, kale soup, the Grinch, hot cider, candy canes, storytelling, holiday phone booth and too much more!



Look at how many activities are going on! (Click to Enlarge)

Parent's Night Out (5:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Kids, want to have a fun night running around playing games, eating pizza and enjoying time with your friends!?!? Parents, want to get a night out for yourself at the beginning of the holiday season? We have just the thing for you! Sign up for Parent's Night Out and let your kids have some fun playing sports and games and arts and crafts, while having dinner, and you are enjoying a stress free evening out! Ages: 6 to 12. Total Cost: \$15. Andrea McCoy Rec Center.

4th Annual Holiday Song Contest (7:00 pm-10:00 pm)

WE love variety; for Winter Solstice: Yule, Christmas,

Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Yalda, Eid-al-Adha, Bodhi Day, Makar Sankranti (or make up your own); whatever your seasonal holiday, spread the love in a song. Prizes for: Best original seasonal song, Best adapted seasonal song (changed lyrics), Best performance of a seasonal song (group), and Best performance of a seasonal song (solo). Poet, singer, dancer, comic; whatever you bring come join the fun and “let your little light shine” in this intercultural exchange. We’ll be offering tea & coffee and baked goodies.

Childsplay: Fiddles, Fiddlers, and Fiddlemakers in Concert (8:00 pm-11:00 pm)

Fiddle supergroup Childsplay, a who’s who of fiddlers, fiddles and fiddlemakers is touring the northeast in support of their newest CD *As the Crow Flies*, just out in October, as well as their new DVD *Live from the Zeiterion Theatre*. The show is sure to be a memorable one for all ages, as this all-star group of musicians will be showing off the many sounds and styles of the violin: blues, Appalachian, Celtic, waltz, step dance and so much more. More detail in the event title.

Saturday, December 7th

3rd Annual Santa Farm Follies (Acushnet) (10:00 am-4:00 pm)

How does a Hayride with the Grinch sound?! Or perhaps you’d rather see Santa? How about something FREE? Pony rides, face painting, visits with Charlie T. Chicken, and you can also pick up your XMas Tree at the Silverbrook Farm’s 3rd Annual Santa Farm Follies! Buy a Christmas Tree and you’ll get a FREE face painting and FREE hayride with the Grinch!

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Santa, the Grinch, Elves, Hayrides, Pony Rides, Christmas Trees!

6th Annual Downtown Holiday Stroll 2013 (12:00 pm-4:00 am) Day 1

The Holiday Stroll weekend will kick off with an audience of approximately 2,000 visitors on site by 10:30 am as Downtown will host the annual SANTA SIGHINGS 5 K FUN RUN, on Saturday, December 7th – beginning at 11:00 am. Streets will re-open by 12 noon. THE “Official -Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at Custom House Square by antique fire truck -on Saturday at 1:00 -then Santa will “stroll” with his admirers to MARE Studio, 27 Center Street, where he will greet his young admirers and pose for free, souvenir photos, compliments of Mare Studio, until 4 pm. Full list of events and activities can be seen by clicking on the event title.

Holiday Cheer! Museum Fundraiser: Wine Tasting & Silent Auction (6:00 pm-9:00 pm)

The New Bedford Museum of Glass at 61 Wamsutta St. is a non-profit organization with a collection gathered from around the world and spanning the millennia! Their mission is to promote the appreciation of glass art and history through the development and display of a comprehensive permanent collection. Join them this holiday season as they celebrate stemware through the ages with a wine tasting and silent auction! All proceeds to benefit the New Bedford Museum of Glass.

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*Two days of fun
activities and
events!*

6th Annual Downtown Holiday Stroll 2013 (12:00 pm-4:00 am) Day 2

The Holiday Stroll weekend continues with tons of activities, events, specials and deals!

