# Massachusetts State Police reminder regarding possession of certain items at the Boston Marathon

"With the Boston Marathon days away, we remind that spectators along the course or within any official BAA venue are discouraged from possessing certain items.

Those in possession of any of the following items, even if legally possessed, may result in delays when passing through security checkpoints:

- Weapons or items of any kind that may be used as weapons;
- Backpacks or any similar item carried over the shoulder;
- Suitcases and rolling bags/rollers;
- Coolers;
- Glass containers or cans;
- Flammable liquids, fuels, fireworks, or explosives;
- Any container capable of carrying more than 1 liter of liquid;
- Handbags or packages or bulky items larger than 12 inches x 12 inches x 6 inches;
- Large blankets/comforters or sleeping bags;
- Costumes covering the face or any non-form fitting, bulky outfits extending beyond the perimeter of the body;
- Props (including sporting equipment and military and fire gear).

Also, spectators are reminded that the FAA has prohibited operation of drones over the race route. We thank you in advance for your cooperation." -Massachusetts State Police.

#### Bask, Inc. to Sponsor "1440 Project" at Gallery X in New Bedford this Saturday

If you don't know what a 1440 Project is (and i did not!) you ask!

Joanna Tomasz, the Executive Director of The Collective was happy to fill me on one happening right here in New Bedford at Gallery X. "A 1440 Project is a performance concept where all the material, including 10 minute plays, music, and spoken word/poetry, are created, rehearsed and performed in the span of 1440 minutes, or 24 hours."

On Friday night at 7pm a random writing prompt is given to all the participants, at 10am the next day each playwright has to submit their new 10 minute play, the plays are then cast through a draft of local actors, rehearsed, memorized, and then put live in front of an audience at 7pm Saturday night. There is a second showing at 9pm called the "stumble through" where the actors are encouraged to improvise and loosen up the performance. The poets and musicians have from 7pm Friday to 7pm Saturday to create a new piece of work based on the writing prompt and perform it live.

The Collective NB is producing three 1440 Projects this winter/spring and is taking the newly created material from these shows and developing a brand new full length theatrical experience for the summer series at Haskell Gardens and the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, August 11-13th and September 22-24 respectively. The first 1440 was in February, the upcoming one April 16th is sponsored by Bask, and there

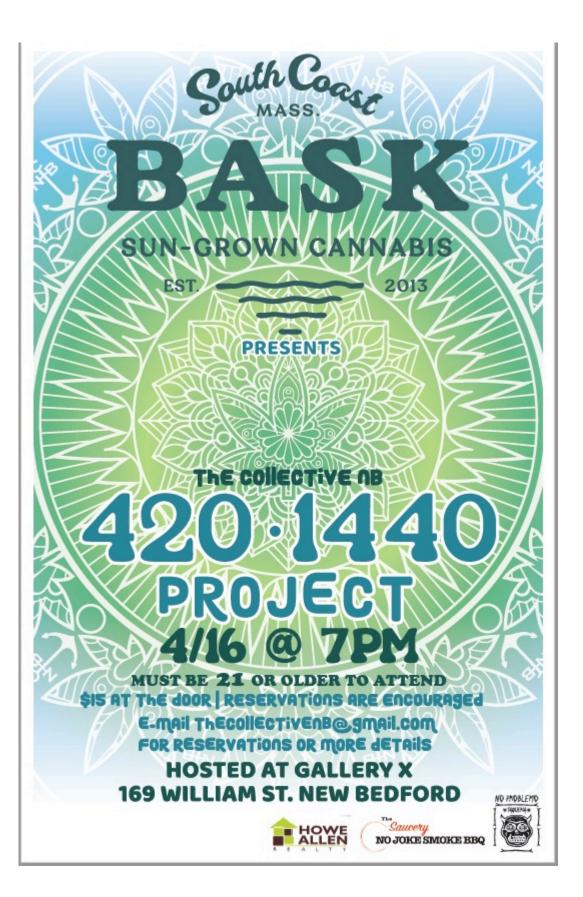
will be a third in June, date and location tbd.

This particular 1440, sponsored by Bask, is a 420 themed show. Ticket price includes food provided by a local restaurant, there will be beer and wine for purchase, it is a 21+ event. There will be folks from Bask promoting their business and products, but no cannabis will be for sale at the event. Bask has been an annual sponsor of The Collective for 4 years, and for this event they are the headlining sponsor.

