

# **Town of Dartmouth Parking Ban – Jan 23-24, 2016**

The Town of Dartmouth, MA will enforce a parking ban from 12:00 PM on Saturday, January 23, 2016 through 6:00 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2016. No parking on the hydrant side. If no hydrant, park on even house numbered side.

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Full details on snow emergency parking bans [here](#).

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In light of the approaching storm, the City of New Bedford Emergency Management Department has requested the opening of an emergency overflow shelter at Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc.(PAACA)'s 360 Coggeshall Street facility for Saturday, 23 Jan, 2016 and Sunday, 24 Jan, 2016 nights. It will open at 6:30pm on Saturday.

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# **Snow Emergency Parking Ban Effective Midnight Tonight**

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Watch for Southern Bristol County, including the city of New Bedford, from Saturday morning through Sunday morning. A Winter Storm Watch is issued for the potential of accumulating snow of six (6) or more inches in a twelve (12) hour period, or eight (8) or more inches in a 24-hour period.

According to the National Weather Service, heavy wet snow and strong winds are expected Saturday morning through Sunday morning in the New Bedford area. The forecast calls for a total snow accumulation of 4 to 7 inches.

## **Citywide Snow Emergency Parking Ban Effective Midnight Tonight, Friday, January 22, 2016**

In preparation for the approaching snowstorm, the City of New Bedford has announced a citywide snow emergency parking ban to take effect at midnight tonight, Friday, January 22, 2016. The parking ban will be strictly enforced and will remain in effect for 48-hours thereafter, unless lifted or further extended by City officials. The parking ban is designed to allow City workers to efficiently remove snow from New Bedford roadways to allow public safety vehicles and residents to travel safely.

While the snow emergency parking ban is in effect, parking is permitted on the north side of all streets going east and west, and is permitted on the east side of all streets going north and south. The permitted side of the street is typically the side opposite of the fire hydrants.

Please note that on streets which are normally posted for parking on one side of the street only, residents are to obey the signs as usual.

Vehicles should never be parked within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant or twenty (20) feet from a corner as required by law, regardless of whether a snow ban is in effect, or not.

### **Double-sided Park Ban Areas Being Expanded**

To increase public safety during storm events, as of January 2016, the areas designated for a double-sided parking ban have been expanded to include sections of five new streets (listed below), in addition to the Downtown and Acushnet Avenue Business Districts where a double-sided ban has been in place in years past.

The new street sections were selected because they are major routes for ambulances, school buses, and SRTA buses, and have a history of large vehicles being unable to successfully navigate due to the narrowness of the street.

- During a snow emergency parking ban, no parking is therefore permitted on either side of the street in the following areas:
- Downtown Business District: Downtown New Bedford between Walnut Street northerly to the Octopus and County Street easterly to JFK Boulevard
- Acushnet Avenue Business District: Acushnet Avenue, Coggeshall Street to Tarkiln Hill Road
- Ashley Boulevard (from Nash Road to Coggeshall Street)
- County Street (from Union Street to Sawyer Street)
- Kempton Street (from Rockdale Avenue to Pleasant Street)
- Mill Street (from Rockdale Avenue to Pleasant Street)
- Cottage Street (Union Street to Durfee Street)

Violations of the snow emergency parking ban will be subject to ticketing at \$50 per ticket and towing at full cost to the owner of the vehicle towed. The vehicle owner is also

responsible for the full cost of storage for any towed vehicle.

