

20 Things to do this Weekend (Dec 19- Dec 21)



Head to Buttonwood Park Zoo this Saturday and Sunday!

We have a relatively pleasant weekend in store for us. Friday and Saturday we will may only reach a high of 40 degrees, but it will be generally sunny. Sunday will be warmer than the first two days, but rain and drizzle is possible. That will hardly slow us down! With Christmas fast approaching, people are in festive moods and looking to unwind with the time they have off from work!



As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high

traffic, weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details. Have an event to add? Check out our **tutorial**. For more info, you can click on each title. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, December 19th

Edaville: XMas Festival of Lights (2:00pm-9:00pm)

Edaville's Christmas Festival of Lights is arguably the most-loved festival of its kind, having earned generations of loyal fans. Passengers relax comfortably in warm and dry coaches while riding through a spectacular holiday setting featuring an explosion of lights. Kids of all ages will enjoy an array of vintage amusement rides and a visit with Santa in one of our indoor play areas. Stay for a delicious full meal or enjoy seasonal treats while roaming our sprawling and beautifully decorated grounds featuring thousands of Christmas displays. For more info and/or tickets, click on event title.

Partridge and a Pear Tree at Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens (5:00pm-6:00pm)

Dating back to the late 1700s, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," written by Frederick Austin, is a carol that enumerates the increasingly grand gifts given on each of the twelve days of Christmas. The Partridge and a Pear Tree was the first gift of this classic holiday song.



*Spread the cheer
and brighten up to
community!!*

Please join the Trustees of Reservations as we celebrate the holiday in honor of the late Allen C. Haskell, who would light the pear tree located along side the historic Hathaway home with his friends and family. Phone: 774-923-7796. Email: ACHaskell@ttor.org. Friday, December 19, 2014, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, 787 Shawmut Avenue New Bedford, Mass.

Mindful Moms' Christmas caroling in the west end (6:00pm)

The group will meet at the southeast corner (Rockdale Ave. and Hawthorn St.) of Buttonwood Park. Lyrics, candles, and cookies will be provided. All are welcome. MIMO organizer, Cynthia Roy (30 of New Bedford) is ecstatic about the event. "I can't wait to see everyone's face as we dance and sing down Hawthorn Street for the second year!" Last year's caroling event was a huge success. "We were greeted with so much love and joy. One lady told us we made her week, as she had been feeling under the weather." Read more: <http://www.newbedfordguide.com/mimo-christmas-caroling-west-end/2014/12/02>.

Rockdale Ave Neighborhood Association Christmas tree lighting (6:30pm)

The Rockdale Ave Neighborhood Association Christmas tree

lighting celebration at Harrington Park in the west end of #NewBedford is this evening at 6:30pm. Santa will also arriving at 6:45pm to indulge in some hot cocoa and cookies with the children and parents. Full details: <http://www.newbedfordguide.com/rockdale-christmas-tree-lighting/2014/12/19>

Painting with a Splash: Van Gogh Field and Winter Lighthouse (7:00pm)

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Dock-U-Mentary: In the Path of Storms (FREE movie) (7:00pm)

A monthly film series, presented by Working Waterfront Festival and the National Park, will take the third Friday of each month. Films will be shown in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center. Screenings will be drawn from the WWF's sizeable collection of documentary films on all aspects of the working port.

Saturday, December 20th

XMas Trees!!! Silverbrook ACUSHNET Country Store – Holiday pies, cakes and cookies (9:00am-4:00pm)

Get your fresh cut XMas tree today! Thinking of the holidays and don't want to bake? Let the Pereira Bread Co. (a tasty little division of Silverbrook Farm) do the baking for you by ordering one of our famous pies, cakes and cookies.

Silverbrook Country Store also has a wonderful and unique line of crafts including their popular candle/potpourri items and a great selection of handmade Amish items that truly make great gifts for any occasion.



It's that time of year!

It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas at the Newport Mansions (10:00am-5:00 pm)

The glitter of gold and the sparkle of silver will dazzle you as you tour three magnificent mansions decked out in Yuletide finery. Music, tours, and spectacular decorations highlight the celebration of Christmas at the Newport Mansions. For more information, click on event title.

3rd Annual Holiday Zubilee at Buttonwood Park Zoo (11:00am-4:00pm)

Experience the holidays in a unique way at the Buttonwood Park Zoo's third annual Holiday Zoobilee. Visitors will be able to learn how the zoo's animals stay active through holiday themed keeper chats and animal enrichments. There will be opportunities to decorate a special holiday cookie, deliver your holiday wish list to Santa, and meet Queen Elsa and Princess Anna too! Explore the Zoo in search of our 12 Bears on the Branch hidden throughout the zoo. Both the train and wildlife carousel are included in the Holiday Zoobilee admission price.

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Don't miss out on the NBSO's Magical Moment program at the Z on Saturday! (3:30 & 7:00)

NBSO Family Holiday Pops 2014: Magical Moments (3:30pm & 7:00pm)

The NBSO's Family Holiday Pops Concerts are bursting with magical moments! With holiday music we all love played by a great orchestra, friends and family sharing the joy of the season, and festive holiday decorations, it's no wonder this concert is a South Coast holiday tradition! The children's matinee at 3:30 will feature a fun, interactive activity while the 7:00 performance offers a few more carols for a slightly longer concert experience; each child attending either concert receives a gift. Featured performers include soprano Patrice Tiedemann, the New Bedford Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Showstoppers performing arts troupe. Tickets: <https://ticketing.zeiterion.org/public/Default.asp>

Dedee Shattuck Gallery Masquerade Ball (Westport) (7:00-10:00pm)

Live music, mask making, photo booth, open bar and more.

Painting with a Splash: Santa (12+), Window Wreath, Snowglobe, & Window Cat (12:00pm, 3:00pm, 7:00pm & 7:00pm)

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Aine Minogue's 20th annual Winter Solstice concert (Portsmouth) (7:00pm)

A night of intriguing harp music, ethereal vocals, winter tales, and tales told out of school by one the the world's most talented harpists. For some in the Common Fence Music audience, this is a yearly outing. Common Fence Music: Presents all-Ireland Harpist Aine Minogue's 20th annual Winter Solstice concert. Phone: (401) 683-5085 for tickets. Common Fence Music, 933 Anthony Road.

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Polar Express is inspired by the run-away hit movie! This holiday favorite comes to life as you and your family take a ride on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride. Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, families are sure to enjoy their trip to the North Pole, complete with hot chocolate and cookies served on board the train. Passengers will then be entertained by a reading of THE POLAR EXPRESS. Upon arrival at the North Pole, Santa will greet the children and each child will receive their own sleigh bell, just like in the movie, to those who BELIEVE.



*Polar Express Ride and
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USA!*

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**Blue Christmas/ The Longest Night Service (Fall River)
(6:30-7:00pm)**

Is all the festivity and cheer of Christmas a little too much for you? Is Christmas going to be different for you this year or has it always been different for you? Are the days leading up to Christmas sad, frustrating, lonely? Here's an opportunity to experience hope and light in these days. You are invited to our Blue Christmas/ The Longest Night Service. Phone: 508-676-3091. Email: unionunmc@verizon.net. Union United Methodist Church, 600 Highland Ave, Fall River.

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