

PODCAST: Latest ABC Disposal and City of New Bedford update

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell provides the latest on the ABC Disposal and City of New Bedford situation.

New Bedford Ocean Cluster wins first competitive grant

The New Bedford Ocean Cluster (NBOC), a partnership between the New Bedford Port Authority and Spherical Analytics (formerly ImpactLABS), was awarded a grant through the Grand Challenge, a grant competition offered through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative and the Seaport Economic Council.

With the \$250,000 award, the NBOC will establish the infrastructure to create a Marine Data Bank, a cloud-based platform that allows a number of subscribers to share, sell, and trade their data. Subscribers' data is first ingested through Spherical Analytics' Immutably™ for the Environment blockchain technology, where it is proofed for accuracy and veracity; it is then held in the Marine Data Bank where stakeholders can share their data, running models and analytics that ultimately increase productivity and efficiency, and create commercial potential and growth within the sector.

The NBOC will test the Marine Data Bank through a pilot program in partnership with UMass Dartmouth's School for Marine Science & Technology's (SMAST) Dr. Kevin Stokesbury, ingesting data collected through his finfish counting program.

"The Port of New Bedford continues to evolve as a leading center of marine science innovation, and today's announcement is further evidence of that," said Mayor Jon Mitchell, who chairs the New Bedford Port Authority.

He added, "Dozens of businesses located in and around New Bedford have been tracking, and continue to track, hundreds of individual data points for a variety of purposes. These data points are sitting in a number of physical and digital spaces, creating a highly underutilized data environment. At the same time, there are hundreds of public data sets that are also sitting in a variety of physical and digital spaces. Our goal is to find ways to capture the latent value of all this data, and put it toward productive economic use for our industries and residents."

The Marine Data Bank will serve as the 'digital data exchange' for the maritime industry stakeholders in Greater New Bedford and beyond, creating a central repository for this data, where it can be looked at through a wider, more comprehensive lens and applied to a number of business and environmental challenges.

"We are excited to be given the opportunity to work on such an exciting project with Spherical Analytics and SMAST," says Ed Anthes-Washburn, Port Director. "Through this project, we can basically turn our fishing fleet into a fleet of research vessels that are on the water 365 days a year collecting data that could provide additional streams of revenue for fishermen."

Greater New Bedford, and the seacoast communities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have the opportunity to lead

the world in demonstrating how new approaches to integrating traditional maritime operations with existing and emerging digital data sources and new sensor and instrumentation technologies can lead to more productive and sustainable fisheries, business and job creation, and environmental and coastal resilience.

The New Bedford Ocean Cluster was formally established in the fall of 2017, with founding partners the New Bedford Port Authority and Spherical Analytics. Thereafter, the NBOC formally became a member of the Iceland Ocean Cluster Network, which includes clusters in Norway, Maine, and Iceland.

The NBOC aims to create opportunities for startups and entrepreneurs to network directly with industry to ultimately increase efficiency, increase value, and/or enter new markets. At the same time, the NBOC aims to provide startups and entrepreneurs with customized marine-based technical assistance and guidance.

New Bedford reported to be the 5th most dangerous city in Massachusetts for 2018

According to Alarms.org, the official site of the National Council for Home Safety and Security, New Bedford is the 5th most dangerous city in Massachusetts. The organization produced a **list of the “safest cities in Massachusetts for 2018”** – ranking 172 Massachusetts towns and cities.

Of the 172 cities listed, New Bedford finished #168. In comparison, Fall River finished #163, Fairhaven #150, and

Dartmouth #146.

Alarms.org referenced using the following methodology:

“To identify the safest cities in Massachusetts, we reviewed the most recent FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics along with our own population data and internal research. We eliminated any cities that failed to submit a complete crime report to the FBI and removed cities with populations under 10,000.

The remaining cities were ranked based on the number of reported violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) per 1,000 people. These variables were then weighted, with violent crimes accounting for 1.5 of the total (due to their severity) than property crimes.”

The safest cities were:

- #1 Wayland
- #2 Norfolk
- #3 Norton
- #4 Sudbury
- #5 Franklin

The five most dangerous cities listed were:

- #172 Holyoke
 - #171 North Adams
 - #170 West Springfield
 - #169 Springfield
 - #168 New Bedford
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Where do the increases in New Bedford property tax go?

New Bedford property taxes go up every year. We asked New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, where does the money go?

**CLOSED: New Bedford
Assessor's Office is
currently hiring for a Clerk
Typist**

*** This position has been filled and is no longer available.

PAY: \$14.53/hr – \$19.43/hr

Performs, according to standard office procedures, a variety of clerical duties requiring a degree of decision and knowledge of the functions of the department. Compiles data and operates a computer in the performance of routine clerical duties to maintain business records and reports. Types reports, business correspondence and application forms. Files records and reports, posts information to records, sorts and distributes mail, answers telephone, and performs similar duties. May compute amounts, using adding or calculating machine, examines documents for correctness, maintains files, and assists public and other departments with inquiries. Provides clerical support to the department as required, responds to taxpayer requests and processes excise abatements

and Statutory Exemptions at the public counter.

Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent, and experience with general office procedures. Computer literate. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. New Bedford has a residency requirement. EEO

HELP WANTED: New Bedford Department of Public Infrastructure is currently hiring for a Park Maintenance Worker

Pay: \$14.20 – \$18.79hr

Performs a variety of semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance and operation of City property such as Parks, recreation areas (playgrounds), and Historic and Downtown Districts including streets, sidewalks, grounds, open spaces and facilities. Daily cleaning and maintenance of all City streets, sidewalks and public areas within City parks, Historic and Downtown Business Districts; mows and maintains open space areas such as baseball and soccer fields; mows and removes weeds; cleans and maintains tennis courts and nets; maintains sprinkler systems;

and assists in the repair and installation of sprinkler lines and heads; maintains, cleans, paints and repairs lamp posts including cleaning glass and changing light bulbs; maintains, washes, paints and repairs or replaces public benches as needed.

Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. This position requires an alternating seven day work schedule and may include some Saturdays and Sundays. Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent preferred. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013. This position is deemed essential personnel and must report for duty during emergency situations.

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New Bedford early voting hours set for 2018 election

The Board of Election Commissioners advises the public that the Early Voting schedule for the state and federal election has been set. Any voter who wishes to cast their ballot prior to Election Day November 6, 2018 may do so in City Hall, 133 William Street, at the Election Commission Office (Room 120) during the following hours:

- Monday October 22, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday October 23, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday October 24, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Thursday October 25, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday October 26, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday October 27, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Monday October 29, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday October 30, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday October 31, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday November 1, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday November 2, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As usual, on Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voters may cast their votes for Senator in Congress, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Representative in Congress, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court for the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Thirteenth Bristol District, District Attorney for Bristol County, Treasurer for Bristol County, County Commissioner for Bristol County and Register of Deeds for Bristol County.

Any New Bedford resident who is uncertain about their voting status, designated polling location, has changed their address since the last election or has questions regarding Early Voting should contact the Board of Election Commissioners at (508) 979-1420.

**Councilor Gomes requesting
State release Carlos Rafael**

fishing licenses to New Bedford

The following motion will be presented to the New Bedford City Council Thursday, October 11, 2018:

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, once more that letters be sent to Congressman William Keating, Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, for their immediate action in releasing the fishing licenses to New Bedford that were once was held by Carlos Rafael of Carlos Seafood, this request is on behalf of the ground fishing industry and the fishermen that have been put out of work due to the federal investigation showing Carlos Rafael's scheme, due to the implementation of the Federal Government rules on ground fishing, that targeted boat owners in obtaining boats and ground fish licenses and his mission plan to dominate the fishing industry in the City, said licenses being held by NOAA and the Federal government should be released and re-issued to new owners in the New Bedford fishing industry which is a livelihood and economic boom to our City and working waterfront.

New Bedford police seize heroin, Fentanyl worth over \$30,000

New Bedford narcotics detectives took more than \$30,000 worth of heroin and more than 80 grams of Fentanyl off the street Tuesday, Oct. 9 and made an arrest following an investigation

into a heroin delivery service out of 598 Brock Ave., Apt. 3F.

Detectives executed a search warrant of the residence and a garage stall on Stapleton Street. A search of the residence yielded more than 311 grams of heroin, more than 80 grams of Fentanyl, a digital scale, packaging materials and nearly \$300 in cash.

Orlando Rosario, 33, of 598 Brock Ave. Apt. 3F, New Bedford, was charged with trafficking in heroin, trafficking in Fentanyl and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. He was located driving away from the garage stall and was stopped by detectives at Cove Street and Route 18 north.

The arrest was made at 9:41 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9.

New Bedford Drug Trafficker Sentenced to State Prison

A 48-year-old New Bedford narcotics trafficker was sentenced to serve up to five and a half years in state prison last week in Fall River Superior Court, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Michael Oliver pleaded guilty to a multi-count indictment, charging him with trafficking in heroin, trafficking in cocaine and possession of a class B drug with intent to distribute—subsequent offense.

On September 17, 2015, detectives with the New Bedford Police Department executed two search warrants on residences connected to the defendant's ongoing narcotics trafficking enterprise. In one of the residences, police found seven grams

of cocaine and \$17,000 in cash in a hidden safe. In the second residence, police found more than 400 grams of heroin and 50 grams of cocaine in a lockbox.

The defendant had previously served committed time for assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, distribution of a class A drug and assault and battery of a police officer.

The four and a half year to five and a half year state prison sentence was handed down by Judge Renee Dupuis, and the case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Sheehan.

“This is another defendant with a long history of criminal behavior who does not belong out on the street,” District Attorney Quinn said.