The City of New Bedford has designated the following areas as preferred parking areas for those residents in need of off-street parking while the emergency snow parking ban is in effect:

- Victory Park – Brock Avenue
- Hazelwood Park – Brock Avenue
- Cove Street Parking Lot – Cove Street and Morton Court
- Orchard Street at Camara Soccer Field
- Buttonwood Park Parking Area – Hawthorn Street Side and Lake Street Side
- Former St. Mary's Home – Entrance on Mill Street
- Coggeshall Street Parking Lot – Coggeshall Street and Acushnet Avenue
- Sawyer Street Parking Lot – Between Sawyer Street and Beetle Street
- Brooklawn Park Parking Area – Brooklawn Street (South Side)
- Riverside Park Lot – Coffin Avenue
- Coffin Avenue Lot- Across from Taber Mills Apartments
- Former AVX site on Belleville Avenue at Hadley Street
- Former Philips Avenue School – 249 Phillips Avenue
- Elm Street Garage
- Zeiterion Garage – 688 Purchase Street
- New Bedford High School – 230 Hathaway Boulevard
- Keith Middle School – 225 Hathaway Boulevard
- Normandin Middle School – 81 Felton Street
- Roosevelt Middle School – 119 Fredrick Street
- Charles S Ashley Elementary School – 122 Rochambeau Street
- Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School – 212 Nemasket Street
- Elwyn G Campbell Elementary School – 145 Essex Street
- Sgt Wm H Carney Academy Elementary School – 247 Elm Street
- Lot at intersection of Elm and Cottage (Southeast Corner)
- James B Congdon Elementary School – 50 Hemlock Street

- John B DeValles Elementary School – 120 Katherine Street
- Alfred J Gomes Elementary School – 286 South Second Street
- Ellen R Hathaway Elementary School – 256 Court Street
- Hayden/McFadden Elementary School – 361 Cedar Grove Street
- Horatio A Kempton Elementary School – 135 Shawmut Avenue
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary School – 445 Ashley Boulevard
- Carlos Pacheco Elementary School – 261 Mt. Pleasant Street
- John Avery Parker Elementary School – 705 County Street
- Casimir Pulaski Elementary School – 1097 Braley Road
- Thomas R Rodman Elementary School – 497 Mill Street
- William H Taylor Elementary School – 620 Brock Avenue
- SEA LAB/John Hannigan Elementary School – 91 Portland Street
- Jireh Swift Elementary School – 2203 Acushnet Avenue
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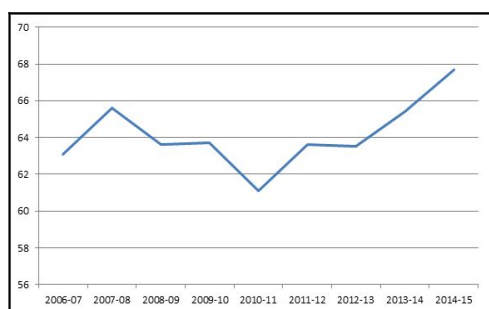
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## **NBHS inceases 2015 5-year graduation rate and decreases dropout rate**

*As four-year graduation rate remains steady, five-year graduation rate increases, annual dropout rate at new low of 2.9%. New Bedford has 61-percent reduction in dropout rate since 2009-10, state Department of Elementary and Secondary*

*Education highlights in their statement.*

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) today released its annual data on graduation and dropout rates across the state. As New Bedford High School continues its turnaround plan, the dropout rate has continued to decrease, the five-year graduation rate has increased, and the four-year graduation rate has remained steady since the beginning of the turnaround with a slight decrease of 0.6 percentage points.



New Bedford noticed a sharp decline in dropouts over the past five years, highlighted by DESE in their press statement, from 237 students who dropped out in 2010 to 91 who dropped out in 2015, as New Bedford continues to strive to ensure every student graduates.

The five-year graduation rate at New Bedford High School – 67.7 percent – is now the highest recorded since the DESE recorded beginning in 2007.

The annual dropout rate at NBHS decreased to 2.9 percent in 2015, down from 3.5 percent in 2014; it was at 4.2 percent in 2013 and 5.3 percent in 2012.

The four-year dropout rate remained approximately steady at an increase of just 0.6 percentage point to 14.5 percent – down by about one third from 2013, at 21.2 percent.

Some of the outcomes for New Bedford High include:

- A decrease of 146 fewer dropouts since 2009-10, with 91

students dropping out in 2015 compared to 237 students dropping out in 2010.