Pet Photos with Santa (Fairhaven, MA) (1:00 pm-3:00 pm)

Join Pretty Paws Bakery & Happy Tails Photography from 1-3 for photos of your best friend with Santa. Price for photo is \$12.00 and half of that will be donated to Massachusetts Humane Society. There will be lots of goodies at the bakery to fill your pup/kitties stocking as well. You can call the bakery at 774-992-9410 to make an appointment or just come by. We look forward to meeting you and your best friend.

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

1st Annual NYC Bus Trip to Benefit Humane Society & Shelter

PLEASE SUPPORT THE HUMANE SOCIETY & SHELTER SOUTH COAST BY JOINING US FOR A DAY IN THE BIG CITY!!!!



Shopping

Dining

First Annual New York City Bus Trip!!!

Catch a show



Ice Skating

To benefit the Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast

When: December 15th 2013

Departure: The bus will be leaving **promptly** at 6:30 am, from The Humane Society & Shelter. (31 Ventura Drive, North Dartmouth 02747) We will be dropped off at Times Square.

Pastries and coffee provided.

Leave NYC: We will be picked up at Bryant Park at 6:30pm, and are expected back in North Dartmouth by 11 pm.

Snacks provided.

Cost: \$60.00 Per Person

For tickets call: 508-995-6661

Humane Society & Shelter South Coast's first

ever NYC Bus Trip!

This is a fundraiser, to support the homeless animals of the Humane Society, and at the same time, to have a great trip to NYC, during this festive season! Tickets are 60.00, includes pastries, coffee and snacks on the bus! We will depart from the shelter at 6:30am and be dropped off at Times Square! We will leave NYC at 6:30pm, and should be back in Dartmouth for 11pm. Please call the shelter for tickets!! 508-995-6661

Humane Society & Shelter South Coast's mission is to provide humane professional care and placement of unwanted, abandoned and stray animals in the Greater New Bedford region and the city of Fall River. To also educate the public concerning animal welfare and to advocate for humane treatment of animals everywhere.

For more info:

Event Page: <http://www.facebook.com/events/328199623986535>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Humane-Society-Shelter-SouthCoast/211186405678494>

Website: hsssc.org/

Phone: (508) 995-6661

Email: ASilva@hsssc.org

Santa Paws Is Coming To Town!

"Santa Paws is Coming to Town"



Please join us on *December 7, 2013*
Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast
Have your pet and family members join us for
pictures.

From 11am- 2 pm - For a \$15.00 donation
For more information please contact
The Humane Society at
508-995-6661

Please remember to keep your pets safe,
We recommend bringing them in a carrier
or on a leash.

All proceeds benefit Humane Society &
Shelter SouthCoast

HAVE A PEACEFUL & JOYFUL HOLIDAY



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Meet the 1850s Ladies; Crafts and more during AHA!



AHA! Night, Thurs., December 12

Think local—think “Made In New Bedford.” On AHA! night, Thursday, December 12, you can join Ruth and Abby, the national park’s 1850s ladies, for holiday pin-making, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Handcraft your own pin to take home and wear. The event takes place at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park’s visitor center, downtown New Bedford. As always, admission is free.

Dream Out Loud Center for the Arts Announces Downtown Book & Gift Shop



Some fun events during the Holiday Stroll!!

The Dream Out Loud Center (DOLC) is proud to announce the expansion of a youth-run book and gift shop on the first floor of their current location on One Johnny Cake Hill for the holiday season. DOLC will be celebrating the Downstairs Shop grand opening with a series of weekend festivities.

DOLC will be open for the Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll, presented by Downtown New Bedford, Inc. on Saturday, December 7th, from 9am-5pm, with an opening night reception, open to the general public, to follow from 6pm-8pm. A reading of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" with Whisper the Mouse will be offered on Saturday (9am-5pm) and Sunday (11am-4pm) every hour on the hour. Photography sessions will also be offered at

a discounted rate.

The Downstairs Shop will sell new and used books, artisan crafts and unique gifts, some made by our youth. All purchases in the Downstairs Shop support the running of the shop and DOLC's Creative Careers publishing, music and performing arts program for youth. The organization plans to continue fundraising to keep the store open year-round.

