19 Things To Do This Weekend (March 16 — March 18)

Let's do the good news first: no blizzard or bombogenesis is forecasted. Guess what? Not even snow or rain is being predicted. That's the good news. The "bad" news, and it's not really that bad, is that it'll be pretty frigid. We won't break above 39 degrees as a high temperature and the overnight lows will be generally, in the teens. Add in the wind chill factor and it'll feel like it's in the singles. Just a reminder since we've had a few close calls this winter — be sure to have an inexpensive, life saving carbon monoxide detector and test the batteries. Enjoy your weekend!



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Friday, March 16th

New Bedford dog park discussion (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Want an update on New Bedford's future dog park? Join us live on the New Bedford Guide Facebook page with guests Mary Rapoza, Director of New Bedford Parks Recreation & Beaches and Amy Getchell from the Friends of the Dog Park Committee, as they provide us with an update on the Captain Jack Peterson Memorial Dog Park in New Bedford.



King Diamond Tribute band at The Bar!

20 Year Open House Celebration (3:00pm-5:00pm)

As MTSi celebrates 20 years of business, we take this opportunity to thank our loyal customers, friends and neighbors for helping us succeed and to invite you to join us in a celebration of this accomplishment. Come join us at our Open House celebration where you can meet the MTSi team, learn what we are about, have some fun, and enjoy some appetizers! Micro Technology Solutions, Inc., 132 Alden Rd., Fairhaven.

Southeastern Massachusetts Real Estate Show — Episode 3 (4:00pm—5:00pm)

Join Paul Chasse, CEO of the REALTOR® Association of Southeastern Massachusetts, for the first edition of the Southeastern Massachusetts Real Estate Show. Paul will feature local market statistics for the cities/towns from Onset to New Bedford, along with information on other topics such as selling, buying, investing and financing. This Friday, tune in to watch Paul Chasse and his guest, Bob Lima, a Broker Associate with Berkshire Hathaway for a fast-paced, 1 hour

show filled with real estate news and information!

St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn at the Z (7:30pm)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in true Irish style! After more than 30 years of captivating audiences with Irish music and culture on the radio program A Celtic Sojourn, Brian O'Donovan brings traditional instrumentalists, dancers and singers to the stage to honor the beloved Emerald Isle. Irish or not, the infectious sounds and colorful history of Ireland will quicken the heart and imagination of all! More information at wgbh.org/celtic.

Rope to Trope — an exhibition by Alex Buchanan (6:00pm-9:00pm)

Arguably the most vital material utilized across the everindustrious maritime industry by rugged expendables, tells a story greater than the one it mimics by being weathered, strained, discarded and replaced. Now tattered and frayed, its imperfections become intentional and humbly individualize themselves, reflecting personal experiences, conquests over the horizon, and even moments of vulnerability. They echo, "We are sailors and we come from the sea." Read more by clicking the event title. Groundwork, 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford.

King Diamond Tribute Band "Fatal Portrait" debuts at The Bar! (9:00pm-1:00am)

A full on re-creation of the King Diamond concert experience, complete with full stage setup, props and a large video presentation on three screens, covering all his classic solo work and Mercyful Fate material. Come to the Sabbath and have some tea with us (and Grandma!!) The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Saturday, March 17th

New Bedford Wellness Walk w/ a Doc (Dartmouth Mall) (9:00am)
This Saturday at the walk, we will be talking nutrition for #nationalnutritionmonth with a chance for a gift card to Clean

Eats Delivery! . We meet 9 am near the theaters. #foodismedicine #LoveYourHeartNB.



Celebrate St. Patty's at PUB6T5!

Beach Yoga (Onset) (9:00am-10:15pm)

Participate in a flowing Hatha yoga class at the Boys and Girls Club in Onset. This Hatha yoga class is open to all levels of experience, even none! Bring a mat or blanket, water to drink, wear comfortable clothing. Do not eat 2 hours prior to class. Suggested donation of \$10 supports 2 non-profits groups in Wareham/Onset; The Advocates for Wareham Seniors and the Onset Summer of Love Concert Series. Children are welcome at no charge. Boys and Girls Club of Wareham, 13 Highland Ave, Wareham.

Ancestry Library Edition (10:00am-11:00am)

Please join MaryEllen Cecil, Special Collections Library Assistant, for an overview of Ancestry Library Edition, as well as discussion on advanced searching techniques and tips that lead to successful search results! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

South Coast LGBTQ Network's 1st Annual Community Health Fair (10:00am-2:00pm)

Join the fun! Bring your family and friends . Enjoy a day of health, resources and inclusion. This event is created for our LGBTQ families and community regardless of age, race, gender,

sexuality or ability. For more information regarding the health fair or tabling at the event contact South Coast LGBTQ Network. PHONE: 774.371.0711, EMAIL: INFO@SCLGBTQNETWORK.ORG. UMASS Dartmouth, 715 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Main Library's Children's Room Family Story Time (11:00am-12:00pm)

Please join us at the Main Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am for story time and crafts! Hope to see you there! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

Saturday at The Sawmill: Exploring Nature With Your Senses (11:00am-12:00pm)

Use your five senses as your guide to explore The Sawmill on this FREE family-friendly adventure on Saturday. You'll tap into your senses of sight, sound, smell, touch, and even taste to experience nature like never before! Acushnet Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet.



