

Is addiction a disease? Yes, but it's a disease of choice

We posted a **video on our Facebook page** showing a man pushing the notion that addiction is not a disease and that by calling addiction a disease you are enabling users. The arguments that followed in the comment section mostly fought over the question, is addiction a disease? Most people missed the main point of the video – that addiction is a choice and for this article I'll call addiction a disease by choice.

By the exact definition of the word, a drug addict has a disease. Per **Webster dictionary online**:

“A condition of the living animal or plant body or of one of its parts that impairs normal functioning and is typically manifested by distinguishing signs and symptoms or a harmful development.”

It's hard to argue by that definition that addiction isn't a disease, but the point of the video is that by classifying addiction in the same light as cancer, it's actually harmful to the addict by giving them an excuse – it's not your fault, you have a disease. You can't simply choose to stop having cancer, but you can right away choose to stop using a drug. Millions do it every day, by never trying addictive drugs or by deciding to not use them any longer. The vast majority of us choose not to take that first hit. There isn't a drug addict alive today that didn't know heroin was addictive before putting that first needle in their arm. That's not the case with most wide-spread diseases. One could live a healthy lifestyle and be diagnosed with cancer – lung cancer kills a lot of non-smokers and so many cancers are hereditary.

Addiction is a disease by choice. Never in the history of mankind has a drug addict become addicted without trying the

drug. You will never go to bed a non-addict, never have tried heroin, and wake up suddenly addicted to heroin. You are hit on the head over and over about the dangers and addictive qualities of hard drugs, yet people still choose that first hit. The main difference between an addicted drug user and a non-user is addicts decided to take that first hit. It's that simple.

Some will say, "but Mike, you aren't a doctor, how can you even have an opinion?" Well, while I respect most doctors, hospital errors are the third leading cause of death in U.S. – **killing 440,000 Americans annually**. Pharmaceutical companies and doctors also played a major role in creating the opioid crisis by over prescribing opioids. History shows doctors recommending cigarettes and telling us that with a huge marketing campaign in the 90's that opioid pain medication wasn't addictive. And who is making money curing addicts? Doctors. I appreciate and love what most doctors do, but let's not act like they are the only ones entitled to an opinion on addiction.

Many people who have had family members die from cancer get upset when people call addiction a disease. They've seen young children die from a disease they had no choice in getting. They also see drug addiction as a choice and it is. For every drug addict that chooses to use drugs for depression, I can show you thousands of people equally depressed that found other ways to cope. Drug addiction is the easy way out and friends and family members ease the burden by classify drug use as a disease as to shift blame – my brother is an addict because of a disease, not by his choice. As the video states, that's enabling and allowing the addict to push away any personal responsibility and truly end his addiction.

That's not to say that drug addicts don't deserve our love and help. No one should suffer a lifetime of suffering based on a bad choice, bad disease choice to be exact.

Do you suffer with addiction or know someone that does? Visit <http://www.paaca.org/>

Convicted distributor of child pornography pleads guilty to child pornography charges

A former Massachusetts man pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in Boston to possessing and distributing child pornography and to failing to register as a sex offender. The offenses stem from two separate cases.

Scot Letourneau, 44, formerly of Quincy and Maine, pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography; and in a separate case, he pleaded guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper scheduled sentencing for Feb. 27, 2018.

In early 2015, law enforcement officers learned that an individual was trading images of child pornography on Kik Messenger, an instant messaging application, with an individual in Connecticut. Further investigation linked the Kik Messenger account to Letourneau. On May 21, 2015, a search warrant was executed at Letourneau's home, when a preliminary review of his cellphone revealed that he exchanged images of child pornography with others. Forensic analysis revealed that Letourneau had a collection of approximately 103 videos and more than 500 images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct and acts.

After he was arrested and charged in May 2015, the government sought to detain Letourneau pending trial based on his prior convictions, including a 2004 conviction in Cheshire County Superior Court for distribution of child pornography. However, on Aug. 5, 2015, the court released Letourneau on an electronic bracelet and home confinement in Maine. On Nov. 3, 2015, Letourneau fled to New Mexico; he was apprehended in Denver in March 2017.

In addition, as a result of his 2004 conviction for distribution of child pornography in New Hampshire, Letourneau is required to register as a sex offender, which he failed to do while living in New Mexico as a fugitive under an alias.

Due to Letourneau's previous child pornography conviction, the current charge of distribution of child pornography provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and no greater than 40 years in prison; and the charge of possession of child pornography provides for a mandatory minimum of 10 years and no greater than 20 years in prison. Both charges provide for a mandatory minimum of five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of failure to register as a sex offender provides for no greater than 10 years in prison, a mandatory minimum of five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting United States Attorney William D. Weinreb, U.S. Marshal John Gibbons for the District of Massachusetts and Michael Shea, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston made the announcement today. Assistance was also provided by the U.S. Marshals Service for the District of Colorado; the Adams County (Colo.) Sheriff's Department; Connecticut State Police; Quincy Police Department; and U.S. Coast Guard. Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne Sullivan Jacobus of Weinreb's Major Crimes Unit is

prosecuting the case.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

The South Coast Hot Jobs List – November 26, 2017

Here are the Hot Jobs in the New Bedford area from the NewBedfordGuide.com jobs database, as of November 26, 2017. Click the right arrow to brown the next job. Want your job listed here? Contact leo@newbedfordguide.com.

Art Teacher – New Bedford High School

Job Description:

The New Bedford Public Schools is seeking a dynamic visual art teacher to join our team of high school arts educators. This position may include teaching a variety of visual arts classes for grades 9-12 at the New Bedford High School. Courses may include Foundations of Art, Art 1/2/3, Art History, Three-dimensional Art, Digital Art or Portfolio/AP Studio Art. There is an interest in expanding our digital art and digital photography offerings therefore an applicant with strong studio art and digital art teaching experience is preferred.

Equal Opportunity Employer

New Bedford Public Schools is committed to maintaining a work and learning environment free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, pregnancy, gender, sexual orientation, marital/civil union status, ancestry, place of birth, age, citizenship status, veteran status, political affiliation or disability, as defined and required by state and federal laws.

Job Requirements:

A qualified applicant will:

- hold Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education license as an Academic: Teacher, Visual Arts, grades 9-12;
- possess knowledge of art education methods, techniques and tools
- have experience designing and implementing engaging lessons, units and assessments in that correlate to the MA Frameworks for Visual Arts
- have positive classroom management techniques, be responsive to student diversity, enjoy working in an urban setting
- have excellent interpersonal and communication skills with colleagues, administrators and parents

The New Bedford Public Schools do not discriminate on account of age, race, color, sex, gender identity, gender expression, ancestry, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, genetics, or disability that does not prohibit performance of essential job functions in employment for potential employees. New Bedford Public Schools encourages people with multilingual skills, particularly in Cape Verdean Creole, Portuguese and/or Spanish, to apply. Every available opportunity will be taken in order to assure that each applicant is selected on the basis of qualifications, merit and ability.

- Bachelor degree preferred
- Citizenship, residency or work VISA in United States required

Interested in applying? See full details and how to apply [here](#).

Seasonal Stock Associate – Old Navy

Old Navy – a brand for everyone a place for you! As a seasonal stock associate, your responsibilities, shifts, and employment period will be based on the needs of the business. Your leader will communicate your last day of employment as your assignment comes to an end. A seasonal positions can lead to a regular position with Gap Inc.

As a seasonal stock associate your passion for apparel and fashion trends will enable you to thrive, drive sales, and delight our customers as you execute company processes and procedures. Creating memorable shopping experiences for our customers is one of your main responsibilities and you are going to LOVE making a difference in someone's day. Your dedication to providing a neat, clean, organized and safe shopping environment for our customers and team is an important part of creating this experience. As a Brand Associate in Stock your responsibilities and tasks include, among others; shipment (receiving, organizing, sorting and placing product), execution of markdowns/ maintenance of clearance areas, and signage and marketing changes. Your contagious energy and enthusiasm for your job will help you build lasting relationships, grow your career, and contribute to Old Navy's success.

Season Stock Associate:

- You are passionate about fashion and apparel and love our products
- You build relationships and want to be part of a winning team

- You take pride in yourself, your work and the success of your store
- You work with drive and energy showing that you have a desire to make a difference
- You love our community and actively work to make it better

Gap Inc. is an equal-opportunity employer and is committed to providing a workplace free from harassment and discrimination. We are committed to recruiting, hiring, training and promoting qualified people of all backgrounds, and make all employment decisions without regard to any protected status. In 2016, Gap Inc. was named one of the Best Places to Work by the Human Rights Campaign for the thirteenth consecutive year and was the sole winner of the Catalyst award for equality in the workplace in 2016.

Interested in applying? See full details and how to apply [here](#).

Dishwasher – Atria (Fairhaven)

Overview:

Atria Senior Living is a leading operator of independent living, assisted living, supportive living, and memory care communities in 190 locations in 27 states and seven Canadian provinces. We are the residence of choice for more than 21,000 seniors, and the workplace of choice for more than 14,600 employees. We create vibrant communities where older adults can thrive and participate, know that their contributions are valued, and enjoy access to opportunities and support that help them continue making a difference in our world.

Atria is an equal opportunity employer. Atria provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other classification protected by applicable law. Atria also does not condone or tolerate an atmosphere of

intimidation or harassment based on these protected classifications. We require the cooperation of all employees in maintaining a discrimination-free and harassment-free work environment.

Responsibilities:

- Provide a high level of customer service and promote a restaurant style dining atmosphere.
- Work closely with the service director and/or executive director to keep residents satisfied with food and dining programs.
- Maintain kitchen in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition at all times.
- Wash and store all dishes and equipment in accordance with policy and procedures.
- Maintain dish room area in a neat, clean and sanitary manner.
- Keep kitchen floors clean (sweeps and mops) and trash emptied.
- Assist with the preparation and execution of the Art of Atria Dining enhancement programs.
- Maintain dish machine after each meal by thoroughly cleaning and maintaining sanitizing temperatures and parts per million levels.
- Adhere to cleaning schedules as assigned.
- Assist with the transportation and storage of food and supplies.
- Assist cooks and wait staff as requested.
- Adhere to Quality Enhancement standards and standard food safety practices.
- Assist with preparation and execution of special events, banquets, and theme meals.
- Attend pre-meal stand up in kitchen prior to meal service.
- May perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Less than high school education

Interested in applying? See full details and how to apply here.

Seasonal Overnight Stock Associate – Toys R Us

Come work at a place where innovation and teamwork come together to support the most exciting missions in the world!