"Thanks to the generosity of our landlord Diana FitzGerald offering us two months of free rent, we are finally able to get this ten-year in the making idea off the ground," Tracy Furtado, Executive Director, explains. "This expansion aligns with our mission to inspire artistic expression to reach one's goals and also gives our youth a place to market their own products."

DOLC is currently asking for donations of books of fiction, non-fiction, young adult and children's literature to be sold in the Downstairs Shop. Consignment opportunities are also available for artists and craftsman who create jewelry, original artwork, and artisan crafts. For more information contact 508-990-9090 or send an email to information@dreamoutloudnow.org or visit the Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/DreamOutLoudfortheArts>

The Dream Out Loud Center (formerly Brick by Brick) is a 501c3 nonprofit community organization located in New Bedford, MA. Its mission is to advance the personal and career goals of South Coast residents through innovation, education and mentoring. The Creative Careers program is its primary after-school program with classes offered in publishing, graphic arts, music, theater and video.

2013 Holiday Events and Specials


Want to get your event or retail special listed? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com. Cost is \$25 per listing or \$50 per listing with an image.

CRAFT-O-RAMA (through December 24th)

Open at UGLY Gallery at 246 Union St until Christmas.

Tuesday thru Sunday 11am to 6pm

For December AHA we'll be having an Artist Meet and Greet. About 25 vendors from New Bedford, the South Coast, Providence and Boston with a large variety of items including original artwork, prints, ornaments, soap, knits, dolls, candles... all handmade. They have some great affordable stocking stuffers for as low as \$4.



Sample the best of
local art, craft, & design!

CRAFT RAMA

at Ugly Gallery

246 Union St. Downtown New Bedford, MA

**NEW BEDFORD'S
PREMIERE ARTISTS'
MARKET!**



CRAFT-O-RAMA has partnered with our friends at Ugly Gallery to bring you a month long holiday pop-up shop, featuring your favorite area artists! Shop the best in locally-handmade gifts this season and support dNB! **Shop CRAFT-O-RAMA during regular Ugly Gallery hours: Tue-Sun 11-6.**



**November 30
thru December 24**

Visit facebook.com/craftorama for more info
or contact Shelley at nbcraftorama@gmail.com



All-Friends Catering would like to wish your a Happy Holidays! Looking for some great BBQ catering this holiday season? Check them out at <http://www.allfriendscatering.com/> and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/All-Friends-Catering-BBQ/136699856387438>.

Does your best friend want to look fabulous for the Holidays? Grooming By Crystal is offering new clients \$5.00 off their first grooming and all the money goes to the Humane Society & Shelter Southcoast in Dartmouth!



Grooming by Crystal

508-995-6661

31 Ventura, Drive

No. Dartmouth, MA 02747

Holiday Spa Add-on Special

With the purchase of a Full service bath or Grooming

Blueberry facial

Nail polish

Tooth brushing/breath freshener

Holiday Fragrance your choice (apple pie, almond hot chocolate, sugar cookie, and cinnamon spice)

Festive bell collar, Santa hat, reindeer antlers, Frosty the snowman top hat, or Santa coat YOUR CHOICE!!

You can see some great before and after photos on her FB page:
Grooming By Crystal

December 21st

Saturday December 21st 11:30-4:00
Stop by III SUNS have your picture
taken with Buddy The Elf FREE
Bring in gloves, scarf or hat something we can donate
and you will get a free printed professional picture



Join III SUNS & Utopia's Path in A Holiday Celebration
Herbal Tea, Hot Chocolate and snacks

Readers for that day will include The Loon Witch and
Ron O'Berry. Reiki with Chris

More info posted on our website www.iiisuns.com &
Facebook page www.facebook.com/IIISUNS

III Suns: Holiday Celebration: Storewide Sale, Meet Buddy the Elf, Readers, & Refreshments!

