

# Community Input Session for Custom House Square Project

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the City's Office of Planning will host a public conversation on the creation of a new urban park at Custom House Square. Join the Office of Planning, Stoss Landscape Urbanism, and CDM Consultants for the next step in the Custom House Square redesign process: a community input session intended to solicit feedback on draft designs developed by Stoss. We need your input to make Custom House Square a vibrant space that will serve the needs of our downtown for many years to come.



The meeting will take place on Monday, September 24th at 6 p.m. at the Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William Street, New Bedford.

For more information, please contact Jill Maclean, Acting City Planner, [jill.maclean@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:jill.maclean@newbedford-ma.gov). For translation services, please contact the City of New Bedford Office of Community Services at (508) 961-3136.

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## Fort Taber/Fort Rodman's First Annual Autumn Revelry

Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Historical Association, Inc., (FTRHA) will host the First Annual Autumn Revelry, a fundraiser to benefit FTRHA and the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum.



The inaugural event will take place on Saturday, October 13, and will feature a buffet dinner catered by M&C Café. Dinner will include a fall salad, chicken with Madeira sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, a fall vegetable and rolls. The dinner will take place at the Fort Taber Park Community Center with seatings available at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., or 7 p.m.

The Fort Taber ~Fort Rodman Military Museum will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. that evening. Dinner guests are invited to visit the museum, before and after their meal to enjoy lite hors d'oeuvres, cup cakes provided by Emma Jeans Cupcake & Ice Cream Shoppe, coffee and tea. A cash bar provided by Freitas Package Store will also be available to guests at the Community Center and at the Military Museum.

The Museum will also host entertainment provided by Jazz Duo Ryan Loud & Ben Moniz and a silent auction featuring a variety of unique items on which to bid.

"It was important to our organization to create an event that would showcase the Military Museum and beautiful Fort Taber Park," said Joe Langlois, President of Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Historical Association. "We invite the community to join us for an evening of great food, good conversation and camaraderie as we celebrate the military history of New Bedford and the South Coast region. It is our hope that this fundraiser will become a yearly event that is enjoyed by all."

Tickets for the event are \$20 per person and are purchased by

dinner seating time. Tickets are available at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum, 1000c South Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford, by calling 508-994-3938, or my email at spoyant@gmail.com. Reservations are recommended to ensure seating availability.

FTFRHA is an all volunteer, not-for-profit organization committed to assisting in the restoration, preservation and perpetuation of Fort Rodman and its surroundings. The association and its volunteers operate the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum which illustrates the history of the former Fort Rodman military base and preserves the memory of area veterans from the American Revolution through to the current missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. FTFRHA is dedicated to preserving the memory and legacy of area veterans and their service to our nation.

With the funds raised from this event, FTFRHA hopes to continue to enhance and expand the exhibits and programs offered at the museum including military services and ceremonies, community lectures, and military reenactments which are all open to the public at no cost. The funding will also be used to continue to develop the landscaping around the museum and Fort Taber Park.

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## **Hollywood Goes Commercial Fishing**

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& ARMY ARMSTRONG PRESENT

## HOLLYWOOD COMES TO VINALHAVEN



### THE MAKING OF DEEP WATERS

Behind-the-scenes look at the making of the film

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues Friday, September 21st at 7 PM with Hollywood Comes to Vinalhaven. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and

presented free of charge.

This month's feature, Hollywood Comes to Vinalhaven, looks at the making of Deep Waters, an adaptation of Ruth Moore's Spoonhandle, which was filmed on Vinalhaven Island off the coast of Maine in 1947. Featured actors were Dana Andrews, Jean Peters, Cesar Romero and Dean Stockwell. This documentary includes behind-the-scenes anecdotes, archival photographs and home movies, and reminiscences from island residents old enough to have experienced the production and young enough to remember.

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# New Bedford Oktoberfest 2012



By Shonna  
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We're starting to feel the crisp approach of fall in the air, and soon the leaves will be turning magnificent colors and autumn will be upon us. Of course, for beer lovers worldwide, fall time means more than apple picking, pumpkin carving and scenic drives; fall time means Oktoberfest is here again!

The New Bedford Oktoberfest will be kicking off its 7th year of drinking brews and dancing to tunes on Saturday, September 22nd. The fest takes place at Custom House Square in historic Downtown New Bedford and goes from 3-10 p.m. Oktoberfest is not only a great time to try out some unique beers with your friends, it is also a major fundraiser for a great cause.