Job Description:

Do you like having fun and playing with toys? Do you enjoy seeing a child's face light up with a smile? Do you believe in the magic of the season? We are now hiring Holiday Heroes to assist our customers in preparing for the upcoming holidays! We are looking for Seasonal Stock Associates with high integrity and accountability, who are passionate and who have a positive energy that is contagious. We're seeking people who inspire teamwork and deliver results – people who will be heroes to their customers, always putting them first. Team members who are competitive, curious, and courageous. Sound like you?

You'll be doing things like:

- * Keeping the store looking full and customer-ready
- * Helping to unload deliveries of shipment
- * Maintaining an organized back of house
- * Ensuring inventory accuracy
- * Working as a team to help make kids' wishes come true

You should have:

- * A positive, can-do attitude
- * The ability to multitask and prioritize
- * The ability to lift and carry up to 40 lbs and climb ladders up to 12 ft
- * Flexible availability

Interested in delivering joy to children of all ages this holiday season? What are you waiting for? Apply today! Yesterday, we just sold toys. Today, we are champions of play.

Our #1 priority is to provide our customers with friendly and heroic service. These general job duties are not all inclusive and team members will be required to undertake additional duties and responsibilities as may be necessary to service customer needs.

Toys"R"Us is an equal-opportunity employer and is committed to providing a workplace free from harassment or discrimination. All employment decisions are to be made without regard to race, color, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, pregnancy, national origin/ancestry, citizenship, physical/mental disability, military status or any other basis prohibited.

Interested in applying? See full details and how to apply [here](#).

Dietary Aide – High Point Treatment Center

Seeking benefited full time, part time and per diem kitchen help. Available shifts include: 6am-2:30pm, 10:30am-7pm, and/or 3pm-7pm. Daily responsibilities include delivering, setting up and serving food at meal times, cleaning up work areas, dish-washing, basic prepping and setting up of salad bars and desserts, assisting with putting away food deliveries.

Qualifications: Must be 16 years or older, competently able to read, write and speak English. Must have the ability to interact and communicate respectfully with patients, staff and visitors. Full time positions have benefits, part time and per diem may not.

Job Type: Full-time

Required education:

High school or equivalent

Interested in applying? See full details and how to apply

here.

Gift Basket Assembly (Seasonal, Full Time) – Sid Wainer & Son
\$11 an hour

Summary/Objective:

Sid Wainer & Son is seeking a candidate to assist with creating gift baskets in our gourmet outlet for the holiday season. This position is starting immediately and will last until Dec 31st.

Schedule:

Monday-Saturday | 9AM-5PM
25-40 hours weekly

Responsibilities:

- Gather materials and products from the store and warehouse to set up work station.
- Replenish supplies as needed.
- Assemble gift baskets and wrap, label and price as needed.
- Use creativity to create eye-catching displays.
- Assist with stocking and cleaning the store as needed.
- Greet and assist customers.
- Food Safety Responsibilities
- Works with Quality Assurance Team to ensure specific Good Manufacturing Practices are being followed.
- Responsible for following and adhering to the Sid Wainer Food Safety Program.

Required Experience:

- Must be able to stand for 6-8 hours.
- Must be able to lift 10-15lbs regularly and up to 50lbs on occasion.
- Must be able to speak and understand English.
- Must have flexible availability; Saturdays are mandatory.

Interested in applying? See full details and how to apply here.

Cafeteria Dishwasher- (Part-Time) Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical

Salary: \$ 12.15 to \$ 15.23 Per Hour. Experienced preferred. Part-Time school year position (15 – 17 hours/week). Must be able to lift 25 lbs. Citizenship, residency OR WORK VISA IN United States required.

Contact Information:

Ana Haley , CVTE Adm. Asst.
1121 Ashley Blvd.
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02745
Phone: (508) 998-3321 ext. 396

Freight/Receiving – The Home Depot

Job Description:

Associates in Freight/Receiving positions ensure the store is stocked and ready for business every day. They load and unload trucks, move material from the receiving area throughout the store, may operate forklifts and may perform critical functions for maintaining proper on-hands and pricing for our customers. Direct customer interaction is frequently required for some positions and excellent customer service skills are required. The Freight/Receiving positions may include Freight Team Associate, Freight Team Lead, Receiving Associate and Receiving Support.

Interested in applying? See full details and how to apply [here](#).

Tax Preparers #9788556

Experienced at least one year preparing personal taxes. Hours are Monday through Fridays. You must be flexible as during tax season you are required to work some nights to assist our clientele. This job can be applied for by bringing the job

number in the title to the New Bedford Career Center. This job can be applied for by bringing the job number in the title to the New Bedford Career Center.

Customer Service Representative #9788552

You will be a customer service representative for both commercial and personal lines of insurance. Must have a least one year of experience in that industry. Excellent customer service skills.

Lawn Care Worker – Tim's Lawn Care (Westport)

Job Type: Full-time

Salary: \$11.00 to \$15.00 /hour

Job Summary:

Westport Landscape Company needing Full Time – hard working individual for fall clean ups. Driver's license and work references required. This job requires writing skills for documentation, and verbal communication skills to communicate about jobs as well. Compensation based on experience, knowledge, and motivation; in the range of \$11-\$15/hour to start. We offer Health Insurance, paid Holidays, Vacation time, and advancement opportunities. Please call our office and leave your name and phone number and we will call to do a phone interview. Please have details of your prior work history including phone numbers for references available. 508-636-3157.

Qualifications and Skills:

Driver's License Required

Interested in applying? See full details and how to apply [here](#).

Barry's Fine Wine & Spirits – Multiple Positions

1. Assistant Manager Retail Liquor Store

Must be experienced in the following areas:

- Retail Management
- Customer Service
- Overseeing cashiers work performance
- Loss Control Prevention

2. Stock Person

Must be experienced in the following areas:

- Retail experience in inventory control & rotation
- Putting away merchandise from deliveries
- Pulling stock to go out to fill shelves & displays
- Responsible for cooler & stock room organization

Both positions are salary based on experience

3. Part-Time Cashier

Must be experienced on cash register and lottery machine and sales.

Stop by the store to fill out an application and/or bring a resume. 573 Mill St, New Bedford.

Commercial Cleaners – Clean Right Cleaning Solutions

Clean Right is currently recruiting commercial cleaners. If you have cleaning experience, we want to hear from you! Please complete the job application on our website here.

Candidates must have cleaning experience, transportation and be willing to work nights and weekends. Clean Right offers a bonus incentive program on top of hourly wage.

ABOUT Clean Right:

Clean Right Cleaning Solutions is a top choice for commercial cleaning in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Drawing on two

decades experience, Jeff Silviera and his team are committed to delivering the best commercial cleaning experience in the area.

Clean Right Cleaning Solutions commits to providing the following to its customers:

- * Complete customer satisfaction
- * Commitment to community
- * Extraordinary service
- * Environmentally consciousness
- * Competitive Pricing

Southcoast Massachusetts Service Area: New Bedford, Fall River, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Dartmouth, Rochester, Wareham, Taunton, and Rhode Island.

Staff Planner – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$46,853 – \$58,571

Supports the operations of the Planning Division by providing staff support to the Planning Board and assisting in the design and implementation of planning studies, planning research and graphic materials. Performs technical reviews and analyze applications submitted to the Planning Board for completeness and conformance with the City Code requirements. Assist in formatting, publishing, and distributing site maps that deal with existing and proposed community planning programs or site plan identification, that requires use of GIS, Google Earth, and other map-making software.

Bachelor's Degree in urban or regional planning, architecture, urban design, geography or related discipline. Two (2) years of experience in urban planning or a related field. Provide staffing support to the City Planner and Department Head in performing comprehensive technical reviews of existing or proposed ordinances, studies, long/short term plans, analysis,

assessments and other such materials as may be assigned. 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 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

Carpenter – City of New Bedford

PAY:\$14.26hr – \$20.79hr

FACILITIES AND FLEET MANAGEMENT

Constructs, alters and repairs structures, buildings, roofs, furniture, equipment and fixtures made of wood or other building materials. Work is performed in accordance with building codes and standard trade practices. Fabricates, alters and repairs structural wood work, floors, stairways and fixtures. Performs measuring, sawing, squaring, drilling, sanding, fitting and fastening. Performs repair of equipment such as desks, chairs, tables, shelves and cabinets. Hangs doors and repairs related hardware. Repairs windows, frames and screens. Performs other carpentry duties as required.

Valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. Operates a motor vehicle on a regular basis. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013. Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent. Two years' prior experience required, four years of experience preferred; or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

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Welder – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$15.42hr – \$23.00hr

FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT

Performs gas and/or electric welding, and related metal working duties. Lays, cuts and fabricates materials to be welded. Prepares materials for welding; performs preheating, cleaning and clamping. Welds metal parts together according to blueprints or specifications using oxyacetylene or electric arc welding equipment. Determines the appropriate welding equipment or method based on requirements. Sets up components for welding according to specifications. Connects gas hoses or electric cables and operates air and gas supply valves or electric welding units. Performs related work such as brazing, soldering, and grinding in the fabrication or repair of metal parts or articles.

Subject to call for emergency work during any given twenty-four (24) hour period, such as any emergency that would impair the safety of the general public. High school graduate or GED equivalent preferred and two years of paid welding experience, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Must be an experienced welder and physically fit to perform duties of the position. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. Possession of, or ability to obtain, a Class B license with CDL endorsement within six months from date of hire. Operates a motor vehicle on a regular basis. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

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Private Care RN Per Diem – Community Nurse Home Care

Must be flexible for varied hours over all shifts.

Requirements:

1. Licensed to practice professional nursing in the state of MA.
2. Directly responsible to the Director of Private Care.
3. Prior work experience in home care preferred.

Responsibilities:

1. Supports the philosophy of the agency.
2. Adheres to personnel policies.
3. Contributes to the process of Agency Performance Improvement.
4. Assesses Private Care patient status upon initial home visit to identify needs in order to develop a Private Care Aide care plan.
5. Develops an individualized Private Care Aide care plan to assist with identified patient needs.
6. Assess Private Care Aide performance during supervisions in the following areas:
 - a. Performance of skills,
 - b. Appearance,
 - c. Communication with patient/family
 - d. Adherence to policies.
7. Assists with the orientation of new Home Health Aides to the Private Care Department as needed.
8. Makes Private Care Aide supervisory visits for Private Care clients and provides feedback to Private Care Director
9. In conjunction with the Public Health Nurse, participates in health promotion activities including flu clinics, blood pressure clinics, school immunization programs and other activities.

