

New Bedford Fire Department awarded two fire safety education grants aimed at youth and seniors

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services has awarded two fire safety education grants to the New Bedford Fire Department, benefiting fire prevention education for students and senior citizens.

The Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program grant was awarded to New Bedford to help educate students in Kindergarten and Grade 3 in New Bedford Public Schools. Since the S.A.F.E. program was implemented statewide in 1995, fire fatalities in persons under the age of 18 have fallen by 72 percent.

Fire safety education has a long history in New Bedford. In fact, the statewide program was modeled after a successful program launched in the early 1990s by New Bedford firefighters to bring fire and life safety education into New Bedford Public Schools. Over the years, there have been many real life examples that have underscored the importance of fire safety education for students. In 2014, two New Bedford students received the Massachusetts Young Hero award for putting into practice the life-saving knowledge and skills they learned from specially trained New Bedford firefighters.

A second grant awarded to the New Bedford Fire Department is aimed at connecting with the city's senior citizen population. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 20 percent of the population in New Bedford is over the age of 65. This is the third year New Bedford has received this grant award. Through community partnerships and presentations at senior centers and

various senior living facilities, New Bedford firefighters are working to make the Senior S.A.F.E. program as successful as its youth counterpart.

“The New Bedford Fire Department looks forward to continuing to work with the New Bedford Public Schools and Council on Aging with these important, educational programs,” said Fire Chief Michael Gomes. “We are committed to fire prevention education, and our trained firefighters enjoy working closely with seniors and students in our community.”

New Bedford cold weather overflow shelter open tonight, Jan. 26

Due to the continued frigid temperatures, the overflow will be opened again tonight. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose House and 1-800-homeless.

Dartmouth's Bishop Stang Latin and Art Students Visit the MET in New York

Over 100 Bishop Stang Latin and Art students visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Latin students

examined and photographed artifacts in the Roman Art Collection to be used for a future project, while Art students completed an Inspiration Scavenger Hunt, interacting with pieces throughout the museum.



Bishop Stang High School

Our Mission

Bishop Stang High School is a community rooted in, and dedicated to spreading the message of Jesus Christ as handed down through the teachings of the Catholic Church and the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. A diocesan, co-educational, college preparatory school serving a diverse student population, we are called to holistically educate our students to be spiritually, academically, and socially prepared to meet the demands of higher learning and of life. Providing a disciplined yet nurturing atmosphere that combines

academic excellence with Christian values, we educate our students to be people of integrity and global awareness who value a commitment to service.

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New Bedford Police seek public's help in finding missing woman

A missing persons report has been filed with New Bedford Police for a 24 year old woman named PENNY GERTRIDGE (CAMPBELL).

Ms. Gertridge was last seen on Sunday, January 21st and heard from on Monday the 22nd. She is driving a silver 2000 Grand Marquis license plate number 5LX777. She told her husband she was heading to her mother's house in Wareham MA. She was wearing a long black jacket, black yoga pants, brown boots and a beanie like hat. If you have additional information or know the whereabouts of Ms. Gertridge, you should call New Bedford P.D., @ 508-991-6300x79539.

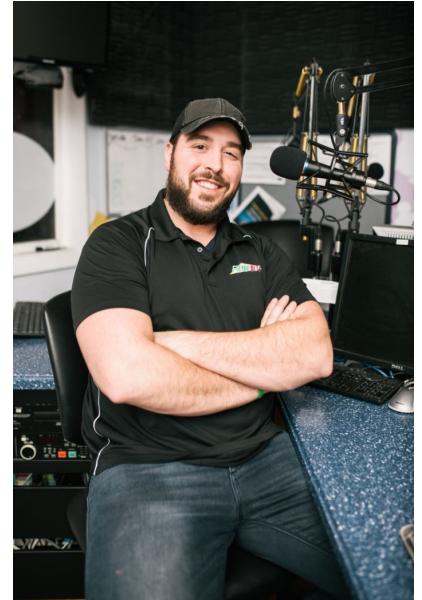






**Faces Of New Bedford #139:
Chris “Gazelle” Arsenault**

Meet Chris “Gazelle” Arsenault, 30-year-old Morning Show Producer 2.0 and On-Air Personality at Fun107.



