

New Bedford Local Cultural Council announces the grant awardees for 2024

"The New Bedford Local Cultural Council (NBLCC) is pleased to announce the grant awardees for 2024. New Bedford was allocated a total of \$179,052 to distribute during the 2024 grant cycle. This funding is granted to individuals, groups, and agencies whose projects enhance the arts, science, and humanities in the city of New Bedford.

Each year, volunteer council members sift through dozens of applications. The Council grants to those that: Promote and improve the quality of life for residents of New Bedford by providing venues that enhance education, diversity, arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Based on a survey of New Bedford residents in the summer of 2023, projects were prioritized that are free and low-cost, provide opportunities for education and skill-building, focus on inclusivity, diversity or local history, offer outdoor art and performances, and support local artists.

The Council strives to fund as many projects as possible. This year, 90 of the 138 applicants were chosen for awards. The NBLCC salutes the creativity of all those that applied for grants and took the time to read and apply the Council's priorities.

For those that would like to apply for next year's grant cycle or see the amounts the awards are for this year's recipients, go to the New Bedford Local Cultural Council website: <https://www.mass-culture.org/new-bedford>

Note that the present application dates and council priorities have not yet been updated from last year. These dates and priorities will be changed in August and the application opens

in September. Deadline for applications is typically mid-October.

For those who would like to know more about other grant opportunities, along with arts and programs in New Bedford, log onto– NewBedfordCreative.org. This online destination showcases the artists, artisans, attractions, events, and venues which form the cultural fabric of this seaport city on the South Coast of Massachusetts.

New Bedford Cultural Council 2024 Awardees:

- 3rd Eye Open
- AHA! Seaport Sessions
- Digital Abolition Row Park
- Wampanoag Social
- New Moon Projects: BodyBodyBody, Riverside Beats, and New Moon Roller Disco
- “Find Your Voice” Teen and preteen open mic series
- Old Time Fiddle Session and Community Gathering
- “Balance and Swing” reclaiming the physical language of community through dance
- Colorful Clay Relief Tile
- Identity Unveiled
- KabuMerikanus – The Sum of US: Exploring the Cabo Verde/United States Musical Connection and Legacy
- Doodle + Tranquility Workshop
- Unexpected Music
- Sweet Freedom
- Old Fashioned Brass Band Concert
- Gollywobbles Circus Show
- Co-Creative Sessions Season 4
- Showcasing Local Musicians & Local Food
- Rising Waters at CBC
- Literacy and Creativity in the City
- 2024 Holiday Stroll
- The Student Showcase
- Fossil Discoveries

- Trash to Treasure – Free Art Workshops at NB Library
- Madeiran Musical Traditions Alive! – Puppetry & Stories of My People
- Artist Share!
- Writing and Uncertainty
- Seafood at Sunset
- Johnny Cake Hill: Music, Art & Culture
- Gallery X Unplugged
- Clay Gnome
- Zeiterion – Our Revolution
- New Bedford Clean Ups – Antitrash Awareness
- Recreational Activities for day Habilitation Participants
- Free Figure Drawing
- The Siren
- Stove Boat Concert Series
- I am Autistic I am Fantastic – The Musical
- Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors! – a dance series
- Magic and Illusion Workshop
- Transform 2024: Designing, Upcycling, and Making Public Art with Local Youth
- Sippizine
- Building Healthy Communities Through Dance
- Hansel & Gretel, Opera Meets Ballet
- Seaport Art Walk
- ArtWeek SouthCoast
- New Bedford Festival Theatre Summer Academy
- NBFT & NBSO present Broadway on the Lawn
- Spotters, Strikers, and Swordfish
- NBHS Drama Club presents A Musical Theatre Review & Six: Teen Edition
- The Makanda Project/Jazz and the Music of Langston Hughes
- Friyay
- Movie Nights with Mocha
- Twirl & Whirl
- Filming of Indigenous Cultural Fair
- Boston Museum of Science Field Trip- Full STEAM ahead
- New Bedford Roots and Branches Festival