- The four-year dropout rate has decreased by about 7 percentage points at NBHS – from 21.2 percent in 2013 to 13.9 percent in 2014 and steady at 14.5 percent in 2015.
- The annual dropout rate decreased to 2.9 percent in 2015, down from 3.4 percent in 2014, 4.2 percent in 2013 and a high of 7.4 percent in 2008 and 2009.
- The five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate (students who have attended NBHS since freshman year and graduated from NBHS) increased from 68.7 percent in 2014 to 70.3 percent in 2015, the first time since 2006 that it has reached above 70 percent. In 2010, the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate was 61.4 percent.
- The four-year graduation rate is about 10 percentage points higher than it was just five years ago in 2010.

Superintendent Pia Durkin said New Bedford High School educators continue to provide support for all students and that the positive shift in the five-year graduation rate is significant.

“Every student at New Bedford High matters, and that belief drives our educators every day,” said Superintendent Durkin. “The increased five-year graduation rate underscores our commitment to ensuring that students are given the supports they need in order to graduate and leave our high school prepared for college and career. It is a direct result of the work of educators connecting to our students and working with them on a fixed plan to keep them on track to graduate. New Bedford High School must continue to improve and for the second year in a row, the school has demonstrated improvement and a commitment to excellence for every student, reflected in the number of students who showed the persistence to graduate in 2015.”

Mayor Jon Mitchell said, “Improved graduation rates are a key goal of reforming our school system. New Bedford Public

Schools continue to improve and the reform effort is providing more opportunities for our children to succeed after high school.”

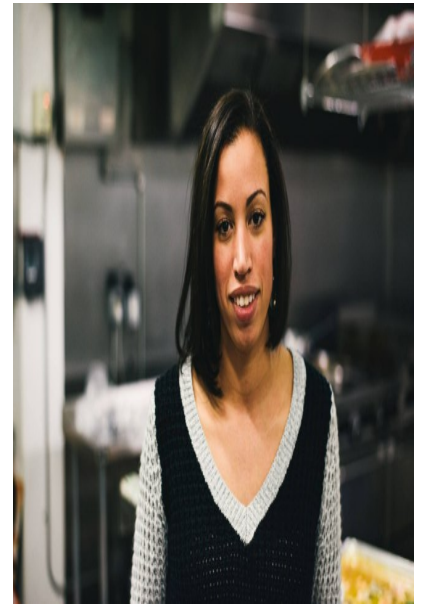
Headmaster Bernadette Coelho said, “It is a testament to the work that continues at New Bedford High School to ensure that every single student graduates and that we do everything necessary to prepare every NBHS student for graduation. I commend the hard work of our students and our staff, particularly those students who are taking advantage of multiple pathways that may extend their time at New Bedford High School but ensure they are ready for success.”

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|          | 06-07 | 07-08 | 08-09 | 09-10 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15      |
| DISTRICT | 8.3   | 8.2   | 8.4   | 8.1   | 7.1   | 6.8   | 5.8   | 5.2   | <b>4.0</b> |
| NBHS     | 7.0   | 7.4   | 7.4   | 6.6   | 6.4   | 5.3   | 4.2   | 3.5   | <b>2.9</b> |

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## **Faces Of New Bedford – #34: Crystal Lister**

Meet Crystal Lister, a 31 year-old Medical Lab Technician, body coach, and cook. Crystal works for the Greater New Bedford Health Center. When she isn't in the lab, her and her husband are the owners of Heathy Bites Meal Preps, which means she is constantly researching healthy meals and creatively helping others live cleaner, healthier lives.



Now she hadn't always been such a health enthusiast. Attending Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech she was in the Culinary Arts program and always enjoyed cooking growing up. Crystal never really managed how she ate and once she had her two kids, she had even less time to devote to developing a healthy way of living. It got to the point where she felt miserable and blamed everyone around her for her unhealthy lifestyle.

