

Two 12-year old boys seriously injured in hit and run in New Bedford

New Bedford Police are actively investigating a hit and run accident which sent two New Bedford boys to Rhode Island Hospital with serious injuries. The two boys, both 12 years old were operating a motorized moped when they were struck at the intersection of Blackmere and South Second Street. Both boys were not wearing helmets and suffered serious injuries as result. The vehicle that did the hitting fled the scene and was reported as possibly an Acura, silver grayish in color. The vehicle sustained heavy front end damage as result of the crash.

Anyone with information is asked to please contact the New Bedford Police at 508-991-6350 or leave an anonymous tip at 508-992-7463 or at tip@newbedfordpd.com.

Shark Tank holding open casting call in Somerville on July 17

Attend an Open Call where you will be given the opportunity to do a 1-minute pitch of your business/product/idea to a member of the Casting Team – just like you would as if you were on the show. Come prepared to wow and dazzle us. Be advised: security may check your bag and you are responsible for your own parking. We do not validate. To apply at an Open Call you

must have a completed Application Packet. **Download the Application HERE** and bring it with you. Please take the time to complete it fully and legibly.

All Open Calls are open to the general public. As long as you arrive during the allotted "Numbered Wristbands Distributed" time and receive a wristband you will have the chance to pitch. There is no reason to camp out the night before. Please be respectful of the neighborhood in regards to trash and noise. If you have any questions please email us at casting@sharktanktv.com. We will get back to you as soon as we can. Please do NOT call the venue.

OPEN CALL NOTES:

- You will have time to go back to your vehicle after you receive your wristband to get any large or bulky props or equipment.
- There are no guarantees of access to power, internet or any other A/V equipment.
- You may only pitch one business, product or idea.

2017 CASTING CALL AUDITION SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JULY 17TH – BOSTON, MA

CANOPY CITY

14 Tyler St. 3rd Fl.

Somerville, MA 01243

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Numbered Wristbands Distributed

10:00 AM – Interviews Begin

Boston will be the last open call for Season 9.

Opinion: Panhandling in New Bedford continues to be a major problem

The following was sent to us from a reader:

“As soon as heroin/opioid addiction became an epidemic in New Bedford, panhandling became an epidemic. Hmmm, what does that tell you?

Panhandlers are everywhere in this damn city, and it's a nuisance. It's embarrassing to have out of town people visit. They qualify for section 8 and public housing before our veterans, disabled and elderly. They don't have to wait long because they are at the very top of the wait list. However, I've been seeing the same ones for years. Homeless, my ass.

As far as veterans, I feel for them, however, a lot of these panhandles dress like veterans and they really aren't. I know a few of them. I also saw a group of five people get out of a new BMW downtown and each took up a corner asking for money. Also, I saw a man downtown leave his corner, go behind the building I was in, and light up a crack pipe.

The mayor should make panhandling illegal. If you offer to bring them food, they say “I need and prefer the cash”. They are making more than me by standing near Market Basket. Market Basket has approximately 10,000 customers daily, especially on weekends. I looked it up when they went on strike. So if only a quarter of the people give them \$1.00, they walk away with \$2,500 that day. Insane. No wonder they rather stand there as a full time job, it pays more than all the entry level and moderate level jobs available. Panhandling requires no training or education. This needs to be stopped.”

Have an opinion you'd like to share? E-mail

Faunce Corner Road and I-195 Exit 12B to see closures starting July 16

MASS DOT will close Exit 12B (Faunce Corner Road) on on I-195 West for four overnight periods beginning on Sunday, July 16, at 9 p.m., so that paving operations may be conducted. All lanes of travel on I-195 will remain open during the temporary ramp closure.

Exit 12B (Faunce Corner Road) on I-195 west will be closed effective at 9:00 p.m. on July 16, July 17, July 18 and July 19. The closure is only overnight. The ramp will reopen at 5 a.m. on July 17, July 18, July 19 and July 20.

Travelers heading west will be detoured to Exit 11A (Reed Road / Hixville). Additionally, the MASS DOT posted tat parts of Faunce Corner will be closed from July 16-28.

#MAtraffic Alert: Dartmouth- Faunce Corner Rd temporarily closed to vehicular traffic, Sun, July 16 thru Fri, July 28. Paving. Detours.