If you are interested they are taking reservations via email TheCollectiveNB@gmail.com

- -Reservations are strongly encouraged, this is a popular event.
- -Tickets are for sale at the door, cash or card \$15
- -21+ Event
- -The doors open at 6:30pm and show begins at 7pm

Info is available on The Collective Facebook Events Page: https://www.facebook.com/events/5124115837648041/



### 4th Annual Mustang & All Ford Car Show Returns June 11th at UMass Dartmouth

Whether you're a car enthusiast or just enjoy a fun-filled event, we want to invite you to join us Empire Ford's annual Mustang and All-Ford Car Show taking place Sat., June 11th at UMASS Dartmouth, LOT #15 on Ring Rd!

RAIN DATE SAT., JUNE 18th

This event is FREE to the public and is a great place to take the whole family and see some classic cars and Ford favorites. From generations of Ford Mustang models that continue to capture our hearts to this day to other Ford models that became iconic over the years, if you enjoy cars and you want to see some of the best that the New Bedford, MA area has to offer, we invite you to join us for the Mustang and All-Ford Car Show!

During the event, you'll have the chance to check out classic muscle cars, including some of the most popular Mustang models and years around, as well as stand-out Ford models and modern classics. There with be 20 classes represented at the show, and three awards will be given out per class!

We'll also be providing entertainment by Johnny Angel and refreshments will be served by Phoenix on the Fly, so bring the whole family down to UMASS Dartmouth! The first 100 people will receive free dash plaques and registration is from 9AM-10AM with the event starting at 10AM and going until 3PM.

For more information on the Annual Mustang and All-Ford Car Show or to register, you can call 617-913-0073 or by contacting info@mustangofmassachusetts.com!

Receive a discount if you PRE-REGISTER your vehicle to enter

the show:

https://mustangsofmassachusetts.com/shop/ols/products/empire-fords-4th-annual-car-

show?fbclid=IwAR2CVSeJhmhsi4adLcGZBLLcP5FmY2bZPgIj8AW1el7CfV4C Iie7I0r1Dfw

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or email: info@mustangsofmassachusetts

#### **NEW LOCATION OF SHOW: UMASS DARTMOUTH (RING ROAD, LOT #15)**

285 OLD WESTPORT RD, NORTH DARTMOUTH, MA

Sponsored by Empire Ford, Mustangs of Massachusetts and Downshifters Car Club of New England

## City of New Bedford partners with new business to offer mattress recycling

The City of New Bedford and ABC Disposal are partnering with HandUp, a new New Bedford business, to offer mattress and box spring recycling as a pilot program.

Starting March 28, ABC Disposal will collect mattresses and box springs in a separate truck, rather than with other bulky items. These mattresses and box springs will be brought to HandUp for recycling. To make an appointment for mattress and/or box spring pickup, New Bedford residents can call ABC Disposal at (508) 999-2619.

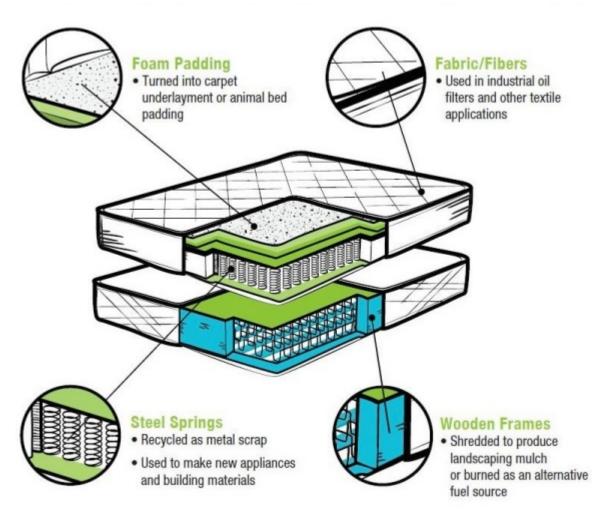
"We are pleased to be partnering with an environmentally and socially conscious local business that reduces waste by recycling unusable mattresses, reduces the need for more mattresses to be created by sanitizing and upcycling usable mattresses, and contributes to the local economy," said Jennifer Vieira, Acting Director, Department of Facilities and Fleet Management, City of New Bedford.

HandUp is a social impact business in New Bedford that recycles and upcycles mattresses in an environmentally sustainable way. The mattresses collected by HandUp will be separated into their components — foam, cloth, wood, and metal — and recycled. No futon mattresses. HandUp also has a mattress shop where they sell gently used, high-quality "upcycled" mattresses and box springs for a fraction of the retail price. They sanitize all upcycled mattresses and box springs to exceed state requirements for health and safety.

Erik Dyson, Co-Founder and CEO of HandUp, states, "We have committed to return the majority of our net profits, our goal is 80%, back to the local community by supporting non-profit

organizations that provide services and support to our immigrant and refugee neighbors."

