

# **PACE is seeking candidates for their Board of Directors**

Candidates will be elected to serve as low income representatives through a new election process during the month of March. Candidates must be residents of the City of New Bedford, be at least 18 years old and submit a candidate profile before February 15, 2017. The election of candidates to the PACE Board will occur during the month of March as PACE clients and other low income City residents will be voting at the Main Office of PACE at 166 William Street during regular business hours.

Any low income resident of New Bedford is eligible to vote in this new election process and may request a ballot any time during regular business hours during the month of March. Proof of low income status is required for low income voters who are not clients of a PACE program. Low Income Board representatives are eligible for a \$25 stipend for each Board meeting attended to cover transportation and child care costs.

Candidate Profile forms can be obtained at the Main Office of PACE, at 166 William Street during regular business hours. Proof of residency of New Bedford is required. Completed Candidate Profiles must be received by the PACE Election Committee, located at 166 William Street, New Bedford by 4 PM on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. All qualified candidates for election will be placed on a ballot with their Candidate Profile. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve on the PACE Board.

People Acting In Community Endeavors Inc., (PACE) The Community Action Agency for the Greater New Bedford Area, is entering its thirty fifth year of service to the community. The Agency serves the towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester as well as the city of New

Bedford.

PACE, as it is known today, was incorporated on May 2, 1982, as a private Not For Profit Organization. The community selected the Board of Directors, with the mission of establishing an organization that would advocate for low-income people and aggressively seek out funding to reduce the problems that the low-income population in New Bedford. The Board oversees the work of the Agency and charts its course for the future.

PACE offers FREE services to the community through its Programs including;

- Housing Search for the homeless or tenancy issues.
- Fuel Assistance for payment assistance associated with home heating bills
- Emergency Food Bank
- Head Start for income eligible families for early care educational instruction
- Child Care Works for educational development and Child Care Services
- The Family Center for parent and family support services
- Youth Build for “at risk youth” focusing on educational and community service
- Health Access Services for the uninsured
- Tax Assistance Program through VITA
- The Clemente Course in the Humanities
- Grassroots support for other community organizations
- PACE Community Housing Corp., which was created for smaller housing development projects and home ownership opportunities for low-income people

PACE employs a staff of 165 in addition to over 100 volunteers, and serves more than 40,000 clients who seek PACE services yearly with an annual budget in excess of \$65,000,000.00.

According to Bruce Morell, PACE Executive Director; “The Board of Directors has developed a new process to elect representative of the low income population to serve on our Board of Directors. Board members with direct contact to the people we serve, or who are recipients of a PACE service themselves, are valuable in providing direction and feedback about the services we provide in the community. This election process should be very exciting as we expect that there will be many low income individuals voting for their own representatives to the Board. PACE Board Members serve their community and the Agency with pride and distinction with a real commitment to the clients who put their trust in the Organization to assist them with their needs. We are very proud of our Board of Directors”.

Elections will be held month long in March 2017 at the PACE Main Office at 166 William Street, New Bedford during regular business hours.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL PACE; 508-999-9920

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## **Fire fighters respond to mill fire in the north end of New Bedford**

There was a mill fire off of North Front Street in the north end of New Bedford yesterday afternoon. Arson is suspected as fire fighters report that tires were stacked up and set on fire. 15 firefighters responded to the fire with no injuries reported.

While responding to the fire, police discovered a homeless

encampment near the mill with four tents, clothing and trash.

Video by Carlos Pimentel Felix.

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## Putting Trump's temporary travel ban in perspective

The hot topic of the week is President Trump's travel ban stopping citizens from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Libya, Somalia and Sudan from entering the United States for 90 days. Large protests are popping up around the United States and **world leaders are outraged**. The mainstream media is whipping people up into a frenzy, but really not reporting the entire story – just the part where Trump is the evil dictator for banning Muslim-majority countries.

