

2017 New Bedford Folk Festival Returns July 8 & 9

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presents the 22nd Annual New Bedford Folk Festival on Saturday July 8 and Sunday July 9, 2017 with an impressive lineup of the best in contemporary, Americana, traditional, blues and Celtic folk music. Aoife O'Donovan, Patty Larkin, Susan Werner, Catie Curtis and a 2015 finalist on NBC-TV's the Voice, Joshua Davis are joined by Lucy Wainwright Roche, Ellis Paul, Bill Harley, Jim Kveskin, Vance Gilbert, The Nields and many more. The festival runs from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days and is located in the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and throughout the 10 downtown city blocks that make up the Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Tickets ranging from day-passes to a full weekend VIP pass are \$22.50-\$140 and are available by calling 508-994-2900, online at www.newbedfordfolkfestival.org, or at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

The New Bedford Folk Festival presents 83 shows on 8 stages in and around the National Park that range from the 1200 seat Zeiterion Performing Arts Center to the intimacy of the "Meet the Performer" area. Performers are presented in concerts and in the popular festival "workshops" which feature 3 or 4 performers or groups on stage at the same time in one-time, unique shows. The festival also features a family performance and activity stage, an open mic stage and a high-quality crafts show with over eighty juried artisans. A food court features a variety of food vendors including the justifiably world famous New Bedford landed fish and scallops.

The New Bedford Folk Festival has been recognized as a "Critic's Pick" and one of "New England's Greatest Celebrations" by the Boston Globe. Yankee Magazine has selected the festival as an "Editor's Choice." Thousands of

people from New England and across the nation attend the festival over the weekend, making it a major destination for this summer weekend. This year's festival promises an exciting and memorable celebration which shows the city of New Bedford at its best.

The lineup of performers is: Anna and Elizabeth, Benoit Bourque and Antoine Pigeon-Bourque, Kevin Burke, Copley Street, J.P. Cormier, Catie Curtis, Jeff Davis, Joshua Davis, Yann Falquet and Pascal Gemme, David Francey, Vance Gilbert, Sam Gleaves and Tyler Hughes, Seth Glier, Jefferson Hamer, Ry Cavanaugh and Laura Cortese of Session Americana, Bill Harley, Winifred Horan, Joe Jencks, The Jeremiahs, David Jones, Pete and Maura Kennedy, Jim Kweskin, Patty Larkin, New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus, The Nields, Aoife O'Donovan, Chris Pahud, Ellis Paul, Steven Pelland, Pete's Posse, Dan Plews, Harvey Reid and Joyce Anderson, Lucy Wainwright Roche, Sally Rogers and Howie Bursen, Art Tebbetts, Hiroya Tsukamoto, and Susan Werner. All performers are subject to change.

Tickets range from \$22.50 to \$140 and are available at www.newbedfordfolkfestival.com, 508-994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA. Box Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children under 12 are free.

New Bedford Folk Festival Community Partners include The City of New Bedford, the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The New Bedford Folk Festival is supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of New Bedford, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Coming this summer to Dartmouth: The 3×3 hoops revolution

*150 star-studded teams of all ages will take court for first
Northeast 3×3 Basketball Federation tourney, Aug. 4-6 at Burgo
courts*

By Jonathan Comey

The Greater New Bedford area has long had a love affair with the humble game of basketball.

From Fall River to Wareham, high school gyms and college arenas have been the place for boys and girls to chase their hoop dreams – large and small.

Now there's a new player on the court, one that shapes up to be a signature event on the local basketball scene: the inaugural Northeast 3×3 Basketball Federation summer tournament, Aug. 4-6 at Burgo Basketball Association courts in Dartmouth.



"I'm extremely excited to be part of this event," said former New Bedford High star Marques Houtman, who played over 10 years professionally overseas and for the Cape Verdean National Team and is one of the organizers. "Man to man, in your face, show and prove. I'm happy something this big is coming to my hometown area."

The outdoor tournament is expected to feature 150 teams and 600 players during a three-day weekend family-friendly festival. There are competitive divisions open for players of both genders; as young as nine years old all the way through to an age 30-plus 'Legends' division.

For spectators, in addition to a whole lot of good basketball being played by what will be familiar names and up-and-comers, there is a dunk contest (expect some vicious jams from one entrant, Mike Kaufman) and a four-point shooting contest that takes long range shooting to a new level.

Check out the NE3x3 "hype video" to get a sense of what's going to be happening in Dartmouth.