Chris has always had a love for music, picking up the saxophone as a child and learning to play 11 other instruments throughout his life. After high school, Chris wanted to get away to find himself, going to Lyndon State College in Vermont.

While there he started out with a major in Meteorology, but during his third year, they opened a Music Business with the Industry program, which immediately sparked his interest. Under the tutelage of one of his professors Joe Gittleman, bass player for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, he soaked in as much information about the music industry that he could. He even had the opportunity to interview the Dropkick Murphys as a final project for his degree.

Upon graduating with his bachelor's degree, he moved back to the area and found himself doing promoting for Fun107. With many years of hard work and dedication, Chris filled in a temporary position on the morning show, which he eventually permanently filled. His love for the Southcoast fuels his desire to put his all into his job at the station as well as his philanthropic endeavors. Not only has he been involved with a partnership with United Way New Bedford in their Holiday Wishes Program, as well as working with Mission 22 and PAACA's Homeless Count.

"Always stay humble. I want to use my voice here for good."

Faces of New Bedford is a project by Colton Simmons. If you are interested in booking a shoot or getting prints from the series email all inquiries to colton@coltonsimmons.com.

Follow Colton on Instagram:
<https://instagram.com/simmonscolton>

Read more of the Faces of New Bedford series [here](#).

69-year old man trapped under vehicle at Wareham car wash

On Thursday, January 25th at approximately 1:15 pm, Wareham police, Onset Fire Department, and Wareham EMS responded to Soft Touch Car Wash located at 3083 Cranberry Hwy. regarding the report of a man lodged under a vehicle in the parking lot. Officer Christopher Smith reported noticing a commotion while patrolling in the area of the car wash and conducted further investigation, which led to the discovery of a man pinned underneath a vehicle as it left the car wash bay.

Emergency personnel responded and freed the man, who sustained unspecified serious injuries and was transported by EMS to Tobey Hospital, where he was immediately transported by Med-Flight to a Boston area hospital for treatment.




The injured man, who will not be named at this time, is a 69 year old Middleboro resident and employee of Soft Touch Car Wash. The driver is a 66 year old Naples, Florida resident who was operating a van and just exiting the car wash facility

when the incident occurred.

Investigation of the incident is ongoing by the Wareham Police Department and OSHA, but all preliminary indications at this time show the driver of the van was unaware the incident occurred and he is not expected to be cited.

14 Things To Do This Weekend (Jan. 26-Jan. 28)

A surprisingly pleasant weekend is in store. Certainly, unusual in terms of winter in January weather. While mornings and evenings will be brisk with temperatures ranging between 35-40 degrees, the days will warm up to almost 50 in some cases. Generally speaking, the sun will be out for most of the weekend, with the exception being Sunday which will be characterized with “periods of rain.” At least it won’t be snow!

FRIDAY JAN 26	SATURDAY JAN 27	SUNDAY JAN 28
		
34°/25°	49°/42°	46°/34°
Plenty of sunshine	Breezy with periods of sun	Mild with periods of rain

As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on

you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high traffic, weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details. Have an event to add? Add it **here**. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, January 26th

Winter Warmer "Wine & Dine" (10:00am-9:00pm)

Warm up your winter with wine + dine specials at Brix Restaurant. Enjoy HALF PRICE bottles of Newport Vineyard wine with the purchase of an entrée Tuesday – Friday, excludes Brut Sparkling, dessert wines and guest wines, limit two bottles per table. Newport Vineyards was originally planted in 1977 on a hill overlooking Rhode Island Sound with the goal of producing fine wines and as a way of preserving beautiful agricultural land from rapid development. Aquidneck Island is blessed with one of the most desirable farming areas in the country, if not the world. Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Rd. (Route 138), Middletown, RI.



*FREE * All Ages * Pizza.*

Lawler Branch Winter Story & Craft Time (3:30pm-4:30pm)

Bring you children, grandkids, etc. and enjoy some pictures books along with a craft activity they'll enjoy! Children of all ages welcome! Francis J. Lawler Branch Library, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford.

Video Release Party for "Black Made That" (6:00pm-8:30pm)

Important Details: FREE * All Ages * Pizza. Come celebrate the

release of our new Big Picture Anthem! It's about Black Inventors and entitled "Black Made That," part of our #STEAMtheStreets program which inspires underrepresented youth to build, design, and engineer their future.

