

UPDATED: Memorial Day weekend events planned to remember New Bedford veterans

Several events, including in-person and virtual events, are planned in New Bedford throughout the upcoming Memorial Day weekend to honor the courageous men and women who lost their lives serving the United States.

Social distancing and mask-wearing is advised at in-person events to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

CANCELED: Saturday, May 29, 2021

9:00 a.m. at Rural Cemetery

The Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table will conduct a memorial exercise at the Union Soldier's Burial Site at Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street. These services typically include historical reenactment, music, and a gun salute.

Monday, May 31, 2021

10:00 a.m. (Virtual) at Seamen's Bethel

The New Bedford Port Society's Annual Memorial Day Fishermen's Service, Pier 3, New Bedford Waterfront.

12 Noon (Virtual) Broadcast Live on Facebook from Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument

City Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Clasky Common Park.

Operation “Clean Sweep” seeking volunteers for Acushnet Avenue clean up

Meet at the public parking lot at Cotali Mar Restaurante at the corner of Acushnet and Sawyer Streets, New Bedford.

- Volunteers will clean up the surrounding areas in the North End.
- Free t-shirts to all volunteers
- Gloves and tools provided
- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Wear a mask

Review the safety notes [here](#).

Want to help? Sign up now!!!

**SATURDAY
MAY
22**



ACUSHNET AVE CLEANUP

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Public Parking Lot Behind Cotali Mar Restaurante
Corner of Acushnet Avenue and Sawyer St.