ALL YOU CAN EAT! at The Bar!

Lawler Branch Easter Crafts (1:00pm-2:00pm)

Make a few Easter themed crafts with your little ones! Francis J. Lawler Branch Library, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford.

"Wild, Wild, Woodcock Walk (5:15pm-6:30pm)

As the snow melts away and the first traces of greenery return to the woods of New England, our breeding birds begin the courtship process. No bird is better to ring in the breeding season than the American Woodcock! Join us as we witness their courtship ritual at dusk. This program is for adults and cost is \$10/member and \$12/non-member. Preregistration is required. Mass Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, 1280 Horseneck Rd, Westport.

St. Patrick's Day at The Bar! (9:00pm-1:00am)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an ALL YOU CAN EAT buffet! Get your fill of corned beef and cabbage along with drink specials! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Sunday, March 18th

FREE Sunday Wellness Programming (9:00am-1:30pm)

Free Adult Wellness Programming for All Levels of Fitness! Open to the Public! See poster for schedule. Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, 166 Jenney St., New Bedford.



Exercise body, mind and spirit!

FREE show at the Z: American Band (2:00pm)

Our Gift to You! Strike up the band! As one of the nation's oldest adult community concert bands, The American Band has

enriched cultural life of Southern New England for nearly 200 years. The group of 60 musicians maintain the early traditions of concert bands in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, delighting audiences that span generations.

Greater New Bedford Chorale Society presents Raymond Buttero – Piano In Recital (2:00pm-5:00pm)

Beethoven Handel, DeBussy, and DeMotta. Raymond Buttero organist and Choral Society accompanist holds both Bachelor's and Master's of Music Degrees from New England Conservatory, and has also studied at the Julliard School. In addition to being a noted area recitalist and accompanist, he has given numerous performances both in the United States and abroad, including appearances at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York; Academia Olga Levi, Venice Italy; Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal; and the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival (Yale Summer School of Music and Art), Norfolk, CT. First Unitarian Church, 71 8th St., New Bedford.

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New Bedford ready to host 41st Annual Half Marathon on Sunday

On Sunday, March 18, 2018, thousands of runners will participate in the 41st Annual New Bedford Half Marathon. The race is hosted by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, a New Bedford-based fraternal organization, and the City of New

Bedford. The course is a challenging one that includes two major hills, features waterfront views, and will be lined with hundreds of volunteers and cheering fans.

A look at the 2017 New Bedford Half Marathon start

Organizers have taken great care to ensure that the New Bedford Half Marathon continues to maintain its reputation as one of the safest races in New England. More than 120 New Bedford police officers will patrol the course and ambulances staffed by New Bedford Emergency Medical Services will be stationed throughout the city. The New Bedford Police Department has asked runners and spectators not to bring bags to the course as backpacks, suitcases and rolling bags will not be permitted near the start/finish area. The New Bedford Police Department also asks that spectators and runners alike report any suspicious activity to one of the many police officers available throughout the course leading up to, during, and after the race.

Parking on the race course will not be permitted and "no parking" signs will be posted along the route to warn motorists. In addition, the race course is closed to vehicular traffic and residents are advised to plan ahead as traffic will be restricted from approximately 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New Bedford Police encourage residents who live in the south end of the city, especially those who live on the peninsula, to plan to leave before 10:30 a.m. and return after 1:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to avoid Route 18 southbound from Union Street south while the race is underway.

The New Bedford Police Department has identified two alternative routes for persons wishing to gain access inside the course perimeter. Persons who may be visiting a patient at St. Luke's Hospital or who need access to the inner perimeter for other reasons should consider the following routes:

1. Rt. 195 East bound to Penniman Street exit to County to

Parker to Cottage St.

2. Rt. 195 Westbound to Downtown Exit to Rt. 18 Southbound to Rt. 6 exit (Downtown) to Mill Street to Cottage Street.



Mayor Jon Mitchell has announced that the City of New Bedford will offer complimentary parking at the Elm Street and Zeiterion garages and Whale's Tooth Parking Lot. Shuttle service from Whale's Tooth Parking Lot to the YMCA will be provided between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and after the race between 12:45 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The entire New Bedford community is involved in welcoming the runners and their friends and families. New Bedford is a great place to shop, dine and explore before and after the race. Please visit www.destinationnewbedford.org for more information.

For more information on the race and race day activities please visit: www.newbedfordhalfmarathon.com.