It was at this point she realized that for the sake of her health and the future of her children, she needed to make a change in her life. After working with a trainer who was passionate about fitness and inspiring others, she fell in love with the idea of living a healthy life. After learning how to prep her meals and working out consistently, Crystal dropped down over 45 pounds and found herself at a weight that she really felt comfortable with.

This gave her the desire to develop and assist in the same growth in others. Explaining that diet was one of the most important parts of leading a healthier lifestyle and that her clients needed to prep their meals, she found that more than not they would just ask her to prep for them. This got her thinking and not to long afterwards she opened up her own business, prepping meals for those who want to eat healthy but don't have the time to portion and prep for themselves.

Her desire to help others goes beyond the notion of attaining the “perfect body.” Working in the medical field, she realizes how unhealthy people are. As more people are being diagnosed with diabetes, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure, she wants to raise the awareness that these aren’t death sentences. With the correct diet people can actively fight these diseases and live longer, happier lives.

*“It is so much more than losing weight, it’s more about finding yourself and loving the person that you are.”*

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## **New Bedford Man Charged as Accessory to Murder In Connection to New Year’s Eve Homicide**

A 24-year-old New Bedford man was arrested this evening in connection to the ongoing investigation into the December 31 homicide of Aaron Gant Jr. in New Bedford.

Angel Acevedo is being charged with accessory to murder-after the fact. He was arrested at the New Bedford Police Department earlier this evening. Mr. Acevedo will be formally arraigned



on the charge tomorrow morning in New Bedford District Court. The arraignment will be handled by Deputy Chief of District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn's Homicide Unit, Katie Rayburn, who has been coordinating the investigation into the homicide.

State Police Detectives assigned to the district attorney's office and New Bedford Police are continuing to actively investigate the homicide, and no further information regarding the status of the probe can be released at this time.

Mr. Acevedo is the fifth individual to be charged in connection to this case. Chad Santos, 25; Kathleen Rivera, 24; Aaron Bookman, 22, and Lorena Rivera, 21, all of New Bedford, were each charged with the obstruction of justice portion of the state's witness intimidation statute earlier this month.

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## **Aaron Bookman bail set at \$50,000 related to New Year's Eve homicide**

A 22-year-old New Bedford man was arrested this morning in connection to the ongoing investigation into the December 31 homicide of Aaron Gant Jr. in New Bedford.

Aaron Bookman is being charged with the obstruction of justice portion of the state's witness intimidation statute. He was arraigned on this morning in New Bedford District Court by Deputy Chief of the district attorney's Homicide Unit, Assistant District Attorney Katie Rayburn, who has been coordinating the investigation into the homicide. His bail was set at \$50,000. Today the prosecutor reported that video showed Bookman getting into the front passenger seat of the

car used in the killing and police found gun powder residue on the passenger seat. Aaron Bookman was [acquitted of shooting two men in 2011](#). According to the Standard Times:

*A witness identified Bookman as the gunman who shot five or six rounds at two men Tuesday while they were walking near the intersection of Summer and Mill streets, according to paperwork filed by New Bedford Police Detective Shain Ramos.*

*One victim was shot in both legs; the other was treated and released from St. Luke's Hospital for a gunshot wound to his right foot, court records said.*

Police are also searching for Angel Acevedo, 24, of New Bedford who is reportedly the girlfriend of Kathleen Rivera, one of the 4 people being charged with obstruction of justice.

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Video of the car that reportedly carried Aaron Gant Jr. after arriving the hospital the night of the shooting.

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**NBHS, Educational Talent  
Search Offer Scholarship**

# **Information Session on January 21**

New Bedford High School, along with partner Educational Talent Search, will offer a Scholarship Information Session on Thursday, January 21 at 6 p.m. in the NBHS Family Engagement Center, 230 Hathaway Boulevard.

This session will provide students and families with critical information regarding upcoming scholarships and best practices to receive as much financial assistance as possible.

Members of scholarship committees will be present to discuss the different scholarship requirements, as well as respective deadlines.

For more information contact Jordan Pina or Jimmy Oliveira at Educational Talent Search 508-997-4511 ext. 20581.

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