III Suns carries a wide variety of metaphysical and holistic products, creative gifts, and one-of-a-kind specialty pieces of art. Whether it be a new awakening to your spiritual path, or a continuation of your spiritual path, or a continuation in your growth, they offer something for every level of your spiritual development! For more info visit her website: www.iiisuns.com or Facebook.

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents Family Holiday Pops Concert

A one-of-a-kind Holiday Season tradition on the South Coast.

Featuring guest vocalist Amanda Carr and the popular holiday sing-along, this warm and festive concert will make your season bright!

Saturday Dec 21, 3:30 & 7pm

www.nbsymphony.org

December 31st

City Celebrates! New Year's Eve

Presented by the AHA! Partners & the City of New Bedford

Join us for a family friendly evening in Downtown New Bedford!

Arrive early and stay late! Fireworks at 8:30pm.

www.ahanewbedford.org

January 3-5

18th Annual Moby Dick Marathon

The longest continually running readathon of Herman Melville's literary masterpiece.

Friday Jan 3 – Sunday Jan 5, 2014

www.whalingmuseum.org

PAST EVENTS

December 6th

Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting

Date and Time: December 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Park on the corner of Ruth Street and Salisbury Street

Goulart Square Association Tree Lighting

Date: Sunday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ashley Park on the corner of Rivet Street and Bolton Street

Padanaram Christmas Festival



Corner of Elm and Bridge Streets	Boy Scout Troop 170: Hot Kale Soup, Hot Chocolate and Roasted Chestnuts, Christmas Wreaths for Sale. Beach Plum Café: Assorted Cookies Hawthorne Country Club: Clam Chowder
Main Parking Lot/Santa's Stage	SANTA ARRIVES AT 6pm, Elves Entertain Children
6 1/2 Bridge Street Gallery, 6 1/2 Bridge Street	Hot Cider and Cookies
Anne Whiting Real Estate, 250 Elm Street	Meet the Grinch from 6pm-7pm
Black Bass, 3 Water Street	Hot Chocolate and Mulled Cider
Cape Yachts, 252 Elm Street	Hot Cider and Holiday Treats
Details & Design, 332 Elm Street	Holiday Cheer
Flora, 324 Elm Street	Santa's Elves and a Strolling Balloon Artist
Folia, 354 Elm Street	Glow Necklaces and Holiday Candy
Gigi's, 8 Bridge Street	Candy Canes and Mini Starfish
Hopps Realty, 302 Elm Street	Refreshments
Interiors by M.S., 242 Elm Street	Refreshments and Holiday Grab Bags for Children 12 & Under
Jack Conway & Co., 344 Elm Street	The Cat in the Hat, Reindeer Food and Refreshments
Karyne & Co. Day Spa, 368 Elm Street	Refreshments and Free Gift While Supplies Last
Milbury and Company, 304 Elm Street	Hot Cocoa and Surprise Gifts for the Kids
Mind Matters, 338 Elm Street	Festive Holiday Treats
Norton Gallery, 330 Elm Street	Photographer Adam Graves' Debut Show with Music and Holiday Fare
Nothin' Crazy, 338-A Elm Street	Holiday Photo Booth
Rusitzky and Russell, 335 Elm Street	Cookie Decorating and Hot Cocoa
Sail Loft, 246 Elm Street	Stuffed Quahogs and Refreshments
Sotheby's, 294 Elm Street	Storytelling and Book Signing w/ Children's Author J.B. Spooner
South Wharf Yacht Yard, 218 Elm Street	Santa's Workshop: Letters to Santa & Decorate Christmas Tree Ornaments
Stonegate Mortgage, 300 Elm Street	Human Statues and Christmas Carolers
The Packet, 354 Elm Street	Special Treats and Refreshments
- Parking is Available at the NR Yacht Club -	

December 7th

The Centre Christmas Craft Fair

Date and Time: Saturday, December 7th from 10am-3pm

Location: At The Centre, 230 Union St. (across from Webster Bank) downtown New Bedford. We have over 14 craft vendors and are looking forward to our first event! If you have any questions, please contact me Sharon Corley 508-992-2224. (Centre-Trinity United Methodist Church)
<http://thecentrenb.org/>

Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll

Date and Time: Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th from noon to 4 p.m.