Zeiterion unites Beantown's "Best In Boston" Comedy Jam for one epic night of standup

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center brings four Boston-based comedians for one epic night of stand-up in Boston Comedy Jam on Thursday, April 5, at 8:00 p.m. Veterans Lenny Clarke and Steve Sweeney headline the line-up that also includes Christine Hurley and Sal Votano for a night of laughs. Tickets range from \$20 to \$29 and can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at Zeiterion.org, or at the Zeiterion Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 508-997-5664 x123.

Comedians Clarke (Rescue Me, Are You There Chelsea?) and Sweeney (Me, Myself & Irene, There's Something About Mary) are nationally recognized for their renowned stand-up and hilarious appearances in movies and television. They each take center stage with comedy juggernauts Hurley, known as "Queen of Boston Comedy," and Votano who have kept the city in stitches with their comical and relatable takes on life in Massachusetts.

About the comedians:

Veteran Boston stand-up comedian **Lenny Clarke** has an oddly calibrated act — his material and his perspective is very much in an old-school Don Rickles vein, but his attitude is very much that of a quick-witted young comic. This contrast comes wrapped in a conversational, deceptively genial delivery, with just brief moments of clowning. Clarke is also unpredictable

in a very good way on stage — you don't know where he's going to go next. It's never the same show twice.

Dubbed by one admirer "the undisputed King of Boston comedy," **Steve Sweeney** embodies, almost literally, the city he calls home. A master of dialects and character voices, Sweeney can riff on everyone from Dorchester church ladies to Beacon Hill pols to certain radio personalities who seem a little too old to be peddling rock and roll to younger generations. In fact, while Sweeney has played to national audiences many times throughout his 30-year career — not only by touring as a stand-up but also through roles in sitcoms and movies — he is so thoroughly Bostonian that he merits his own stop on the Freedom Trail.

Known as the "Queen of Boston Comedy," **Christine Hurley** is a married mother of five children, which provides her with much of her material. She's appeared on Nick At Nite, CBS and NESN, and she was selected to be part of "Comics Come Home" in 2015 at the Boston Garden where she shared the stage with Steven Wright, Jimmy Fallon, Lenny Clarke, Ray Romano and Louis CK, hosted by Denis Leary.

One of Boston's rising stars, **Sal Votano** performs clubs, corporate, benefits and private shows with some of Boston's top comedians like Steve Sweeney and Lenny Clarke. He was a semi-finalist in the 2009 Giggles comedy competition and the 2010 Plymouth Comedy Festival. His one-liner style comedy about growing up in Lynn, marriage, being a builder and owning a liquor store will surely make you laugh.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org, by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are

Monday, Tuesday, 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., and two hours before each performance.

Southcoast Health to hold free head and neck cancer screenings on April 17

Southcoast Health will offer free head and neck cancer screenings on the Southcoast Wellness Van on Tuesday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 114 McArthur Drive in New Bedford.

Doctors will inspect the lips, gums, cheeks and mouth using a light. They will also feel for lumps in the neck. Some of the symptoms that are common in head and neck cancer include a lump or sore that does not heal, a sore throat that does not go away, difficulty swallowing and a change or hoarseness in the voice. Head and neck cancers are more common in men and in people over the age of 40, and risk factors include smoking, chewing tobacco and consuming alcohol.

"Sex and cancer! We don't often think of cancer of the mouth as a sexually transmitted disease. We have known for a long time that combining alcohol with tobacco increases the risk of an oral cavity cancer a hundred times compared to those who don't do either. Now we have a new risk factor to worry about, human papilloma virus (HPV), a sexually-transmitted disease that increases the risk for oral cavity cancer. In fact, two out of three newly diagnosed oral cavity cancers are associated with this virus. Unfortunately, because of this new risk factor, we are diagnosing oral cavity cancer in younger

patients who may never have smoked. If you have a non-healing or painful sore in your mouth for more than two to three weeks, it is very important to be evaluated," said Dr. Wendy Stern, Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon for Southcoast Health.

It is estimated that about 40,000 men and women in the United States are diagnosed with head and neck cancers annually. Caucasians currently have the highest incidence rates of head and neck cancer, although death is still highest among African Americans.

The screening is in recognition of Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week, April 8 to 15, which is led by the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance and supported by the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery.

Reservations are required for the screening, and can be made by calling 877-822-2732. For more information, visit www.southcoast.org.

16 Things To Do This Weekend (March 9 - March 10)

A pretty darn fantastic weekend is ahead for us. While the mornings are normal for winter — below freezing — the days will warm up into the 40s. Snow? Nope. Rain? Nope. Plenty of sunshine and a little bit of the wind that we've been getting these past few weeks on Saturday. Otherwise, if you've been itching to get outdoors, walk a trail, go for a hike, or just get out — this is the weekend to do it!



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Friday, March 9th

Southeastern Massachusetts Real Estate Show — Episode 2 (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Join Paul Chasse for the Southeastern Massachusetts Real Estate Show. The show will feature local market statistics for the cities/towns from Westport to Seekonk, along with other topics such as "8 home inspection red flags". We will also conclude Part 2 of a Series on Student Loan Debt and the home buying process.

