

City of New Bedford announces plans for New Year's Eve Festivities

The City of New Bedford will host a variety of free family-friendly programming throughout the downtown area as part of its City Celebrates! New Year's Eve event.

Activities will take place both inside and outdoors between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., including the traditional fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. The programming is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Bristol County Savings Bank, Vineyard Wind, and Claremont Companies.

Events:

- **Vinny's Miracle Fish Puppets**

The New Bedford Free Public Library steps and around downtown, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Meet magical creatures, embarking on an imaginative journey into 2023.

- **Ever After Storybook Entertainment Characters**

The New Bedford Free Public Library, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Come sing, dance, and celebrate with Mirabel, Elsa, Winter Elf, and Spiderman.

<https://www.facebook.com/EverAfterStorybookEntertainment>

- **Cirque de Light**

Custom House Square, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

A spectacle of fire and light! Improvisational fire spinning and LED performers light up the night.

- **Kaleidoscope Art and Entertainment: Magician and Face Painting**

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Expect the unexpected and lots of laughs with an interactive show that will entertain the whole family.

- **Buttonwood Brass Band**

UMass Dartmouth CVPA Star Store, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Lounge to the trio performing jazz, classical, and the Great American Songbook.

- **Broken Glass Projections & 3rd EyE Unlimited**

Wing's Court, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

- **3D Projection Mapping**

Come see this special debut of the vibrant artistic medium rarely seen in the U.S. Broken Glass Projections makes surfaces, like building facades, come to life in a unique display while 3rd EyE Unlimited provides music and other entertainment.

- **Toe Jam Puppet Band**

The New Bedford Whaling Museum, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Get ready for the “family fun band” in the Jacob’s Family Gallery with interactive silly songs and dancing.

- **Photo Booth**

Whaling Museum Lobby, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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- **City of New Bedford Fireworks Display**

Head down to the bottom of Union Street just before Route 18, for ideal viewing of the spectacular fireworks over the harbor, commencing at 8:30 p.m.

“New Year’s Eve City Celebrates is a wonderful opportunity for area families and visitors to enjoy free, fun events for all ages in our historic downtown,” said Mayor Jon Mitchell. “We appreciate the generous support of Bristol County Savings Bank, which has sponsored City Celebrates for many years, and we are grateful that they are joined this year by Vineyard

Wind and Claremont Companies.”