

# **HELP WANTED: City of New Bedford is seeking to fill a Project Coordinator position**

**PAY: \$19.23hr-\$27.18hr**

Assists with financial and project reporting, project planning, administrative assistance and other duties as needed.

Performs a wide variety of administrative duties within all divisions of the Department of Public Infrastructure.

Coordinates and assists in Chapter 90 State Aid Construction Projects and Federal Disaster Grants, as well as other special projects.

Performs data processing; assists in troubleshooting computer systems; diagnoses and resolves minor computer hardware/software problems.

Assists and provides the Engineering Division with information pertaining to ownership and land descriptions, utilities and street furniture.

Generates correspondence; prepares spreadsheets, sets up databases; coordinates meetings; and tracks progress of projects.

High school diploma or GED equivalent. Degree in Civil Engineering preferred; experience with computer operations support in a network environment; experience with GIS and computer operating systems, and various computer hardware and software, telephone, copy and fax machines, scanners, etc.; or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good

driving record.

For more information, please visit:

*Employment Opportunities*

Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. EEO

New Bedford has a residency requirement.

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## **Two New Bedford women arrested on Oxycodone charges**

Members of the New Bedford Police narcotics division arrested two people Monday, Aug. 13, following an investigation into street-level narcotics sales in the west end.

One of those arrested is already out on bail and the other has an outstanding warrant.

Members of the narcotics division observed suspicious activity between individuals in two vehicles in the parking lot of CVS at 1145 Kempton St.

Narcotics detectives arrested the operator of one of the vehicles, Rebecca Grace, 47, of 188 Shaw St. Apt. 3, New Bedford, on charges of possession of Oxycodone with intent to distribute, distribution of Oxycodone and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

She was found in possession of 58 Oxycodone tablets and more than \$300 in cash.

She also is out on bail for a domestic-related charge. Defendants are warned that if they are arrested again while on bail on a previous charge, they face revocation of bail.

Police also arrested a passenger in the other vehicle, Victoria Peterson, 29, of 57 Bates St. Apt. 211, Fall River, on charges of possession of Oxycodone, conspiracy to violate drug laws and on a warrant.

She was found in possession of more than 20 Oxycodone tablets.

She has a default warrant in connection with a charge of possession of class B substance with intent to distribute.

The arrests were made at about 7:06 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13.

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## **New Bedford man arrested for heroin trafficking, over 50 grams seized**

New Bedford Police narcotics unit took more than 50 grams of heroin off the street Monday, Aug. 13 and made an arrest for heroin trafficking after an investigation into a heroin delivery service being operated out of 4579 Acushnet Ave. Apt. E.

Eldeen Colon, 39, of Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, was subsequently arrested on charges of trafficking in heroin.

When police executed a search warrant at his residence, they located more than 50 grams of heroin, packaging material, digital scales and cash.

He was arrested at 10:46 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13.

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## **West Nile Virus detected in mosquito sample near Oak Grove Cemetery**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has notified the New Bedford Health Department of the finding of West Nile Virus in a primarily bird-biting mosquito sample obtained in the area of Oak Grove Cemetery, located at 185 Parker Street in New Bedford. The mosquito is of the *Culiseta pipiens* species and is mainly bird-biting. In response to these findings, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will continue to conduct targeted ground spraying including in the area of Oak Grove Cemetery.

This round of spraying will occur in the early morning of Thursday, August 16, 2018 and will target the area of Oak Grove Cemetery in addition to areas including Buttonwood Park, Brooklawn Park, Fort Taber, Hazelwood Park, Riverside Park, Clasky Park, Ashley Park, the Poor Farm area, Custom House Square and Oak Grove Cemetery. Spraying will take place between 2:00 am and sunrise on Thursday morning, weather permitting. Residents in the vicinity of the targeted areas may wish to close their windows this evening prior to the spraying.

The New Bedford Health Department—working closely with the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health—is again this year conducting an annual monitoring program to track the potential threat from EEE and WNV carrying mosquitoes. Under the program, mosquito

traps are put in place to collect pools of mosquitoes and mosquito populations are monitored throughout the summer months.

As part of the mosquito tracking program, the New Bedford Health Department will request that the BCMCP target key areas of the New Bedford for spraying, including public parks and locations that host large public events.

Like EEE and West Nile, the New Bedford Health Department works closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to track other emerging mosquito-borne diseases such as the Zika virus. While Zika-carrying mosquitoes have not been identified in the New Bedford area, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health reports that the likelihood of becoming infected with Zika virus from a mosquito bite in Massachusetts is very low, residents are urged to take the general precautionary measures to prevent mosquito bites. In addition, travelers to areas where the Zika virus has been detected in mosquitoes or humans should take extra precaution to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes during their trip. This includes both females and males who travel to areas where the Zika virus is occurring. If you or your partner is planning on traveling, you should check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for information about where Zika virus is occurring:  
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-information>.