Sponsored by adidas and scheduled for the same weekend as the

legendary Feast of the Blessed Sacrament in New Bedford, it's a great companion event: hoops by day, celebration by night.



The area's "who's who" of basketball leadership are on board with this event and the Northeast 3x3 Basketball Federation: Steve Burgo (Burgo Basketball), Manny DeBrito (A's Before J's), Bill Shea (Southcoast 3on3 founder) and Houtman all have leadership roles.

"It's not often organizations get together to do something of this magnitude," said DeBrito. "I'm excited for the collaboration and I know this is just the first of many."

It's led by Zach Rocha, a New Bedford High grad who has been the driving force behind the Sidekick Sports Academy since 2012. A believer in the power of sports to inspire and unite, he sees 3x3 hoops as the future.

"By working together, the greatest things can be achieved," Rocha said. "I think this tournament will be an annual showcase event, and the leaders involved are what will drive its success."

According to an International Olympic Committee study, 3x3

Basketball is the fastest growing urban sport in the world, and FIBA, the sport's international governing body, wants 3x3 to be its own stand-alone Olympic sport. This past winter, the Junior NBA launched a 3v3 initiative within its curriculum.



The Northeast 3x3 rules are simple, and lead to exciting, action-packed basketball. The games are halfcourt, with 3- and 4-point zones. At the August tournament, every team that signs up is guaranteed to play at least three games

Rocha, whom is also the co-founder and executive director of Sidekick Sports Academy, has seen the global rise of 3x3 basketball (also known as 3v3 or 3-on-3) internationally and can't wait to see it become a part of the SouthCoast sports fabric.

"Our leadership team has made successful careers out of providing fun education and family-friendly entertainment opportunities through sports," Rocha said.

Registration for the Northeast 3x3 Basketball Federation can be found online at ne3x3hoop.com. There are early-bird deadlines of May 1 (\$150/team), June 1 (\$175/team) and July 15 (\$200/team).

Prizes for winning teams include customized adidas James Harden Volume 1 shoes, designed by Sidekick Illustrations' Ethan Weinstein.

HELP WANTED: Country Whip Inc., is seeking to fill two part-time positions

Country Whip INC is a family-owned, seasonal ice cream parlor & full service restaurant located off Route 105 in Acushnet, MA. We are seeking (2) part time (15-20 hrs/week) employees with the potential for more hours if they want it. We are looking for a candidate with flexible availability, with a mix of weekday and weekend shifts. Shifts run either 11am-4pm or 4pm-9pm. We are open 7 days a week. We are a small mom & pop restaurant & looking for someone to join our family.

Requirements & Qualifications: We would like someone with some type of kitchen experience, as the position requires cooking with the fryolater and grill. The job also entails light cleaning & dishes. Our menu consists of burgers, sandwiches & fried seafood. We are a fast paced environment but we don't serve fast food – we serve good food fast & we want someone who takes pride in their work and what they serve.

To apply for the position, we ask that they come into the restaurant any day between the hours of 10am – 7pm, to fill out an application & speak to our head chef. Please ask for Amanda or Ruben when you come in.

Our address is: 1173 Main Street, Acushnet MA 02743, so **APPLY IN PERSON ONLY**, no calls or email.

New Bedford Half Marathon a go for this Sunday

Runners from around the world will run the New Bedford Half Marathon this Sunday. The city will likely see a few inches of snow on Saturday, but the race will go on. This is New England and we don't cancel races for a little snow. From the New Bedford Half Marathon organizers:

"To Be Clear, the 2017 New Bedford Half Marathon WILL BE RUN on Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am. We have had hours of rain here today and the race course, although slushy is clear. The pending snow this weekend, will not be enough to cancel the event, please dress accordingly. If you haven't registered, we will have Registration in person Saturday 12 – 4 pm and Sunday 8:30 – 10:30 at the YMCA."