- Passport to History 2024
 - Whales Today, Squid Dissections, and History on the Hill
- Programs
- NBWM Vacation Week Programs
 - Zeiterion Performance & Transportation
 - Practice Best Practice Workshops
 - The Soul Expressions Project
 - Henna at the Library
 - Community Blooms
 - Shakespeare in New Bedford 2024 – Twelfth Night
 - Powwow 2024
 - The Thump & Soul Sessions
 - Transcendentalists, Ralph Waldo Emerson & New Bedford
 - Mapping Acushnet Avenue to Begin a Career: John Bullard's Hometown
 - Songs of the Sea
 - SCCT Presents "Finding Nemo Jr"
 - Celebrating Differences
 - The Goat Lady of Lucy Little Road
 - Greater New Bedford Choral Society's 2023-24 Season
 - Terrapin Head Start for the Classroom
 - Culture*Park Playwriting Lab
 - Art & Music
 - 2024 WHA Summer Concert Series
 - Mindfulness and Art
 - YWKids How to See Program
 - Matt York – Songs & Stories: Willie Nelson
 - 12th Annual New Bedford JazzFest
 - Jazz at AHA!
 - Playwright Original Works Service (POWS)
 - Your Theatre Improvisation Class and Performance Series
 - Everybody Moves to their Own Beat: Music, Movement and Nature
 - The Z's 2023/2024 Season Free Arts and Culture Programming: Jazz Jam Sessions, Mobile Creative Classroom, an HBCU College Fair, a Battle of the Bands, and a 1920s Fashion Show
 - Alchemy Laboratory

- The New Bedford Blubber: Writers' Workshops."
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Massachusetts Bomb Squad pulls unexploded ordnances, tank filled with unknown substance, out of Charles River

"The Massachusetts State Police Underwater Recovery Team and Bomb Squad, along with Massachusetts Environmental Police and the Needham Fire and Police Departments, conducted a search of the Charles River in Needham after two deteriorated pieces of unexploded ordnance were fished out of the river in recent days.

Units searched the river with divers and a remotely operated vehicle. No additional pieces of ordnance were located.

Divers recovered a large elongated tank containing an unknown substance (seen being held by Trooper in inflatable boat).

MSP Bomb Squad personnel and state hazardous materials specialists determined the tank contained no hazardous materials and it was disposed by the Needham Department of Public Works."-Massachusetts State Police.



Massachusetts State Police photo.



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Dartmouth's "Brazilian Grill" is changing its name

The Brazilian Grill located at 464 State Rd in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, is rebranded and has officially changed its name. They will now be known as "Churrascaria Tropeiro's Grill Brazilian Steakhouse". This is according to a new temporary sign hanging at the restaurant under the original "Brazilian Grill" sign, as well as a social media post from the restaurant

It appears the restaurant will continue to offer its rodizio-style dining, featuring a variety of grilled meats served tableside by gauchos.

“Churrascaria” is a place where meat is cooked in churrasco style, which translates roughly from the Portuguese word for “barbecue”.

Churrascaria cuisine is typically (but not always) served rodízio style, where roving waiters serve the barbecued meats from large skewers directly onto the seated diners’ plates.

16-year Call Firefighter/EMT pinned as Deputy Director of Fairhaven Emergency Management

“We would like to take a moment to say congratulations to our brother, Nick Gautreau, a 16 year Fairhaven Call Firefighter/EMT. Nick has always been doing split duties between FFD and EMA. He was pinned last Monday as Deputy Director of Fairhaven Emergency Management.

This was a special time for the entire Gautreau family, Roger Gautreau (Nicks Father) was the Deputy Director for the last 37 years, that’s a long time of volunteer work. The Gautreau family entirely is, and has always been heavily involved as EMA Volunteers, it’s a life style for them to help others. Nick has been on Fairhaven EMA 24 years, since 2000 officially, but he was born into it and has volunteered for EMA his entire life. The only time Nick was away from EMA and Fairhaven was when he was serving in the United States Marine Corps.



Fairhaven Call Firefighters Association photo.

Nick defines "Service Above Self". Nick has earned the Deputy Director position, on Monday we watched as Roger passed his badge on to Nick and proudly pinned him as the new Deputy Director. EMA Director Marc Jodoin officiated the ceremony.

Fairhaven Emergency Management is volunteer, the individuals who you see in storms, all kinds of bad weather, set up shelters, and even helping on fire scenes, you name it they do it and occasionally are seen out in good weather too, all volunteers! You all do not go unnoticed. We thank every single one of you for continuing the long tradition of Fairhaven Emergency Management.

Congratulations brother and keep up the great work!

Fairhaven Call Firefighters, A Few Serving Many--Fairhaven Call Firefighters Association.



Fairhaven Call Firefighters Association photo.