10. Provides nursing consultation at Wellness Centers as needed. Makes recommendations to the Wellness Coordinator to promote and grow Wellness program opportunities in the community.

11. Documents in an accurate and timely manner, assisting to maintain a Private Care record for each client.

12. Promotes and builds strong community relations by supporting CNPC mission and philosophy.

To apply, please send resume with cover letter to:
hr@communitynurse.com.



Airport Technician – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$14.26 hr – \$20.79hr

Maintenance of Airport property and equipment to ensure the efficient and effective safety and service for all users of the Airfield and Landside Facilities. Inspects and maintains the runways, taxiways and other paved and non-paved areas on and off the airfield in accordance with FAR part 139 regulations. Conducts mandatory day/night airfield and wildlife inspections. Issues Digital NOTAMS. Assists in any emergency or incident at the airport.

High school graduate or GED equivalent. One year of previous paid experience preferred. Must pass training programs issued by the Airport Manager and required security background check. (TSA mandated – finger prints and a 10-year background check). Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

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After-School Supervisor – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$15/HR

Assists the Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches (PRB) in maintaining and supervising various programs for children. Supervises After School Program Site Monitors. Ensures a safe, productive and caring environment for children and staff. Develops programming for children in the program with the PRB staff. Serves as a mentor and academic support supervisor for a group of children. Provides daily academic support to group of children. Supervises daily activities such as physical fitness, arts and crafts, and more. Responsible for providing a safe place for kids to learn and have fun. Maintains records as required such as attendance and snack counts. Must have a

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C.

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After-School Monitor – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$12/HR

Assists the Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches in maintaining and supervising various programs for children. Serves as a mentor and academic support supervisor for a group of children. Provides daily academic support to group of children. Supervises daily activities such as physical fitness, arts and crafts, and more. Responsible for providing a safe place for kids to learn and have fun. Must have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C.

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Special Motor Equipment Operator – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$14.77hr – \$21.80hr

Maintains equipment being used to keep equipment operating properly such as checking and changing all fluids when necessary, checking batteries and tires, changing filters, and performing all other related maintenance. Keeps equipment clean at all times. May perform the duties of a Motor

Equipment Operator. These duties and responsibilities are required on a daily basis.

Conducts preventive maintenance on vehicles operated. Maintains appearance of vehicles to include, but not limited to, washing and waxing of vehicles as often as necessary. Greases equipment, checks tires and tire pressure daily. Performs minor repairs on vehicles such as changing lights and wipers; performs circle check of vehicle equipment daily. Occasionally performs duties below job classification.

Must have a telephone. Subject to call for emergency work during any given twenty-four (24) hour work period, for any emergency the Commissioner feels would impair the safety of the general public, such as ice, snowstorms, rainstorms, hurricanes, etc. Required to notify Storm Control Superintendent when snow begins and immediately when black ice complaints come in.

Possession of a valid Massachusetts Class A CDL and Class 2A hoisting license issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety for all equipment or vehicles in the department. Good driving record. Careful judgment in the mechanical operation of any assigned equipment and at least two years' experience in the operation and maintenance of specified heavy equipment.

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New Bedford has a residency requirement.

Building Custodian – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$12.43hr – \$17.42hr

Provides custodial and minor maintenance functions for

municipal buildings. Cleans, dusts, sweeps, buffs and washes floors; washes windows; changes light bulbs; polices grounds; sweeps sidewalks; mows lawns; removes snow and ice; maintains custodial equipment; empties waste receptacles; operates low pressure heating and ventilating systems; orders custodial supplies; makes minor repairs to buildings, facilities, equipment, and heating, lighting, ventilation, and plumbing systems; performs related work in all assigned areas as required. Moves and sets up furniture and equipment.

High school graduate or GED equivalent preferred; any combination of experience and training that demonstrates the knowledge and experience to perform the work. Working knowledge of equipment, materials and supplies used in building and grounds maintenance and minor repairs; some knowledge of first aid and applicable safety precautions; skill in operation of listed tools and equipment; ability to work independently and complete daily activities according to work schedule; ability to lift heavy objects, and walk and stand for long periods of time; ability to communicate orally and in writing; ability to use equipment and tools properly and safely; ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions; ability to establish effective working relationships.

Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. Operates a motor vehicle on a regular basis. Must possess an elevator operator license from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or have the ability to obtain one within six months of the date of employment. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

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Customer Service Representative – U-Haul

Description:

Are you a student looking for a job that offers the flexibility your schedule needs? Are you currently working, serving in the military, or a stay at home parent looking for another job to supplement your income? If so, then a moonlighter position with U-Haul is for you!

Our moonlighter customer service representatives are talented, trained, and knowledgeable members of our team because they help us meet our customers' needs and demands by providing outstanding customer service. Our needs for moonlighter customer service representatives are significantly greater on evenings, weekends, and holidays.

As a Customer Service Representative you will perform various duties including:

- Provide outstanding service to our customers in person and on the telephone
- Prepare rental contracts and invoices for customers
- Maintain the facility and lot in a clean condition
- Clean and inspect rental equipment
- Dispense propane

Requirements:

Position requires a valid driver's license and a good driving record to operate a motor vehicle. Adhere to all local vehicular regulations while driving. Ability to maintain good housekeeping practices in the work area and comply with all safety rules and procedures.

Interested and want to know more? Full details and how to apply: [HERE](#).

Dispatcher/Customer Service – Cab Transportation Company (New Bedford)

\$11.50 – \$12.00 an hour – Part-time

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Schedules and dispatches drivers
- Answers calls from clients and schedule services
- Maintains records, logs, and schedules of the calls received to schedule transit services, drivers dispatched, and customer cancellations or no-shows
- Prepares reports on all activities occurring during their shifts.
- Directs drivers through radio contact
- Other duties as required.

EDUCATION, LICENSING, AND CERTIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or equivalent, such as GED, required

EXPERIENCE:

- One to two years of dispatch and/or customer service experience preferred

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Full-time, Part-time Administrative Assistant – NB Seafood Company

We are looking to add an Administrative Assistant to our team. This is a fast paced office environment inside a large seafood manufacturing facility in New Bedford MA. The objective of this role is to ensure accurate and organized administrative functions, while supporting several internal departments such as Management, Sales, and Production.

Essential Functions:

- Present a professional, welcoming first contact to all customers, visitors, vendors' staff members etc. by phone, in

person and e-mail.

- Coordinate incoming and outgoing mail, packages and deliveries.
- Prepare catch certificates and other documents to support the sales team.
- Accurate completion of shipping documents including invoices, bills of lading, transportation documents, etc.
- Generate invoices, completing work orders and creating purchase orders.
- General office duties including phones, filing, creating reports, data entry, etc.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Experience in an office environment required
- Experience with NetYield, Seasoft or SAP preferred
- Excellent general computer skills including MS Office, Excel and Word programs
- Ability to complete tasks independently and show initiative while paying close attention to detail
- Ability to prioritize, multi-task and manage time in order to meet deadlines
- Excellent organizational, communication, problem solving, interpersonal and follow-up skills
- Bi-lingual is always a plus, we have a very diverse population of workers.

Interested and want to know more? Full details and how to apply: [HERE](#).

Pipefitter – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$13.78hr – \$19.91hr

Cuts, bends, threads, assembles and joins water piping and fitting made of copper, brass, lead, cast iron, steel, plastic or other composition; threads pipe using threading machine; cuts pipe using pipe saw, joins piping and fixtures by means

of threaded, caulked, wiped, bell and spigot, soldered, brazed or cemented joints; installs and checks valves, hydrants and other wastewater and water system accessories. Installs manholes, catch basins, shoots grade utilizing pipe lasers and related survey tools to establish a grade.

Taps water mains 4" to 48" in size with a small tapping machine from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 2"; repairs hydrants, gate valves; performs other work in connection with the maintenance, construction and repairs of the distribution system and collection system. Installs water meters, operates gate valves and service shutoffs.

Cuts, lays and caulks water pipes using machine or hand tools forcing sealing compound into joints to make them watertight; pumps water from trenches; digs, braces and backfills excavations for the purpose of locating pipe leaks or preparing areas for laying pipes.

Reads water meters and checks for over and under registration when necessary. Replaces worn and broken parts in distribution and collection systems. Operates motor equipment. May work with private contractors to help them avoid hitting utilities during construction and excavation.

Subject to call 7 days per week, 24 hours per day for emergency work, to fill in on emergency watch, holidays, sickness and vacations.

Vocational or high school graduate or GED equivalent. Experience in excavation and pipe installation preferred. Possession of a D-1 certification and knowledge of collection systems preferred. Must be knowledgeable in the proper use of various pipes in a sewer system. Must possess general masonry skills and have a general knowledge of low pressure systems. Ability to obtain a distribution and/or collection system certification.

Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good

driving record.

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. EE0.

Account Clerk – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$13.78 – \$19.91/hr

Assists with processing, scheduling and collecting fees for field permits and park use requests. Responsible for payroll, data entry, customer service and related clerical support for the department. Provides assistance to internal and external customers of the department, including members of the public, staff of the City, board and committee members, etc. Greets visitors, answers phones, explains office procedures, and responds to questions within level of expertise and authorization while referring more complex issues to technical, professional or management staff.

Knowledge of standard office procedures, practices, forms and equipment. Ability to prepare routine to complex correspondence and reports utilizing office equipment such as computers, calculators, telephone, etc. Knowledge of office, assessment and billing procedures equivalent to graduation from high school. Must have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C

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Airport Manager – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$63,385 – \$79,238

JOB SUMMARY

Perform highly responsible functions of a professional, administrative, and technical nature. Plan, organize, and direct the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the New Bedford Regional Airport; and perform related duties as assigned and required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The intent of this job description is to provide a representative summary of the major duties and responsibilities performed by incumbents of this job.