– Mass. Transportation (@MassDOT) July 15, 2017

Dartmouth awarded \$5.4 million library construction grant

Today, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) awarded nine communities Provisional Construction Grants through the state-funded Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP). Twenty-four other communities have been placed on a waitlist and will receive grants as funding becomes available.

“The Commonwealth’s local public libraries provide individuals of all ages with invaluable resources that they otherwise might not be able to access,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Our administration is pleased to once again support this important grant program that invests in cities and towns across the Commonwealth.”

The grants provide crucial funding to local libraries that enable libraries to meet the growing demand for services. Attendance at public library programs has increased 49% since 2006 and every 5.5 seconds a Massachusetts resident accesses the Internet through a public library. The grants are part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s commitment to ensuring that all the residents of the Commonwealth have equal access to information, technology, resources and programming.

“We’re sometimes asked whether libraries are still necessary in this digital age,” said MBLC Chair Mary Ann Cluggish. “The answer is an overwhelming ‘yes’. Libraries are busier than ever assisting residents with job searches or business start-ups, teaching residents to use new technology or simply providing the only free space where everyone in the community can continue their education. This important work would not be possible without the support of Governor Baker and the

Legislature.”

The average grant award is 45-50% of the eligible costs with the remaining cost incurred by the municipality.

Communities receiving grants are as follows (listed alphabetically):

Municipality Library Grant Award

Dartmouth Dartmouth Public Libraries – North Dartmouth Branch
\$5,346,004

Hadley Goodwin Memorial Library \$3,905,625

Kingston Kingston Public Library \$6,893,430

Medford Medford Public Library \$12,290,917

Norwell Norwell Public Library \$6,360,764

Springfield Springfield City Library – East Forest Park Branch
\$4,906,115

Sutton Sutton Public Library \$4,979,584

Wayland Wayland Free Public Library \$10,137,980

Weymouth Weymouth Public Libraries – Tufts Library \$12,085,184

The MBLC also offers Green Library Incentives which help offset the cost of incorporating environmentally friendly and energy-efficient systems in library building projects. Projects that attain the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification will receive 2-3.5% of the grant award in additional state funds administered by the MBLC. Commissioners authorized \$2,341,695 in Green Library Incentives for the projects that received Provisional Construction Grants.

During the next six months, grant recipients will work with their communities to secure the local match funding necessary to accept their grants. “Local support is key to the success of a project because it ensures that each project meets the unique needs of its residents,” said Rosemary Waltos, MBLC Library Building Specialist.

For this grant round, 33 libraries applied for construction grants through the MBLC's construction program. Twenty-four libraries have been waitlisted and will receive construction grants as the funding becomes available either through the existing bond bill or a future bond authorization.

MPLCP library building projects are currently underway in Hopkinton, Leicester, Scituate, Sherborn, Stoughton, and Woburn. Communities with recently completed projects include Eastham, Edgartown, Framingham, Reading, Shrewsbury, and West Springfield.

Funding for the MPLCP is authorized by the governor and the legislature. Funding for this grant round is part of the general governmental needs bond bill filed in March, 2013 which included \$150 million for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program. This funding was also used to award construction grants to 11 communities that had been on a waitlist for several years and will be used to support a future Planning and Design grant round.

The MPLCP was first funded in 1987. Since then, the program has assisted hundreds of communities in building new libraries or in renovating and expanding existing libraries. For more information about the program, please visit the MBLC's website: <https://mblc.state.ma.us/>

Driver killed after crashing into tractor trailer in

breakdown lane on 95

This morning, at approximately 5:25 a.m., troopers from the State Police Barracks in Foxboro responded to reports of a crash on Route 95 Northbound, at the 10 mile-marker, near the rest area in Mansfield. Upon arrival, Trooper Samantha Lucas discovered that a 2015 Ford F250 pickup, had struck the rear of a 2015 Kenworth tractor-trailer which was disabled in the breakdown lane, with a flat tire. Upon crashing into the rear of the trailer, the F250 immediately caught fire.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, a 56-year-old man, of Providence Rhode Island, who was seated in the tractor's driver's seat, suffered minor injuries, but refused immediate medical treatment.

Preliminary investigation has revealed the F250 was driving at a high rate of speed in the breakdown lane, prior to the crash. The driver, and only occupant of the F250 pickup, was determined to be deceased at the crash scene. Identification has not yet been made on the deceased victim.

The right two lanes continue to be closed, as extrication of the victim is still ongoing.