FREE T-Shirts to All Participants
Gloves and tools provided
WALK-INS WELCOME

Upcoming Cleanups

June 19: Me & Eds, South End, 30 Brock Avenue

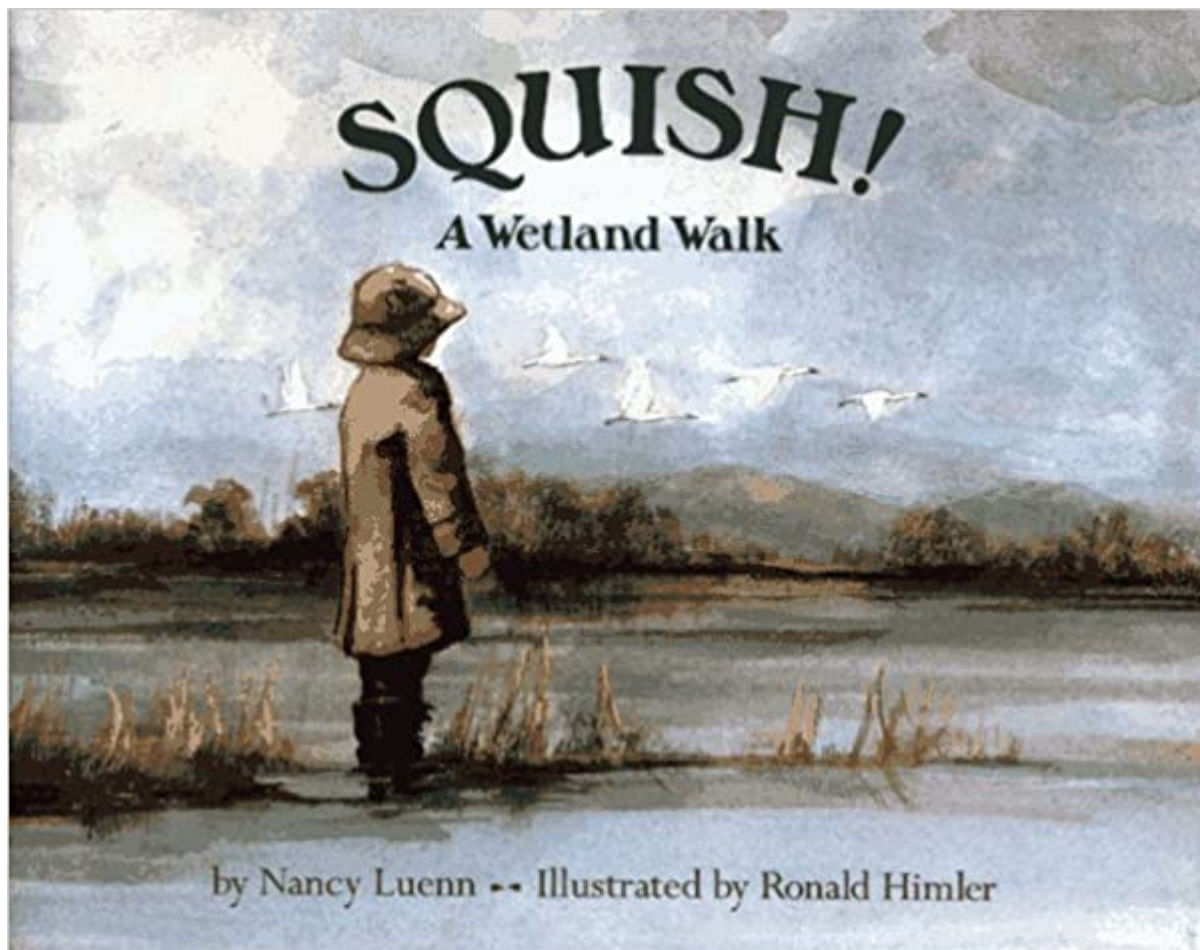
July: No cleanup scheduled

August 21: ServPro, Purchase Street

September 18: AFC Urgent Care, Coggeshall Street

Enjoy Free April Staycation Events and Storywalk at Brooklawn Park This Spring

The Ricketson Nature Center at Brooklawn Park has several events planned for this spring. See the flyers below for full details. There will be a Storywalk based on the book "Squish!: A Wetland Walk" (Ages 4-8) and will be staged in a loop around the wet meadow. This Storywalk will be available April 17th – 25th. See the attached flyer along with directions as to where the Ricketson Nature Center is located.



Also, the Ricketson Nature Center is now open EVERY Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00 – 5:30 PM. All are welcome to come and view the exhibits. Lots of fun for children.



April Staycation Week Brooklawn Park Ricketson Nature Center



April 19th - 23rd
Monday through Friday
from 12 to 4 PM

All programs FREE! Fun for the whole family!



Day	Time	Activity
Monday	12:00 to 1:00	1.5 mile Hike with Friends of Brooklawn Park
	1:00 to 2:00	Mad Science: Don't Try This at Home
	2:00 to 2:30	Mad Science: Bubbling Potions
Tuesday	12:30 to 3:00	New Bedford Art Museum Artmobile
Wednesday	1:00 to 2:00	Amazing Animal Ambassadors Live Animal Show
Thursday	12:00 to 1:00	Dr. Michael Patnaude Insect Basics
	1:00 to 1:30	Recycling education presentation Reduce, Recycle, Compost!
Friday	12:00 to 1:00	1.5 mile Hike with Friends of Brooklawn Park
	1:00 to 2:30	Lichens & Likable Creatures - join 15 Minute Field Trips for a Lichen Scavenger Hunt!



Enroll online or drop-in
*Spots are Limited for the Indoor presentations

Questions? Call 508-961-3015
REGISTER AT WWW.NBPRB.COM

Our Website Translates into many different languages.
Sitio web se traduce en muchos idiomas.
Web site traduz em muitas linguas.der



Lastly, while at Brooklawn, folks can enjoy the recently blazed Ricketson Nature trails through the woodlands. And don't forget, the playground and splash pad for the children when the weather warms up. Brooklawn Park is an under utilized gem, don't overlook it! Registration for Staycation is strongly encouraged, as there are occupancy limits to some of the programming. **Register here:**
https://newbedfordma.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29991



Keep up with all the fun and activities at Brooklawn Park on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrooklawnPark>

Boston Marathon eyed for October 11

By Chris Lisinsk
State House News Service

Boston Marathon organizers are tentatively targeting Monday, Oct. 11 as the date for this year's race if road races can take place under Massachusetts regulations by that point, the Boston Athletic Association announced Tuesday. The association had postponed and then canceled the 2020 marathon when the pandemic hit, and it already pushed the 2021 race back from

its traditional springtime date as COVID-19 continues to pose threats.