Location: Downtown New Bedford

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*Downtown
New Bedford*

6th Annual

Holiday Stroll

*This Year
Shop Local!*

Saturday & Sunday
December 7 & 8, 2013

Beginning at noon each day

Trying to find a gift for that hard to buy for person?
Searching for a place that has something
for everybody in your family?

Downtown New Bedford has everything
you need for a jolly holiday.

Handmade Goods
Boutique Shopping
Creative Cuisine
Children's Activities
Live Entertainment
Santa & Mrs. Claus

Santa Sightings *SATURDAY ONLY
Parade
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Holiday-Sing-a-long

& So Much More!



For more information contact
Downtown New Bedford, Inc 508.990.2777
or visit www.downtownnb.org

City of New Bedford Official Christmas Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Saturday, December 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Plaza

Join Mayor Mitchell and New Bedford officials for an annual New Bedford tradition!

On Saturday, December 7th at 4:30pm, the parade will step off from the bottom of William Street (at North Water Street) and will march up to City Hall Plaza for the lighting of the City's Official Christmas Tree on the steps of the Main Library. The New Bedford High School Marching Band, the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Colorguard will participate in this festive event for the whole family to

celebrate the holiday season. For many years, beloved musician and vocalist Mitch Miller was featured in a popular series of Christmas festivities in downtown New Bedford and led large crowds in singing Christmas carols. This year, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Chorus will revive New Bedford's sing-a-long tradition as part of the tree lighting festivities!

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Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park

Date and Time: Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Clasky Common Park at County and Pope Streets

Join the countdown celebration to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park. Members of the Parker Elementary School chorus will perform and Santa Claus is expected to join the celebration.

Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Sunday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fire Station # 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue

December 9th

South Central /South First Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Monday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Monte Park on the corner of Russell Street and Acushnet Avenue

December 12th

South End Business Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 12th 4:00 p.m. book reading, 5:00 p.m. tree lighting

Location: Howland Green Library, 3 Rodney French Boulevard

A Picture History of New Bedford – Spinner Publications Book Signing

Holiday Open House and Book-Signing on AHA! Night, December 12 from 6pm to 9pm at Spinner Publications, 164 William Street
December AHA! Theme ~ “Made in New Bedford!” Full details: <http://www.newbedfordguide.com/spinner-holiday-open-house-book-signing-aha/2013/12/03>

December 13th

Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date: Wednesday, December 13th 6:30 p.m.

Location: Harrington Park on the Corner of Court Street and Liberty Street (across from Hathaway School)

December 14th

New Bedford Preservation Society's 22nd Annual Holiday House Tour (4-8 pm)

You'll enjoy visiting historic city residences, all decked out for the holidays, along with costumed portrayals and the popular peppermint pint scavenger hunt. Tour at your own pace beginning at Gallery X, 169 William Street, New Bedford, tour headquarters, where the holiday raffle and silent auction will be held during tour hours. The self-guided tour will take approximately two hours. Full details: <http://www.nbpreservationsociety.org/housetours.html>.

Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Riverside Park on the corner of Belleville Avenue and Tallman Street

The 2nd Annual Praise & Worship Benefit Concert

The 2nd Annual Praise & Worship Benefit Concert is to benefit those who are in need this Holiday Season will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 pm at His Mercy Church, 848 Mt. Pleasant St. New Bedford MA. The admission is free, but we are accepting donation such as Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Throw Blankets, Thermal wear, etc.; and unwrapped toys and/or gift cards for children up to the age of 16. We are also accepting monetary donation made payable to His Mercy Church/Benefit.