Do a little research and you'll find something interesting; sixteen countries, all Muslim majority, forbid admission to Israeli passport holders. They are Algeria, Bangladesh, Brunei, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Of those, eight (Iran, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen) do not allow re-entry to people with evidence of travel to Israel. Go to Israel for business or vacation? Sorry, you are not welcome back.

A quick look at this map shows you that every Muslim country in the Middle East except Jordan, Turkey and Egypt ban Israel citizens from entering. I'll bet you lunch it's because the U.S. and Israel basically bribe them with aid money and military equipment. Have you seen how awesome and western the Turkish and Jordan Air Forces are?



By User:MaGioZal – Countries (in green) that reject passports from Israel (blue). Countries that reject not only Israeli passports but also any passport which contain Israeli stamps or visas are in dark green.

Every country on Trump's list besides Somalia forbids an entire people, almost all Jewish, from ever entering the country. Not 90 days, but a lifetime ban. I'm sure if Somalia had a government they would ban Jews too. There were no protests on the streets of those countries. In fact, you likely saw celebrations when these laws were enacted.

Locally, two UMass Dartmouth professors were detained at the airport for a few hours and in response 100's of articles were written and the university held a press conference where dozens of media outlets attended. I don't recall this same attention when the entire Middle East banned all Jews from their countries, but I digress.

Let's forget for a moment that Presidents and legislators from sixteen majority-Muslim countries banned all people of the majority Jewish country from ever entering their country. Let's forget that they did it with no protest or outrage from the mainstream media around the world. Let's focus on Trump's "Muslim ban."

The common theme, and lie, that is going around the world is that Trump banned Muslims from entering the United States. But once emotion and politics are pushed aside, you realize it's not true. There are roughly **50 Muslim dominated countries in the world** and Trump temporarily banned citizens from 7 of them. Quick math tells you 43 Muslim countries were not added to the ban list. Out of the **top 10 countries with Muslim populations** only Iran is on the list.

In fact, the top 5 countries with the largest Muslim

population, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Egypt are not on Trump's list. That's about 700 million Muslims, or more than twice the population of the United States, are not affected by Trump's temporary ban. Add the other 38 countries not on the list and well over a billion Muslims are not effected. So, let's stop calling this a Muslim ban.

You can disagree with Trump's 90-day ban on citizens from from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Libya, Somalia and Sudan, but make sure you know all the available information. Not only do these countries already ban entire people from entering their country, they are dangerous places.

ISIS dominates much of Syria and Iraq and the governments in these countries are as corrupt as they come. Iran's leadership despises America, do you think they will cooperate with U.S. immigration laws? Somalia has no government to speak of – it's a lawless land. Yemen has been going through a civil war since 2015 and did you know that Al-Qaeda set up their new base of operations there? Libya is the place where President Obama help overthrow a dictator and then we had Ambassador Stevens and other Americans killed not to mention ISIS has a strong foothold now. Sudan? Slavery and terrorism are major problems there.

These seven countries are on a temporary travel ban from entering the U.S. because they are dangerous places to live with a large number of people that want to do harm to Americans. To protest this travel ban, while ignoring the ban on Jews shows ignorance and political bias. To make this about Trump is not only silly, but dangerous.

*Editor's note: This article as written Michael Silvia who served 20 years as an intelligence officer in the Air Force. The opinions are his alone.*

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# Man arrested on drug charges after cocaine distribution investigation

An investigation by the New Bedford Police Department narcotics unit into cocaine distribution out of a State Street address led to the arrest Monday of a 25-year-old New Bedford man on drug charges.

Niles John Mello, 25, of 161 State St. Apt. 1, New Bedford, was charged with trafficking in cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute (subsequent offense.)

Police executed a search warrant at the residence at 7:39 p.m. Thirty grams of cocaine were seized, along with packaging materials and a digital scale.