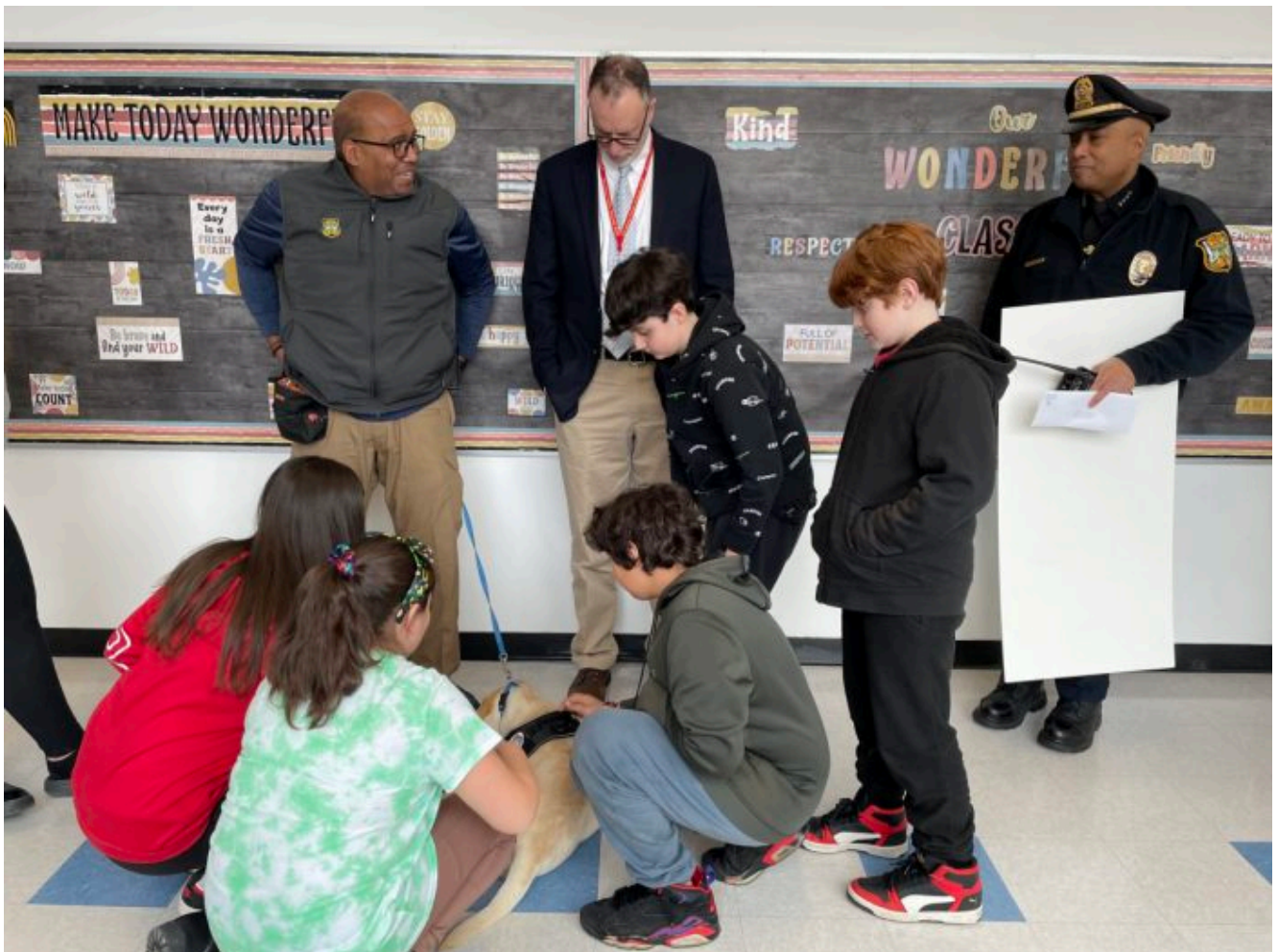
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“Lexi,” the specially trained police comfort dog to support

Wareham students and residents

“Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz and Wareham Police Chief Walter Correia, Jr. are proud to introduce Lexi, a specially trained comfort dog to support students and residents.

Lexi is the most recent addition to the Plymouth County Comfort Dog Program. The Town of Wareham recently acquired Lexi, a Labrador Retriever, from Professional Canine Services in Middleboro, where she will also perform her comfort dog training. Lexi, 3-months old, was acquired by Wareham Police with assistance from a \$5,000 grant from the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office.



Wareham Police Department photo.

Lexi and her handler, Wareham Police Juvenile Detective Karl Baptiste, will be used to reduce stress and promote wellness for students in Wareham Public Schools, and residents at town events. Lexi will also be on hand to offer comfort to our police officers.

“The Plymouth County Comfort Dog program created a network of comfort dogs and handlers who assist the community through daily interactions with students and coordinated response to crisis situations,” DA Cruz said. “In ways big and small, the dogs are an important part of trauma-informed response within the county, helping create positive relationships between children and law enforcement, while spreading joy wherever they go.



Wareham Police Department photo.