This year, proceeds will go to benefiting Star Kids and The Childrens Advocacy Center of Bristol County. A fundraiser that involves drinking beer and listening to great music can't be a bad time!



Besides the fact that Oktoberfest is for a great cause, it is also an event that should not be missed due to its selection of seasonal brews. Everyone who can consider themselves a beer connoisseur knows that this is the best time of year when it comes to pumpkin ales, hard ciders and fall time favorites.

This year, the New Bedford Oktoberfest will be featuring Berkley Beer Company, Cisco Brewers Nantucket, Just Beer, Woodstock Inn Brewery, Sam Adams, Smuttynose and the Mayflower Brewing Company.

In addition to the brews is the food which will be sold by Pizans, Rose Alley and No Problemo. There will also be a winegarten. And of course, there will be the music. The Slow Burning Nuggets will take the stage from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. with their eclectic mix of what their Facebook describes as "Space/Electronic/Rock/Pop".

Afterwards, The Tree will take the stage. They are a high-energy band that started from UMass Dartmouth/New Bedford that plays a fusion of hip-hop, rap, funk, reggae, rock and everything in between. I have heard a lot about The Tree but have never seen them play, so this seems like a great addition to this year's music line up. The Boomcats will follow up that performance with some "good old blues fused rock and roll".

At 6:45 p.m. the local favorite J. Kelley Band will perform and be followed up by Putnam Murdock and the Insatiabes.

Putnam Murdock has an illustrious history a musician and a songwriter, so this performance promises to be an interesting

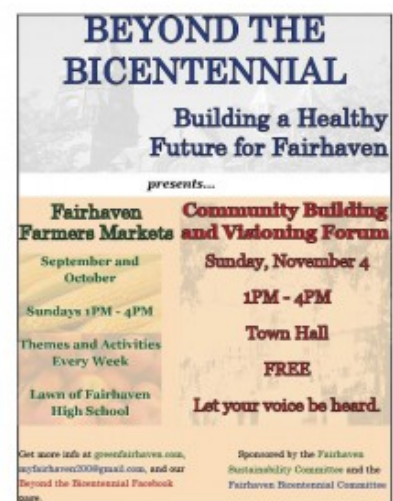
one as well!

Crisscross Orchestra will perform as the final act of the night, closing out Oktoberfest at 10 p.m. This 11 member ensemble features an interesting variety of instruments such as steel pans, the Irish pennywhistle, trumpet, electric guitar, flute and the accordion. The result is African roots influenced music led by award winning West African Ghanaian musician and composer Obuamah Laud Addy.

Needless to say, all in attendance at the NB Oktoberfest can expect a night of good food, great drinks and entertaining music. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 in advance by going to Rose Alley Ale House or Pizan's Pizzeria. Tickets are \$25 dollars at the door.

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## Fairhaven's "Beyond the Bicentennial" Campaign



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Capitalizing on the hype and recognition from this summer's



Bicentennial celebration, the town of Fairhaven will host a special season of recreational Farmers' Markets this autumn as part of an awareness campaign highlighting sustainable initiatives. Dubbed "Beyond the Bicentennial," the specially-themed schedule for Fairhaven's Farmers' Markets will begin Sunday, September 16, and go every Sunday until October 21. The season will conclude on November 4 at Town Hall with the first ever Community Visioning Forum, where representatives will meet with residents to harvest strategies for Fairhaven's future.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Sustainability and Bicentennial Committees, "Beyond the Bicentennial" is intended to unite residents to create a healthy, resilient, and culturally rich town. The campaign's Community Visioning Forum will be an action-planning session and opportunity for members of the community to have their voices heard regarding their idealized vision for Fairhaven's future. What are the strengths and assets of Fairhaven? What are the possibilities? What are the main issues to be contended? What are the solutions? How do they see Fairhaven evolving in 20 years? From all this sharing of ideas groups will be formed to determine courses of action.

To promote the Forum, each Farmers' Market for "Beyond the Bicentennial" will carry themes significant to the town. The first market on September 16 will carry the theme of Energy; it will feature a solar panel presentation from the Marion Institute, and participation from SouthCoast Energy Challenge, Fortress Green Building Supply, and Fairhaven Wind LLC. In addition, the first 10 dog owners to stop by the Beyond the Bicentennial tent with their dog will receive a **FREE BOX of BioBag Dog Waste Bags.**

Other themes scheduled for the season include water quality, recycling, local food, and transportation. Though meant to raise awareness amongst residents in Fairhaven, all from neighboring areas in the SouthCoast are welcome to stop by and




enjoy our Farmers' Market.

