

# **HELP WANTED: City of New Bedford Health Department is seeking to fill a Compliance Officer position**

**PAY: \$51,693 – \$64,622**

Monitors and coordinates programs and activities and develops a strategic plan using the strategic prevention framework to prevent the use of alcohol, opioids, prescription drugs, and other drug use through local policy, practice, systems and environmental change. Under the direction of the Director of the Board of Health works with local partners and cluster communities to work on intervening variables identified by the strategic plan.

Conduct data analyses and assist other program evaluators to provide empirical documentation for grant project activities and outcomes with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Responsible for timely submission of required reports. Implement SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) model to address the prevention of substance use and consequences.

Bachelor's Degree in nursing, public health, public administration, or a related discipline. Must be working toward prevention specialist certification. 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](http://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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# State Pier Amendment Prevails Paves way for MassDevelopment to Implement Mixed Use

Tonight, Senate Assistant Majority Leader and Rules Committee Chairman Mark C. Montigny (D-New Bedford) secured his longtime New Bedford State Pier mixed-use redevelopment plan in the final Economic Development Bill.

Despite significant opposition by the House of Representatives, Montigny rallied his Senate colleagues and fought to secure his Amendment #299. The measure authorizes the Commonwealth to lease State Pier to MassDevelopment for up to 35 years for public purposes that include mixed-use development. Mixed-use development is permitted by Montigny's 2014 \$25 million State Pier bond authorization that permits an array of projects including cargo, commercial fishing, marine educational facilities, fresh produce and fish markets, and capital improvements related to tourism and public recreation.

Furthermore, Montigny successfully extended his 2014 bond authorization in the recently released Environmental Bond Bill (H4835) through June 30, 2023. This will ensure mixed-use development remains law and properly funded.

Since 2008, Senator Montigny has been a tireless advocate of restoring and redeveloping State Pier into "a multi-use facility for water-dependent cargo, commercial fishing improvements, commercial marine transportation improvements, marine educational facilities, a fresh produce and fish market and capital improvements related to tourism, public recreation and other economic development within the port of New

Bedford.”

This project marks the third and final phase of an overall economic development vision Montigny has pursued, starting with his legislation to rehabilitate the Star Store into a thriving college arts campus followed by the extensive redevelopment of Route 18.

In 2016, Montigny advocated for MassDevelopment to manage the pier, which Governor Baker later endorsed. The Senator has continually worked with the Baker Administration to ensure proper management, modern refrigeration facilities, and now further redevelopment to ensure State Pier can generate revenues and ultimately become self-sufficient.

Montigny secured Amendment #299 in the Senate version of the economic development bill last week. The House three times rejected state pier measures through their committee process and debate in their version of the bill. Last minute attempts in the House this afternoon sought to place unduly restrictive measures on Senate Amendment #299. Montigny, working with his Senate colleagues and leadership team, fought back against the restrictions to ensure his original work proceeds to Governor Baker’s desk.

“We must maximize the true potential of State Pier, and this fight was worth every bit of the political capital necessary to finally connect downtown with our unique working waterfront,” said Senator Montigny. “Existing industry will remain intact and we can finally make much better use of what is essentially empty space right now. The public deserves enhanced access to the waterfront and this gives MassDevelopment and the Baker Administration the tools they need to get it done.”

Montigny’s amendment now moves to the Governor’s desk for his final signature.

**S.2625, Economic Development Bill (2018)**

## **Amendment 299**

### **State Pier**

Mr. Montigny moves that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting the following new section:-

#### **“SECTION \_\_\_\_.**

(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, on behalf of and in consultation with the department of conservation and recreation, may lease, for a term not to exceed 35 years, inclusive of any options for renewal or extension of such lease, all or a portion of the land, tidelands and piers, together with the buildings, structures and appurtenances thereon, known as the New Bedford State Pier and the Fall River State Pier located in the cities of New Bedford and Fall River, respectively, to the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency established in chapter 23G of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any affiliated or subsidiary entity controlled by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency.

(b) The lessee may sublease all or portions of the piers and buildings and facilities located thereon to one or more public or private entities for commercial, industrial and other uses that the lessee determines will serve a public purpose, including without limitation the public purpose of generating revenue for the upkeep, maintenance and improvement of the New Bedford State Pier and the Fall River State Pier; provided however, neither the New Bedford State Pier nor the Fall River State Pier shall be used to support facilities for offshore energy exploration or development; provided further that no person or entity or group of affiliated persons or entities shall be permitted the exclusive use of either the New Bedford State Pier or the Fall River State Pier; provided further, that the unexpended balance in item 6720-1350, as authorized pursuant to chapter 286 of the acts of 2014, shall be made

available for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated in the original authorizations and any amendments to such authorization; and provided further, that the lessee may sublease up to 20 per cent of the square footage on the west side of New Bedford State Pier, adjacent to MacArthur Drive, for one or more accessory uses, as defined in 310 C.M.R. 9.12(3).”