Lexi is bound to be a great addition to the town of Wareham.

Wareham Police Chief Correia said, Lexi will play a pivotal role in creating a calming presence for students and staff. She will be a valuable resource in supporting the mental and emotional well-being of students, our officers and the Wareham Community.

The DA's Office is partnered with Bridgewater State University to conduct an academic study of the Plymouth County Comfort Dog program, which has grown to include 15 dogs county-wide. The office applied for and received a modification to its COSSUP

federal grant for the Drug Endangered Children Initiative to fund a study of the comfort dog program's effectiveness, determine best practices, and support care and training of the dogs."-Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz's Office.



One dead after Sunday afternoon crash on New Bedford exit ramp

At approximately 3:30pm on Sunday, Massachusetts State Police received 911 calls reporting an accident at the end of the ramp from I-195 east to Washburn Street.

Upon arrival, first responders found a severely damaged SUV with occupants that had collided with a utility pole at the bottom of the exit.

The driver was extricated from the vehicle and rushed to St. Luke's Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The passenger of the vehicle escaped without injury.

The crash is still under investigation.



Carlos Pimental Felix photo.



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Massachusetts tractor-trailer rollover spills contents across I-93 in Milton

Just before 6 a.m. on Saturday morning, Massachusetts State Police received multiple reports of a tractor-trailer that flipped over on the southbound lane of Interstate 93 just before the Randolph exit in Milton.

Upon arrival, first-responders discovered a tractor-trailer lying on its side resting in the median and grain spilled across several lanes blocking traffic.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was transported to a Boston area hospital with minor injuries.

Southbound traffic was at a standstill for approximately 45 minutes as crews removed the grain from the street and set the tractor-trailer upright so it could be towed from the scene. The two lanes were re-opened to traffic by 7 a.m.







New Bedford Fire Department, Haz Mat, EMS, respond to fire at Brittany Global Technologies

“Earl Saturday at 11:34, the New Bedford Fire Department received a fire alarm activation at 1357 East Rodney French Blvd., Brittany Global Technologies.

While en route, Command Unit 2 reported heavy smoke in the area. Unit 1, Engines 6, 1, 7 and Ladders 3 and 1 were also dispatched and crews quickly deployed two hose lines to the

second floor of this large 4 story structure and extinguished the fire involving a large section of exhaust piping used in their manufacturing process.

A search was conducted to confirm all occupants were out of the building and crews began ventilation operations to clear the building. The buildings sprinkler system was key in slowing the spread of fire until the arrival of the Fire Department.

NBPD, NB EMS, NB Haz Mat-1 and the DEP assisted at the incident. The cause is under investigation with New Bedford Fire Investigators.”-New Bedford Fire Department.

“Walking Dead” spinoff, “Dead City” seeks extras from Boston area for Season 2 episodes

“Kendall Cooper Casting is seeking people local to Boston to work as extras on “Dead City S2”. Filming will be in Boston, MA and surrounding areas APRIL through JULY 2024.

The casting team is looking for people of all ages and ethnicities local to the Boston area to portray walkers, soldiers, post apocalyptic survivors, and various other extra roles throughout the season. Specifically seeking athletes and people with military or law enforcement experience to play soldiers.

Also seeking capable people with weathered faces to play

survivors in the apocalypse. Also looking for people who are very thin, tall and have flexible/available schedules to play walkers.

Filming generally takes place MON-FRI. Filming will typically be a 12+ hour commitment for each day of work. Some extra roles will only require 1 or 2 days of work. Others will be recurring throughout the season. All extra work and fittings are paid. Seeking SAG and Non-Union talent. Local hire only, no travel or housing provided.”-Kendall Cooper Casting.

Lakeville Fire Dept. forestry unit battles remote fire involving multiple cars, structure

“On Friday – 12:05 pm: A vehicle fire was reported in the area of 44 Pierce Avenue. The caller reported the fire was remote from the road.

Engine 2, Forest Fire 1, Tanker 1, Car 2, and Car 1 responded to the scene.

First arriving police officers communicated that only the forestry unit would be able to make the fire scene.

The fire actually involved multiple vehicle and a membrane structure. Numerous compressed gas cylinders were also involved in fire. Multiple explosions occurred before and after the arrival of firefighters.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire with hose lines

deployed from our Breaker, with water supply lines stretched into the woods from the street. Approximately 4000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the blaze.

The vehicles and structure were a complete loss but the fire was contained to area of origin.

An adult male reports that he accidentally started the fire while repairing the motor of his 1984 Z28 Camaro. The man was evaluated by paramedics but refused further treatment or transport to the hospital."-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.



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