We want to spread this video far and wide so teachers locally and across the country can share it with their students, and so youth of color can envision themselves as the next great inventors and problem solvers. Come out and see the premiere of the new video, experience positive vibes with the great artistic community of New Bedford, and show our youth their potential! Music and energy by DJ Anghelli. Live performances by YAP! and others. The video will show at 7pm sharp. Let's help revolutionize the way our children are educated! Art and Music are proven methods. Groundwork, 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford.

J.Kelley Band & Craig DeMelo Band – Live in the Vault (8:00pm)

NO TICKETS! NO COVER! Two of our favorite local bands in one night! 8pm – 10:45pm: J. Kelley Band and from 11pm – 1:30am: Craig Demelo – The Whiskey Poet. Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Patti Smith at the Zeiterion (8:00pm)

An eclectic and intimate evening of readings, personal stories, and songs related to the new book Devotion. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, iconic artist, and author Patti Smith reads from her latest book, Devotion, a deeply personal look at her creative process, inspirations, and unexpected connections. All attendees will receive a copy of the book on the night of the reading, which is included in the ticket price.

Patti Smith is a writer, performer, and visual artist. Her memoir Just Kids received a National Book Award, and her recent book M Train is a critically acclaimed New York Times best-seller. Smith was awarded the prestigious title of "Commandeur des Arts et des Lettres" by the French Republic.

Her seminal album *Horses* has been hailed as one of the top one hundred albums of all time. The performance does not include a public book signing. Books will not be autographed.

Saturday, January 27th

Seed Sovereignty Day (10:00am-4:00pm)

Those who control the seed system, control the food system, control the people. And yet, over the past 50 years, as we've lost the majority of our plant breeds and seed companies, we've also divorced plants from their place and from a culture of human-scale, regenerative and organic agriculture. There is now a growing movement to reclaim seeds and breeds, to re-localize seeds to particular bioregions, and to return to growers the power to participate in the process. Through partnerships between professional breeders and growers, we can develop better genetics and provide growers with new streams of income. This field day brings together growers, veteran breeders, and seed experts to discuss how we can reclaim our seed systems while also diversifying our enterprises. Round the Bend Farm, 92 Allen Neck Rd., South Dartmouth, MA.



*Seed Sovereignty Day
Workshop!*

Main Library's Children's Room Family Story Time (11:00am-12:00pm)

Please join us at the Main Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am for story time and crafts! Hope to see you

there! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St.,
New Bedford.

Howland-Green Scienza Saturday (11:00am-1:00pm)

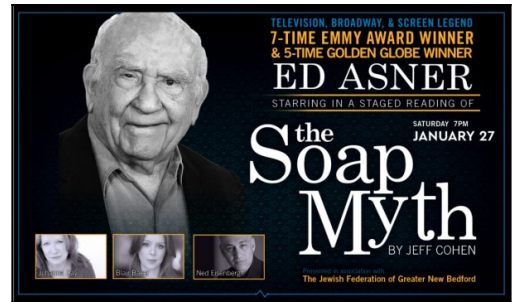
Have you ever wanted to make your own slime? Have you wondered what makes things float in water? Then come to the Howland-Green Library for Scienza Saturday! During each session we will try a brand new science experiment that will help us better understand the world around us. For ages 6 and up. Howland-Green Branch Library, 3 Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford,

Grape Stomping Saturdays! (1:30pm & 3:30pm)

Ever wanted to experience grape stomping? Now's your chance! Grape stomping will be at 1:30pm & 3:30pm each day (indoors in our tank room). How to participate: Arrive early to purchase a ticket for \$1 (cash only, proceeds go to the Newport Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.) Tickets can be purchased at the host stand when you arrive. No limit on amount of tickets purchased for a greater chance of being picked! 2 tickets will be drawn at each time slot to pick the participants! Make a day of it with wine tasting or a tour: Saturday Tasting Room hours: 10am – 5pm. Tour times (tour is 30 minutes & complimentary): 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00. Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Rd.,
(Route 138), Middletown, RI

The Soap Myth w/ Ed Asner at the Zeiterion (7:00pm)

More than a half century after WWII, at the desperate urging of a passionate survivor (played by Ed Asner), a young investigative reporter finds herself caught between numerous versions of the same story. Against the backdrop of deadline reporting and journalistic integrity, the critically-acclaimed *The Soap Myth* by Jeff Cohen questions who has the right to write history – those people who have lived it and remember, those who study and protect it, or those who would seek to distort its very existence? And what is our responsibility once we know the truth?