“We announce the 2021 Boston Marathon date with a cautious optimism, understanding full well that we will continue to be guided by science and our continued collaborative work with local, city, state, and public health officials,” BAA CEO Tom Grilk said in a statement. “If we are able to hold an in-person race in October, the safety of participants, volunteers, spectators, and community members will be paramount.”

Road races are not included until Phase 4 of the Baker administration’s phased reopening plan, which is contingent upon availability of vaccines or COVID-19 treatments. In a statement published by the BAA, Gov. Charlie Baker said his team “remain(s) hopeful that the 125th Boston Marathon can take place this October.”

New Bedford High School Drama Club presents The Match Girl’s Gift: A Christmas Story

By Jamie Roballo, Senior Drama Club Member

“Without our dreams, we are without hope.” No matter how dark the world may seem, there will always be light in the darkness, warmth in the bleakness, and hope in times of despair. Our world may change, but one thing will always stay the same— every single one of us has hope and light inside of

us, and as long as we continue hoping, there will never be true darkness. In their reimagined staging of *The Match Girl's Gift: A Christmas Story*, a play by Laurie Brooks, the New Bedford High School Drama Club strives to prove exactly that.

The play, a retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen tale 'The Little Match Girl', centers on Lizzie, a young girl selling matchsticks on a snowy Christmas Eve in turn-of-the-century New York City. As she watches the world around her, shivering in the cold, she uses the light of her matches to dream of a better life, assisted by her grandmother's voice and a chorus of other children. We watch as she lives out the dreams she builds, shares her kindness with others, and reminds us all that there is always hope to be found, if we continue dreaming.

The students of New Bedford High School, along with guidance from a brilliant team of educators and directors, have been able to adapt this script into a radio play format, which will be recorded and available for streaming as a performance. Not only will there be acting talent, but also special features for the drama club's skilled crew—radio plays require Foley artists, or members of the crew who create real-time sound effects to accompany an audio performance, making it seem as though actors are really moving and interacting with an unseen space. As rules and regulations for safety change, performance and art change too, and NBHS is switching up the way they perform to create an entirely new experience for cast, crew, and audience alike.

Says Sarah Cadieux Pacheco, the show's co-director and one of the drama teachers at NBHS, "I feel like this story of love and giving is more poignant this year than ever, so I was thrilled when we received permission to adapt our performance to achieve social-distancing requirements and perform it as a radio play." She continues, "Students auditioned remotely, submitted self-recorded audition tapes. Once cast, students had the option of attending rehearsal in person, in a socially

distanced space, or they could participate virtually from home. For the recording, the auditorium at NBHS was transformed into a socially distant recording studio, with students placed as far apart as possible with their own dedicated microphone and materials. Putting on this show was a creative challenge and we're so excited to finally share it with our audience." Cadieux Pacheco is joined by Co-Director Stephanie Donnelly, who is making her NBHS directorial debut as the newest theatre teacher at the school. They are joined by Assistant Director, Ricardo Aguiar, and Technical Director, Teressa L'Heureux.

The New Bedford High School Drama Club is performing The Match Girl's Gift: A Christmas Story by Laurie Brooks for one night only, on December 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. streamed directly to you in the comfort of your own home! The performance is being presented as an old-fashioned radio play.

Tickets are \$5 per streaming device and can be purchased online **here**. Each ticket purchase generates a unique link to be used the night of the show.

The performance is produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, IL.