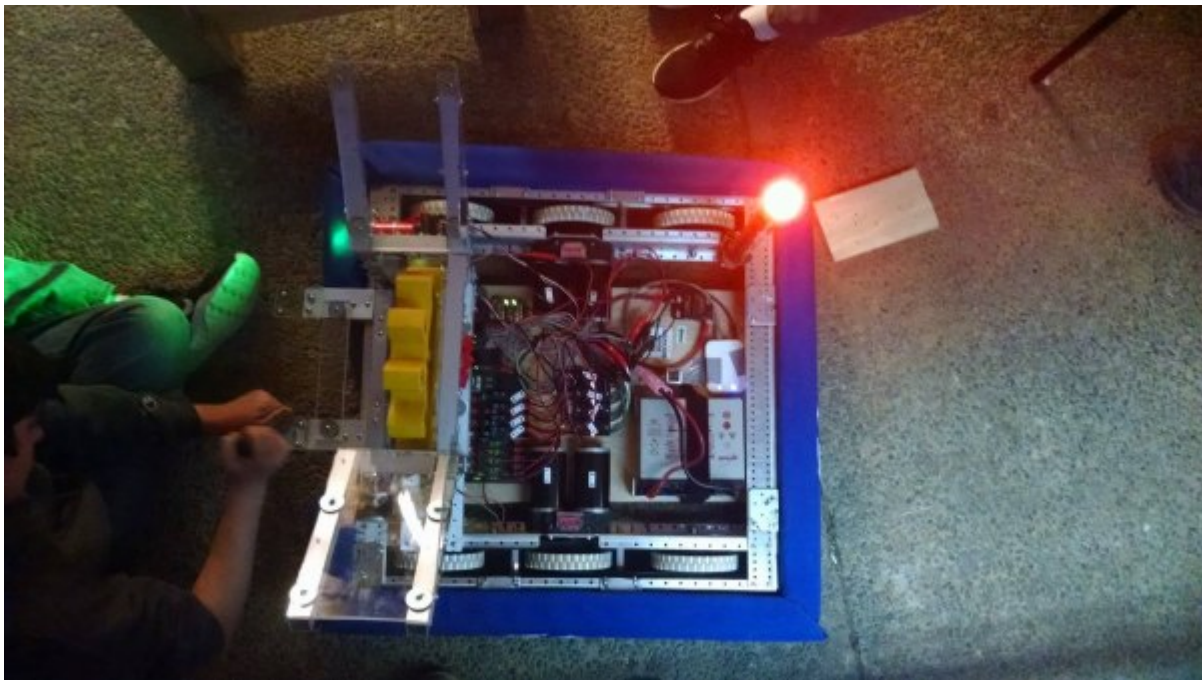
619 tickets totaling \$30,950 issued during New Bedford parking ban

According to the New Bedford Police Department, 619 tickets were issued as of 2:30pm on Friday during the **New Bedford parking ban that started at 7am**. That's up from **516 tickets issued during February's snow storm**. No vehicles were towed. At \$50 per offense, that's \$30,950 in tickets issued and the **ban is still in effect until 5pm today**.

During the storm that in early January, 117 vehicles were towed over the storm weekend. Over 500 tickets were issued.

SouthCoast Corsairs High School Robotics Team's First Competition Of The Season

The SouthCoast Corsairs, a local FRC high school robotics team based out of UMass Dartmouth will be having their first competition of the season this weekend at Bridgewater Raynham High School, 415 Center St, Bridgewater, MA 02324. It will be lots of fun seeing the product of their hard work! Wish them luck!







2017 DISTRICT SCHEDULE

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Competition Schedule

Friday, March 10, 2017	
5:00 PM-10:00PM	Pits Open

Saturday, March 11, 2017	
8:00AM-10:30AM	Pits Open, Practice Matches, Inspections
10:30AM-11:00AM	Opening Ceremonies
11:00AM-1:00PM	Qualification Matches
1:00PM-2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM-7:00PM	Qualification Matches
8:00PM	Pits Close**

Sunday, March 12, 2017	
8:00AM	Pits Open
9:00AM-9:30AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:30AM-12:30PM	Qualification Matches
12:30PM-1:00PM	Alliance Selections
1:00PM-2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM-5:00PM	Final Rounds
5:00PM-6:30PM	Awards Ceremony
7:00PM	Pits Close **

Activities Schedule

Saturday, March 11, 2017	
8:00AM-5:00PM	FIRST Program Demonstrations
8:00AM-5:00PM	Sponsor Showcases
8:00AM-5:00PM	Scholarship Row

Sunday, March 12, 2017	
8:00AM-4:00PM	FIRST Program Demonstrations
8:00AM-4:00PM	Sponsor Showcases
8:00AM-4:00PM	Scholarship Row

***Schedule subject to change. All times are estimated based on flow of rounds.
See Pit Administration table for updated times.*

Find out more on their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/frc5846/>

HELP WANTED: Clean Right Cleaning Solutions Is Hiring For Cleaners

Local commercial cleaning company now hiring cleaners for nights/weekends. Experience preferred, transportation required. Cleaning experience a plus, transportation required. Must be willing to work nights and weekends.

