

24 Things to do this Weekend (Dec 5- Dec 7)

This weekend will be a rather unusually warm one for this time of year. We've already had a bit of snow and temperatures in the teens...and here we are with a Saturday that will reach 56 degrees. As the saying goes, "Don't like the weather? Wait 5 minutes." We'll have some rain on Saturday and some Sunday morning. Sunday also features the coolest low – 29 degrees in the morning. However, it will "warm" up to a "balmy" 42 degrees. Break out those ugly turtlenecks and sweaters!



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 5th

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

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Only at the Z Friday evening!

Cove Street Neighborhood Association Christmas Tree Lighting (5:00-8:30pm)

Tree Lighting at 6:00pm, at Loretta Bourque Park, Ruth and Ashley Streets. Santa Claus is coming to town with Mrs. Claus for this special occasion to visit with all of the girls and boys around 5:30pm.

Painting with a Splash: Christmas Cheer & Snowman (7:00pm)

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Jenny McCarthy's "Dirty, Sexy, Funny." (8:00pm)

With the help of a hilarious, all-female slate of stand-up comedians, Jenny McCarthy takes an outrageous look at life as a contemporary woman: from single motherhood to casual sex. Shot at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, this one-hour special includes sets from Justine Marino, Tammy Pescatelli, Lynne Koplitz, Paula Bel and April Macie, as well as a series of sketch vignettes from McCarthy herself.

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Downtown New Bedford's 2014 Holiday Stroll!

Saturday, December 6th

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.



Head to Silverbrook Farm ACUSHNET to meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, Big Elf, and for hay rides, face painting and more!

Christmas Arts and Crafts Sale (Dartmouth) (9:30am-3:00pm)

Quality gifts and crafts from many local businesses and home-based artists. Fresh green wreaths, gift raffle, silent auction. Eat-in or take-out: lobster rolls, meat pies, chowder and soup. Congregational Church 17 Middle St. South Dartmouth, Mass.

5th Annual Santa Farm Follies (10:00am-4:00pm)

Want to meet Santa? Head to Silverbrook Farm ACUSHNET for the 5th annual Santa Farm Follies! Mrs. Claus and "Big Elf" will also make appearances. There will be hay rides, face painting and more!

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.

Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll (12:00pm-4:00 pm)

The Holiday Stroll weekend will kick off with The "Official" Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving at Custom House Square Park by

antique fire truck. Santa will “stroll” with his admirers to MARE Studios on Center Street, where he will greet his young friends and pose for free, souvenir photos. Then Santa and Mrs. Claus will join the NB High and All-City Middle School Marching Bands and Color Guard for a parade up William Street to the Library steps. Mayor Jon Mitchell will welcome all for the City’s official Tree Lighting Ceremony. For schedule and more info: <http://www.downtownnb.org/holidaystroll.html>.



Creative Auctions Holiday Auction (1pm – close)

Looking for some deep discounted NEW items? Creative Auctions is hosting their annual Holiday Auction. Doors open at 1pm and auctions start at 2pm at the Days Inn on 500 Hathaway Rd in New Bedford.

Winter Wonderland Celebration for New Bedford Residence (2-5pm)

Join the Parks, Recreations & Beaches Department at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman Street) Saturday December 6, from 2pm-5pm for holiday crafts, winter sports activities, a hot cocoa bar, and holiday movies as well as other fun activities. In the spirit of giving, the Andrea McCoy recreation center will open its doors to offer free family recreation at a Winter Wonderland Holiday Celebration. Families will have the opportunity to continue the giving through gift making activities. Full details: <http://www.newbedfordguide.com/winter-wonderland-andrea-mccoy/2014/11/09>

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It's that time of year!

Dartmouth High School Theatre: "A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley" (2:00 & 7:00 pm)

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Painting with a Splash: Xmass Candle(12+), Winter Fun City & Snow Trees (3:00pm, 7:00pm & 7:00pm)

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City of New Bedford's Christmas Parade and Official Christmas Tree Lighting (4:00-6:00pm)

Parade begins at 4pm at William Street and North Water Street, proceeds up William Street to Pleasant Street to the Tree Lighting at the New Bedford Main Library on 613 Pleasant Street at 5pm.

Gallery X: Xmas Show (7:00-10:00 pm)

Head downtown to Gallery X for their annual XMas show. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Phone: (508) 992-2675, info@galleryx.org or www.galleryx.org. 169 William St.

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Have fun painting "XMass Candle" at Painting w/ a Splash!

1st Annual Holiday Bazaar (Marion) (11:00am-5:00pm)

Marion's first annual holiday bazaar takes place at VFW Post

2425, 465 Mill Street in Marion. There will be tons of crafts, art and more! Email Amie at momp5031@gmail.com or Caroline at whoosh@operamail.com. Call or text Caroline at 978.382.2139.

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Polar Express Ride and XMas Festival of Lights at Edaville USA!

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.

American Big Band: "Home for the Holidays" (2:00 pm)

The best of American Big Band comes to the Z for a Christmas showcase of all the holiday favorites. Featuring a 12-piece

orchestra and eight singers and dancers, this musical extravaganza is perfect for the whole family. Join us for this medley of classics from Bing to Buble.

Painting with a Splash: Winter Trees & Snowman (12+) (3:00pm)

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If you love Big Band, you won't want to miss "Home For The Holidays!"

Clasky Common Park Festival of Lights Celebration & Tree Lighting (5:00pm)

Clasky Common Park, at County Street and Pearl Street, Festival of Lights Celebration, Tree Lighting at 5:00pm.

Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting (6:15pm)

Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting, at Fire Station No. 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue. Santa is Claus coming to town with Mrs. Claus for this special occasion to visit with all of the girls and boys around 6:45pm.

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