#### **2014 Environmental Bond Bill (Chapter 286 of Acts of 2014)**

Mr. Montigny moved that the bill be amended by inserting the following:-

6720-1350....”provided further, that not less than \$25,000,000 shall be expended on capital improvements to the state pier facility in the city of New Bedford, which improvements shall be made to further economic development within the port of New Bedford; projects may include, but shall not be limited to, a multi-use facility for water-dependent cargo, commercial fishing improvements, commercial marine transportation improvements, marine educational facilities, a fresh produce and fish market and capital improvements related to tourism, public recreation and other economic development within the port of New Bedford”

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## **New Bedford Police share parking bans, shuttle service for seniors info, and safety reminders ahead of Feast of**

# the Blessed Sacrament

SRTA buses will provide free shuttle service for senior citizens from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 from Lincoln School, 445 Ashley Boulevard, to the feast grounds.

A parking ban will be in effect along the entire parade route, including Tinkham Street between Madeira Avenue and Hope Street and Hope Street between Tinkham Street and Nash Road.

This ban will be strictly enforced. Vehicles will be towed if necessary. New Bedford Police reminds everyone to stay safe during the feast. Remain aware of your surroundings and notify security personnel if you see anything suspicious.

Items prohibited on the feast grounds include weapons of any kind, backpacks, coolers, large bags, outside food and beverages, cans or bottles, marijuana and other illegal drugs.

Other prohibited items include: Signs or banners that obstruct views or may seem offensive in nature; bulky outfits that extend beyond the body perimeter; noisemakers, horns and laser pointers; costumes or clothing that cover the face; pepper spray and mace; and animals.

Service dogs and baby food and supplies are allowed on the grounds. All bags, strollers and individuals are subject to search.

Keep the following advice in mind as well:

Drink responsibly and don't drink and drive. If you plan to drink, have a designated driver or call a cab. Remember that heat can exacerbate the affects of alcohol.

Be courteous of the neighbors. Drive slowly, do not park across driveways and try to remain quiet when entering or exiting the feast grounds.

Be respectful of fellow feast-goers. Crowds can get large and lines can be long. Be patient, be polite and enjoy.

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## **New Bedford Police issue warning about IRS telephone scams**

The New Bedford Police Department is warning residents to be aware of scammers who are calling people at random and claiming to be from the IRS or other federal government agencies.

Remember: The IRS does not call customers. They do not have the authority to issue warrants or make arrests.

Police urge the public to keep in mind a few basic points about the IRS.

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.

The IRS does not threaten taxpayers with lawsuits, imprisonment or other enforcement actions. If you receive calls, call 1-800-366-4484. Visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more information on scams and schemes.

For more information, call the New Bedford Police Department at 508-991-6300, ext. 79519.

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# New Bedford car chase leads to drug, motor vehicle arrests

New Bedford narcotics detectives arrested a man on drug and motor vehicle charges after a vehicle stop led to a high-speed chase which damaged a police cruiser and a parked vehicle.

A second arrest followed after another individual was found taking drugs that were apparently tossed on the ground by the driver during the incident.

Detectives were patrolling in the west end when they observed a vehicle failing to stop at a stop sign at Cottage and Parker Street. Detectives stopped the vehicle at Willis and Cottage Street.

During the stop, the vehicle fled the scene.

The vehicle drove on Willis, North, Spencer and Parker Streets and Shawmut Avenue, failing to stop at numerous stop signs and traveling at speeds up to 70 mph. While eluding police, the vehicle struck a police vehicle and a parked motor vehicle.

In the area of Myrtle and Peckham Streets, the driver abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. He was observed tossing an item which was found to be a bag of Fentanyl weighing about 8.5 grams. Packaging materials and cash were found inside the vehicle.

Police arrested Jacob Isaac Matthews-Almeida, 20, of 104 Peckham St. Apt. 2, New Bedford, on charges of failure to stop for a stop sign, negligent operation of a motor vehicle,



failure to stop for police, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, possession of Fentanyl with intent to distribute, resisting arrest and on a warrant arrest.

Upon further investigation, police located a .22 Long Rifle firearm, loaded with six rounds of .22 caliber ammunition, on the ground along the route the car traveled. The firearm will be sent out for further analysis with possible charges pending.

Police observed another individual taking the item tossed by the driver who was fleeing on foot. The item was determined to be Fentanyl. As police attempted to subdue him, he became physically and verbally disruptive.

Police subsequently arrested Myles Benjamin Matthews, 32, of 569 Purchase St. Apt. 2, New Bedford, on charges of possession of Fentanyl, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and intimidating a witness.

The arrests were made at about 7:41 p.m. Monday, July 30.

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## **Spraying for mosquitoes planned in New Bedford for Thursday, August 2**

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.

As such, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will conduct targeted ground spraying for mosquitoes early on the morning of Thursday, August 2, 2018. This round of spraying will target areas including Buttonwood Park, Brooklawn Park, Fort Taber, Hazelwood Park, Riverside Park, Clasky Park, Ashley Park, the Poor Farm area, and the Downtown area as well as Pier 3 and Madeira Field (50 Madeira Avenue). 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 the evening prior to the spraying.