Tune in to watch Paul Chasse and his guest, Steve Medeiros, a Broker with Keller Williams Realty, on Friday, March 9th at 4:00pm, for a fast-paced, 1-hour show filled with real estate news and information! Catch the Southeastern Massachusetts Real Estate Show on New Bedford Guide's Facebook page every Friday at 4pm.



NBG Real Estate Show w/ Paul Chasse!

Southeastern Massachusetts Real Estate Show — Episode 1 (4:00pm—5:00pm)

Join Paul Chasse, CEO of the REALTOR® Association of Southeastern Massachusetts, for the first edition of the Southeastern Massachusetts Real Estate Show. Paul will feature local market statistics for the cities/towns from Onset to New Bedford, along with information on other topics such as selling, buying, investing and financing. Tune into New Bedford Guide's Facebook page on Friday, March 2nd at 4:00pm, for a fast-paced, 1-hour show filled with real estate news and hot topics!

Singer-Songwriter Seth Glier in Concert at Wamsutta Club (6:30pm-8:30pm)

Seth Glier brings his passionate songs, extraordinary singing and powerful command of both piano and guitar to the Music in the Gallery concert series on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the beautiful James Arnold Mansion, which houses the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street (at the corner of Union Street), New Bedford, MA. For this concert Seth will be performing with veteran musician Joe Nerney on harmonica, saxophone and harmony vocals. Music in the Gallery is presented by the Music Directors of the New Bedford Folk Festival. Music in the Gallery concerts are open to the general public. All are welcome to this lovely, unique music experience.

Wild Nights Party Band at PUB6T5 (8:00pm-11:45pm)

Are you in search for a fun and entertaining time? Look no

further "Wild Nites Entertainment"! Wild Nites Party Band offers everything from an acoustic duo to a 5 piece band and up to a full 7 piece horn band featuring "the C&B Horns." Pub 6T5, 736 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

Redneck Porch at The Bar (10:00pm-1:00am)

When a couple of friends get together from different styles of music and decide to play country, rock and oldies, you know its going to be one helluva Party! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Saturday, March 10th

New Bedford Wellness Walk w/ a Doc (Dartmouth Mall) (9:00am)

This Saturday at the walk, we will be talking nutrition for #nationalnutritionmonth with a chance for a gift card to Destination Soup. We meet 9 am near the theaters. #foodismedicine #LoveYourHeartNB.

Attic Treasures Sale (Freetown) (9:00am-2:00pm)

"Attic Treasures Sale" w/ FREE Admission, continental breakfast and delicious lunch will be served! Sponsored by St. John Neumann Women's Guild to be held at St. John Neumann Parish Hall next to Cathedral Camp. On Rt. 18 — Middleboro Road in East Freetown, Mass. Take Chace Road exit off of Route 140. Wheelchair accessible.



Z's FREE showing of the classic "Wizard of Oz."

Mattapoisett Public Library Book Sale (10:00am-1:00pm)

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library Monthly Book Sale — stop in to browse the great selection and buy a "Bag of Books" for \$15! The Friends wish to thank the many donors who keep the library supplied with quality book donations. Book sale proceeds enable the Friends to sponsor many of the special programs offered at the library and to make special purchases of books, museum passes, equipment, etc. Book donations are accepted at the library circulation desk during regular library hours. 7 Barstow Street.

Main Library's Children's Room Family Story Time (11:00am-12:00pm)

Please join us at the Main Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am for story time and crafts! Hope to see you there! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

Thirteenth Annual Cape Cod Saint Patrick's Parade (11:00am-2:00pm)

The 2018 parade marks our 13th anniversary, and from humble beginning to today, we have been blessed with growth, achievement and support. There are many people to thank, and first and foremost the parade committee would like to thank our corporate sponsors and every single small business that borrows from a pool of meager funds and gives to the parade to help ensure its success. We would like to thank the Town of Yarmouth for their support. The Tourism Preservation Fund has continued to support this effort to bring many spectators to the Mid-Cape area who, without this parade, may not find themselves on Cape Cod in March. Yarmouth Port, MA

Mayor's Movie: "The Wizard of Oz" at the Z (2:00pm)

Join us for a free screening of The Wizard of Oz, widely considered to be one of the greatest films in cinema history, as part of Mayor Mitchell's Movie Series.

When a tornado rips through Kansas, Dorothy (Judy Garland) and her dog Toto are whisked away to the magical land of Oz. They

embark on a journey to the Yellow Brick Road to meet the Wizard, and en route, they meet a Scarecrow that needs a brain, a Tin Man missing a heart, and a Cowardly Lion who wants courage. Relive the magic of this classic movie, full of memorable characters and songs!



Have a good time for a good cause!