2ND ANNUAL PRAISE & WORSHIP BENEFIT CONCERT



Christian & Gospel Artists

Connie Correia + Patricia Victor + Pastor Sedric Joly
HMC Liturgical Praise Dance
..... and others



SATURDAY + DECEMBER 14th + 6:00 PM

HIS MERCY CHURCH

848 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA
Telephone: 774-206-1179 or 774.417.1574

SHOWING LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS

(Benefit To Help Those In Need This Holiday Season)

FREE ADMISSION

ACCEPTING DONATION AT THE DOOR

Scarves, Sweatshirt, Hoodies, Throw Blankets, Gloves, Hats, Socks, Thermals, Etc.

Toys for Girls/Boys

Unwrapped toys and/or gift cards for children under 17 years old

For All monetary donations:
Please make check payable to "His Mercy Church / Benefit"

Free-will offering will be taken

December 15th

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church is Sunday, December 15th from 9 – 11:30 am! You must pre-register by December 9th.



Breakfast with **SANTA**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth, MA

Sunday, December 15, 2013

9:00-11:30am

**Festivities begin at 9:00AM with a
Family "Children's Advent Service" and Santa's arrival**

Breakfast Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Fruit, Coffee, Milk

Face Painting, Children's Activities, Cookie Decorating, Pictures with Santa

Music provided by Rhonda Matson, Director, South Coast Music Together, and Ann Lamoureux on piano

The breakfast & all events are **FREE** for both children and adults!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT!!!

Pre-Registration is required by Dec. 9!!

Please email your name, contact info and the number of people who will attend to

breakfastwithsantadec15@gmail.com

OR leave a message at St. Martin's Episcopal Church office: 508.994.8972 by Dec. 9, 2013



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Please bring a non-perishable FOOD ITEM to help St. Martin's Food Pantry

A FREE-WILL offering will be taken to help St. Jude's Children's Hospital

*A collaboration of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, South Dartmouth &
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, New Bedford*

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Mt. Pleasant Street Association Tree Lighting


Date and Time: Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hayden McFadden Elementary School (County Street Side)

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NEW BEDFORD
Preservation Society

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PRESENTS THE 22ND ANNUAL

Holiday House Tour

DECEMBER 14 & 15

CANDLELIGHT TOUR - 12/14 (4 - 8 P.M.) / AFTERNOON TOUR - 12/15 (1 - 5 P.M.)

You're invited to visit the city's historic homes, beautifully decorated for the season on this time-honored holiday event, which will feature costumed portrayals and the popular peppermint pig scavenger hunt. Tour at your own pace beginning at Gallery X, 169 William Street, New Bedford, tour headquarters, where the society's Holiday Raffle and Silent Auction will be held during tour hours. Call or visit the website for details.

Tickets \$23 at the door. Discounted advance tickets (\$19 non-members; \$17 Society members) will be on sale mid-November in New Bedford at the Arthur Moniz Gallery, New York Shoe Repair and the Surrey Shoppe; in Dartmouth at Baker Books (2 McCabe Street), The Ultimate Touch, and Davoll's General Store; in Fairhaven at Periwinkles; and in Marion at the Marion General Store.

**Volunteers earn a free ticket to the tour. Call Chantelle at 508-415-0136 if you are interested.
508.997.6425 / WWW.NBPRESERVATIONSOCIETY.ORG**

Arnold Street Neighborhood Association Wreath Decorating Contest

The Arnold Street Neighborhood Association is holding a wreath decorating contest!



The Arnold Street Neighborhood Association (Orchard St. west to Rotch St. and Union St. south to Clinton St.) will be holding its first wreath decorating contest! This is a great way to show off your artistic talents to your community and enter to win local gift certificates to area stores and restaurants.

To enter:

If you live in the Arnold Street Neighborhood Association area (Between Orchard St. and Rotch St. and Union St. and Clinton St.), please email your name and address to arnoldstreetnb@gmail.com or email us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/arnoldstreet.nb or call 508-542-5901. Deadline for registration is December 13. Wreaths can be made from all different materials. Get creative!

To vote:

Join us at 1pm on Sunday, December 14 at the corner of Orchard

St. and Union St. From there, we will walk through the community and visit the registered wreath contest participants. A final vote will be held after we view all the wreaths. Bring your friends and family to see our beautifully decorated community!