The Fairhaven Farmers' Market is scheduled every Sunday from 1PM – 4PM and is located on the lawn of Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., on the corner with Main St. A list of food and craft vendors and description of each week's events, including the Community Visioning Forum on Sunday, November 4, will be provided on <http://www.greenfairhaven.com> and at the Fairhaven Beyond the Bicentennial Facebook Page.

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## New Bedford Operation Clean Sweep (15 Sep)

Operation Clean Sweep, a New Bedford based anti-litter  organization, will hold a neighborhood cleanup on **Saturday, September 15, 2012 in Ward 4 from 8:30 am until Noon.** Headquarters for the Ward 4 cleanup will be located near Carney Academy on Morgan and Summer Streets. The cleanup is sponsored by Barry's Fine Wine and Spirits.

Students, individuals, families and community service groups are encouraged to volunteer with Operation Clean Sweep to earn community service hours, demonstrate support for the neighborhood, and pride in the community.

Barry's Fine Wine and Spirits will provide breakfast for volunteers in the morning and lunch will be provided by Domino's Pizza, "The Official Pizza" of Operation Clean Sweep.

Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register by visiting [www.operationcleansweep.net](http://www.operationcleansweep.net) or by calling (508) 979-1493.

Pre-registration is not required but it is preferred so that

organizers are better able to plan for the needs of the day. Volunteers are asked to wear closed toe shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Tools and gloves are provided. Walk-ups are always welcome and all volunteer names will be entered into a drawing for a covered trash barrel!

Anyone interested in hosting a cleanup is encouraged to call (508) 979-1493 for more information.

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## 2012 New Bedford Santa 5k Fun Run



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**Use the discount code "NBG" and get \$5 off this race: <http://www.thesightings.com/register/>**

What traditions do your friends and family uphold during the holiday season? Perhaps you go to an annual tree lighting, spend time shopping together, or get into season by trimming the tree whilst listening to your favorite carols. How about dressing up in Santa suits and going for a friendly 5K run together?

This may sound like an unlikely way to celebrate the holidays, but if you witnessed the 1,600 jolly St. Nicks running through New Bedford streets last winter, you know that it is no joke.

This year, the Santa Run will happen again on Saturday, December 8th and they are expecting an even greater numbers of participants in what is described as a “fun run” that invites runners of all ages and abilities to join.



Race director Geoff Smith is a two time Olympic competitor and two-time Boston marathon champion, but he does not expect everyone in the Santa Run to be a serious runner. In fact, he encourages everyone to join, whether they prefer to run, jog, walk or even push a stroller. I sat down with Geoff and Director of Marketing, Matthew Neumann the other day to learn more

about the 5K. Geoff explained that the purpose of the Santa Run is to “get everybody off the couch” and “bring people together for the holiday.”

Getting into the spirit of the season by running in a Santa costume is quite unique to most parts of the county, but New Bedford is not the only city that hosts this event. Geoff told me that in the past seven years these Santa races have become increasingly common in the UK and Europe. The largest number of recorded Santas was in Derry City in Northern Ireland where there were 12,965 participants.

There are only a few cities in the United States that currently host the Santa Race, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana is the newest to join as a “sister race” to the city of New Bedford. Geoff and Matt mentioned that in the spirit of friendly competition, it will be interesting to see which city registers more runners.

To register for the run or to read more about it, go to [thesightings.com](http://thesightings.com). Use the discount code “NBG” and get \$5 off!

The cost of registration includes the full Santa costume; hat, beard, belt, jacket and trousers. The New Bedford Santa Run is also a fundraiser that benefits the South Coast Hospitals cardiac program. It is recommended that you register as early as possible since there may be more registered runners this year than costumes available. Additionally, there is a discounted registration fee being offered up until October 31st.

The Santa Run starts at 11 AM at New Bedford City Hall and it ends at City Hall as well. This year's course was slightly modified due to the construction, and the new route will no longer include the treacherous Johnny Cake Hill, making it a bit easier. Furthermore, the cobblestone streets are limited and sidewalks can be used for strollers. Overall, Geoff and Matt assured me that the run is quite easy and that a 5K (or 3.1 miles) is quite manageable by most everyone. Geoff noted that, "it is more about the experience than it is about the run".