For more information, please contact ABC Disposal at (508) 999-2619 or HandUp at (774) 271-8744, visit handupus.org, or email info@handupus.org.



City of New Bedford photo.

### New Bedford's Spinner Publications to host

### discussion: "Cuffe & Douglass: A Reckoning of Activism"

"Spinner Publications and Gallery X are happy to announce a panel presentation that will discuss the lives and legacies of two celebrated Americans—Captain Paul Cuffe of Westport and statesman Frederick Douglass—men linked to the area for unique and yet similar reasons. Both achieved national renown and were among a multitude of abolitionists in the region, but employed diverging practices.

The presentation will take the form of a panel discussion entitled: "Cuffe and Douglass: A Reckoning of Activism," and will take place on Sunday, May 8th from 2:00-5:00 pm at Gallery X, 169 William Street in New Bedford.

Panel members headlining the discussion are Lamont D. Thomas, author of Spinner Publications' forthcoming biography on Paul Cuffe; Lee Blake, President of the New Bedford Historical Society and a Cuffe descendent; and local historian Carl Cruz, also a Cuffe descendent. The panel will be moderated by Spinner Publications publisher, Joseph Thomas.

In the American story of abolition, there is much about Frederick Douglass—autobiographies, world-famous speeches, and intimate details captured in private writings. Douglass, the most photographed man in the country, is recognized internationally as the leading African-American orator of his time. On the other hand, Paul Cuffe does not enjoy this narrative presence. While he is often regarded as the wealthiest man of color during his day, he is also considered one of his era's most prolific letter-writers of color. Biographer Rosalind Cobb Wiggins writes,

Intentional or not, Paul Cuffe's writings emerge as one of the

largest bodies of literature written by an African American in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. He filled hundreds of pages and his was a strong voice from "within the veil."

And yet, this body of writing is not enough to keep Cuffe relevant in the discussion of America's leading abolitionists. Instead, he is too readily dismissed. To some historians, his activist work to resettle free Blacks in Sierra Leone, West Africa is associated with goals of the American Colonization Society and less to nation building. There is an absence of sophisticated thought ascribed to those who sought to "teach a people how to make a living while worrying less about what was in their minds." (from Rise to be a People, by Lamont D. Thomas).

Both men were driven by a passion to ensure the freedom and equality of African Americans. While Douglass lectured throughout the country on the brutality of slavery and America's subjugation of its African population, Cuffe's exemplar brand of activism was to lead through his accomplishments as a self-trained sea captain trading goods across the Atlantic with a crew consisting wholly of people of color—Native American, African, and mixed races. Paul Cuffe's full story is little known and under-appreciated. Why?

The event is free to the public. There will be light fare and refreshments. Attendees are encouraged to participate in a Q &A and to socialize following the discussion. For people unable to attend, the event will stream live on Spinner Publications' Facebook page and play later on YouTube.

Paul Cuffe and Frederick Douglass, "A Reckoning of Activism, is the the first installment of the Paul Cuffe Discussion Series, in a quartet of grant-funded paneled discussions on the South Coast.

For more information contact Spinner Publications 508-994-4564

or Corey Nuffer at 605-376-2692

You can register for the event here.

## City of New Bedford announces dates for collection of yard waste, brush & branches



#### **Notice**

#### City of New Bedford

Collection for <u>Yard Waste</u> begins Monday, <u>April 4, 2022</u>, through Friday, <u>December 16, 2022</u>.

Collection is the day after trash day.

If your trash day is Friday, December 9, 2022,
your last yard waste pick-up
will be Monday, December 12, 2022.
Yard waste should be placed in store bought barrels
or biodegradable leaf bags ONLY!
Do not use city issued trash and recycling carts.

Collection for <u>Brush & Branches</u> begins Wednesday, <u>April 27, 2022</u>, through Wednesday, <u>November 23, 2022</u> by appointment ONLY.

(508) 999-2619

City of New Bedford photo.

### City of New Bedford to celebrate first-ever "Day Of

#### Kindness"

Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen to Host City-Wide DAY OF KINDNESS on April 1st With Official Proclamation by Mayor Mitchell.

On April 1, 2022, the City of New Bedford will announce its first-ever Day of Kindness. The initiative was created by Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen 2022, Hannah Lima. Mayor Jon Mitchell will order an official proclamation in honor of the day.

The city-wide event encourages New Bedford residents of all ages to celebrate and perform acts of kindness. An official Mayoral proclamation will take place, followed by the commencement of the day's activities. Lima will also spend the day visiting area schools to talk about the importance of kindness and service.