The same precautionary measures are advised for EEE, WNV, and the Zika virus. These include the following:

#### Avoid Mosquito Bites

Ø Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours – While mosquitoes are out at all hours of the day, their peak biting times are from dusk to dawn. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning. Otherwise, take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing, especially if you work

or spend a lot of time outdoors.

Ø Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Ø Apply Insect Repellent when you go outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.

### Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Ø Drain Standing Water – Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or getting rid of items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.

Ø Install or Repair Screens – Some mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

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# New Bedford Symphony Orchestra announces 2018-2019 season

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce the 2018-2019 season schedule of the South Coast Chamber Music Series. Each concert presents an engaging array of styles, timbres, and artists in lively acoustic environments in Marion and South Dartmouth. This season's programming includes first chair players from the NBSO performing two concerts on the series. Artistic Director Janice Weber remarked, "We look forward to the artistry and energy they will bring to our season, and we are grateful for their commitment to sharing the highest quality chamber music with our loyal audience."

The SCCMS season opens on September 22 & 23 with "The Four Bs" featuring works by Bernstein, Beethoven, Brahms and Bacewicz. On November 10 & 11, "The Heart of Schubert" program includes *Die Schöne Müllerin* with tenor Frank Kelley, plus "Death and the Maiden." Masterpieces by Debussy, Ravel, Poulenc, and Vierne will be performed at "La Grande Boucle" on January 26 & 27. On March 23 & 24, "Purple Passions" presents works by Clara Schumann, George Chadwick, and César Franck. The season concludes on May 18 & 19 with "Incandescence" and works by Bruch, Mozart, Martinů, and Dvořák. More program details can be found on the NBSO website at [www.nbsymphony.org/southcoast-chamber-music-series](http://www.nbsymphony.org/southcoast-chamber-music-series).

Subscription pricing for the season is offered through September 21, with savings of 20% when subscribing to all 5 concerts for just \$80. Subscribe online at [www.nbsymphony.org/season-subscriptions](http://www.nbsymphony.org/season-subscriptions) or by calling the NBSO at 508-999-6276. Individual concert tickets are \$20 and can also be pre-purchased online through the website or paid at the door. Saturday concerts will take place at 4:00pm at St.

Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion, while Sunday concerts will take place at 4:00pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth.

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## **HELP WANTED: City of New Bedford is hiring for a Neighborhood Planner**

**PAY: \$49,233 – \$61,546**

Assists in the preparation and submission of the Five Year Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan and the CAPER Report for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Collaborates with other program staff in initiating, undertaking and/or implementing programs, plans and services using a multidisciplinary approach that meet the needs of the community. Coordinates and facilitates a community planning processes, outreach and community engagement to solicit community input, develop comprehensive needs assessments and/or present initiatives.

Graduation from a college or university with a Bachelor's degree in public administration, urban/regional planning, or closely related field. At least two years of work experience in a related field. Two years of related experience in a community planning capacity; or any equivalent combination of education and progressively responsible experience, with additional work experience substituting for the required education on a year-for-year basis. Criminal Offender Record Investigation (CORI) background check mandatory.

For application/complete job description, please visit



www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact the Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 212, 508-979-1444. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. New Bedford has a residency requirement. EEO

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## **CLOSED: Buttonwood Zoo is seeking to fill an Account Clerk position**

**THIS JOB POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED AND IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.**

**PAY: \$16.04 – \$21.84/hr**

Maintenance of specialized clerical work related to department accounts and responsibility of more difficult phases of account maintenance work. Prepares payroll for department. Maintains records and other payroll liabilities. Makes general ledger entries to correct accounts. Accounts for receipt and disbursement of cash transactions and cash accounts. Processes and verifies accuracy of all department accounts. Prepares warrants and purchase orders. Responsible for assignment and oversight of daily activities of the cashiers.

Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent with specialized course work in general office practices such as typing, accounting, data processing, and two years of increasingly responsible related experience; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C.

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## **Massachusetts State Police Relieve Four of Duty Amid Ongoing Overtime Probe**

The Massachusetts State Police, as part of the Department's ongoing audit of overtime earnings, have identified discrepancies between overtime pay earned and actual hours worked for four additional Department members.

As with other members whose discretionary overtime shifts were flagged by Department investigators, State Police opened Internal Affairs cases for the four members and referred information related to the alleged discrepancies to state and federal prosecutors for their review for potential prosecution.

The Department today relieved the four personnel of duty temporarily and is scheduling internal hearings to determine what their duty status will be while internal and external investigations into their overtime shifts are conducted.