Mello was convicted in 2012 in Bristol Superior Court for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

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## New Bedford police investigating three shootings within 4 hours on Monday

New Bedford police are following several leads in an active investigation of three incidents of shots fired Monday. All three incidents were reported by the Shotspotter detection

system. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

The first incident was reported around 6 p.m. in the area of Kempton and Chancery streets. A parked vehicle sustained damage.

The second incident was reported at about 10 p.m. in the area of Ash Street between Hillman and Maxfield Street. No evidence of shots fired was found at the scene.

The third incident was reported shortly after 10 p.m. in the area of Smith and Chancery streets. Preliminary investigation indicated that a home at 222 Smith St. sustained damage.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 508-991-6350 or the anonymous tip line at 508-992-7463 or e-mail [tip@newbedfordpd.com](mailto:tip@newbedfordpd.com).

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# **Your Input, Our Outcome. My View. My New Bedford**

Photo by "Photo Impressions By Victor"

By Nicole Nelson

There's this thing that happens when you talk to people from the SouthCoast or New England who are not from New Bedford, Massachusetts. Usually it's a smile and a quick compliment about the city like "Oh, I love the Whaling Museum", or "I drove by there on my way to the Ferry". Sometimes the comment is a little more specific: "The downtown area is really nice, I love the restaurants there."

While the Downtown area is nice, and the restaurants there are



great, and it is close to the Ferry, and the Whaling Museum is a civic treasure, there is more to New Bedford than the juxtaposition of burgeoning potential and the elephant in the room: Crime. I know this because I live here. I've lived here for a long time. Before I realized the whole crime thing I thought New Bedford was the best! Partly because I was very, very young, but also because it was home.

As an adult who has returned to New Bedford, I'm often conflicted. I'm still in love with the cobblestones and the food and the water and the history (don't even get me started on the history!!). But then there's the cynical adult part, right? The part that notices the shifty glances and the raised eyebrows when you proudly blurt out "Oh, I live in New Bedford!"

Because, let's be honest, it's getting better all the time but it's not there yet. It's sprouting, and the sprouts are starting to get stronger and a bloom is on the way but there are so many other factors that threaten this fragile growth. There's the crime, yes. But there's also the taxes! Oh my God, the taxes! The insurance hikes, the property values, the parking!

So what can you do?

What can you do when you're not in public service and you don't want to be mayor? What do you do when you don't have the capital to start a new business to contribute to the revitalization of downtown? What do you do when you get emotional about how beautiful those Victorian homes are and you just want so badly for things to get better, but you're just a guy? You're just some person who is trying to make it work on an individual level and you're fixing up your house but other than better landscaping there isn't much else you can do to make a change others can actually see?

There's this thing in marketing that claims "perception is

reality.” It means that if something looks better most people will believe it’s better even if it’s not. It’s obviously not real, but super effective nonetheless. We see this all the time with the latest iPhone and the new packaging for organic, natural, locally-grown celery. It’s the same but it’s dressed up, it’s nicer. And we want it.

So what? We take two negatives and turn them into a positive. Because positive is always better. It’s practically science. And to just really take this article to the next level with cliches: We fake it till we make it.

What I’m proposing is that we understand what the reality is but we choose to make it better. We focus on the good bits in order to crowd out the bad ones. We become a city of glowing positivity until we aren’t pretending anymore, we are just that. Because frankly, I’m tired of having those eyebrows pop up at the mention of my home in disapproval. I want those eyebrows popping up in envy, because I live in the up-and-coming city that has it all: The food, the history, the growth, the art, the views, and the citizens who refused to let it be less than it should be.

Make it up the way you want it to be. Design your future city. Highlight what makes it spectacular and pretty soon all of it will be. Join me in changing the perception of the city by doing what you already do all the time. Take photos of your cat, but your cat in your great apartment that is in New Bedford. Your martini from your favorite bar in New Bedford. The sunset over the water at the Fort in New Bedford. Tag it, be proud of it and share it. Get your followers that you’ve never met in real life and that live in New York or LA to google “New Bedford” because damn, that city looks amazing.