"Onset Beach Bonfire (5:00pm-7:00pm)

Hot chocolate available on site! Please bring a non-perishable food donation for Damien's Food Pantry. Please be aware that weather is still a factor for this event. High winds and rain will determine the outcome. Thanks for your understanding! Thanks in advance to the Gateway Treasure Hunters Club for coming out the next day to clean up any nails and debris! For more info onsetvillage@gmail.com

"Wild, Wild, Woodcock Walk (5:15pm-6:30pm)

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Absolute Band at Pub 6T5 (8:45pm-11:45pm)

Pub 6T5 Presents Absolute Band! Live Music Entertainment! Pub 6T5, 736 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

G'old "Rush" - The Ultimate Rush Cover Band at The Bar (9:00pm)

G"old Rush is the ultimate Rush tribute band. Members are Elliott Rogers, Wayne Farias and Gillie Joeseph Rezendes III. The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Sunday, March 11th

FREE Guided Bird Walk (8:00am-10:00am)

Grab your binoculars and join our birding experts out on the trails. In the serene natural landscape at NBS, you will count up as many bird species as you can while also keeping an eye out for non-flying wildlife. All birding levels welcome. No registration required, meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 3rd Beach Rd., Middletown, RI.



Exercise body, mind and spirit!

FREE Sunday Adult Wellness Programming (9:00am-1:30pm)

Free Adult Wellness Programming for All Levels of Fitness!

Open to the Public! 9:00am: Fitness — Barre, and Massage, 10:00am: Zumba and Mindfulness, 10:30am: Yoga, 11:30am: Qigong, 12:30pm: Nutrition. Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, 166 Jenney St., New Bedford.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo at the Z (7:00pm)

This incredible ensemble has warmed the hearts of audiences worldwide for more than 50 years, winning their fifth GRAMMY in 2018! With joyous and uplifting musical voices in a cappella style, Ladysmith Black Mambazo combine the complex rhythms and harmonies of their Zulu traditions to the sounds and sentiments of gospel music. They have recorded with stellar artists from around the world, including Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, Josh Groban, Melissa Etheridge and Paul Simon, who said, "It isn't merely the grace and power of their dancing or the beauty of their singing that rivets the attention, but the sheer joy and love that emanates from their being."

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16 Things To Do This Weekend (March 2 — March 4)

After Friday's bombogenesis and whatever effects it has (I am writing this a day before) and whatever bread and milk you've eaten, we will have a rather unusually pleasant weekend ahead. Unusual for this time of year, with temperatures in the low-mid 40s. However, the storm will affect Friday's weather with some high winds and downpours. Once it passes we'll have a

warm weekend, albeit a bit breezy. At least it's not a blizzard.



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Friday, March 2nd

4th Annual Blood Drive — In Honor of LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez (1:00pm-2:00pm)

In celebration of Matthew's 24th Birthday, please join us in donating a pint of blood....give a pint and save a life!! Appointments are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! To make an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit: redcrossblood.org and enter: LCPLMATTHEW to schedule your appointment. While walk-ins are welcomed, please know that individuals with appointments will given PRIORITY!! Save yourself extra wait time and schedule an appointment.



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Patrons of the Arts: FREE Community Show (6:00pm-8:00pm)

Join us for a free community event as we honor this year's Patrons of the Arts Senator Mark Montigny, Representative Tony Cabral, and Your Theatre, Inc. with an evening cocktail reception in their honor in the galleries of New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! Music and cash bar starting at 6:00 p.m., program at 7:00 p.m. New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

"Sintax" rocks Pub 6T5 (8:30pm-12:30am)

Sintax returns to Pub 6T5 for a fun night of dancing and entertainment plus fine food and drinks. Your favorite current and classic hits played LIVE in a dynamic atmosphere. Pub 6T5, 736 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

DJ Hankster at The Bar (9:00pm)

DJ Hankster is a Metal DJ that also spins Rock, Country and occasionally "Oldies." The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Saturday, March 3rd

Main Library's Children's Room Family Story Time (11:00am-12:00pm)

Please join us at the Main Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am for story time and crafts! Hope to see you there! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.



CoaH's Open House is on Saturday!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! (Fall River) (1:00pm-2:00pm)

Join us in celebrating the birthday of one the world's best loved children's authors ... Dr. Seuss! Come meet some of his most famous creations including the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Thing 1 and Thing 2, and Daisy-Head Mayzie! The afternoon will also include a storytime presented by "The Cat" himself, an easy-to-make craft, and a raffle! Fall River Public Library, 104 N Main St., Fall River.

Grape Stomping Saturdays (Newport, RI) (1:30pm & 3:30pm)

Ever wanted to experience grape stomping? Now's your chance indoors in the Newport Vineyard's tank/barrel room. How to participate? Arrive early to purchase a ticket for \$1 (cash only, proceeds go to the Newport Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.) Tickets can be purchased at the host stand when you arrive. No limit on amount of tickets purchased for a greater chance of being picked! Tickets will be drawn at each time slot to pick the participants!

