

New Bedford Taxi Service Phone List

Here's a list of taxi companies in New Bedford.

New Bedford Guide's Top Articles of 2012



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2012 was an interesting year in New Bedford and Massachusetts. It was a presidential election year with three Massachusetts ballot questions and we got hit by Hurricane Sandy. New Bedford was rattled by a New Bedford police officer being stabbed and teen shot to death by police. We also got hit with some major construction on the New Bedford/Fairhaven bridge, Route 18 and Coggeshall Street. We covered these stories and many more, and our writers wrote some popular original articles. Here are the top 12 New Bedford Guide articles of 2012 determined by visitor traffic:

1. New Bedford Hurricane Sandy Update and Services by Mike Silvia

Anticipating Hurricane Sandy was a major event. Luckily, Massachusetts avoided the wrath of Sandy that hit New

Jersey so hard. New Bedford Guide provided updates of City services, school closings and other important information for New Bedford residents. Our Hurricane Sandy Update and Services article was reaching 5,000+ New Bedford residents daily leading up to the storm!

2. New Bedford 4th of July Fireworks Celebration 2012 by Mike Silvia



The New Bedford 4th of July fireworks display always brings in a large crowd.

3. 2012 New Bedford Santa 5k Fun Run by Shonna McGrail Ryan

New Bedford's second 5k Santa Fun Run drew 2,000 runners and New Bedford Guide was a top source of information on the run.

4. 2012 Massachusetts Statewide Ballot Questions by Mike Silvia

There were three important Massachusetts ballot questions in the November 6th election. Two passed (legalizing medicinal Marijuana and availability of vehicle data) and one failed (assisted suicide). New Bedford Guide broke down each question without taking a political side.

5. 8 Things to Know About the 2012 Portuguese Feast by Shonna McGrail Ryan



Each year, the New Bedford Portuguese Feast is the biggest festival in the south coast of Massachusetts. Once again, we previewed the feast and provide useful survival information.

6. 10 Unique Date Ideas by Shonna McGrail Ryan

One of the toughest parts of planning a date is picking a great location for dinner or finding some fun entertainment. This article gives Greater New Bedford area residents some great date ideas!

7. New Bedford Chowder Festival 2012 by Shonna McGrail Ryan

The New Bedford Chowderfest has become a must attend event each year in downtown New Bedford. Dozens of restaurants serve up tasty chowders and other samples of food. This article provided full details of the events with tons of pictures.

8. 5 Greater New Bedford Romantic Restaurants by Shonna McGrail Ryan

Picking a great place to eat for an important date can be a daunting task. This article provides 5 romantic restaurants that should be considered for your net date!

9. Best Job Search Resources for New Bedford Residents by Mike Silvia

The New Bedford unemployment rate is typically twice the state average. This article provided a list of places to find jobs in the Greater New Bedford area on the web.

10. 17 Must Attend New Bedford Events by Mike Silvia



New Bedford really has become a Mecca for events in the south coast Massachusetts area. This article lists all the must attend events with time, location and full details on each.

11. 5 Things That Keep Us Broke by Nicholas Walecka

We really do spend a lot of money on things that feel important but are not really a necessity. Want to save \$6,410 a year? Cut of these five items out of your life!

12. New Bedford Guide's Facebook Cover Photo Contest by Mike Silvia

New Bedford Guide hosted several photo contests bringing in hundreds of great photographs from dozens of local photographers. Our first contest was our most popular and this article detailed the rules. The result of the contest can be seen [here](#). Contest photos from all our contests [here](#):

- April Photo Contest
- May Photo Contest
- July Photo Contest
- September Contest

New Bedford Snow Parking Ban – 29 December, 2012

The City of New Bedford has announced a snow emergency parking ban to take effect in residential areas as of 7:00 p.m. and as of 11:00 p.m. in the business districts on Saturday December 29, 2012. The parking ban will remain in effect for 48-hours thereafter, unless



lifted or further extended by City officials. The parking ban is designed to allow City workers to efficiently remove snow from New Bedford roadways to allow public safety vehicles and residents to travel safely.

The National Weather Service in Taunton has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Southern Bristol County. The forecast calls for a mixture of light rain and snow this afternoon with rain and snow this evening accumulating to 5 inches in the City overnight.