2014 New Bedford Folk Festival a Go!



Organizers of the New Bedford Folk Festival have announced that the 19th annual festival is scheduled for July 5 and 6, 2014. The festival will feature seven music sites in the National Park and downtown including the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theater. Also featured will be a juried craft show and food including New Bedford landed seafood. For up to date information on performers as they are booked, **become a fan of the festival on Facebook.**

13 Things To Do This Weekend (Nov 29-Dec 01)



Well, let's start with the good news: it's not supposed to snow this weekend! There is, however, a 40% chance of rain on Sunday. Temperatures will be below freezing on Friday and Saturday night, but above freezing on Sunday night. The days will be a bit chilly, so break out the flannels and sweatshirts. Sunday will be warmer but we might get rain. We can't have everything! Regardless, we are hardy New Englanders and nature will have to throw a lot more at us to prevent us from going out or even slow us down!

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? Check out our tutorial. For more info, you can click on each title. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, November 29th

Outdoor Skating (Providence) (10:00 am-10:00 pm)

Did you know that the Providence outdoor skating rink is now open? It opened yesterday! "Regular hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. General admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Skate rentals and season passes are available. Across from Kennedy Plaza." Tomorrow is Open House!



*Outdoor skating
for the whole
family!*

Scrabble & Chess Night (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Monthly Scrabble Night, now with the addition of chess, 7-9 p.m. last Fridays. Beginners to experienced players welcome. FREE! Phone: (508) 996-1498. Pilgrim United Church of Christ Home, Purchase and School streets, New Bedford, MA.

Christmas Festival of Lights (Carver) (4:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Runs from today through January 1st. Edaville's Christmas Festival of Lights is arguably the most-loved festival of its kind, having earned generations of loyal fans. Passengers relax comfortably in warm and dry coaches while riding through a spectacular holiday setting featuring an explosion of

lights. Kids of all ages will enjoy an array of vintage amusement rides and a visit with Santa in one of our indoor play areas. Stay for a delicious full meal or enjoy seasonal treats.

Saturday, November 30th

27th Annual Christmas Bazaar: Day 1 (Westport) (9:00 am-3:00 pm)

Taking place at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Children's craft table, U-Pic-Um Table, raffles and more. Kitchen open both days, music provided by Pat Cordeiro and Judy Souza. Free admission. 569 Sanford Road.

"Purses For Paws" Handbag Sale Fundraiser (Westport) (10:00 am-2:00 pm)

At the Westport United Congregational Church. Unique fundraiser will be selling gently used handbags with proceeds going to Habitat For Cats. 500 American Legion Hwy.

18th Annual Westport Rivers Vineyard & Winery (Westport) (11:00 am-5:00 pm)

This is a great chance to take the entire family to the Vineyard. The event is FREE and there will be plenty of parking available. The open house features reduced price wine tastings all day long (only \$5), wine and beer by the glass and delicious dishes from Smoke and Pickles. There will also be a variety of local vendors including: Dartmouth Orchards, Shy Brothers Cheese, Rays Kettle Korn, Golden Touch Alpaca petting zoo, Hana's Honey and local produce, eggs and more from Paradise Hill Farms and Dartmouth Orchards.



*World class wine, world
class winery, world
class folks!*

Finally the Vineyard will offer FREE vineyard hayrides all day long, hot cocoa, kettle fires, Christmas music, games for the kids (including the infamous Haypit), the Moniz gallery and the wonderful scenic views.