"Today's actions are the result of our continued review of records and data indicative of whether Department members were present and working overtime shifts for which they were paid," said Colonel Kerry A. Gilpin, superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police. "Our commitment to the public, and to the vast majority of Troopers who conduct themselves with

integrity and dedication to duty every day, is to identify anyone who has violated their oath, and we continue to do just that.”

The audit of discretionary overtime traffic enforcement shifts is continuing amid numerous other reforms the Department is implementing, including installation of GPS systems in cruisers, audits of the 50 highest earners for each quarter, and a pilot program for body cameras expected to be in place by early next year.

The discrepancies announced today stem from certain traffic enforcement overtime shifts the four were assigned to work when they were members of the former Troop E. The Department earlier this year moved the four barracks responsible for patrolling the Massachusetts Turnpike and the metropolitan tunnels system to three geographic troops.

The four additional members announced today bring the number of department members for whom the Department has uncovered varying numbers of suspect overtime shifts – and whose names were referred to the United States Attorney and state Attorney General for criminal investigation – to 46.

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# **HELP            WANTED:            Clinical Research                            Coordinator (Dartmouth, MA)**

Clinical Research Coordinator  
Dartmouth, MA

Responsibilities: Seeking a highly motivated candidate for the position of full-time Clinical Research Coordinator for a busy

research site. This position will offer benefits.

The candidate for this position must:

- Have strong organizational skills, attention to detail and the ability to multi-task
- Have the ability to work independently as well as with a team.
- Demonstrate the ability to follow protocols and procedures as well as FDA, GCP and SOP guidelines.
- Be able to recruit and enroll patients into studies and assist with patient care.
- Coordinate and perform all study related procedures including but not limited to ECGs, vital signs, and pulmonary function testing.
- Obtain and prepare laboratory specimens.
- Maintain regulatory documents.
- Complete and file paperwork as necessary for each patient and make required phone calls.
- Be flexible in work schedule and overtime if necessary. Saturday mornings required.
- Be able to travel to meetings when required.
- Have professional manner and good computer and communication skills.
- Assist with all research related tasks as needed.
- Have or be willing to obtain CPR certification and phlebotomy training.

Please scan or fax resume to Attn. Debra Macedo, (Fax) 508-984-5574 or (Email) [dmacedo@nemra-us.com](mailto:dmacedo@nemra-us.com)

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# New Bedford stabber sentenced to 8-12 years in state prison

A 35-year-old New Bedford man who stabbed his former roommate, causing serious injury to the victim, was sentenced to serve eight to 12 years in state prison last week in Fall River Superior Court, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

David Figueroa pleaded guilty to a multi-count indictment, charging him with assault and battery on a person over 60, breaking and entering during the daytime, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon causing substantial injury, intimidation of a witness, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

On July 11, 2015 at 3:19pm New Bedford Police received a 911 call from the 63-year-old stabbing victim. The victim told the 911 dispatcher that he had been stabbed by his former roommate multiple times and needed help immediately. The victim was found by first responders lying on his living room floor on Alva Street, covered in blood. The victim was bleeding from his neck, with multiple stab wounds and facial injuries. The victim was rushed to Rhode Island Hospital for treatment of stab wounds to his left side, right side and back side of the neck. He also suffered from defensive stab wounds to his hand, a broken orbital bone, a broken nose and a fracture to right cheek. The victim spent a week in the hospital after the violent attack.

Police spoke to the victim at the hospital, where he told them the defendant opened & entered through the back slider door, and demanded money the defendant claimed the victim owed him. During the investigation, police learned the defendant has lost a lawsuit against the victim for rent money he claimed was owed to him. When the victim refused to give the defendant

any money, the defendant pushed the victim over a recliner and began to punch him repeatedly in the face. The defendant then went to the kitchen, armed himself with a steak knife & repeatedly stabbed the victim in the neck area.

The defendant was located two weeks later and arrested. During the pendency of the case, the defendant raised an alibi defense. He claimed he was at Bridgewater State University at the time of crime taking a tour of the campus with his girlfriend, her daughter, and her daughter's friend.

After about two years, the alibi witnesses told investigators the truth about the events of the day in question. The witnesses told police that on the way to Bridgewater, the defendant told them to stop in the area of the victim's home. After watching him enter the victim's home through the back door, the witnesses told police that the defendant re-entered the car within a few minutes with blood on his hands and clothes. He told the witnesses to drive off and told them that, if asked, they are going to tell police that he was with them the entire day.

During the interview with police, the defendant's girlfriend also told police of a past unreported incident of domestic violence. She told police he choked and punched her, after accusing her of looking at the man next door.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jeanne Veenstra and the state prison sentence was handed down by Judge Karen Green. Judge Green also placed the defendant on probation for an additional 18 months.

"This is unconscionable violence inflicted upon a 63-year-old man," District Attorney Quinn said. "This is a very dangerous defendant who needed to be removed from society."