CoaH New Bedford Open House (1:00pm-200pm)

Join us for an Open House to learn more about City on a Hill! Speak with current staff and students about the program and mission of City on a Hill. City on a Hill New Bedford is a tuition free, college prep, public charter high school. We accept students by random lottery for entry into the 9th grade. Our mission is to graduate responsible, resourceful, and respectful democratic citizens prepared for college and to advance community, culture, and commerce, and to compete in the 21st century. We do so by emphasizing academic achievement, citizenship, teacher leadership, and public accountability. Lunch will be provided. RSVP suggested but not required at link below. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Facebook message City on a Hill Charter Public School New Bedford or email admissions@cityonahill.org or calll 857-256-4345.



Live music at The Bar all weekend!

FREE Financial Workshop w/ Citizen's Bank (New Bedford) (2:00pm-4:00pm)

Free Financial Workshop Topics to be covered: Estate Planning, Tackling Outstanding Student Loans, Saving for Retirement, Debt Management, and Budgeting. 128 Mill St, New Bedford, MA.

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As the snow melts away and the first traces of greenery return to the woods of New England, our breeding birds begin the courtship process. No bird is better to ring in the breeding season than the American Woodcock! Join us as we witness their courtship ritual at dusk. This program is for adults and is \$10/members and \$12/non-members. Preregistration is required. Mass Audubon's Stone Barn Farm 786 East Horseneck Road, South Dartmouth MA.

"Carlos DJ" at Pub 6T5 (8:45pm-11:45pm)

Listen to your favorite top hits presented by DJ Carlos! Pub 6T5, 736 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

"Off Kilter" debuts at The Bar! (10:00pm-1:00am)

Off Kilter makes their first appearance at The Bar in New Bedford, MA. We've been looking forward to getting out to this club for our own night for awhile now, and we've also been adding new songs to our set, so be sure not to miss this show! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Sunday, March 4th

FREE Sunday Adult Wellness Programming (9:00am-1:30pm)

Free Adult Wellness Programming for All Levels of Fitness! Open to the Public! 9:00am: Fitness — Barre, and Massage, 10:00am: Zumba and Mindfulness, 10:30am: Yoga, 11:30am: Qigong, 12:30pm: Nutrition. Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, 166 Jenney St., New Bedford.



Exercise body, mind and spirit!

Annual Cat and Dog Rabies Clinic (Mattapoisett) (10:00am-12:00pm)

Have your dog or cat vaccinates and even get your dog his license at the annual Cat & Dog Rabies Clinic. Mattapoisett Fire Station, 26 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA.

Music at St. Anthony's Organ Recital: Gail Archer (4:00pm-5:00pm)

At 4:00 p.m., on Sunday, March 4, 2018, Gail Archer from Barnard University of New York City will play a recital at the spectacular St. Anthony of Padua cathedral style Church in New Bedford's North end. A 2008 Grammy nominated musician, Ms. Archer is returning after a Summer 2017 Concert tour of Europe. Her March 4 program is planned to enhance the magnificent 105 year old Casavant pipe organ. A suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted for the pipe organ fund and used toward ongoing renovations. No tickets are needed and all are welcome to attend. St. Anthony of Padua Church, 1359 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford.

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New Bedford High School seeks public input at 5 community meetings

Five public meetings in New Bedford and Acushnet have been scheduled on the last two days of February to talk about the future plans and goals of New Bedford High School as it maintains sharp focus on continuing progress under its existing improvement plan. Serving New Bedford and Acushnet residents, NBHS seeks input from both communities on its renewed long-term vision and aspirational goals for the future of the school and its graduates.

The public is cordially invited to participate in any of five Community Engagement Meetings:

Tuesday, February 27:

- 1. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Carney Academy
- 2. 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Normandin Middle School

Wednesday, February 28:

- 3. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Roosevelt Middle School
- 4. 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ford Middle School, 703 Middle Road, Acushnet
- 5. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. New Bedford High School

All meetings are being facilitated by District Management Group (DMGroup), a Boston-based firm, which is engaging in conversations with a wide range of district and community stakeholders.

Focus groups have been held with NBHS students, parents, staff, administrators, and some community representatives to collect feedback and different perspectives on the needs of the high school and what it would like to see for the future of its graduates. The meetings seek to gather feedback from throughout the New Bedford and Acushnet communities.

The public's perspective on the needs of the high school and the future of its graduates is extremely valuable in ensuring that NBHS is creating a vision that will lead to success in the future for its graduates and stakeholders — including families, teachers, business and community leaders.

Those unable to attend may provide feedback by answering an online survey: **Survey link**

About DMGroup

Founded in 2004, District Management Group pursues the most pressing and important management challenges facing American

public school leaders. In addressing these challenges, our unwavering focus is on solutions that improve student outcomes while simultaneously enhancing operational efficiency and resource allocation so that the district and its schools and students can thrive.

16 Things To Do This Weekend (Feb. 23-Feb. 25)

The worst one can say about this weekend's weather is that it will have precipitation off and on throughout it. However it won't be snow, but rain. That will be due to the rather unusually warm temperatures we've been experiencing lately. Unusual for this time of year with upper 40s and even on Saturday with 55 degrees! As we all know, we can't let our guard down living in New England — who remembers the April Fool's Day blizzard we got years ago? As far as I am concerned that is the benchmark — I don't let my guard down until April 2nd!



