

New Bedford to celebrate the 2019 holiday season with six festive community events

The following community events will take place in the City of New Bedford this year to celebrate the holiday season:

City of New Bedford Official Christmas Tree Lighting

Date and time: Saturday, November 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Pleasant Street in Front of Main Library Downtown

Join Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford City Councilors and the New Bedford community for the annual tree lighting celebration! At 4:30 p.m. Santa will lead a parade up William Street to the Main Library. The parade will feature the award-winning New Bedford High School Whaler Marching Band and the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard. The countdown celebration will feature holiday songs, greetings from local elected officials and an appearance by Santa Claus! New Bedford Community Services Department will serve complimentary hot chocolate.

Stop by the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. as New Bedford Festival Theatre presents a star-studded cast, consisting of performers from their 30 years of shows, returning to the Zeiterion stage! Don't miss this uber talented line up, singing songs from La Cage Aux Folles, Les Miserables, Jekyll and Hyde and much, much more! Tickets start at \$30.

Holiday Shop & Stroll

Date and time: Saturday, November 30 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Downtown New Bedford

dNB's 2019 Holiday Stroll is happening November 30th, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.! Kick off the holiday season on Small

Business Saturday in downtown New Bedford. With Santa at Mare Studios, Firetruck Rides, Carolers, Southcoast Brass Band—and more!

Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting

Date and time: Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Loretta Bourque Park at corner of Ruth Street and Salisbury Street

Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park

Date and time: Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Clasky Common Park at County Street and Pope Street

Movie Monday: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Date and time: Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street

A screening of the 1989 classic film, where the Griswold family's Christmas plans predictably turn into a hilarious disaster.

28th Annual Holiday House Tour:

Date and time: Saturday, December 14 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street

Capture the holiday spirit on the New Bedford Preservation Society's 27th Annual Holiday House Tour. Visitors will be inspired by the varied architecture and interiors, all beautifully decorated for the season. The tour runs Saturday the 14th, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Evening Tour and Sunday the 15th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Afternoon Tour.

Many other 2019 Holiday Happenings are available on Destination New Bedford's website at <http://destinationnewbedford.org/holidays2019/>