Throughout the day, area schools will participate with various individual activities — from creating kindness murals to volunteering and performing acts of service. Individuals and adults of all ages are also encouraged to perform an act of service on this day, or use the day to share how they

contribute kindness year-round.

All those who participate are encouraged to use the hashtag #NBdayofkindness to celebrate and showcase the happenings of the day. Additionally, photos may be submitted to kindness.hannah22@gmail.com for special spotlights and online features.

This event is just one initiative hosted by Lima during her dedicated year of service. As a passionate volunteer, Lima hopes to empower others to donate their time and perform acts of kindness to improve their communities. Lima is being supported by her volunteer committee within the Miss New Bedford Scholarship Organization.

Lima will compete for the title of Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen on April 10, 2022.



### Local partners bring free energy & recycling drive to New Bedford

Whale's Tooth Parking Lot to host recycling drop-off event for New Bedford residents.

State Representative Antonio Cabral (D- New Bedford), working with Green Team Junk Removal, the City of New Bedford, Harvey Waste & Recycling Services, Old Colony Habitat for Humanity, and Eversource, is hosting an energy and recycling drive for New Bedford residents to donate furniture, dispose of old electronics, shred confidential paperwork, and turn in working dehumidifiers for a \$30 MassSave rebate.

New Bedford residents are invited to drive-thru and drop-off their items at the Whale's Tooth Parking Lot at 532 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Limited to two items, furniture that is clean and reusable will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Couches, love seats, recliners, wood kitchen tables, kitchen chairs, end tables, dressers, bureaus, nightstands, and desks will be accepted.



New Bedford Recycling photo.

Electronics including laptops, CPUs, motherboards, hard drives, CD drives, power supplies, printers and fax machines, cell phones, keyboards, gaming systems, amplifiers, routers, and flat screen TVs (no CRTs) will be accepted.

Eversource customers will receive a \$30 gift card for a working dehumidifier through their Dehumidifier Turn-In Program.

A shredding truck will be on site to accept up to two boxes of confidential paperwork per resident for destruction.

This free event is open to all New Bedford residents.

"Recycling, reusing, and repurposing are simple ways for everyone to contribute to helping our environment and reducing the waste in our landfills," said Rep. Cabral. "I hope residents will take advantage of this opportunity to do some spring cleaning and donate furniture and safely and efficiently dispose of old electronic equipment and dehumidifiers," continued the Rep. "I thank Green Team Junk Removal for coordinating these drives across the state — and for the City of New Bedford, Harvey's, and Eversource for collaborating with us on this project to make it a successful

community event for the people of New Bedford."

"This recycling drive is a great opportunity for residents to safely unload, at no charge, items that are hard to dispose of and can take up excessive space in landfills," Mayor Jon Mitchell said. "It's a wonderful way to support Habitat for Humanity with clean furniture, dispose of old electronics, and potentially get involved in shared clean-up efforts in local neighborhoods. Events like this are how we make a cleaner, more sustainable, and more beautiful New Bedford."

"We're proud to be actively working with the City of New Bedford on multiple initiatives to help create a more sustainable future for our communities," said Eversource Energy Efficiency Spokesperson Bill Stack. "Representative Cabral's energy and recycling drive is an important part of that partnership, and we're excited to help our customers save money as they look to reduce their energy use with our energy efficiency upgrades."

A flyer with more detail is attached and event information can be found here.

#### New Bedford High School Drama Club Presents Godspell, April 8-10

Written by Brooklin Henriksen, NBHS Class of 2022

The second weekend of April, The Drama Club at New Bedford High School will graciously present to audiences the 2012 revival version of "Godspell" with music by Stephen Schwartz,

in the NBHS Bronspiegel Auditorium. Godspell is a story of love and understanding as told through the Gospel of Matthew. In the NBHS staging, the Jesus figure recruits a group of hopeless strangers waiting at a bus stop to learn and spread His messages of love, hope, kindness and tolerance. Together, this group helps Jesus to tell different parables by using a myriad of games, storytelling and just enough comedic relief. What jumps out about Godspell is that each character has their own song and each song is so incredibly unique to their character's journey in following Jesus; no song sounds like the song before. The musical has the audience fully absorbed in the characters learning of love and tolerance from start to finish and will leave them with a sense of understanding that even I didn't have until being a part of this show.

Due to an overwhelming interest in performing and drama club members with an array of talents and strengths, the directors felt it was important to find a musical that could showcase everything they have to offer. "We chose Godspell because of the flexibility in casting and staging, but working on this show has been a beautiful gift with which to re-introduce musical theatre performance to our students. The universal message of love and community is so perfect right now, and we have very much enjoyed tackling this text. Many of the students featured in this show are performing on our stage in a musical for the first time! You'd never know it though; these students are super talented and are always giving it their all." Sarah Cadieux-Pacheco, Co-director says about her reasoning for choosing this show.