**Bristol Community College
Theatre Program hosts FREE,
virtual conversation with**

Tony Award-winning actor André De Shields

Bristol Community College's Theatre program invites everyone to join a free virtual conversation with Tony Award-winning actor André De Shields, on Wednesday, December 16, from 1 – 2 p.m., by Zoom. Broadway legend André De Shields will discuss the important role of the artist in matters of social justice. The engaging event is free and open to the public by registering below.

Register here:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bZYhiNiQnkeXyieH9pnIviNDsmqilwFKuqK2HKC60e1UREUwU1ZXWDhENDE4WERaSlJJRFpESDZMUy4u>

Throughout his career, spanning 50 years, André De Shields has distinguished himself as an unparalleled actor, director and educator. De Shields recently won the 2019 Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical category, for his performance in "Hedestown." He is also best known for his performances in Broadway productions "The Wiz, "Ain't Misbehavin'", "Play On!" and "The Full Monty." De Shields can currently be seen on Netflix on "John Mulaney & The Sack Lunch Bunch" and on "Katy Keene." For more information about André De Shields, please visit <https://www.andredeshields.com>.

Bristol's Theatre program is an Associate in Arts in liberal arts & sciences that provides hands-on training and experience, allowing students to learn and refine their craft as they perform. Students can smoothly transfer to a four-year institution or seek work in the performing arts. In addition to teaching history, literature and art, studying theatre also provides interpersonal communication and problem-solving skills.

Wellbeing in Time of COVID with Dr. Laurie Santos: Live on New Bedford Guide on Dec. 3

COVID-19 has changed how we live but it doesn't have to affect our happiness. Take that from Dr. Laurie Santos, New Bedford High School graduate (Class of '93) and Professor of Psychology and Head of Silliman College at Yale University.

Even before COVID-19, many people were not living their happiest life. Perhaps they were not taking care of themselves physically. Or they got caught up in comparing themselves to other people. Or they ran on a hedonic treadmill that would never satisfy them.

Throw in a pandemic and things only get more complicated. Socially distanced, we work from home when we can and we wear masks in public. It's the socially responsible thing to do, but that does not mean it's always easy. At times, this "new normal" can make us feel helpless and even lonely.

Thankfully, Dr. Santos created Yale's most popular course, Psychology and the Good Life, to teach her students how psychology-based principles can guide them to choices that will help them live happier and more fulfilling lives. Even in a pandemic! A version of the course was made available free to the public on Coursera and made headlines worldwide. She now shares life tips on her popular podcast, The Happiness Lab, which has over 20 million downloads.

In these times of COVID-19, it is more important than ever

that we focus on our well-being. That means staying socially connected and being grateful for the things we have. We are fortunate to have Dr. Santos join the New Bedford Guide, The New Bedford Wellness Initiative, The COVID-19 Action Coalition, and other community groups on Facebook Live on Thursday, December 3 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. In her talk, she'll discuss 10 ways to find happiness and support our well-being in these trying times. This will be followed by an open Q&A session. Join us and build on your happiness today.

FREE SPEAKER EVENT!

**WELLBEING IN THE
TIME OF COVID-19
WITH DR. LAURIE
SANTOS**

THURS. DEC. 3 | 6:30-8:00PM

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK
@ NEW BEDFORD GUIDE**



Dr. Laurie Santos is an expert on human cognition and the cognitive biases that impede better choices. As Professor of Psychology and Head of Silliman College at Yale University, she developed a course, Psychology and the Good Life, that has been featured in numerous news outlets including the New York Times, NBC Nightly News, The Today Show, GQ Magazine, Slate and O! Magazine. A winner of numerous awards both for her science and teaching, she was recently voted as one of Popular Science Magazine's "Brilliant 10" young minds, and was named in Time Magazine as a "Leading Campus Celebrity."