Your input, our outcome. My View, #MyNewBedford.

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*#MyNewBedford is a personal project started by Niki Nelson who is a graphic designer living in (you guessed it!) New Bedford, Massachusetts. To help Niki generate content for a new outlet that focuses on the beauty of the city following @mynewbedford on Instagram and share your photos with the hashtag #MyNewBedford and let's see where this thing goes.*

You can see more about Niki's project here.

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## **MOMIX presents “Opus Cactus” at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center**

Internationally-renown MOMIX will perform their stunning new Opus Cactus, a unique look at the American Southwest infused with the troupe's signature illusionistic style, at The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 11, 8:00 p.m. Opus Cactus demonstrates the epitome of circus art, dance, theatre and music in one enchanting presentation that The New York Times calls, “Two acts of fun and excitement.” Tickets start at \$27 and can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org), or at the Zeiterion at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 508-997-5664 x123. More information is available at [zeiterion.org](http://zeiterion.org).

After a 10-year hiatus, Opus Cactus returns with a new look, fresh energy, and fun surprises. The landscape of the American Southwest comes alive to uncover the danger, sensuality and humor hidden in the desert. Vibrant images of cacti, slithering lizards and fire dancers fill the stage in this

unique and modern experience created by Artistic Director Moses Pendleton. He is also the co-founder of the groundbreaking Pilobolus Dance Theatre.

For 20 years, MOMIX has been celebrated for its ability to conjure up a world of surrealistic images using props, light, shadow, humor and the human body. In addition to stage performances worldwide, the company has frequently worked on special projects and in film and television. MOMIX has made five Italian television features broadcast to 55 countries and has performed on Antenne II in France. MOMIX was also featured in PBS's Dance in America series. The company participated in the Homage a Picasso in Paris and was selected to represent the US at the European Cultural Center at Delphi.

The company appears with the Montreal Symphony in the film of Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, winner of an International Emmy for Best Performing Arts Special. In 1992, Pendleton created Bat Habits to celebrate the opening of the San Francisco Giants' new spring training park in Scottsdale, Arizona. MOMIX has been commissioned by corporations, performing at Fiat's month long 100th Anniversary Celebration in Torino, Italy and Mercedes Benz's International Auto Show in Frankfurt, Germany. With nothing more than light, shadow, props, and the human body, MOMIX has astonished audiences on five continents for more than 35 years.

MOMIX has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Spain, Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Russia, Denmark, England, Austria, Ireland, Holland, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore and Australia. The company is based in Washington, Conn.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org), by calling

508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and two hours before each performance.

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## **Presenting Bob Woodward for the New Bedford Lyceum Revival at The Z**

The City of New Bedford, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, New Bedford Whaling Museum, and partnering organizations announce the return of a city tradition that once brought the likes of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass to New Bedford. The New Bedford Lyceum established a tradition of intellectual debate in the city, with a model for discussion that brought people together to get to the heart of social and political issues. The first New Bedford Lyceum event is a presentation of two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward. He will examine "The Age of the American Presidency" on Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 p.m. at The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, New Bedford. Tickets are \$25, \$35, \$45 and the \$75 ticket includes a meet and greet with Mr. Woodward. Tickets are available by calling 508-994-2900, online at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org), or at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

The New Bedford Lyceum partners believe the need for the public's access to thoughtful discussions that go beyond partisan sound bites and social media has never been greater as the 45th president of the United States begins his

leadership in a divided America.

“For 75 years, the New Bedford Lyceum served not only to inform, educate and entertain ordinary citizens in New Bedford but to produce important social change by bringing in the greatest minds of the age, from Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass to Herman Melville and Charles Dickens,” said Bob Unger, principal of Unger LeBlanc Strategic Communications. “Poets, statesmen, philosophers and scientists all spoke here, and together they fostered a discussion that would change America.”

