

# **New Bedford's Fourth of July fireworks display set for 9pm**

At a press conference held in City Hall today, Mayor Jon Mitchell joined with the CEO of Hawthorn Medical Associates, James Gularek, to announce that Hawthorn Medical Associates, Inc. will sponsor the City's 2016 Independence Day fireworks display over New Bedford Harbor. Hawthorn Medical Associates contributed \$10,000 to support the fireworks display, continuing a long-standing tradition of company sponsorship of the annual event.

New Bedford's Fourth of July fireworks display will be staged, beginning at 9:00 PM on July 4th, from a barge located off of State Pier in New Bedford Harbor. Spectators planning to watch the display in Downtown New Bedford are encouraged to park for free in the Elm Street Garage and Zeiterion Parking Garage.

State Pier will NOT be accessible during the fireworks and there will be no parking on State Pier on the evening of July 4th. Lower Union Street (east of Water Street) will be closed to vehicle traffic and will be the best spot in the Downtown for pedestrians to view the fireworks display.

In addition to the generous sponsorship of Hawthorn Medical Associates, St. Anne's Credit Union and The New Bedford Whaling Museum are supporting sponsors of the 2016 City of New Bedford Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Tucker Roy Marine Towing & Salvage and AG Marine Contractors will again support the event this year by providing the commercial barge.

"We are fortunate that through the generosity of our lead sponsor, Hawthorn Medical Associates, and the supporting sponsors, New Bedford's Fourth of July fireworks tradition is able to continue. We invite everyone throughout the Greater New Bedford area to celebrate the holiday with us in downtown

New Bedford,” said Mayor Jon Mitchell.