The remaining facts and circumstances of the crash are currently under investigation by troopers assigned to the State Police Foxboro Barracks and the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office. Troop H Headquarters, State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section (CARS), State Police Crime Scene Services Section (CSSS), Mansfield Fire, Mansfield EMS, North Attleboro Fire Department, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) all assisted on scene.

Visitor and Parking Information for Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival

Don't miss July 15th's New Bedford Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival at Fort Taber from 12 to 5 p.m.! We are expecting plenty of visitors, so we are sharing some helpful information for parking in the area:

- All East Beach parking lots will be open. Beach parking is free for those with a seasonal beach parking pass, or \$5 for those without a pass. Seasonal parking passes WILL be accepted at all lots.
- A parking lot will be open across from the HarborWalk on East Rodney French Blvd., as will school parking lots at Roosevelt Middle School and Taylor Elementary School. A trolley will pick up and drop off at the boat ramp by the HarborWalk and The Edge Restaurant (\$5) running from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from the parking lots to Fort Taber
- A limited amount of parking will on be available on the beach side of East Rodney French Blvd.
- Please note that some areas off South Rodney French Blvd. are resident parking only.
- Sea Lab on Portland Street offers some parking space within walking distance of the Fort.
- Utilize the trolley that will be available from 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. to and from all parking lots into Fort Taber.
- Wear comfortable shoes, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy!

Booth space available for Fairhaven's 2017 Harvest Fun Day

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is holding its fifth Harvest Fun Day on Saturday, October 14, 2017, on the lawn of the Visitors Center at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street. A limited number of booth spaces are available for non-profit groups, artists, crafters and Fairhaven businesses that wish to offer items for sale, provide children's games or fall-themed activities, sell food, etc. This could be used as a fundraising opportunity for groups and it can provide a venue for those looking for a fun community event in which to participate. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Office of Tourism will offer spaces on a first come first served basis, with first priority given to past vendors, Fairhaven-based non-profit groups, individual artists and crafters, and businesses. New vendors from outside of Fairhaven may be accepted as space allows. The space will be approximately eleven feet square to allow groups to set up 10'x10' pop-up canopies if desired. (Special arrangements for larger areas may be made on a case by case basis as room allows.) A limited number of spots can have access to electricity. Harvest Fun Day will be marketed primarily as a Family/Children's event with a fall theme. Potential vendors should keep that in mind when deciding on whether or not they wish to participate. Free or low-cost children's activities are particularly encouraged, as are locally produced goods or Fairhaven-themed items.

Vendors will be asked to make a donation of \$10 to the Office of Tourism Gift Account. This money goes toward the rental of handicap accessible portable toilets. (Town of Fairhaven government entities –senior center, Fairhaven Public Schools groups, etc.–are exempt from the donation.)

If you, your group or business are interested in applying for a booth space, please email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov anytime with details of what you would like to do. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number. Or you may call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085. (Note: The Visitors Center will be closed August 6-13.) Participants will be selected by the Office of Tourism based on how suited the booths, products and/or activities are to the overall “Harvest Fun Day” theme. They will also be screened to eliminate having too many booths offering similar products.

The final deadline to apply for a space will be Friday, September 1, but acceptances may be confirmed before then and space is limited, so please apply early.

For more details about Harvest Fun Day, visit the web site <http://fairhaventours.com/annual-harvest-fun-day/>.

Bristol County District Attorney's Office Holds Press Conference For Remains Found In Dartmouth

Here's Bristol County District Attorney's Office – DA Quinn providing a press conference last night after FBI agents and

State Police swarmed a North Dartmouth home where human remains were found.

Slainte Irish Pub's inspired lunch menu is a breath of fresh air for New Bedford

Slainte Irish Pub has been a local staple for many years – you'd be hard pressed to find someone who hasn't spent time at the popular downtown destination. The Union Street eatery has been a a haven for locals to unwind, whet their proverbial whistle, and enjoy some great local musical acts.

When Slainte first opened it was pretty much on its own, boldly yet nestled in, made a home in the city and paved the way for many future spots. Quite a few have since come and gone, yet Slainte has stood the test of time. The Irish Pub has now been a downtown fixture for 15 years this December!



Irish curry!