As it does with EEE and West Nile Virus, 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 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

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.

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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## **Spotlight: Restaurante Algarve's baked stuffed shrimp (New Bedford)**

Here's a look at Restaurante Algarve's baked stuffed shrimp – the stuffing is made with scallops, shrimp, and lobster! They are located on 128 County Street in the south end of New Bedford.

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## **New Bedford man who defaulted on four drug charges arrested with Fentanyl**

A New Bedford man who failed to appear in court on four drug charges, including possession of heroin and cocaine with intent to distribute, was arrested by members of the New Bedford Police Department Gang Unit Saturday, July 28 on yet another drug charge, possession of Fentanyl with intent to distribute.

Xavier Barros, 23, of 525 North St. Apt. 1, New Bedford, was arrested on charges of possession of Fentanyl with intent to distribute, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license

and on four arrest warrants.

Members of the gang unit observed that Barros, who was known to them, was driving a vehicle on the 100-block of Ashley Boulevard on a suspended license. When police arrested Barros on that charge, they found nearly seven grams of Fentanyl in his possession along with almost \$500 in cash.

Police also determined that Barros had failed to appear in Falmouth District Court on charges of possession of heroin with intent to distribute, possession of Fentanyl, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and violation of controlled substance act.

His bail was revoked on his open Falmouth cases and he is being held without bail.

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## **New Bedford man arrested with loaded gun while on probation for armed robbery faces dangerousness hearing**

Thanks to good investigative work, the New Bedford Police gang unit arrested a suspect in possession of an illegal handgun while he was wearing an ankle monitoring bracelet related to a separate armed robbery case in Plymouth.

Police arrested Javon Gamboa Leao, 18, of 56 Yale St., New Bedford, on charges of possession of a firearm without a license, unlawful possession of ammunition, improper storage of a firearm, unlawful possession of a large capacity weapon

and possession of Xanax.

Detectives located Leao seated in a vehicle near Harborview Towers, 280 Acushnet Ave.

A search of the vehicle revealed one revolver with ammunition in the cylinder and no lock to secure it, a 15-round magazine for 9 mm ammunition and a box of .22 caliber ammunition. He was also found with Xanax.

When he was arrested, Leao was on pre-trial probation for another crime, an armed robbery in Plymouth. As part of his pre-trial probation conditions, he was ordered to wear an ankle monitoring bracelet.

Leao was arrested at 12:04 p.m. Sunday, July 29. His bail was revoked and he is being held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing Friday, Aug. 3.

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## **Local businesses support tourism efforts in New Bedford**

Several local businesses have committed to supporting tourism in New Bedford, sponsoring a campaign for visiting New Bedford this summer. These businesses demonstrated a commitment to promoting the city, with two major investments including a new billboard advertising New Bedford and a sampler CD of local music to showcase the city's arts, music and culture scene:

– The new billboard on I-195 westbound (an in-kind design by Design Principles, Inc., and sponsored by Skip's Marine): Sponsors said it was important to promote Destination New

Bedford's new brand with a fresh, welcoming sign to thousands of daily travelers.

"My dad and I have always been big supporters of the city," Ray Drouin, President of Skip's Marine, said of the company founded by his father, Skip Drouin. "Our business has been involved with and supported by the seafood industry for over 55 years. We should all be proud to say that New Bedford is the #1 fishing port in the United States."

– The Destination New Bedford Music sampler CD (sponsored by Whaling City Sound): the Office of Tourism and Marketing will sell the CD at a promotional price of \$10 in its efforts to promote New Bedford as a leisure travel destination, and to market the city's history, culture, shopping, dining, arts and entertainment locally, regionally and nationally.

"New Bedford is undergoing one of our periodic resurgences, this time energized by artists and the creative economy," said Neal Weiss, President of Whaling City Sound. "The city's extensive multi-cultural history carries the customs, celebrations and culinary traditions of many nations into the present, with the benefit that these gifts are now available to anyone who wants to visit. Whaling City Sound began issuing jazz CDs 20 years ago to bring talented area artists and others to a wider audience. Five #1 CDs on jazz radio and one Grammy nomination later, we have succeeded in spreading the names and music of our performers over the internet and airwaves worldwide. Jazz has a special place in New Bedford, and New Bedford has a special place in the jazz world. The city has provided a fertile ground for Whaling City Sound to grow and expand. We are honored to work with Destination New Bedford in bringing our message to the wider population, and to offer others a glimpse of what we have and cherish on a daily basis."

"The businesses we worked with on these specialty projects are not typically looked at as tourism related businesses like

attractions and cultural institutions, but these are businesses that are investing back into the community,” said Dagny Ashley, New Bedford’s director of tourism and marketing. “They see the importance of tourism as an economic generator and how that supports small businesses. It has been such a pleasure to work with Skip’s Marine, Design Principles, and Whaling City sound on these out-of-the-box creative initiatives that benefit our community.”