

# Trustees of Reservations Celebrate Grand Opening of Allen C. Haskell Public Garden; Music, Food and Fun



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The Trustees of Reservations, (The Trustees), the nation's oldest land trust and one of Massachusetts' largest conservation organizations, is pleased to announce the official public opening of the Allen C. Haskell Public Garden located at 344-390 Loftus Street in New Bedford. Community members and visitors are invited to attend the opening of New Bedford's newest park on Sunday, October 26th from 11AM – 3PM. The celebration will feature a ribbon cutting, remarks, live music, fun, food and tours of this historic property which was the former site of the acclaimed Allen C. Haskell & Son Nursery for over 50 years.

The festival will feature a performance by members of the New Bedford Symphony orchestra and a wide variety of special activities for children. Tours of the property will also be provided throughout the day, including a children's tour, a tour with Allen C. Haskell's former partner, Gene Bertrand, and a "Future of Haskell Public Gardens" tour. Remarks will be provided by Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell, City Councilor Henry

Bousquet, Trustees Chairman of the Board of Directors David Croll and Trustees President & CEO Erickson starting at 11:30AM.

The Trustees will also host interpretive stations that will illustrate the organization's five-year vision for the property, as well as historical facts about the gardens and the stories behind some of the rare plants on the property. Food will be provided by the Acacia Café Food Truck and Plouf Plouf Gastronomie. For more information, please contact: Ross Moran, Engagement Manager, Southeast Region, Trustees of Reservations, [rmoran@ttor.org](mailto:rmoran@ttor.org), 508.636.4693x112.

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