Slainte has done so well because they are giving their patrons what they want: an establishment with a casual, welcoming atmosphere, some friendly, smiling faces behind the bar, plenty of live musical talent, and, of course, they provide New Bedford with some great mouth-watering food.

Many people will mention one of the more popular features: opening up the roof deck in the warmer months. A roof deck – which by the way like the all new function room – is available for private parties and special occasions. Have a birthday, anniversary, promotion to celebrate, or other special occasion? How does having the roof deck or function room as your own with Slainte as the setting sound? You get the service, the delicious food, cocktails, drafts...everything for your own group on your special day.

Want to enjoy your meal at street level surrounded by cobblestones/sets? Slainte's outdoor seating is now available!



This basic formula of success of giving the people what they want was owner and operator, Irish transplant Barry Flynn's goal from the very beginning. This is something he is clearly passionate about as you will always find him there working on something, talking about something new he is doing there, or which new act is coming up next. This passion is evidently contagious because you'll find interacting with servers and staff alike, the same enthusiasm. Over the almost 15 years they have been open I cannot recall ever having anything but a positive experience.

What I personally love about Slainte – having been to many Irish Pubs throughout Europe – is the look and feel of a proper Irish pub. With the recent expansion of their menu and addition of many Irish favorites, Slainte is fulfilling something their patrons have talked about for some time now: offering a full lunch. This is great news for those of us who love to have a Guinness at lunch and devour the great food coming out of the kitchen, but would always wanted a lunch option too.



I'm pretty excited about the new lunch offering. It's just another reason to visit. In fact, I've already had lunch twice since they begun offering the new menu. So, what kind of dishes are we talking about? For those who don't want the boat rocked too much, all your standard pub fare is offered, so don't fret.

You can, of course, get your chicken wings (50 cents every day!), chicken tenders (\$1.00 every day), potato skins, onion rings, pizza (10" thin crust – starts at \$5 cheese and on Wednesdays ALL pizzas are \$5, any variety), clam chowder, a variety of salads and wraps, burgers and more. They have also added a kids section that includes Chicken Tenders with Fries (\$5), Grilled Cheese w/ Fries (\$5), and Shepherd's Pie (\$5).

What will differentiate Slainte from other establishments within New Bedford are these specifically Irish dishes and very "local" favorites. The **Bogside Irish Curry Fries** – fries served with a sweet Irish curry sauce on the side (\$4) which, if you have never had, you will quickly become addicted to. It is obscenely delicious. The **New Beige Sandwich** is sauteed,

tangy chourico tossed with chips and served on a fresh Portuguese pop (\$9).

Sligo's Shepherd's Pie is seasoned ground beef with carrots, corn and onions, then layered with mashed potatoes and topped with gravy (\$11). This is not your mom's shepherd's pie! An absolutely to die for **St. Jame's Gate Guinness Beef Stew** of tender steak tips simmered in a savory sauce with carrots, onions, mushrooms, and a dollop of mashed potatoes, served in a bread bowl (\$11). St. James' Gate was an entrance to Dublin during the middle ages, but in this case you are entering foodie heaven.



My personal favorite is the **Bogside Chicken Curry** perfectly grilled, tender morsels of chicken sauteed with peppers, onions, and mushrooms in an Irish curry sauce, served in a bread bowl, and garnished with french fries. I'm salivating thinking about it and tearing off pieces of the bread bowl to soak up that delectable curry. Made exactly how I remember it at various pubs in Ireland and even in England. Don't tell

Barry, I said that. Or tell him I said the Irish version is far better.

The new menu is simply too large for me to cover and there is no better way than to stop in for lunch and find out for yourself. See the difference serving fresh made food, not frozen, makes. What happens when you have people who genuinely care about the food they are preparing and serving. When you love what you're doing, it comes through and that is never more evident when someone is cooking.

If you need more incentive, take a glimpse at those affordable prices – Slainte is just welcoming you with open arms. These prices are an invitation and display a confidence – they know that once you try Slainte out, you're going to fall in love with what they are doing. With those prices you can afford to make Slainte your "local" and with this new expanded lunch menu you'll find yourself not just coming for the night life, but for a fantastic lunch on a regular basis.

When you add in the ability to have private parties and functions, the loads of regular live music entertainment, frequent food specials, one of the friendliest atmospheres in the city, and the best Guinness on the SouthCoast it's no wonder that Slainte has been around for 15 years and there's no doubt in my mind that they will be around for at least 15 more.

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