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? Add it here. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, February 23rd

Lawler Branch TGIF Technically Good Information Fridays (10:00am-1:00pm)

Get some one-on-one tech help from your friendly library staff. Every Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Francis J. Lawler Branch Library, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford.



FREE: 13th Annual Illuminated Garden!

Lawler Branch Winter Story & Craft Time (3:30pm-4:30pm)

Bring your children, grand-kids, etc. and enjoy some pictures books along with a craft activity they'll enjoy! Children of all ages welcome! Francis J. Lawler Branch Library, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford.

FREE: 13th Annual Illuminated Garden (6:00pm-9:00pm)

Features thousands of lights displayed on the trees and unique features of Ballard Park's three acre quarry meadow. Event goers are advised to wear appropriate shoes or boots as the trail may be dark, muddy and uneven in places. The event may be accessed at 21 Hazard Road. Park in the Rogers High School parking lot and walk down Hazard Road. Bring a flashlight.

Ballard Park, 21 Hazard Rd & Wickham Rd., Newport, RI.

February Vacation Camp at Norman Bird Sanctuary (8:45am-3:00pm)

Treat your favorite youngster to some school vacation fun exploring in nature! "Animal Olympics": That animal can do what!? During this week of Vacation Camp, campers will explore the trails, discover the best of the best "animal athletes" and decide which animals should get the gold medal for their skills. New for this year: book by the day or stay for the whole week! Grades K — 6. Learn more and sign up: http://normanbirdsanctuary.org/camp/vacation-camp/. Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 3rd Beach Rd., Middletown, RI.

New England "Jr. Jay" at Pub6T5 (8:45pm-11:45pm)

Enjoy a fun night with New England's Jr. Jay #1 DJ as he spins the latest Hits and Top 40 Jams! Pub 6T5, 736 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

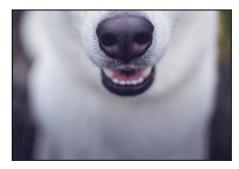
Redneck Porch at The Bar (9:00pm)

When a couple of friends get together from different styles of music and decide to play country ,rock and oldies , you know its going to be one helluva Party! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Saturday, February 24th

Main Library's Children's Room Family Story Time (11:00am-12:00pm)

Please join us at the Main Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am for story time and crafts! Hope to see you there! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.



Dérive and Psychogeography Walk: Dog Days

Lawler Branch Winter Vacation Fun (11:00am-3:00pm)

Have fun during school vacation week at the library! Watch a movie with friends while eating popcorn! Francis J. Lawler Branch Library, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford.

Dérive and Psychogeography Walk: Dog Days (12:00pm-3:00pm)

Bring your hearts, dogs, and travel mugs! NBAM will be providing dog treats, coffee, and hot cocoa for your puppy-guided adventure around New Bedford. We'll be traveling in "packs" with two professional dog walkers as well as Roz Crews from The Center for Undisciplined Research to explore the City of New Bedford as a community of dog lovers! While there will be two dog professionals present, this event is not free dog training or walking. Dogs must stay on leash at all times during the event.

Participants are responsible for their own dogs. While we love dogs of all dispositions, if your pup doesn't get along well with others (dogs, children, people) we ask that y'all sit this one out. New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

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Girl Friday at PUB 6T5!

4th Saturday Wareham Contra Dance-2018 (7:00pm-10:00pm)

Come experience this old time folk dance tradition! Live music and a "caller" every month. Dance workshop is at 6:30, where you will learn the basics of Contra Dancing. Dances begin at 7:00. ALL are welcome! \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors & students. For more info please contact http://www.capecontra.org, warehamdances@gmail.com. Boys and Girls Club of Wareham, 13 Highland Ave., Wareham.

Girl Friday Band at Pub 6T5 (8:30pm-11:30pm)

No cover. Girl Friday is the hardest working bar band on the SouthCoast. Real. Live. Rock. Pub 6T5, 736 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

"Souls of Sabbath at The Bar (9:00pm-12:30am)

Souls of Sabbath is bringing the most realistic Black Sabbath experience to The Bar. Souls Of Sabbath is looking forward to partying with you all!! Witness the power and fury of many classic Black Sabbath songs spanning the Ozzy and Dio Eras. We are playing the entire Paranoud record at this show along with many other new songs we have added. We had an amazing time at The Bar last year! Can't wait to do it again! See you all soon! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Sunday, February 25th

FREE Guided Bird Walk (8:00am-10:00am)

Grab your binoculars and join our birding experts out on the trails. In the serene natural landscape at NBS, you will count up as many bird species as you can while also keeping an eye out for non-flying wildlife. All birding levels welcome. No registration required, meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 3rd Beach Rd., Middletown, RI.



Exercise body, mind and spirit!