While the snow emergency parking ban is in effect, parking is permitted on the side of the street that is opposite the fire hydrants. No vehicle should be parked on the same side of the street as a fire hydrant, except on streets that are regularly posted for parking on one side of the street only. In posted areas, residents are to obey the signs as usual.

In the business districts, a double-sided parking ban will take effect in both the Acushnet Avenue Business District and the Downtown Business District as of 11:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 29, 2012. This double-sided parking ban will be lifted as soon as these business districts have been cleared. Downtown parking is available at no charge in the Elm Street and the Zeiterion Parking Garages.

Violations of this parking regulation will be subject to ticketing at \$50 per ticket and towing at full cost to the owner of the vehicle towed. The vehicle owner is also

responsible for the full cost of storage for any towed vehicle.

The following areas have been designated as preferred parking areas for those residents in need of off-street parking while the emergency snow parking ban is in effect:

- Victory Park – Brock Avenue
- Hazelwood Park – Brock Avenue
- Roosevelt Middle School – Brock Avenue and Dennis Street
- Cove Street Parking Lot – Cove Street and Morton Court
- Orchard Street at Shaw's Soccer Field
- Congdon School – Thompson and Hemlock Street
- Buttonwood Park Parking Area – Hawthorn Street Side and Lake Street Side
- Coggeshall Street Parking Lot – Coggeshall Street and Acushnet Avenue
- Sawyer Street Parking Lot – Between Sawyer Street and Beetle Street
- Brooklawn Park Parking Area – Brooklawn Street (South Side)
- Normandin Middle School – Tarkiln Hill Road
- Jireh Swift School – Tarkiln Hill Road
- Campbell School – Phillips Road
- Alma del Mar Charter School (former Ottiwell School) – 26 Madeira Avenue
- Philips Avenue School – 249 Phillips Avenue
- DeValles School – 120 Katherine Street
- Parker School – 705 County Street
- Elm Street Garage
- Zeiterion Garage – 688 Purchase Street

The Mayor's Office will provide updates on the snow emergency parking ban as needed.

Recycle That Holiday Cardboard!

As you open your new holiday treasures, consider recycling your cardboard. Cardboard is important to recycle because it is valuable and banned from the landfill. During this season there are often large cardboard boxes at the curb.



In order for the cardboard to fit in the recycling truck, boxes must be flattened and cut down to no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet. Place cardboard in your blue bin designated for paper. Excess flattened cardboard can be placed beneath your blue bin. Cardboard that is not flattened and cut down to 2 feet by 3 feet or smaller will go in the trash truck since it will not fit in the recycling truck.

You may bring larger cardboard boxes to the 1103 Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station. There is a cardboard compactor there. The hours are Monday – Friday 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 2 PM. The Transfer Station will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day and half of the day before these holidays. Cardboard for recycling should be clean (grease or food contamination can interfere with the recycling process). Please remove any packaging materials such as plastic and foam.

For more information call Marissa Perez-Dormitzer the District Recycling Coordinator at (508) 979-1493.

The Southcoast Hot Jobs List – 26 December, 2012



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The Greater New Bedford unemployment rate is much higher than the rest of Massachusetts, but believe it or not there really are a lot of jobs available for qualified applicants. Sometimes the barrier to a new job can be the lack of information on available job openings. To solve this, each week New Bedford Guide will be working with the New Directions Southcoast (also known as the Greater New Bedford Career Center) to inform job seekers about the hottest jobs in the area. We will define “Hot Jobs” as those jobs that need to be filled by the employer immediately. For those looking to search some large job databases, checkout my Best Job Search Resources for New Bedford Residents article. Unless noted otherwise, those interested in these positions or want more information should go to the Greater New Bedford Career Center at 618 Acushnet Avenue. Here are the Hot Jobs as of December 26th, 2012:

1. Machine Operators #1659006 – Reliable, responsible individuals needed to operate textile machines from start up to shut down. Must be able to read and understand directions. Some lifting required. Experienced preferred. Lots of overtime available. Mechanical background helpful. Interested applicants can complete a generic application at the Greater

New Bedford Career Center.

2. Staff Planner #1659025 – Manages, initiates and coordinates the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the permitting process for the City. Responsible for the review and analysis of applications submitted to the Planning Board and ZBA for completeness and conformance with the City Code requirements.