UMass Dartmouth, AHA!, and the City of New Bedford to host outdoor holiday event downtown

On Saturday, December 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., UMass Dartmouth, AHA!, and the City of New Bedford will SPARKLE. This outdoor festival allows the community to engage in the spirit of the holidays while staying safe through social distancing.

SPARKLE will focus on the UMass Dartmouth College of Visual & Performing Arts (CVPA) Star Store and connect other downtown organizations and businesses to create a fun atmosphere while supporting downtown stores and restaurants. SPARKLE will officially begin with AHA! Night on Thursday, December 10, 5-8 p.m. This virtual event will celebrate the arts and culture of New Bedford with music, art exhibits, and discussions with local artists.

Saturday's events will be staged on Purchase Street, where the block between Spring Street and Union Street will be closed, and in front of the Star Store. Programming is designed to enhance social distancing and will be conducted per all regulations governing outside activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

December 12 events include:

- A diverse program of entertainment will be staged in the performance tent and the Swain Gallery in the Star Store at the corner of Union St. and Purchase St. and rechristened the City Stage. Performances in the Star Store will be visible through the gallery's windows and the sound broadcast through speakers on the sidewalks outside.

- The Star Store windows will be decorated for the holidays and will offer greetings from the UMassD colleges and schools to the community.
- CVPA students and downtown businesses will offer window decorations as part of downtown New Bedford's "Deck the Windows" projects.
- A variety of performing artists and organizations, including the Department of Music at CVPA, the New Bedford Symphony, Festival Ballet of Providence, the Zeiterion, Your Theatre, Seaglass Musical Theatre, 3rd EyE, The Groovalottos, and UNCG alumna and fado singer Candida Rose will perform.
- Santa Claus, in an antique fire truck, will ride through downtown New Bedford to wave to children.
- Two special North Pole mailboxes will be in front of the Star Store from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the National Park Visitors Center until 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 12 to allow children to drop off letters to Santa. Santa's elves, with the help of Bishop Stang's senior class, will make sure every letter with a return address is answered.

For more information, visit <https://www.umassd.edu/cvpa/sparkle/>. Please note, the schedule of events is subject to change without notice.

City of Salem to discourage Halloween visits by tripling fines, closing business, and

banning music stages and street performances

In order to protect the health and well-being of residents, employees, and visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Salem is implementing additional public safety protocols for the weekends of October 23rd to October 25th and October 30th to November 1st. In addition to all Salem Haunted Happenings events being cancelled, which was announced in August, businesses are being asked to close early on October 23rd and October 24th. A Board of Health and Executive Order requiring early closures of businesses is anticipated for October 30th and October 31st. Visitors who are planning to come to Salem that weekend should postpone their visit to Salem.

“While we have seen around half the visitors to Salem this October than we’ve had in previous years, we still have had large numbers of people here throughout the month,” said Mayor Kim Driscoll. “Ordinarily, there is no better place to celebrate Halloween than Salem. Our first priority from the outset of this pandemic has been keeping residents, employees, and visitors healthy and safe. To help ensure we can meet that goal, we are taking action to limit the number of people who will be in Salem on Halloween and the day prior.”

MBTA Train Service

The City has worked with the MBTA to curtail trains to Salem over the final two weekends of October. MBTA commuter rail trains outbound from Boston will not stop at Salem station on October 23rd and October 30th between 7:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. or October 24th, October 25th, and October 31st between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Visit www.mbta.com/salem complete details and commuters should plan their travel accordingly.

Parking Restrictions

All City parking garages and lots will close to entering traffic at 2:00 p.m. on October 23rd and at noon on October 24th, October 25th, October 30th, October 31st, and November 1st. Salem residents with reserved parking spaces or who live downtown and any downtown business employee with proof of employment may enter and park in both City garages at any time at the regular parking rate and subject to available spaces. Exiting traffic will still be allowed. All privately operated parking lots are ordered to close to entering vehicles at these times, as well. The City's "Universal Steel" parking lot at 297 Bridge Street will be closed to all parking Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the next two weekends.

