## My Favorite New Bedford Guide Articles of 2012



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New Bedford is an interesting place to live. The city is known for its whaling past and today it's best know for having the top fishing port in America, especially when it comes to scallops. Do some "people watching" and you'll see people walking around in pajama pants, cars racing down cobblestone roads, and other interesting happenings. Love or hate New Bedford, there is a lot to do, great places to eat and always recently something going on. Ι published NewBedfordGuide.com's most popular articles based on internet traffic. I've also written dozens of articles in 2012 and here's a list of my favorite ones.

It Pays to be a Public Servant

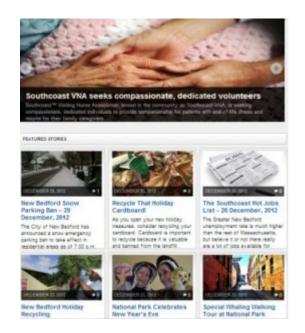
The per capita income in Massachusetts is \$33,460 compared to just \$15,602 to \$20,168 in New Bedford. However, the numbers change dramatically if you are one of the top wage earners working for the city of New Bedford. Per 2010 data, 52 city employees earn over \$100,000 a year and over 103 of them earn over \$90,000 a year or roughly six times more than the average worker in New Bedford.

New Bedford, a Magnet for Sex Offenders?

There are nearly 100 registered sex offenders living in New Bedford, but only 3 in Fairhaven and 5 in Dartmouth. This

article examines the policies of our state and city that seem to invite sex offenders to New Bedford.

The New Bedford Bucket List



The media wanted us to believe that the world was possibly coming to an end due to a misinterpretation (or misunderstanding) of the Maya calendar. I didn't beleive it for a minute, but I had fun writing a bucket list for New Bedford residents. There really is a LOT to do in New Bedford and the list should be accomplished by all in 2013!

12 Categories of People Most Likely to Be Zombie Food

Let's face it, if a zombie apocalypse occurs, most of us will be zombie food. If you found yourself on the list, don't be angry. Do something to get yourself off the list or get bitten when the zombies strike!

Examining The Mercury In Our Teeth and Shots

If your New Year's resolution is to live a healthier 2013, this article is a great starting point. Get the mercury out of your teeth and ensure that you are putting the right immunizations into your body. Mercury is a health hazard and should avoid putting it in your body or remove it from your teeth.

Changing New Bedford Through City Legislation

There are complainers and there are people that actively work for change in the community and city they live in. You do NOT have to be a politician to make a difference in New Bedford. This article explains the legislative process and asks for suggestions to exercise the process.

Best Job Search Resources for New Bedford Residents

New Bedford consistently has twice the unemployment rate than the state of Massachusetts, but there really are a lot of jobs out there. In fact, there are typically over 2,000 jobs available on internet databases within 50 miles of New Bedford. This article details six resources to help find a job or new career.

16 Facts About Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus was an interesting man. This article details 16 known and little known facts about the controversial man that spearheaded the European migration to America.

10 Things to Know About Fort Taber

Do you know why Fort Taber/Fort Rodman has two names? This article details some little know facts about the fort/park in the south end of New Bedford.

How I Put an End to Those Annoying Circulars

This article details the best way to stop getting those circulars that come to your mailbox almost daily!

Democracy in New Bedford and The South Coast

In the November 6th, 2012, 9 out of 11 local candidates ran unopposed. This article examines exactly what democracy in New Bedford looks like.

My Favorite Meatless Meals in Downtown New Bedford

Cutting out at least some meat out of your diet can lead to a healthier lifestyle. This article points out five outstanding meatless meals in downtown New Bedford.

Parking Ticket Revenue Doubles in a Year

It's no secret that the meter maids have become extremely aggressive in New Bedford the past few years. The City's revenue from meter fees and tickets went from \$276,380 in 2006 to nearly \$2 million in 2012.

Silverbrook Farm's Community Sustainable Agriculture Program

A Community Sustainable Agriculture, or CSA share is a great wait to ensure you eat lots of fruits and veggies. It's also a great way to support your local farmers. This article details the CSA at Silverbrook Farm in Dartmouth.

Eight Date Ideas in New Bedford for Valentine's Day

New Bedford really does offer a lot of places to take a date on Valentine's day. This article details 8 ways to ensure you have a great time with that special someone!