Aydan Sullo, Senior and drama club president will be playing the main role of Jesus, He says of his experience doing this musical, "Throughout our fortifying rehearsal process, the NBHS Theatre Company has fostered a unique and special community. In exploring the beautiful work of Stephen Schwartz's Godspell, the dedication of our cast and crew is a spectacle of this bond. The overarching concept of innate

leaders inspiring those as followers to then become leaders has embedded itself in our club. Thank you endlessly to our patrons and supporters, and please come see Godspell!"

Performances of Godspell in the NBHS Bronspiegel Auditorium begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 with a matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 10. Tickets are \$10 for students/seniors and \$12 for adults, and to limit large groups in the lobby can be purchased ahead of time online at http://our.show/nbhsgodspell A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase in person via cash or check at the box office beginning 1 hour before each performance. Tickets purchased in person are subject to a \$2 processing fee, per ticket. Godspell is presented with permission from Music Theatre International and is supported in part by the New Bedford Cultural Council, a chapter of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Patrons will be subject to current masking recommendations at the time of the performance.

# New Bedford Police Department reminds residents of the 45th Annual New Bedford Half Marathon

"The New Bedford Police Department wants to remind residents of the 45th Annual New Bedford Half Marathon which is scheduled for March 20th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

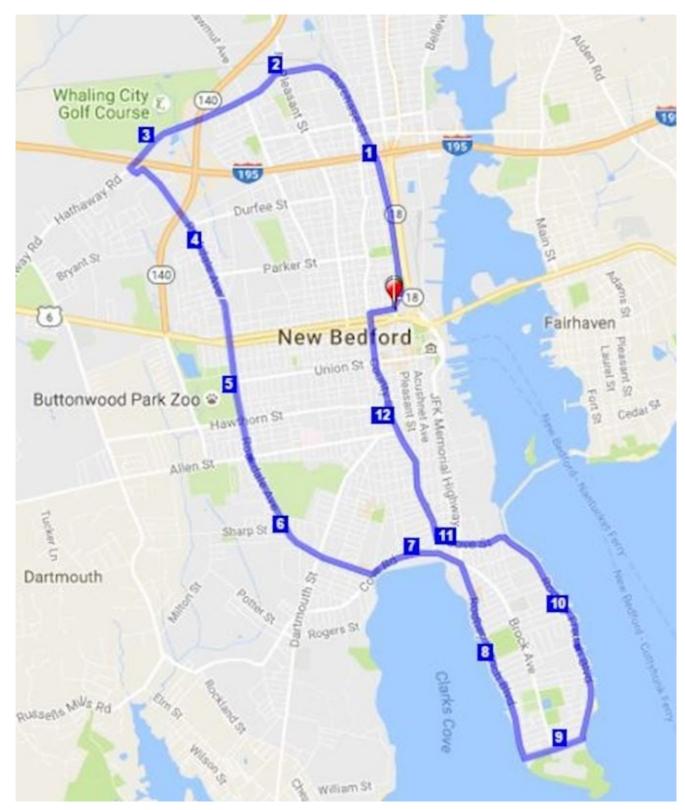
We anticipate increased vehicular traffic so in an effort to get ahead of this, we suggest residents plan accordingly and travel before or at the conclusion of the race. This will ensure less grid lock and prevent unnecessary congestion and frustration.

The race will start on Pleasant Street by City Hall, so County Street from Cove Road to Kempton Street will be closed for traffic until the end of the race.

Residents who reside in the south end peninsula of the city should plan to leave prior to 10:30AM and return no earlier than 1:30PM. The octopus (Kempton St/ Mill St/ Pleasant St/ Purchase St) will be closed completely from 10:40AM to 11:10AM. Anyone needing to gain access into the inner perimeter of the race route should consider the following routes:

- 1) Rt. 195 East bound to Penniman Street exit.
- 2) Rt. 195 Westbound to the Downtown Exit to Rt. 18 South bound to Rt. 6 West (the Downtown exit) through the octopus up Mill Street to Cottage St. \*\*Again the octopus will be closed from 10:40AM to 11:10AM.

We strongly suggest residents plan accordingly and travel before or at the conclusion of the race. This will ensure less grid lock, prevent unnecessary congestion and frustration while ensuring the safety of the runners. We thank everyone for their anticipated cooperation and patience. Below is the route map ?"-New Bedford Police Department.



New Bedford Police Department photo.