The MBTA garage will have restricted access for local parking from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on October 23rd and October 30th, noon to 8:00 p.m. on October 24th, noon to 6:00 p.m. on October 25th and November 1st, and noon to 11:00 p.m. on October 31st. During these times only commuter/transit users will be allowed to park in the garage.

The City is temporarily expanding resident parking areas to additional streets during the final two weekends of October and will be ticketing and towing illegally parked vehicles. See the attached map for the expanded resident parking streets. Hang tags and stickers will not be issued for the expanded resident parking areas. License plates will be run by police prior to towing in order to check the registered address of any vehicle.

Business Closures

The City of Salem is asking all downtown businesses to utilize reservations and to close or curtail activity by 8:00 p.m. on October 23rd and 24th to help mitigate the evening crowds that are anticipated for this traditionally busy weekend. No lines or waiting will be permitted on the public way after 8:00 p.m.

on both Friday and Saturday, October 23rd and 24th. This includes retail, museums, attractions, walking tours, restaurants, and other businesses that are in the area designated on the attached map.

The City will order mandatory 8:00 p.m. closures of all downtown businesses for the weekend of October 30th and October 31st of retail, museums, attractions, walking tours, restaurants, and other businesses that are in the area designated on the map below. Further, the City anticipates that it may be necessary to close or restrict access to sections of the downtown, as necessary, throughout the day.

Traffic Control Points

The Salem Police Department will implement a Traffic Control Plan in approximately 15 locations throughout the City to assist non-residents in exiting the area. Traffic Control Points will be established October 24th, October 30th, and October 31st between noon and 8:00 p.m., or as circumstances may require. Police personnel will staff Traffic Control Points at each location to redirect vehicles and physical barricades will be in place to define closure at each location. Traffic Control Points will also have significant parking enforcement efforts, to further deter non-residents from parking in residential areas. These areas will be clearly marked. The Traffic Control Plan is subject to change based on actual traffic flow and congestion.

Liquor Sales

State law provides that restaurants with liquor licenses may serve alcohol between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Local licensing boards may grant extended closing hours between 11:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. In Salem, hours are extended to 1:00 a.m. In light of the pandemic, large crowds expected in our downtown in the coming weekends, and the resulting concern by local health officials of a potential increase in cases as a

result, the Salem Licensing Board this week shall discuss and vote on rolling back the sale of alcohol at restaurants in the downtown Central Business District (B5) and Business Neighborhood (B1) zones to 11:00 p.m., the limit of the Licensing Board's authority on closure time, for October 24th, October 30th, and October 31st. A map of the zones can be found on the City's website at <https://www.salem.com/gis-and-maps/files/zoning-map2019>

Essex Street Pedestrian Mall

Salem Police will restrict pedestrian access to the Essex Street Pedestrian Mall should crowds reach a level that is considered unsafe pursuant to public health guidelines. Police may close the pedestrian mall entirely for periods of time to de-densify crowds, as deemed necessary.

Triple Fines

Salem will again this year triple all City fines for the period of October 30th through November 1st, including fines for noise violations, resident parking violations, and public intoxication.

Halloween Night

All the customary Halloween night events in Salem have been cancelled, as was announced on August 4th. This includes all outdoor music stages and performances, beer gardens, and other activities, including the usual Halloween fireworks. There will be no events on Halloween night in Salem. Downtown businesses should close by 8:00 p.m. on Halloween night at the latest. Salem Police will close roads to through-traffic and pedestrians as circumstances warrant.