- Supervise the overall operational and administrative functions of the Airport including personnel, scheduling, maintenance, and repair of airport buildings, runways, taxiways, vehicles and ground maintenance; work with other City departments and provide assistance as necessary.
- Responsible for personnel management, orientation, training, scheduling and performance evaluations of all maintenance, operations and administrative staff; manages all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Mass DOT Aeronautics Division airport improvement projects as well as other airport construction projects with an emphasis on safety and security implementation.
- Responsible for all vehicle and equipment repairs, purchases, and maintenance; develops and executes preventative maintenance program, airport vegetation management program, etc.
- Maintain the Airport in a manner fit to uphold the regulations contained within FAR Part 139 including an active ACM (Airport Certification Manual), AEP (Airport Emergency Plan), snow removal, lighting, signage, NOTAMs, etc., and the implementation of all future FAA regulations and advisory circulars.
- Develop and execute a thorough ASP (Airport Security Plan) and coordinate with the required law enforcement and emergency response agencies as needed. Acts as the Alternate Airport Security Coordinator; coordinate the 10-year background check, fingerprint, and security camera programs.
- Ensure that the airport is operating in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws, by-laws, regulations and directives; coordinate and cooperate with Federal, State and local officials and liaison between such authorities, the Airport Manager and the Commission.
- Participate with Airport Manager in determining short- and

long-range planning efforts; submit annual goals and objectives to the Airport Manager and Commission.

- In conjunction with the Airport Manager, prepare the Airport budget to include Capital improvement Plans and Service Priority Packages.

- Provide or arrange for training and instruction of airport workforce; evaluate the performance of subordinates; assist in settling union grievances; issue oral and written reprimands; recommend step increases; provide input into the selection of new employees; ensure that employees are following proper safety procedures.

- Determine the safety of the airfield and surface conditions, and order the closing of runway(s) and/or the airport, in the absence of, or in conjunction with, the Airport Manager; coordinate with appropriate representatives from the Airport's ATCT, the FAA, the Mass DOT Aeronautics Division and other agencies as necessary.

- Plan and oversee the Airport's purchasing program; prepare bid documents for airport materials, services, and specialized equipment; evaluate bids and make recommendations to the Airport Manager; handle inquiries and complaints from customers and tenants on airport-related matters; administer the aircraft fueling policy and develop an auditing program to track actual fuel received and total dispensed.

- Perform similar or related work as required or as the situation dictates.

- The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed.

The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position. The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management, or related field.
- At least five years of experience in airport operations, more than three of which were in a management or supervisory capacity.
- And equivalent combination of education and experience.

Licensing/Certification

- Must be able to obtain Mass DOT Airport Manager's License in accordance with 702 CMR 5.04.
- Must possess a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Criminal Offender Record Investigation (CORI) background check mandatory.

OTHER JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Must be able to pass FAA background security check as a result of working with highly sensitive areas.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for the direct supervision of maintenance and operations staff on a daily basis. Position will oversee all airport staff in the absence of the Airport Manager. Incumbent will directly assist all outside agencies and oversee matters of compliance with regard to all safety, security and environmental regulations.
- Provides input to the New Bedford Regional Airport Commission with regard to the hiring, firing, discipline and evaluation of personnel.
- Works under the administrative direction of the Airport Manager. Exhibits the ability to provide professional and fair judgment, and takes the initiative to interpret guidelines and carry out assignments independently; work at this level requires a working knowledge of all departmental operations; work involves both standard and nonstandard practices and techniques. Incumbent refers more difficult problems to the Airport Manager for clarification or interpretation of policy.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

The position is generally sedentary. Employees sit most of the time, but may walk or stand for brief periods with frequent tours of the airport. Occasional physical effort demanded in performing duties under varying and occasionally severe weather conditions and irregular hours. Frequent bending, standing and lifting. The City of New Bedford, MA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Domestic Violence Advocate – City of New Bedford

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE – NIGHTS \$11.00hr (Variable Time)

Provides assistance to Police Department personnel and victims of domestic violence.

Assists police with data collection/direct services and support for victims of domestic violence. Follow-up duties include: restraining orders, medical attention, shelters, and referrals as needed. Works with other agencies and community groups involved with domestic violence. Assists victims of domestic violence in the emergency 209-A restraining order process and contacts the Emergency Judicial Response System.

Must have High School Diploma or GED equivalent; experience working with victims of domestic violence; or any combination of education and experience. Excellent interpersonal skills; ability to work with victims and families of domestic abuse; ability to work in a team setting with the Police and Resource Coordinator. Must be computer literate. Bilingual preferred.

Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and motor vehicle.

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. EEO

New Bedford has a residency requirement.

Emergency Medical Technician – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$13.39hr – \$19.12hr

Responds to given locations with lights and siren, driving in a defensive manner, obeying the rules of the road.

Working alongside a Paramedic, stabilizes patients at scene, i.e. CPR, airway management, control bleeding, assists in starting IV, splints body as needed using proper equipment to load patient into ambulance.

Prepares patient care reports contiguous with incidents to ensure continuity of care for the EMS Office, billing records and physician information.

Ensures that equipment is in proper places and in good working order, cleans equipment and patient care compartment in order to have the ambulance ready for the next response. Replaces stock used in the course of patient care as required.

Contacts the Dispatch Center in order to inform them of status relative to response, arrival, availability, deployment of additional resources for any other reason necessary for operation.

Minor vehicle maintenance, which includes washing; checking oil, water, fuel; washing floors and cleaning windows.

Attends re-certification classes in order to maintain certification.

Applicants must possess current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (Ambulance) by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and current certification as a Healthcare

Provider by the American Heart Association (M.G.L., Chapter 111c, sections 3 and 6). Must have a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record.

This position is subject to re-certification by the State Office of Emergency Medical Service.

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Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher – City of New Bedford

POSITION: EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER (Per Diem)

LEVEL: GRADE 8 \$14.26/hr – \$20.79/hr

DEPARTMENT: POLICE

FUNCTION: Perform the duties of Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher and its related work as assigned by the Chief.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of the Chief.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Receives and processes calls for assistance from various sources. Establishes effective communication with the person(s) requesting assistance using the appropriate hardware identifying necessary information for dispatching an effective emergency response.

Answers telephone calls promptly and courteously, and expeditiously routes calls to their proper destination. Immediately dispatches patrol cars, ambulances, fire apparatus, rescue squads or other personnel and equipment as may be needed to handle all complaints and requests for

assistance.

Displays a calm, articulate, polite and concise manner when broadcasting. Refrains from the use of an angry or impatient tone of voice while broadcasting. Alerts personnel responding to hazardous calls with information relating to the nature of the call, as will enable them to take suitable precautions, and shall so advise personnel when such information is not available and keeps them informed as other information is made available.

Promptly acknowledges all radio messages and takes appropriate action. Acquires thorough knowledge of the location and layout of streets, building, parks, housing projects and significant areas of the community to maximize time, accuracy and speed of dispatches. Conducts all radio operations in accordance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) procedures and requirements.

Be especially alert to the signals received on electric protection alarm devices in the communications console area and initiates necessary action thereon.

Remains at the communications desk at all times while on duty unless relieved by an authorized individual and does not allow anyone to use the communications equipment unless authorized by a competent authority. Thoroughly familiar with and activates all emergency procedures relating to holdups, alarms, fires, medical aid or other matters requiring urgent attention.

Monitors the status of all units displayed on the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatching) status screens to determine their availability to respond to calls for service and is always aware of the assignments of all units. Immediately notifies appropriate authority regarding any unusual occurrence or situation that may adversely affect the delivery of emergency services or any services required of the dispatch center.

Makes all appropriate entries, deletions and inquiries into the computer system. Conducts wanted checks on all department and computer files to include Q1 and WMS (Warrant Management System) systems upon request by any authorized person or agency .Records all police and private tows in the tows file.

Thoroughly familiar with all the various pieces of equipment within the Communications Unit and immediately initiates action when they need repairs. Exercises care in the operation of the unit and the use of all equipment, supplies and utilities. Acquires and/or maintains such computer skills necessary for the proper performance of dispatch and record keeping duties. Conducts testing of emergency systems and makes minor repairs as training allows. Maintains accuracy in the recording of information of activity related to the delivery of emergency or other services required of the dispatch center.

Thoroughly familiar with, and strictly adheres to, all policies, procedures, rules, regulations and laws regulating the duties. Will not divulge, or permit any personnel to divulge, any information relative to any matter or person, without the permission of appropriate authority in accordance with the provisions of all applicable policies, procedures, rules, regulations and laws. Performs such other related duties as may be assigned by appropriate authority. Knowledgeable and complies with all policies and procedures pertaining to the duties of the dispatch center. Maintains records of all incoming calls and dispatches through CAD (Computer Aided Dispatching). Maintains various logs, reports and audio tape recorder.

Responsible for keeping all certifications up to date. (911; APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials); EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatching); LEAPS (Law Enforcement Agencies Processing Systems).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: High school

graduate or equivalent. Ability to speak clearly and distinctly in English with basic verbal and written communications skills. Basic knowledge of the principles involved in the operation of radio telephone, computers and related communication equipment. **Ability to accurately pass a standardized typing test, scoring no less than a minimum rate of 30 words per minute.** Preference will be given to applicants who have certification on NCC/LEAPS (National Communications Center/Law Enforcement Agencies Processing Systems) computer, Telecommunication certification, CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatching). Ability to communicate clearly and concisely under emergency conditions orally and in writing. Must have the ability to learn city street locations and read maps. Ability to understand complex and written instructions and procedures. **Must pass an in-depth police background check.** The ability to sit during prolonged periods of inactivity interrupted by periods of intense activity. Ability to maintain one's composure and to act calmly and decisively under pressure of emergency situations. Ability to maintain records neatly and accurately. Ability to handle highly confidential and sensitive information with discretion and good judgment.

EXPERIENCE: One to three years experience in general office procedures, dealing with the public, computer knowledge and public safety preferred.

INDEPENDENT ACTION: Function independently within broad scope of established procedures; generally refer specific problems to supervisor only where clarification of procedures may be required.

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT USED: Personal computer, telephone, copy and fax machines, radio.

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of

this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Work is performed mostly in office settings; subject to normal temperature variations and office noise; frequent interruptions to assist customers in the office or on the phone, spends extended periods at computer, on telephone or operating other office machines requiring eye-hand coordination and finger dexterity, regular lifting and carrying of files, documents, records, etc. The employee is occasionally required to walk.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to ten pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, color vision and the ability to adjust focus.

SELECTION GUIDELINES: Formal application; rating of education and experience; oral interview and reference check; job-related tests may be required.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

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Director of Purchasing – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$75,493 – \$94,373

Plans, organizes, and supervises purchasing functions of City Departments; oversees major purchases and negotiates contracts with vendors; responds to inquiries regarding processes or bid

status, negotiate terms and conditions with vendors and service providers; achieves Department objectives and goals within the budget. Provides support to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in the development and implementation of citywide policies and procedures.