“We believe a similar conversation can and must begin again. We hope to help start that conversation through the revival of the Lyceum, again establishing New Bedford as an intellectual center and champion of citizen-led democracy.”

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell stated, “The reinstitution of the New Bedford Lyceum is a major step in New Bedford’s emergence as a city that cultivates, celebrates and spreads great ideas. Its mission is as relevant today as it was at the height of the whaling era, if not more so. I can’t thank Bob Unger and the partnership enough for their initiative in bringing this important institution back to life.”

The New Bedford Lyceum’s first act is to present Bob Woodward who will discuss “The Age of the American Presidency” just as the new administration wraps up its first 70 days in the White House. As a Washington Post veteran reporter, he has uncovered hidden stories from the secret world of presidents, the CIA, the Pentagon and the Supreme Court. Beginning with the coverage of Watergate with Carl Bernstein and their book and movie All the President’s Men, to his two bestselling books on Obama, he has an encyclopedic knowledge about presidential leadership, secret decision-making and the hard-nosed politics of Washington.

In his New Bedford Lyceum presentation of “The Age of the

American Presidency,” Woodward will speak to critical questions such as: How did Trump get to the White House? What are his true intentions? What can be believed? What positions are real? What information can be trusted and what statements and tweets really reflect where he is going?

New Bedford Lyceum partnership is made up of the City of New Bedford, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, Whaling Museum, Unger LeBlanc Strategic Communications, New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, SouthCoast Media Group, and Leadership SouthCoast.

In addition, the New Bedford Lyceum is presenting a free screening of the Academy Award winning movie “All the President’s Men” on Friday, March 24 at the New Bedford Whaling Museum theater. The movie, based on Woodward and Bernstein’s book of the same name, is a political thriller about their investigation into the Watergate scandal for the Washington Post. The film stars Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman as Woodward and Bernstein. A facilitated discussion led by Shannon Jenkins, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science at UMass Dartmouth, follows the film.

Tickets for New Bedford Lyceum presentation of Bob Woodward in “The Age of the American Presidency” at the The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center are available for purchase at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org), by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and two hours before each performance.

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# SouthCoast Fire Departments Receive S.A.F.E. Grants

Today, Senator Mark C. Montigny and Representative Robert Koczera are pleased to announce that several SouthCoast cities and towns will receive assistance under the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior SAFE programs. The communities set to receive funding include the following:

- Dartmouth District 3 Fire Department: \$6,202
- Fairhaven Fire Department/ EMS: \$7,336
- Mattapoisett Fire Department: \$6,541
- New Bedford Fire Department: \$14,039

Since implementing the SAFE Program twenty years ago, annual child related deaths have been reduced by an astounding 70%. Senior SAFE Programs were also created just three years ago and it is expected that similar positive impacts will also occur for senior related deaths.

“Ensuring our children and seniors receive basic fire prevention training, including basic home safety and how to respond in case of a fire, is crucial towards preventing fire related deaths,” said

Senator Montigny. “We will continue to support this program in the legislature to help protect the well-being of residents most at-risk from harm.”

“I am pleased New Bedford has been awarded SAFE grants to continue to provide important, lifesaving training to New Bedford school children and senior citizens. These grants make children and seniors aware of what to do should a fire occur,” Representative Robert Koczera said, “and could result in the saving of a life. I will continue to advocate for these funds.”



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# Winter Weather Advisory: Up to 6 inches of snow for eastern MA on Tuesday

The National Weather Service in Taunton has issued a winter weather advisory for snow which is in effect from 11 am Tuesday to 4 am Wednesday.

- Locations: eastern Massachusetts.
- Hazard types: snow.
- Accumulations: snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches with the potential for higher amounts nearing 6 inches.
- Timing: beginning Tuesday late afternoon with the heaviest snowfall occurring around the evening commute. Snow will continue into the overnight hours into Wednesday morning.
- Impacts: untreated roads and walkways will become slippery Tuesday evening. This may impact the Tuesday evening rush hour.