Trick-or-Treating

Trick-or-treating is not a City event. The decision to trick-or-treat is one that individual families should make on their

own. Those who choose to engage in trick-or-treating should comply with the public health guidance issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health: www.mass.gov/news/halloween-during-covid-19. If trick-or-treating, families should not congregate with other family groups, should keep a face covering on at all times, and should stay six feet away from others. Anyone choosing to trick-or-treat should be out no later than 8:00 p.m. Those giving out candy should leave it outside for trick-or-treaters to take and only in individual, not communal, receptacles. Residents who do not wish to give out candy can indicate that by keeping their outside light off for the evening. Residents of other communities should not trick-or-treat in Salem.

House Parties

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, residents, including Salem State University students, should avoid gathering for Halloween parties. Salem has previously suspended its reopening and remains in Phase III, Step 1, within which indoor gatherings are limited to 25% of the maximum permitted occupancy and no more than 25 persons in all. Violations of the gathering order may result in substantial fines and penalties.

These announcements all follow the City's previous measures undertaken over the past several months to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in the community:

- Postponed the shift to Phase III, Step 2 reopening;
- Limited table capacities to six despite state allowances for up to 10;
- Canceled all Haunted Happenings parades, balls, festivals, and large events in August;
- Suspended all Haunted Happenings marketing earlier this year;
- Prohibited street performers in the central downtown area;
- Canceled the usual outdoor retail merchant activity on and

along the pedestrian mall;

- Instituted a mandatory mask zone downtown and inside businesses;
- Published a crowd meter at www.salem.com/crowds to reflect downtown crowd levels on October weekends;
- Required those staying overnight in Salem to complete the local traveler form at www.salem.com/traveler;
- Established free COVID-19 testing in downtown Salem on weekdays; and
- Restricted access along the Essex Street Pedestrian Mall

Date	City and Private Parking Garage and Lot Closures	MBTA Garage Access Restricted	No Trains from Boston Will Stop in Salem	Business Modifications/Restrictions
Friday, October 23 rd	2:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Between 7:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.	Businesses urged to use reservations; close or curtail activities by 8:00 p.m. No lines or waiting permitted in public way after 8:00 p.m. Sale of alcohol at restaurants ends 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24 th	12:00 noon	12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.	Between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.	Businesses urged to use reservations; close or curtail activities by 8:00 p.m. No lines or waiting permitted in public way after 8:00 p.m. Sale of alcohol at restaurants ends 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25 th	12:00 noon	12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.	Between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.	No early closures.
Friday, October 30 th	12:00 noon	6:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm.	Between 7:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.	Businesses urged to use reservations. Mandatory downtown business closure by 8:00 p.m. No lines or waiting permitted in public way after 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31 st	12:00 noon	12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.	Between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.	Businesses urged to use reservations. Mandatory downtown business closure by 8:00 p.m. No lines or waiting permitted in public way after 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 1 st	12:00 noon	12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.	Between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.	No early closures.

New Bedford's Zeiterion "Drive-In" presents a Sunday afternoon of live Salsa, Cha Cha and Merengue on the waterfront

"The best dance band. So fun and so sassy!" -Grupo Sazón fan.

Put on your dancing shoes for Grupo Sazón, a seven-piece orchestra led by master percussionist, founder and musical director Jesús Andújar. A mid-day matinee of Salsa, Cha Cha & Merengue music in the Whale's Tale Parking Lot by the waterfront!

Andújar was born into a family of musicians in Samaná, Dominican Republic. At a young age he developed his rhythm, timing, and ear for music while working on the farms. He now leads a group of incredibly talented musicians performing authentic music from the Spanish Caribbean with an expansive repertoire of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha Cha, Calypso and Latin Jazz.

Featuring Aníbal Cruz on piano, Wilson Vera on bass, Miguel Martínez and Anthony Carrillo on percussion, Doug Olsen on trumpet, and José Humberto on vocals.

Sunday, October 25th at 3:00pm in the Whale's Tale parking lot. Each car gets two spots! Feel free to use the empty spot on the driver's side for dancing or a picnic set-up. For everyone's safety, masks are required when you're outside the vehicle.