3. Job Specialist #1661426 – New Directions Southcoast is seeking two skilled part-time Job Specialists to develop employment opportunities for customers that are consistent with vocational goals and enhancement trainings. The positions are temporary and grant-funded starting January 2013 to June 30, 2013. To perform the job successfully, the applicant must have strong communication skills.



Primary Responsibilities:

- * Conducts job development and job search activities directed toward positions that are related to the objectives of specific training courses.
- * Assist customers to obtain and maintain competitive employment that is consistent with their training.
- * Reviews job orders and matches applicants with job requirements.
- * Conducts employer contacts regularly to learn about local businesses and employer needs, to talk about specific clients who are looking for work.
- * Inputs data into database to reflect customer progress.
- * Review job seekers resume for proper format and content. Assist customers to improve and customize their resume based on positions they are applying for.
- * Performs other duties as required.

4. CNC Lathe Machinist #1661440 – Local manufacturer looking

for a strong CNC Lathe Machinist to Program, Set-up and Operate. The ideal candidate MUST have a minimum of 5-7 years experience. Experience working within a medical manufacturing environment is preferred. Must be able to machine parts per drawing specifications and written instructions. 1st shift (7-3:30) and 2nd shift available, flexible and willing to learn, working a fast paced, team oriented lean manufacturing environment. Immediate opening.

5. Revenue Clerk (Part-time) #1656595 – First Transit is looking for a Revenue Clerk (part-time) to be responsible for counting company's revenue. Collects and counts fixed route and demand response revenue for local transit authority for two locations. Selected candidate will be responsible for the daily delivery of cash reports to the Finance Office and for completing all bank depository documents along with the transporting of cash from money room to vault.

Qualified candidates must have a high school diploma, or equivalent. Previous money handling experience preferred. Adding machine and currency and coin counting machine skills helpful.

6. Day Care Teacher #1661425 – Temp to possible perm position. The qualified candidate will work with a toddler/preschool group. Expectations include: excellent attendance, a nurturing attitude, knowledge of creative curriculum, knowledge of age-appropriate development, and must be energetic and motivated. Special Skills Needed: Must be certified as an I/T teacher through DEEC.

7. Food Service Worker #1665616 – 2nd shift position. Grill cook/ cashier position.

New Bedford Holiday Recycling

The holidays can be stressful and they also stress the environment. Buying gifts means lots of packaging. It also means there are used items that are no longer needed. The Greater New Bedford Refuse District offers suggestions to conserve resources for the holidays and make celebrations greener.



Recycle everything that can be recycled. Place all the flattened cardboard boxes (no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet), non-metallic wrapping paper, newspapers, magazines and junk mail in your blue bin designated for paper. Excess flattened cardboard (2 feet by 3 feet or smaller) can be placed beneath your blue bin. Recycle larger cardboard at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station. Place all plastic, glass and metal bottles and cans in a separate bin or a barrel labeled with a special recycling sticker.

As you make room for new holiday treasures, consider donating unwanted toys, electronics and clothing to charity instead of throwing them away. Many items, including cardboard boxes (any size), all types of batteries, rigid plastics (barrels, bins, toys), cell phones, cooking oil, printer cartridges, clothing, books, CDs, empty aerosol containers, scrap metal, Styrofoam blocks, electronics, televisions, computers and monitors are accepted for recycling or donation at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Avenue.

Recycle your Christmas tree at the curb or at designated drop-off sites. During the week of January 7th – 11th, the Department of Public Facilities will collect the trees at the curb on your regular trash/recycling day. Starting on December

26, residents can drop off trees at the following locations:

- Middle parking lot off East Rodney French Boulevard (between Seymour Street and Hudson Street);
- Brooklawn Park (near Irvington Street);
- Pine Hill Park (Phillips Road); and
- Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station.

All trees must be free of ornaments and stands. Please do not place the trees in bags.

For more information, call the City Yard at (508) 991-6133 or Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, District Recycling Coordinator, at (508) 979-1493.