The Santa Run is a jolly, one-of-a-kind way to walk/jog/run your way into the holiday season while also sharing in the spirit of giving to a great cause. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, email [info@thesightings.com](mailto:info@thesightings.com) to find out more about sponsorship packages. Find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/santasightings](https://facebook.com/santasightings).

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## **How to Absolutely, Positively ALWAYS Have a Good Time on**

# AHA! Night



By Stephan  
Rose

“What!?” you are thinking. “How could you POSSIBLY make a promise to me like that, Stephan Rose??? I believe what Mark Twain said ‘The only two certainties in life are death and taxes’!”

Well, although Mr. Twain said many wise things in his time, *stop being such a Negative Nancy*. I CAN virtually guarantee you will have a great time at ANY AHA! Night, with a little planning, forethought and my general good advice. Let’s dive in, shall we?

Let’s start from the beginning: *You can’t enjoy AHA! Night, if you miss it*. I, myself, didn’t begin to attend AHA for years, simply because I forgot WHEN it occurred. It’s a good idea to circle the date on your calendar, program a reminder in your phone, etc. so you can be notified when the **second Thursday of the month** rolls around. Ahanewbedford.org has a mailing list that gives you plenty of notice before the night arrives; as well as informing you of the specific events that will take place! You can also find AHA Night on Facebook, Twitter and Flickr.



*Figure out exactly what you like being part of. What do you enjoy doing? Live music? Viewing art? Learning history? AHA stands for “art, history and architecture”, so that will be a part of every night. By knowing what your interests (or the interests of the group you are with) are, you can make informed choices ahead of time and see things you know you will enjoy.*

*AHA goes from 5 to 9, be early.* That may not always be possible, but it is better to be there when things start, grab a schedule (available at the downtown library, and most AHA participating locations), and decide what your group would like to see and when it is.

*Eat before or after.* Good news! Downtown has quite a variety of good restaurants. BUT! Waiting for your food to arrive and then eating it can be quite time-consuming, especially if the restaurant is packed with other AHA-goers. If you eat DURING AHA, you’ll probably miss something enjoyable. My advice would be to eat before AHA, whether at home or downtown (please make it downtown..NB needs your money!). Quite a few establishments close before AHA ends, so before is better. If you see the schedule and nothing appeals to you at say, 7p.m., that would be the time to eat up and chow down.

*Your enjoyment level is directly proportional to WHO you are with!* Okay, it’s sad I have to say this but, if you haven’t learned during childhood this lesson, I’ll teach it to you NOW: if you are hanging out with killjoys, don’t expect AHA! Night to MAGICALLY make your night fun. Think of who you spend most of your free time with: what words would you use to



describe them? Carefree? In love with life? Childlike in wonder? A joy to be around? Miserable? Chronic complainers? NEVER satisfied? Always expecting things to go wrong?

Personally, I have a better time alone at AHA than with...well, whiny little bitches (Can I say that here? Is this guide family-friendly? Whoops.) Of course, the BEST time is had when you are with people up for adventure, new experiences, and are fun to be with. Discuss with your friends what activities you will all like, and go forth and enjoy, my son.

I hope this has been very informative for you (as if it could be anything BUT that.) See you downtown next 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for a night to remember. September's AHA! is this Thursday, September 13th, 2012. Full list of events here: <http://www.ahanewbedford.org/calendar.html>

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## King Richard's Faire 2012 Season

King Richard's Faire, New England's largest and longest-running Renaissance Festival, opens its 2012 season on September 1 and runs through October 21, 2012 on weekends and Monday holidays (Labor Day, Columbus Day). Tucked away on 80 acres of beautiful, enchanted forest off Rt. 58, King





Richard's Faire is a full day of live, interactive entertainment for all ages, including exotic tigers and a rare liger, daring knights jousting on horseback, and eight stages filled with song and dance.

Guests can mingle with royal subjects and performers, and tantalize their taste buds with the Faire's delicious spit-roasted turkey legs, buttery ears of corn, boules filled with chowder and stew, ringlets of fries, champagne, wine and brew.

Shoppers can stroll through the 16th century village filled with the wares of more than 100 unique and talented artisans. At every turn, guests will encounter minstrels, musicians, acrobats, stilt walkers, giant life-size puppets, mud beggars and more special surprises.