Evaluates departmental needs and formulates short-and long-range plans to meet needs in all areas of responsibility, including repairs and maintenance. Furnishes advice and guidance to department heads and/or city officials relative to assurance and structure of subcontracts to ensure that City's interests are properly protected; ensures incorporation of subcontract clauses in orders and documentation of files. Performs related work as required and assigned.

Associate's Degree in a related discipline to municipal purchasing. At least five years of experience in relation to municipal or government purchasing, or a related field. Any equivalent combination of education and experience. Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official Program certificate required. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. 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 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

City Planner – City of New Bedford

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY PLANNER \$66,722 – \$81,388

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Serves as a lead planning professional performing a variety of

supervisory, administrative, technical and professional tasks in the initiation, oversight and execution of future short- and long-range City planning initiatives. Manages and supervises city planning operations and staff so as to achieve goals and performance objectives within available resources in a manner consistent with city code and state laws including the Zoning Act and Subdivision Regulations. Prepares Planning Division annual budget for the Director of Planning, Housing & Community Development and administers budget as adopted. Oversees the review process and provide recommendations as appropriate for small and large scale development within the city including subdivisions, site plan review, special permit applications, comprehensive permits, and other formal and informal processes needed to assess and analyze proposals including evaluating such proposals for conformity to established plans and ordinances and evaluating proposals' development impact as they relate to the adopted plans of the city. Prepares a variety of formal and informal studies, reports and related information for decision-making purposes. Ensures the maintenance of accurate and complete records of department activities and of records relating to licenses, permits, maps, blueprints, overlay, and sketches pertinent to urban planning and development programs and projects. Negotiates, coordinates and manages planning consultant contracts.

Master's degree in planning, public policy or related field desirable. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in land use planning, urban planning, or a closely related field required. Five years of progressively responsible experience in urban and/or land use planning. Municipal experience preferred, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. AICP Certification is preferred, or the ability to obtain certification within one year. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record.

For job description/application, please visit:

www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact the Personnel Department at 508-979-1444. New Bedford has a residency requirement. EEO

Fuel Truck Driver – Brodeur & Sons, Inc.

Brodeur & Sons, Inc., is currently seeking a fuel truck driver with a CDL/Hazmat license.

If you are a hard worker with dedication to superior customer service. Please email our office at phbrodeur@aol.com, to arrange an interview, please include current contact information, you may also stop by our office at 525 Church Street, New Bedford

We are a family owned and operated company started in 1929.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Deliver heating fuel to customer
- Completing all necessary paperwork
- Ability to work Monday through Friday

THE QUALIFICATIONS:

- You enjoy working with people
- You have excellent communication skills
- You have a valid driver's license with no DUI convictions or license suspensions within 5 years
- Are able to pass a drug test
- OSHA 10 is a plus

THE BENEFITS:

- Pension Plan with company match
- Disability insurance
- Paid holidays and vacations
- Uniforms
- Year-round work
- Health Insurance



Diesel Engine Repairman – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$15.42hr – \$23.00hr

Performs various types of skilled repairs on all types of diesel equipment in use by the City to determine repair costs, maintenance work in the area of electrical, fuel, ejectors, and ignition problems. Disassembles, overhauls, removes and replaces all types of engines. Assembles and disassembles transmissions. Knowledge of various hydraulic systems, clutch replacements and components. Performs track replacements and various components, brake jobs, and other miscellaneous maintenance tasks requested. Works on emergency vehicles. Performs all preventative maintenance and any related work.

Ability to write detailed reports and estimate repair costs.

Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent preferred. Must have at least three years of full-time paid experience in the field of repairing diesel equipment, knowledge of job hazards, handling of equipment, special tools and test equipment. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license. Possession of Class B CDL or the ability to obtain one within six months of hire. Operates a motor vehicle on a regular basis. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

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Arborist – City of New Bedford (New Bedford)

Serves as Arborist for the Greening the Gateway Cities (GGC) Program, which is a State-funded grant that lasts through June 30, 2019; assesses, plans, manages and implements tree care for public and private trees in accordance with the grant;

plants, trims and removes trees along public spaces; conducts other large-scale vegetation management projects; responds to tree emergencies including downed trees and limbs...Want to apply? Full details and application process: **HERE**.

Maintenance Person – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$13.39 – \$19.12

FACILITIES AND FLEET MAINTENANCE

Performs complex maintenance of City buildings and property and provides assistance to Carpenters, Electricians, Plumbers, & Masons and other skilled tradespersons. Performs miscellaneous maintenance and repair tasks on municipal buildings and property requiring journeyman skills in the following areas: carpentry, painting, plastering, demolition and other trades. Performs such duties as repairing roofs, doors, windows, locks, furniture, cabinets, shelves, stairs, flooring and fencing.

Subject to call for emergency work during any given twenty-four hour (24) hour period, such as any emergency the Director feels would impair the safety of the general public, such as ice or snowstorms.

Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent. Two (2) years of paid prior experience in related building trades preferred. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. Operates a motor vehicle on a regular basis. 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 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

Parking Supervisor – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$14.31-\$17.88/hr

Enforces parking regulations and restrictions. Receives daily assignments, which determine assigned area of responsibilities. Obtains information from the supervisor, or designee, requiring special attention. Patrols particular assigned areas at the supervisor's discretion. Check for any and all parking violations, including, but not limited to: expired meters, parking abusers, expired stickers/registration plates, "No Parking" areas, loading zones, time zones, fire hydrants, driveways, handicap parking and handicap ramps.

High school graduate or GED equivalent. Ability to read and write English. Ability to reference codes for specific violations. Possession of valid Massachusetts driver's license with a good driving record. Operates a motor vehicle on a regular basis. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

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Director of Public Health – City of New Bedford

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH \$85,624 – \$107,038

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Leads a wide range of public health mandates and manages Department staff, grants and contracts. Provides programmatic leadership and strategic planning, fiscal accountability, personnel management, health services, and public service.

Builds and sustains regional partnerships, programs, and capacity. Provides grants, contracts, and health insurance billing. Develops plans, policies, and programs to address the community's public health needs, and establishes goals and objectives to be achieved through systematic courses of action that focus on these needs and equitable distribution of resources.

Enforces all State public health laws, local ordinances, and rules and regulations of the New Bedford Board of Health. Implements all State mandated programs and services and responds to complaints and meets other high priority service requirements. Evaluates existing programs and services, and provides quality assurance, in accordance with applicable professional and regulatory standards, to ensure that programs are consistent with the department's plans and policies; prepare and manage the annual budget.

Makes recommendations to the Board of Health on matters that pertain to public health and assists the Board in the development of public health policies. Develops and administers grant-funded programs, manages community-wide vaccine distribution programs and investigates the occurrence of adverse health effects and hazards in the community by ensuring that timely investigations are conducted. Drafts and issues reports on health issues and maintains public health records in accordance with State law. Informs and educates the public on public health issues of concern in the community, promoting awareness about public health services, availability, and health education initiatives. Manages resources and develops an organizational structure to maximize the operational functions of the Health Department. Advocates for public health and build constituencies and identify resources within the community by generating supportive and collaborative relationships with public and private agencies and neighborhood groups for effective planning, implementation, and management of public health activities.

Master's Degree in public health, health administration, or a related field. At least seven years of experience in public health administration or environmental health or any equivalent combination of education and experience. 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

Commissioner of Public Infrastructure – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$98,031 – \$122,548

Oversees department operations and manages staff. Adopts rules and regulations for use of the City's wastewater collection system, and water distribution and treatment systems.

Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or a related discipline. At least ten years of Civil Engineering, Water or Wastewater work experience or experience in a related field. Any equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact the Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 314, 508-979-1444. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. EEO New Bedford has a residency requirement.

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Water Treatment Plant Operator – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$23.00hr

Performs a variety of semi-skilled and skilled technical and maintenance work in the operation, maintenance and repair of treatment facilities and systems.

Adjusts equipment, as indicated, to regulate the flow of water and control the amount of treatment chemicals added; must assist with maintenance programs throughout the treatment plant, watershed and distribution system.

Accurately records plant data and makes associated computations as necessary, as well as maintains operation logs; maintains optimum process control via sampling, laboratory testing, and machinery and equipment inspections and adjustments.

Adheres to specific weekly schedule of responsibilities including chemical and preventative maintenance; assume responsibility of handling chemicals in a safe and efficient manner.

Exhibits good attitude expected of employees in a health-related field; assumes responsibility for maintaining the plant in a clean and orderly fashion.

Must assume responsibility for plant operations when on duty.

Graduation from high school or GED equivalent, supplemented by four years' experience as an attendant of a water/wastewater facility required. Possession of a Grade III Drinking Water Operator license. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license with good driving record. Must have a telephone and own transportation. This employee is subject to twenty-four hour call.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact the Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 314, 508-979-1444. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. EE0

New Bedford has a residency requirement.

Local Building Inspector – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$16.89hr – \$25.86hr

Enforces all provisions of 780 CMR, 521 CMR (Architectural Access Board) and any other State statutes, rules and regulations, and ordinances and bylaws, which empower the building official. Explains, interprets and provides guidance regarding all applicable codes within area of responsibility to architects, engineers, contractors, developers and other interested parties.

Works with departments to review residential properties that pose a health safety or risk to the community and are abandoned. Undertakes activities associated with code, safety and health review of violations specifically on abandoned properties targeted by the Housing Task Force. Conducts an initial visual inspection of abandoned residential properties to identify the occupancy status and the nature and extent of health, safety or code violations.

At least five years of experience in the supervision of building construction or design; or a four-year degree in a field related to building construction or design; or an Associate's degree in a field related to building construction or design; or any combination of education and experience, which would confer equivalent knowledge and ability as determined by the BBRS. In addition, such persons shall have had general knowledge of the accepted requirements for building construction, fire prevention, light, ventilation and safe egress; as well as a general essential for safety, comfort and convenience of the occupants of a building or structure. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. Must have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C.

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

Maintenance Person – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$13.39 – \$19.12

FACILITIES AND FLEET MAINTENANCE

Performs complex maintenance of City buildings and property and provides assistance to Carpenters, Electricians, Plumbers, & Masons and other skilled tradespersons. Performs miscellaneous maintenance and repair tasks on municipal buildings and property requiring journeyman skills in the following areas: carpentry, painting, plastering, demolition and other trades. Performs such duties as repairing roofs, doors, windows, locks, furniture, cabinets, shelves, stairs, flooring and fencing.

Subject to call for emergency work during any given twenty-four hour (24) hour period, such as any emergency the Director feels would impair the safety of the general public, such as ice or snowstorms.

Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent. Two (2) years of paid prior experience in related building trades preferred. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record. Operates a motor vehicle on a regular basis. 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 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

Child & Family Services – Emergency Services Clinical Therapist

Full-time, Part-time

We are looking for Masters level full-time, part-time or per diem employees for our Emergency Service Program . Emergency Services is an exciting and challenging program. These are great positions for recent Masters level graduates looking to hone their skills or the seasoned veteran looking for a challenge.

Available shifts: 1st, 2nd Shift and 3rd shifts; Per diem shifts (weekends preferred)

Qualifications

- * Masters degree in social work, psychology or related field
- * Must be licensed or license eligible
- * Experience with computers, specifically electronic health records systems
- * Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends

Full description and how to apply [here](#).

City of New Bedford is hiring for a Watchperson

LIBRARY WATCHPERSON

PAY: \$13.44-\$16.61

Provides security services on library premises in collaboration with library staff and the New Bedford Police Department. Patrols the interior and exterior public areas of the library to maintain orderly atmosphere conducive to a pleasant library experience. Responds to staff calls for assistance and initiates calls for assistance to the New Bedford Police and Fire Departments as needed. Understands and enforces library policies and procedures fairly, consistently and appropriately.

Treats all library customers with courtesy and respect and

shows sensitivity to customers with special needs or problems. Documents incidents and submits reports as needed. Assists in emergency situations. Surveys facility for problems of security and hazardous conditions and reports them to the Library Director. Monitors and reviews video surveillance system as needed. Performs other duties as assigned.

High school diploma or GED equivalent required. Undergraduate coursework in criminal justice strongly preferred. Minimum of two years experience in security, public safety or law enforcement with significant public contact strongly preferred. Must have a positive customer service attitude, professional demeanor and the ability to be friendly, courteous and tactful with a diverse population. Must have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C.

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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Animal Control Officer – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$16.89hr – \$25.86hr

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigate reported animal bites. Respond to calls concerning unleashed/unlicensed animals, dead animals, nuisance complaints, violations of City and State laws, and the penalties applicable as specified under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 140.

Assess injured animals. Provide emergency care and transportation for injured wildlife and injured stray pets if no owner is present, and obtain medical treatment as required.

Compile and keep accurate records of all animal bites, stray dogs, nuisance reports and telephone calls pertaining to animal problems, including report writing and filing.

The availability of the Animal Control Officer is 24 hours a day to include emergencies, nights, weekends and holidays. Must possess a telephone.

High school graduate or GED equivalent; five years' paid experience working with animals or related field preferred; or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Working knowledge of animal handling procedures/practices, and applicable Massachusetts laws/bylaws governing the control and regulation of animals. Portuguese/Spanish speaking preferred.

Possession of valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record.

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. EEO

New Bedford has a residency requirement.

Police Cadet – City of New Bedford

PAY: \$11.00hr-\$13.09hr

Assists Police Officers with administrative duties.

Maintains and files records, operates office machines, answers telephones, receives complaints, enters and indexes official documents, prepares routine reports, prepares and tabulates facts and figures for statistical purposes, and performs similar duties of an administrative rather than an enforcement types.

Shall not carry arms, nor shall he/she have any power of

arrest other than that of an ordinary citizen.

Must be a New Bedford resident for the duration of employment. Cadet must be (eighteen) 18 years old. Employment is terminated on the Cadet's 25th birthday.

High school graduate or GED equivalent. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record.

Must be willing to work nights, weekends and holidays.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact the Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 314, 508-979-1444. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. EEO

New Bedford has a residency requirement.

Program Monitor – Andrea McCoy Rec Center

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PROGRAM MONITOR \$9.00/hr STARTING SALARY

ANDREA MCCOY RECREATION CENTER

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

Assists the Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches (PRB) in maintaining and supervising various programs for children. Leads other in recreational activities and supervises all programs and other recreational activities within the recreation center, and at parks and community sites.

Ensures a safe, productive and caring environment for children and staff. Develops programming for children with the PRB staff. Provides guidance to recreational aides, volunteers, and participants in conducting recreation activities; and assists professional staff in planning and conducting recreation activities and events, in addition to providing customer service to the community. Supervises daily activities such as physical fitness, arts and crafts, and more.

Responsible for providing a safe place for kids to learn and have fun. Performs data entry and other clerical functions as directed.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, which is mandatory per Massachusetts General Laws.

This position is of a seasonal nature. It is not entitled to benefits.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact the Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 212, 508-979-1444. New Bedford has a residency requirement. EEO

Laborer – Town of Dartmouth

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Fleet Maintenance Supervisor (Dartmouth, MA)

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Project Coordinator (Engineering Division) – City of New

Bedford (New Bedford)

Prepares technical specifications for highway constructions, service maintenance work, water and wastewater treatment facilities, buildings and recreational facilities. Examines and/or reviews plans, designs and costs of proposed projects and requirements of environmental impact regulations. Inspects construction and/or maintenance work completed or in progress. Supervises work of contractors. Coordinates and assists in Chapter 90 State Aid Construction Projects, Federal Disaster Grants, Recycling... Want to apply? Full details and application process: **HERE**.

— Have a job to add to the Hot Jobs List? Contact leo@newbedfordguide.com.

My confrontation with a future New Bedford murder suspect and her victim

I've been wanting to write this story for two years now, but for legal reasons couldn't. On a cold October in 2015, I was attacked by an angry couple for attempting to help a young child that was being abused. Why can I write it now? Because the man is dead and the female is a suspect in his murder.

On September 18th, 23-year old **Zaishary Gonzalez** was **arraigned for the murder of 45-year-old Juan Roman**. According to witnesses on the scene, Zaishary arrived Nauset Street to confront Juan about a personal issue, **when she smashed his car**

windows, sliced all four tires and then fatally stabbed him. She then allegedly threatened a female witness to keep quiet on the scene before fleeing. Police arrested her at her home and she will now stand trial for murder, witness intimidation and malicious destruction of a motor vehicle.

Now let's rewind back almost two years early to a late October night when I had a run in with the murder suspect and victim. I parked my car on Purchase Street in downtown New Bedford across from The Green Bean coffee shop. I was about a half hour early from covering the debate between Mayor Jon Mitchell and candidate Maria Giesta at the Z at 7pm.

After parking my car, I heard a woman screaming and swearing loudly. It's not uncommon to hear shouting downtown, so I didn't think much of it until I got out of my car and the screaming continued. I looked over toward Green Bean where a screaming woman had a small child pinned against the glass of the cafe. It was cold – he had an over-sized jacket and was crying and screaming. A man with a bicycle was standing near the woman and appeared to be overseeing the interaction. People looked, but simply walked past.

I approached the three and simply said, "Hey, what's going on?"

The man, who would turn out to be Juan Roman, turned immediately, stepped a few inches from my face shouted, "Who the fuck are you? Get the fuck out of here!"

I stood my ground and didn't budge an inch, but noticed a switch (a thin, but sturdy piece of bamboo used to whip an animal or a kid) in his right hand. I told him that I wasn't going anywhere until I knew what was going on with the child. Because of the switch, I didn't notice the woman, who turned out to be Zaishary Gonzalez.

Zaishary threw a punch over Juan's shoulder, hitting me in the face. As I backed up Juan swung his switch twice, hitting my

arm twice as I blocked the blows and once in the face, barely missing my eye.

When he reached up to swing a third time, I punched him square in the jaw, sending him back. I used to box and train mixed martial arts, and Juan realized he was in trouble, and like most cowards, pulled a knife out of his pocket.

Facing Juan, I backed up slowly towards my car where I had left my cell phone. He stalked me across the street, but kept his distance. One of the BCC police officer arrived and I told him, "He has a knife, be careful."

Juan immediate dropped the switch and started walking towards No Problemo where Zaishary already was with her child. The BCC officer, his hand on his holster followed Juan and ordered him to stay. That's when the New Bedford police arrived. I told them what happened and an independent witness collaborated everything I told them and tell you now.

The first words out of Zaishary's mouth was "I already have DCF on my ass. I don't need this shit." Juan complained about his sore jaw as the police cuffed him and put him in the back of the cruiser. After questioning Zaishary, the police let her go home with the child. After finishing up with the police I called DCF to make a report.

The next two years were a painful process with the Bristol County justice system. I had to appear at the courthouse a dozen times for the two separate cases. Zaishary was being charged with petty assault and Juan was being charged with two cases of aggravated assault – one for the switch and one for the knife. Juan's court appointed lawyer found every reason in the world to continue the case and the judges were more than happy to continue.

A notable instance with Zaishary was during the magistrate hearing where they would determine if there was enough evidence to proceed. After 10 minutes of lying, she finally

got angry. The magistrate asked her if she had hit her son, and her response in an agitated voice was, "I will discipline my child how I see fit. No police or judge will tell me what to do." Needless to say, the magistrate decided he had enough and told her to leave and for me to leave five minutes later. There was enough evidence to proceed. I never did get to face her in court.

After a half dozen appearances to the courthouse for Juan's case, he finally plead guilty to both counts of aggravated assault. This happened even after the court appointed lawyers tried to intimidate me with, "You know, you did hit him back. If he is found innocent, the County could charge you with assault." They even gave me a weak court appointed lawyer who seemed more interested in me dropping the case than serving me. I could only guess his buddy was Juan's court-appointed lawyer. Needless to say, I told him to go away and proceeded. 30 minutes later Juan plead guilty.

When Zaishary allegedly stabbed Juan to death, I still had a open case against her. I'll never forget the day I was sitting in a coffee shop and got the **press release** from the Bristol DA's office reporting the murder. As I read through the press release I couldn't believe the names Zaishary Gonzalez and Juan Roman were listed as the suspect and victim in a New Bedford murder. I couldn't believe the video I saw later of Zaishary calmly being lead away to the police car.

It turns out that Zaishary is an angry person that can't control her violence. According to her, DCF was on her before I met her that night. A few days after the attack on me, I mistakenly ran into her on Purchase Street where she grew violent, started yelling and then got on her phone and proceeded to follow me to my car. Who was she calling and why? I'll never know.

About two weeks after Juan was killed, I received a letter from the DA's office saying there was no further action being

taken against him because he was dead. The automatic restraining order on him and his parole was dropped.

Thus is the end of my dealing with Juan and Zaishary, a sad ending to a angry couple and now an innocent child live life without a mother. I can't help but feel the boy is better off.

SouthCoast Health provides funding for new PACE Head Start program

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Southcoast Health, People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE) is launching a new program to help preschool children and their parents get ready for the transition to school prior to the first day.