National Park Celebrates New Year's Eve

Celebrate the New Year at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park! Ruth and Abby, the national park's 1850s ladies, will be marking the new year by providing materials for visitors of all ages to create their own 2013 calendar, and



would be pleased to have you join them, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Following the calendar-making activity, at 7:00 PM, renowned Portuguese fado singer Ana Vinagre will be singing traditional Portuguese songs. On display all evening will be the park's new temporary exhibit, "Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries." This exhibit explores the participation and contributions of African Americans as nurses, surgeons and hospital workers

during the Civil War. All activities will take place on Monday, December 31 at the New Bedford Whaling National Park Visitor Center, 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford. Admission is free for all events.

The calendar-making, concert and exhibit are just part of City Celebrates! New Year's Eve, presented by AHA! and the City of New Bedford in the heart of the downtown historic district. Join the AHA! partners for a FREE family-friendly evening in Downtown New Bedford from 4:30 to 9pm – but feel free to arrive early and stay late! The fireworks start at 8:30, and take place at Custom House Square. For more information on City Celebrates! New Year's Eve, go to <http://ahanewbedford.org/newyearseve.html>.

Special Whaling Walking Tour at National Park

If you are looking for a way to navigate the doldrums between Christmas and New Year's Day, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park might just have the solution for you. "Risky Business: New Bedford in Whaling Days," a special free wintertime walking tour, will be offered on Thursday, December 27 at 11:00 AM. With volunteer tour guide Peter Hacunda, you'll have the opportunity to walk the same streets tread upon by Herman Melville almost exactly 172 years ago to the day. You'll hear



about young Melville and how his journey from New Bedford led to some big things not only for him, but for literature buffs everywhere. You'll learn how New Bedford became "The City that Lit the World." And you'll find out what the Washington Monument, the Hubble telescope and Alcatraz all have in common. At the same time, you'll be getting a bit of exercise and taking in some wintry seaside air. This free tour starts the park visitor center, 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford. No reservations required.

Expansion of New Bedford Teacher Home Visit Program

At a press conference in City Hall yesterday, Mayor Jon Mitchell joined with Interim Superintendent Michael Shea, teachers, principals and parents to announce the expansion of the New Bedford Public Schools Parent Teacher Home Visit Program, a family engagement program that brings teachers to students' homes to foster better communication and improve academic performance.



Mayor Jon Mitchell said, "Expanding this invaluable program was a promise I made very early on, so it gives me great pleasure to be able to be able to applaud today all the administrators and teachers who worked hard to deliver on that commitment. This program is going to make a real difference in the lives of hundreds of families with children in New Bedford Public Schools."

New Bedford's Parent Teacher Home Visiting Project was piloted in 2010 at Carney Academy Elementary School to great success. The program has expanded from Carney Academy and is now offered at Hayden-McFadden Elementary School, Normandin Middle School, Roosevelt Middle School, and New Bedford High School.

The program is modeled after a project in California and is founded on the core belief that parents and teachers are equally important co-educators – the parent is the expert on the individual child's needs, strengths, and weaknesses. The teacher is the expert on the curriculum that must be mastered for success. Teachers conduct the visits in pairs and are compensated for their time. Each family is visited twice a year. The first visit is to establish trust and a professional relationship and the second visit is focused on providing resources and information based on student need and grade level.

While the primary focus of the program is to foster school and parent engagement, at the secondary level teachers are sharing information about college planning and other post-high school opportunities. Funding for the NBPS Home Visit Program is provided by grantors including the Island Foundation and Bay Coast Bank as well as through federal grants including Race to the Top.

Mercy Meals Seeks Volunteers for Christmas Day Lunch



Mercy Meals received all the volunteers they needed for the Christmas Day lunch! If you'd like to volunteer they can use people for the New Year's Day lunch! Call Reverend Russ Chamberlain at 508-728-1489 for information or to sign up to volunteer.

Last year we visited Mercy Meals and More and talked to Reverend Russ Chamberlain. The people and facility are a great resource for the homeless to get a free meal in New Bedford. They will be serving a Christmas Day meal and need volunteers! The lunch will be from 11 to 1 p.m. on Christmas Day at 634 Purchase Street in New Bedford. It is open to all who need a place for lunch on Christmas Day. They are in need of volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up the lunch so others can go home to family events. Volunteers are invited to arrive around 9 a.m. Call Reverend Russ Chamberlain at 508-728-1489 for information or to sign up to volunteer.