Please call (508) 994-2412, or email [info@cleanrightsouthcoast](mailto:info@cleanrightsouthcoast.com) to learn more. Or visit cleanrightsouthcoast.com/



Faces Of New Bedford #92:

Heather Brito

Meet Heather Brito, 38-year-old Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Sand Play Practitioner and owner of HSW Counseling.



Growing up, people always thought she was happy go luck and on the outside she had it all, doing great in school and sports through college. But a series of bad decisions that had lasting effects on a lot of people, made her come to the realization that she wasn't who she wanted to be and started a journey of that discovery.

Hearing that Sandplay therapy, a form of therapy that, like other expressive forms of therapy, allow the individual to tap into their unconscious in order to work our your light and dark, bringing them into balance. She traveled to Vermont, because there weren't any local therapists, one weekend a month for two years.

Because of her success with this therapy, she wanted to bring it to others in the area, due to the large amounts of brokenness in the SouthCoast. She finished her Master's degree and got her license to become a Mental Health Counselor in 2012, to help her open HSW Counseling. Almost a year after opening, she has been able to help those in the area through sandplay therapy, EMDR, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Art, and Massage Therapy. She is even holding her first retreat, Awaken

2017, where she is hoping, along with the other presenters, to bring healing and more healthy lives to the attendees.

"Because true belonging only happens when we present our authentic imperfect selves to the world, our sense of belonging can never be greater than our level of self acceptance." Renee Brown

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Police searching for New Bedford man wanted for robbery, stabbing man in neck



Mugshot courtesy of
the Raynham Police.

UPDATE: New Bedford's Eddy Fonseca, wanted for armed robbery and assault to murder over the weekend, turned himself in to Raynham Police today. His bail is set \$50,000 and he will be arraigned in Taunton District Court on March 1st.

Police are searching for Eddy Fonseca, age 18 of New Bedford. He is wanted for armed robbery and assault to murder.

On 02/26/2017, at approx. 0110 hours, the Raynham Police Department was dispatched to 296 Elm Street East for an adult male that had been stabbed in the neck. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the stabbing suspect had committed an armed robbery on a juvenile male.

The adult male victim attempted to intervene and was stabbed when he confronted the suspect. The suspect and three other males fled the area in a black Honda Civic type sedan. The victim was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital by the Raynham Fire Department with life threatening injuries.

Any information should be forwarded to the Raynham Police Department at 508-824-2717.

**Faces Of New Bedford #91:
Brian Dube**

Meet Brian Dube, 43-year-old Pastor and Chaplain in charge of Spiritual Life at Teen Challenge Brockton.



Brian grew up in a healthy environment, with a family that loved and supported him. He, however, felt like he never quite fit in or connected with other kids. After transferring from a private catholic school to New Bedford High, that sense of disconnectedness became even broader. His desire to fit in and have friends led him to the party scene, filled with drinking and drugs, which led him on a slow downward spiral. This would affect the next 15 years of his life.

During that time, he had started a family and become successful in the Information Technology field that was booming during the nineties. Brian had splintered his life in half; the hardworking family man during the week and the party-filled bar hopper on the weekend. Being prescribed pain killers for the migraines he suffered from, his addiction then worsened from alcohol to prescription pills. He found himself at in all time low in 2007, when he suffered a drug induced seizure. He was at a crossroads, get help or lose everything he had worked so hard for.

It was then when his family brought him into Brockton's Teen Challenge, a faith-based drug treatment program. He went in broken, lost and without any real hope of getting clean, he just knew he wasn't ready to die. During his time there, his life changed dramatically. He had his family restored to him

and accepted a position to work with the organization upon completing the program. That was ten years ago!

Since then he has taken over the lead Pastor position at South Coast Community Church in Fairhaven, MA. During his time with South Coast they have been active in ministry to the lost, addicted and broken throughout the city and at one time opened their own transitional home. He has also recently become a ride along chaplain with the NBPd, helping provide hope to those in New Bedford battling addiction, in those same places and with the same despair that he had once found himself in. A life once lost and now found.

“Once in a while you get shown the light, in the strangest of places if you look at it right.”

– Scarlet Begonias, The Grateful Dead

“The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

– **John 1:5**

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