The POP, or Playing On Purpose, program is a series of four interactive parent-child play sessions developed by Kelly Rodriguez, MSW, LCSW, CCLS, of Early Childhood Consultation, to assist PACE staff in helping families become familiar with the schedule and routine of the preschool classroom. The POP sessions provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about their child's social and emotional development, as well as gain strategies to enhance the child's learning at home.

"Young children learn best through play," said Ms. Rodriguez. "The POP program was designed to help parents learn how to use play to best support their child's social and emotional development. Children who have a strong foundation in social and emotional skills are most likely to have a successful transition to the preschool classroom."

Ten children in seven families attended the four morning sessions held at two PACE locations in August. Monthly sessions will be planned for the school year.

“We appreciate Southcoast Health’s generosity in providing funding for this opportunity to improve programming for our New Bedford Head Start families,” said PACE Head Start Director Jill Fox. “POP groups teach children the social skills necessary for a successful adjustment to school and teach parents the skills necessary to support the child’s learning and school readiness.”

PACE Head Start has been recognized by the Administration for Children and Families as a Program of Excellence and has been accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (NAEYC).

The Southcoast Health awards grants totaling up to \$125,000 to non-profit organizations that are working to address unmet health needs in the South Coast region through its Community Benefits Impact Opportunity program. Southcoast Health’s annual Community Benefits Impact Opportunity program is part of larger community benefits efforts which positively impact hundreds of thousands of residents on the South Coast. In 2016, Southcoast Health invested a total of \$18.8 million in community benefits.

**Man pleads guilty to
distribution of nine**

kilograms of fentanyl from CA to MA

A Texas man involved in a Lawrence-based fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine trafficking scheme pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in Boston.

Joel Jahamal Rougeau, 41, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine. U.S. District Court Chief Judge Patti B. Saris scheduled sentencing for March 7, 2018. In July 2015, Rougeau and three co-defendants, Jerri Martinez-Tejeda, 31, of Lawrence; Yoelly Carmenatty, 27, of Lawrence; and Lily Solis, 28, of Texas, were charged in a criminal complaint.

In March 2014, an investigation into a drug trafficking organization operating in Massachusetts, California and elsewhere led law enforcement to Martinez-Tejeda. In late May or early June 2015, Martinez-Tejeda hired Rougeau and Solis to pick up nine kilograms of narcotics in California and transport them to the Northeast. On June 4, 2015, law enforcement in Oklahoma intercepted Rougeau and Solis transporting nine kilograms of fentanyl to Martinez-Tejeda and his partner, Carmenatty, in Lawrence for distribution.

In June 2016, Solis was sentenced to 33 months in prison; in October 2016, Martinez-Tejeda was sentenced to 292 months in prison; and in January 2017, Carmenatty was sentenced to six years in prison.

The charge provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, a minimum of three years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of \$1 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

16 Things To Do This Weekend (Nov. 24 – Nov. 26)

Who loves this time of year because it means you get to break out the flannels, thermals, hoodies and sweaters? While our morning and evening temperatures are typically brisk, dipping almost to freezing, our day-time temperatures will be unusually pleasant. We'll reach almost 60 on Saturday and Sunday drop to 50 degrees. Very nice, right?

<div><div>SATURDAY NOV 25</div><div></div><div>58°/42°</div><div>Partly cloudy</div></div>	<div><div>SUNDAY NOV 26</div><div></div><div>49°/33°</div><div>Partly cloudy; windy, cooler</div></div>
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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, November 24th

**Eat, Shop, Explore, Stay! Destination New Bedford Shopping!
(8:00am-9:00pm)**

Looking for a unique gift, delicious culinary adventure or unique adventure? Visit New Bedford! It will be worth your trip! FREE 2 hour parking November 24-January 1.



*Black Friday &
Small Business
Saturday!*

Black Friday at the Z (10:00am-9:00pm)

Get \$10 off tickets! (CODE: FRIDAY) Available on-line midnight to midnight, or at the Zeiterion Box Office hours 10AM-9PM. Only select shows are eligible for Black Friday/Cyber Monday discounts. The lowest ticket price is listed for each show, whether it's the Black Friday/Cyber Monday discount price or the lowest non-discounted price. Black Friday/Cyber Monday discounts only apply to select shows and tickets with an original face value \$26 or greater, on the dates and times indicated above. Prior sales excluded. Cannot be combined with any other discount. Convenience and processing fees still apply.

Grace Morrison – Pub Side Acoustic (6:00pm-9:00pm)

Grace Morrison turns deeply personal and historical stories into song for listeners from all walks of life. "With a crystal clear voice and songs that land squarely in your heart, Grace has something truly special," says producer/performer Jon Evans of Brick Hill Studios. And Jon should know, he has spent his career playing with the very

best singer-songwriters of our generation: Tori Amos, Sarah McLachlan, Ben Folds, and Paula Cole. Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

DJ Tom Cooney – Live in the Vault (9:00pm-1:30am)

DJ Tom Cooney will be spinning old school hip hop, r&b and top 40 in the Vault. Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Saturday, November 25th

Holiday Decorating of Benoit Square (8:00am)

Join us in decorating Benoit Square for the holiday season! Many hands make light work. 267 Adams St., Fairhaven.

Eat, Shop, Explore, Stay! Destination New Bedford Shopping! (8:00am-9:00pm)

Looking for a unique gift, delicious culinary adventure or unique adventure? Visit New Bedford! It will be worth your trip! FREE 2 hour parking November 24-January 1.



*When's the last time
you had a massage?*

"The Ahead" employee store is now open to the public! (9:00am-7:00pm)

Thousands of first quality overruns and irregulars – men's and women's items to choose from. Caps, visors, toques, shirts, fleece, jackets, Polo shirts, divot tools, money clips, t-shirts, leather good, golf gloves, accessories, and more! New

Bedford Industrial Park, 270 Barnet Blvd. New Bedford.

Drop-in Crafts at the Wilks Library (7:30pm-9:00pm)

Drop by and make a craft we have prepared in our children's area. Crafts will be set out every Saturday, except holidays. Wilks Library, 1911 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford.

Small Business Saturday at the Z (10:00am-9:00pm)

NO FEES! Show us your receipt from a Downtown shop or restaurant on Small Business Saturday and we'll waive your fees! Purchase tickets to a Zeiterion performance in person at the Box Office on Saturday, November 25, with a receipt from a Downtown business dated November 25, 2017, and your ticket processing fees will be waived. Available on-line midnight to midnight, or at the Zeiterion Box Office hours 10AM-9PM. Only select shows are eligible for Black Friday/Cyber Monday discounts. The lowest ticket price is listed for each show, whether it's the Black Friday/Cyber Monday discount price or the lowest non-discounted price. Black Friday/Cyber Monday discounts only apply to select shows and tickets with an original face value \$26 or greater, on the dates and times indicated above. Prior sales excluded. Cannot be combined with any other discount. Convenience and processing fees still apply.

Homestead Holiday Fair (10:00am-3:00pm)

Homesteaders of New England Holiday Fair. Come join us for a day full of Fun, Shopping, and Holiday Cheer. Support our local farmers and shop for products produced on and by their farms. You'll find Soaps, Balms, Lotions, Scrubs, Honey, Artisan Breads, Sauces, Herbs, Spices, Crafts, Woodworking, Signs, Toys, Ornaments, Fibers, and much much more. Bring the kids to enjoy our Farm Animals, Face-painting, Pony Rides, Popcorn and more. So after the craziness of Black Friday, come relax and celebrate Homestead Saturday!!!!!! Tractor Supply Co. 406 Main St., Plympton.

2017 Easton Festival of Trees (11:00am-5:00pm)

2017 Easton Festival of Trees opens Saturday 11/25/17 through Sunday 12/10/17. Closed on Mondays, Tuesday & Wednesdays. See website for hours. Easton Festival of Trees is a popular annual fundraiser that invites thousands of residents from surrounding towns to revel in the holiday season through a magnificent display of beautifully decorated holiday trees.

All trees are donated by local residents, merchants, and organizations, resulting in an impressive variety of 50 + themes and designs. Shown in the classic setting of the Easton Country Club, attendees are welcome to take a chance on winning one of the trees or simply bask in their glow while enjoying a delicious club snack or drink. The hugely popular Lottery and Giving Trees will once again be filled to capacity. And Kids' Day, along with as many other special events, will ensure fun for the whole family! Kids 12 and under are FREE!! <http://www.eastonfestivaloftrees.org>. Easton Country Club, 265 Purchase Street, Easton.

Ken Richards – Pub Side Acoustic (3:30pm-6:00pm)

Ken Richards, guitarist-singer-songwriter, worked with Rolling Stones producer Jimmy Miller, recorded with Marianne Faithful, and is lead guitarist and co-founder of The Pearly Baker Band (Grateful Dead cover band) for 30 years running. Ken is also an internationally known artist. Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.



*Don't miss Sunday
afternoon's show at
the Z!*

Entrain – Live in the Vault at Greasy Luck Brewpub

(8:30pm-11:00pm)

Join us as Entrain will be making their first appearance Live in the Vault at Greasy Luck Brewpub on 11/25/17. Tickets can be purchased ahead online through Ticketfly at the following link: greasyluckbrewpub.ticketfly.com or paid for directly at Greasy Luck. If you purchase at Greasy Luck, we will e-mail them out to you and you can avoid the Ticketfly convenience fees. Epic in sound and kaleidoscopic in vision, the eclectic Martha's Vineyard-based six piece Entrain has been thrilling critics and fans alike since its inception. Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Sunday, November 26th

FREE Guided Bird Walk (8:00am-4:00pm)

Grab your binoculars and join our birding experts out on the trails for Sunday Bird Walks at Norman Bird Sanctuary. 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. The Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 3rd Beach Road, Middletown, RI.

Eat, Shop, Explore, Stay! Destination New Bedford Shopping! (8:00am-9:00pm)

Looking for a unique gift, delicious culinary adventure or unique adventure? Visit New Bedford! It will be worth your trip! FREE 2 hour parking November 24-January 1.

NBSO The Sibelius Connection at the Z (3:00pm)

Not to be missed! Masterful bass guitarist Lauri Porra is the great-grandson of the great Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. In this concert, Porra will dazzle in the U.S. premiere of his own Concerto for Electric Bass and Orchestra, combining rock and classical music. The New Bedford Symphony will follow with the First Symphony of Jean Sibelius, written when he was just 33 years old, exploring the endless possibilities of the orchestra with fresh and youthful excitement. THIS PERFORMANCE

IS ELIGIBLE FOR BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY DISCOUNTS.*
DETAILS BELOW.