Each Saturday, the Faire hosts themed contests at 4 p.m., including a Cleavage Contest (9/8), Vow Renewal Ceremony (9/15); Biker's Weekend – Royal Ink & Steeds Contest (9/22); Prince & Princess Costume Contest (9/29); Carvershire's Got Talent Contest (10/6); Beard & Moustache Contest (10/13); Adult Halloween Costume Contest (10/20). See website under "Entertainment" and then "Themed Events" for rules and details. [www.kingrichardsfaire.net](http://www.kingrichardsfaire.net).

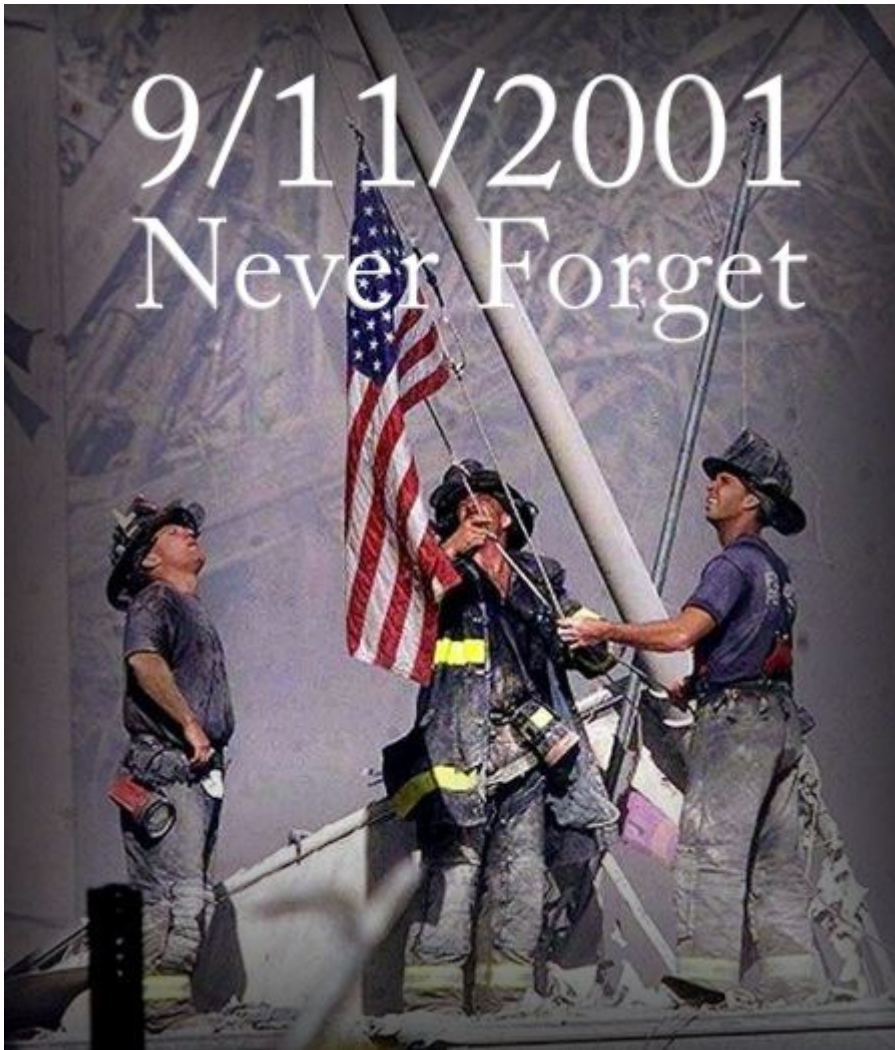
Tickets are \$27 for adults (12+) and \$15 for children ages 4-11. Children under 4 are free, and parking is free.

Discounts given to groups of 25 adults or more and private parties can be accommodated -reservations for all groups are required by emailing [info@kingrichardsfaire.net](mailto:info@kingrichardsfaire.net).

The Faire address is 235 Main Street (Rt. 58) in Carver, Mass. 02330; phone number is 508-866-5391. Visit King Richard on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/TheKingRichardsFaire](http://www.facebook.com/TheKingRichardsFaire)), on Twitter @KRFaire, and on Pinterest.

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# New Bedford Remembers 9/11



Mayor Jon Mitchell announced today that the City of New Bedford will commemorate the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks with a ceremony at City Hall. At 3:30 pm on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, the Mayor, elected officials, members of New Bedford's public safety departments, and community members will gather on the steps of City Hall to remember the lives lost and affected by the 9/11 attacks. The New Bedford High School Marching Band is scheduled to perform during the ceremony.