Ed Asner at the Z!

The Soap Myth stars Emmy Award-winning Ed Asner (The Mary Tyler Moore Show, Up) and features Tony & Drama Desk Award-Nominee Johanna Day, Blair Baker, and Ned Eisenberg in a staged reading. This production was produced Off Broadway at the Roundabout Theater in 2012 by the National Jewish Theater Foundation. A film of that production was broadcast nationally on PBS and is in the permanent collection of the Britain's Digital Theatre. The performance will be followed by a moderated Q&A Session that includes playwright Jeff Cohen.

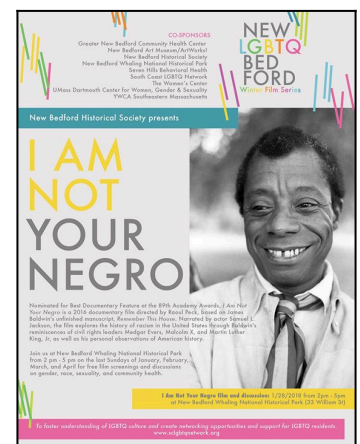
Ashley Jordan / Timmy Brown (Acoustic Sets) – Live in the Vault (9:00pm)

Come join us for a night of Country Music – Live in the Vault! Timmy Brown, who has become a favorite here in the Vault at Greasy Luck Brewpub will be performing acoustic. Kicking the night off, will be Ashley Jordan, also performing acoustic, for her first performance in the Vault. These are both very talented local to MA musicians, so come show your support and enjoy the night. <https://www.facebook.com/timmybrownmusic/> Timmy Brown is a singer/songwriter/Nashville recording artist from Norton, MA, who has a definite style of his own. His infectious energy and talent have made him a local favorite, and he has grown an avid fan base around the New England area. <https://www.facebook.com/AshleyJordanMusic/> Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Sunday, January 28th

Free Guided Bird Walk (8:00am-10:00am)

Grab your binoculars and join our birding experts out on the trails. In the serene natural landscape at NBS, you will count up as many bird species as you can while also keeping an eye out for non-flying wildlife. All birding levels welcome. No registration required, meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 3rd Beach Rd., Middletown, RI.



*New Bedford
Whaling National
Historical Park
Special Event.*

Advanced Winter Hiking (9:30am-12:00pm)

Are you looking for an active outdoor challenge? Hike Norman Bird Sanctuary's snowy ridge trails and take in the panoramic scenery from the top. Turn your winter hibernation into a sense of accomplishment with this challenging naturalist-guided hike. Afterwards, return inside for hot chocolate and tea. Participants are encouraged to bring lunch. Dress warmly. Snowshoes are welcome but not necessary. Recommended for active adults – \$12 Members, \$15 Non-members. Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 3rd Beach Rd., Middletown, RI.

New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series (2:00pm-5:00pm)

Join us at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park from 2

pm – 5 pm on the last Sunday of January, February, March, and April for free film screenings and discussions on gender, race, sexuality, and community health. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., New Bedford.

Want to sponsor this weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details.

Live with New Bedford Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro and Lt. Rezendes

Live with New Bedford Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro and public information officer Lt. Rezendes to discuss New Bedford issues.

Chris Resendes Show with doctors Michael Rocha and Bonnie Boerl

Chris Resendes Show sat down with Dr. Mike Rocha and Dr Bonnie Boerl to discuss the medical field's role in creating the Opioid Epidemic and what they've done now to help fight it.

They'll also touch upon programs and ideas that will help our children stay away from drug abuse.

Southcoast Health+ Weekly with guest Dr. Mello

Live with Dr. John Podkova, NP Hannah Raymond with guest Dr. Mello take your questions about health and wellness.

Need to ask a doctor a question about your health but don't have an appointment? Southcoast Health's Dr. John Podkova takes your health questions live on Health+ Weekly each Wednesday at 7 pm. Submit questions in the comment section.