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Faces Of New Bedford #130: Caroline Paradis

Meet Caroline Paradis, 39-year-old Reiki
Practitioner and Meditation instructor.



Caroline grew up in South Carolina but moved up to the area to potentially move to Boston or Providence for work, but fell in love with New Bedford and decided to stay in the area. She got into working with nonprofits by working at Rotch-Jones Duff House and from there became the Director of PR and Marketing for United Way.

After several years of working with United Way, she became the President of Junior Achievement. She truly loved the mission of the program, but during that time in her life she felt that

things were off balance between work and life. During that time, she had gone for a few Reiki sessions and, after a weekend retreat at Kripalu Yoga Center, she began seeking out meditation. It was her meditation practice that pushed her to become certified in Reiki.

Reiki is the practice of balancing one's own energy, as we are all energetic beings. The belief is that, over time, our body's energy gets out of balance and Reiki practitioners are able to help channel universal energy to help establish equilibrium in the body.

After earning her Reiki certification, Caroline made the jump from her nonprofit career to become a full-time Reiki practitioner and guided meditation facilitator. She is such a large advocate for Reiki and meditation because with the current state of affairs, people are feeling more stress and anxiety than ever, and her hope is to help alleviate that stress. This has even pushed her to hold a weekly lunchtime guided meditation in downtown New Bedford, so that those who work in the area can use that time to re-align and center themselves before returning to the stresses of the day. "Meditation isn't about shutting your mind off, it's about how you deal with your thoughts."

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](#)**.

4 Things Pro Sports Should Embrace About Cannabis

Professional sports is undoubtedly a unique line of work. Games we fell in love with as children are making grown men and women millions of dollars annually. Millions of people watch religiously, and wear the colors of their favorite team proudly for the world (and Jets fans) to see every Sunday. But a harsh reality in the world of professional sports is that our entertainment, at times, comes at the cost of another human being's health and well-being.

Occasionally, I have to look away from the game. Especially when I hear words like those of Kevin Harlan during the Celtics and Cavaliers game on October 17, 2017. The definitive, "Gordon Hayward has broken his leg" call that came twice from commentary was a tough pill to swallow.

Many professional athletes deal with chronic pain their entire playing careers. The wear and tear of playing physical sports such as football, hockey, basketball, and mixed martial arts means tens of thousands of professional athletes must take additional care of their body on a regular basis while they play. Being proactive, however, does not guarantee physical immunity long term. To address the need for healthcare, most professional sports organizations have continually provided athletes with the conventional supply of painkillers and prescription opioids to mitigate pain.

As a consequence, many professional athletes deal with pain sustained during their playing career long after they have retired. Even worse is that some athletes end up addicted to pain pills and opioids, and eventually lose their well-being and life in the process.

If professional sports embraced a non-conventional stance on

player safety and wellness, specifically one that allows players to consume cannabis freely, it would be a tremendously beneficial step for the safety of professional athletes.

Here are 4 Things Pro Sports Should Embrace About Weed:

#1- Many athletes consume it!

According to former UFC Heavyweight Champion Bas Rutten, nearly 80% of the UFC consumes cannabis to recover. Interestingly, this did not stop Nick Diaz from being suspended by the UFC for 5 years due to testing positive for cannabis. Additionally, former NFL player Eben Britton says at least 50% of football players use weed, despite the NFL's harsh punishments for cannabis users; such as Josh Gordon's league ban. The NBA has been thought to employ many cannabis users as well, as former player Jay Williams estimated 80% of players self-medicate.

(https://www.huffingtonpost.com/alex-thiersch/professional-athletes-call_b_9567716.html)

In fact, this past summer, ESPN's Brian Windhorst reported smelling burning marijuana in the Cleveland Cavaliers' locker room following an NBA finals game against the Golden State Warriors. Other well known cannabis users throughout NBA history include hall of fame coach Phil Jackson and current Sacramento Kings player Zach Randolph; who recently faced charges for possession of marijuana.

With the exception of the NFL, professional sports organizations do not typically suspend players for solely consuming weed. More often than not, athletes are suspended for violating the performance enhancing element of a league's wellness policy. The NHL and MLB are known as being fairly lenient when it comes to cannabis, as they focus the distribution of suspensions on athletes that use substances like steroids and amphetamines to gain a competitive edge on the field. Rather than crack down on guys using weed to deal with general wear and tear, professional sports organizations

care more about influencing how the public perceive their players and product.

Organizations such as the NFL care more about 'protecting the shield'. If a particular story might negatively impact reputation, ratings and earnings, the league will do what it can to bury the lead. This means that stigma attached to cannabis is leading pro sports organizations to either avoid cannabis discussions among players (such as the MLB, NHL, NBA, and UFC) or aggressively prohibit weed altogether (the NFL).

Ironically, the number of athletes that consume cannabis would suggest professional sports organizations could do a lot more work on removing cannabis stigma simply by letting it be up to the players to decide if they consume it or not. Especially since a majority of professional sports already concede cannabis doesn't enhance physical performance. So why not embrace giving the players an informed choice on consuming cannabis, rather than continuing to pump them with pain pills?

#2- Cannabis is a safer, more effective treatment for chronic pain, and many athletes struggle with prescription opioids and pain pills.

Professional sports organizations in America follow the precedent set by the pharmaceutical company in regards to treating athletes. Like millions of other Americans, these athletes must consult with team and personal doctors about specific ailments they deal with on the job, and as a result they are given prescriptions to pharmaceutical drugs. Like millions of other Americans, there are athletes who have legitimate health concerns that must be addressed, and it is far too easy for these people to be given opiate prescriptions for them to grow dependent on. And when the pain is chronic, the dependency levels for these drugs go up with time.

Former NFL player Eben Britton spoke with three other former NFL players who advocate for cannabis during a video for

HERB.co. Some of the most striking comments of the 10 minute conversation came when Britton addressed the NFL's culture of players popping pills. Since players are legally prescribed pain medication by doctors, it becomes very easy for players to not only get themselves hooked on opioids, but for teammates to develop addictions as well.

"I mean they were doing little envelopes of vicodin on the plane, after the games, before the games. And you know for me, I realized I would take these pills and I'd just feel insane. You know my rage and my anger was like on a hair-trigger-right at the surface...especially after times when I was put on IR (injury reserve) with my back surgery or my shoulder surgery. I couldn't get dressed on my own. I couldn't tie my shoes. And then you're taking these pills that are exacerbating your state."

-Eben Britton (Herb.co
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=zMFEpkoZo-o @ 1:06)

While it is clear that there is a medical need for opiate prescriptions depending on the athlete's condition (such as Gordon Hayward's surgery), to suggest that preventing professional athletes from safely accessing alternative medicines such as cannabis is a better precedent for sports organizations to set is absurd. There is no fatal dosage of cannabis, and the side effects are far less dangerous than those of opioids. More importantly, if a patient and their doctor deems it is medically worth prescribing cannabis for health benefits that have been scientifically proven, why should a sports organization stop them from prescribing it? Why should sports organizations be allowed to say to their athletes, "its either our way or the high way." No pun intended.

#3-Cannabis offers CTE benefits.

According to Harvard professor Lester Grinspoon, cannabis

could make players more resistant to CTE, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy; a degenerative brain disease that affects many professional athletes. From confusion, rage, nausea, to self harm; CTE poses terrifying obstacles to professional athletes, organizations, and families. The Journal of the American Medical Association published a study earlier this year that found CTE in the brains of 110 of 111 deceased NFL players.

Even worse-the study found that CTE was found in nearly 20% of high school players, and in 90% of college players. As athletes play throughout their life, the risk of developing CTE becomes greater to the point where a diagnosis, which can only be made once the brain can be dissected, becomes almost inevitable.

(<https://www.civilized.life/articles/medical-marijuana-could-help-the-nfls-concussion-problem-percent-of-nfl-players-will-develop-degenerative-brain-disease-medical-marijuana-could-help/>)

While there is currently no cure for CTE nor a current method of detecting it in living people, science suggests that CBD (cannabidiol-the non psychoactive ingredient in cannabis) possesses neuroprotective properties that can protect athletes from CTE. Additionally, THC (the psychoactive ingredient in cannabis) stimulates parts of the brain that are involved in healing brain trauma. At this time, there is science that suggests cannabis could not only reduce the effects of CTE, but reverse them as well. During a time where few people understand CTE fully, an embrace of cannabis and cannabis research from sports organizations could potentially save the lives of many current and past professional athletes, and set an entirely new precedent for health and well being across the country.

#4-Cannabis offers financial incentives

A more obvious benefit to an acceptance of cannabis by professional sports would come financially. It is well

documented that states that have legalized cannabis have pulled in hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue in short time spans. An embrace of cannabis in pro sports would mean athletes would be able to become spokesmen for cannabis facilities around the country. Pro athletes and organizations already make money via partnerships with breweries, restaurants, and car dealers. So why can't Chong's Choice sponsor the starting left guard for the Los Angeles Rams? Why can't Snoop Dogg run a special line of vaporizers with the kicker for the Pittsburgh Steelers' face on it?

Wouldn't it make sense for the Raiders, upon moving to Las Vegas where recreational cannabis was just made legal, to seek partnerships with cannabis companies? As legalization hits more of the country, advertisers will be desperate to promote their product through popular culture. Companies will be dying to promote their product in the NFL, NBA, and NHL; whether it be through athlete endorsements, product placement, or stadium and event sponsorships. Professional sports could certainly capitalize financially if they were to allow teams and athletes to embrace cannabis.

To an objective audience, it may be clear that if professional sports embraced a stance on player safety and wellness that allowed players to consume cannabis freely, it would be a tremendously beneficial step for the safety of professional athletes. Due to the benefits cannabis offers people suffering from prescribed opioid addictions, chronic pain, and CTE symptoms, and the number of athletes currently self-medicating, professional sports organizations would be more effective with contributing toward the well being of athletes if they were to embrace cannabis as a whole.

Downtown New Bedford annual Christmas tree lighting set for December 2

New Bedford's annual Christmas tree lighting celebration at the New Bedford Free Public Library in downtown New Bedford is scheduled for 5pm on Saturday, December 2nd.

Here's a look at last year's countdown:

At 4:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will lead a parade up William Street to the Main Library. The parade will feature the award-winning New Bedford High School Whaler Marching Band and the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard. The countdown celebration will begin at 5:00 p.m. with greetings from elected officials and an appearance by Santa Claus!