Travessia's Wine Club Weekend: Day 1 (12:00 pm-6:00 pm)

With Travessia's "J" dessert red wine being such a hit with wine club members last year (all 300 bottles were sold out in less than a month!), they are excited to release an even bigger lot of this delicious holiday wine: 600 half-bottles this time! Come by and be the first to taste this fortified wine along with roasted chestnuts, a classic Portuguese pairing for this time of the year! Not in the wine club? Here's how to join: [Wine Club](#)

3rd Annual "Christmas Tea" (Acushnet) (1:00 pm-3:00 pm)

Entertainment will be provided by Donna and Ron Laskos. The theme this year is "The Nutcracker." Menu includes a variety of dainty sandwiches and desserts along with the Laskos very own tea. For tickets or information, call Debbie at (508) 996-1301. No tickets sold at the door. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 7 and younger. Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, 67 Main St. Acushnet, MA.

Drum & Bugle Corp. Second Reunion (8:00 pm-1:00 am)

Refreshments, Old School Music from DJ Lady K and more. Donation for \$10 asked. For ticket contact the Verdean Vets,

(508) 858-5110 or call Diane (508) 951-1827. Verdean Vets, 561 Purchase St.

Sunday, December 1st

Great Big Walk-It-Off (9:00 am-12:00 pm)

Thinking about that delectable Thanksgiving dinner? Mmmm...turkey and all the fixings and then that satisfying unsnap of the top button while you rest, post-feast...here's your chance at redemption! Join us to walk if off as we travel from the Field Station to our Stone Barn property and return – a total of approximately 6 miles! When you're done, a plate of leftovers won't seem evil at all! 6 mile trail from the Field Station to Stone Barn Property. \$6 members, \$8 non-members, member children \$4, non-member children \$6.

27th Annual Christmas Bazaar: Day 2 (Westport) (9:00 am-3:00 pm)

Taking place at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Children's craft table, U-Pic-Um Table, raffles and more. Kitchen open both days, music provided by Pat Cordeiro and Judy Souza. Free admission. 569 Sanford Road.

Travessia's Wine Club Weekend: Day 2 (12:00 pm-6:00 pm)

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Greater New Bedford Track Club: Sunday Striders (11:00 am-6:00 pm)

Sunday Striders, weekly training runs starting at 8 a.m. Sundays. All levels of ability welcome; non-members are encouraged to join group. Marathon training continues. Buttonwood Senior Center, 1 Oneida St. Phone: (508) 994-7209.

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New Bedford Christmas Tree Lighting Schedule 2013



Here is the New Bedford Christmas tree lighting schedule for 2013:

December 7th

City of New Bedford Official Christmas Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Saturday, December 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Plaza

Join Mayor Mitchell and New Bedford officials for an annual New Bedford tradition! On Saturday, December 7th at 4:00pm, the parade will step off from the bottom of William Street (at North Water Street) and will march up to City Hall Plaza for the lighting of the City's Official Christmas Tree on the steps of the Main Library. The New Bedford High School Marching Band, the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard will participate in this festive event for the whole family to celebrate the holiday season.

For many years, beloved musician and vocalist Mitch Miller was featured in a popular series of Christmas festivities in downtown New Bedford and led large crowds in singing Christmas carols. This year, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Chorus will revive New Bedford's sing-a-long tradition as part of the tree lighting festivities!

December 8th

Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park

Date and Time: Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Clasky Common Park at County and Pope Streets

Join the countdown celebration to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park. Members of the Parker Elementary School chorus will perform and Santa Claus is expected to join the celebration.

Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Sunday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fire Station # 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue

December 9th

South Central /South First Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Monday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Monte Park on the corner of Russell Street and Acushnet Avenue

December 12th

South End Business Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 12th 4:00 p.m. book reading, 5:00 p.m. tree lighting

Location: Howland Green Library, 3 Rodney French Boulevard

Goulart Square Association Tree Lighting

Date: Sunday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ashley Park on the corner of Rivet Street and Bolton Street

December 13th

Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting

Date and Time: December 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Park on the corner of Ruth Street and Salisbury Street

Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date: Wednesday, December 13th 6:30 p.m.

Location: Harrington Park on the Corner of Court Street and Liberty Street (across from Hathaway School)

December 14th

Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Riverside Park on the corner of Belleville Avenue and Tallman Street

December 15th

Mt. Pleasant Street Association Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hayden McFadden Elementary School (County Street Side)