FREE Sunday Adult Wellness Programming (9:00am-1:30pm)

Whip your body, mind and spirit into shape! 9:00am: Barre, Massage, 10:00am: Mindfulness, 10:30am: Yoga, 11:00am: CPR training, 11:30am Qigong, 12:30pm: Nutrition. Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, 166 Jenney St., New Bedford.

Junior Bird Club — Winter Bird Walk with Paskamansett Bird Club (1:00pm-3:30pm)

Junior Bird Club is a free program group, open to children and adults of all ages. The Club meets each month and focuses on a variety of local species with loads of hand-on field study and guided birding walks on our Sanctuary properties. Open to children ages 5 and up. Adults must accompany their children throughout the entire program. Many stewardship initiatives and projects are also introduced and the kids can get as involved as they want to. Come check it out and join in on the fun and learning! Allens Neck Trailhead, Allens Neck Road, South Dartmouth MA.

WAVES at the Zeiterion (6:00pm)

Dancer/Choreographer Kyle Ponte presents Waves, a dance performance based on his range of emotions throughout the past year. U.K.-based vocalist Reigns performs live to Ponte's choreographed pieces that incorporate the styles of contemporary, lyrical, jazz, hip hop, as well as break dancing and acrobatics. Featuring talented dancers from throughout Massachusetts, the performance includes special appearances by Dance Fusion, McKeon Dance & Gymnastics, and Swift Charakterz Kruh.

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Zeiterion Presents Emmy-Winning Comedian "Judy Gold," March 1

"Judy Gold captures the audience from the moment she opens her mouth." — New York Times

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center welcomes comedian, actor, writer, host and big mouth Judy Gold on Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. The veteran comic who has been on some of the funniest television and Off-Broadway shows will perform standup as part of the Zeiterion's intimate Stage Door Live series where the audience is seated on stage with the performer. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at Zeiterion.org, or at the Zeiterion Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be

purchased by calling 508-997-5664 x123.

Gold has guest starred on Comedy Central's "Broad City" and "Inside Amy Schumer," Netflix's "The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt," TBS' "Search Party," Hulu's "Difficult People," NBC's "30 Rock," ABC'S "Celebrity Wife Swap," CBS's "2 Broke Girls," ABC Family's "Melissa & Joey," the series finale of Showtime's "The Big C," and OWN's "Herlarious." She has appeared on and has co-hosted "The View" and "Anderson Live," and she appears frequently on "The View" and "The Wendy Williams Show." Gold has also starred on "Rachel vs. Guy: Celebrity Cook-Off" on TFN and competed on "Chopped All-Stars" (don't ask), and she can be seen in the film "This is Where I Leave You." She has also appeared on "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno, "The Conan O'Brien Show," and "Hollywood Squares."

Gold's stand-up specials include "Comedy Central Presents: Judy Gold," Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd Stands Up," and her own HBO half-hour special, for which she received The Cable Ace Award. Gold was seen in the smash hit film The Aristocrats and the documentaries "Making Trouble" and "I am Comic." She was the host of HBO's "At the Multiplex with Judy Gold" from 1999 to 2009, and also hosted Comedy Central's "100 Greatest Stand-ups of All Time" and the GLAAD MEDIA AWARDS, which aired on LOGO and VH1. She stars in a half-hour comedy special for LOGO and is featured in the HBO documentary, "All Aboard!"

Gold is also known as the star of her two critically acclaimed, long-running Off-Broadway hit shows. Her most recent show, The Judy Show — My Life As A Sitcom, ran to sold-out audiences during The Geffen Playhouse's 2013 season and during The DR2 Theatre's 2011-2012 season. Gold was nominated for the 2012 Outer Critics Circle Award for The Judy Show, as well as a 2006 Drama Desk Award nomination for Outstanding Solo Performance for her previous show, 25 Questions for a Jewish Mother. In addition, that show won the 2007 GLAAD award for Outstanding New York Theater. The New York Times called

this one-woman show "fiercely funny, honest and moving." A book based on the show was nominated for the prestigious Quill Award.

Gold has also been in the cast of Nora and Delia Ephron's Off-Broadway play Love, Loss and What I Wore and co-starred in the hit Off-Broadway show Disaster! She can be seen regularly on "truTV Presents: World's Dumbest," and she recently appeared on TFN's "The Next Food Network Star" and on TLC's "The Next Great Baker." Gold is also the host of the Funny People series at the 92nd St. Y and is a frequent contributor to The Moth. Her Kill Me Now podcast is one of the most popular with viewers.

Gold won two Emmy Awards for writing and producing "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." She was nominated twice for The American Comedy Award's funniest female stand-up, and she has written for The Huffington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Wondertime Magazine, Momlogic.com, and The Advocate. Gold is an instructor at ESPA Primary Stages, where she teaches Solo Performance.

Gold lives in New York City with her two children. She frequently tours theatres and comedy clubs around the country. Her CD, Judith's Roommate Had a Baby, is currently available.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org, by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, 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., and two hours before each performance.

Andrea McCoy Recreation Center now enrolling students for annual February Staycation Fun Week

The Andrea McCoy Recreation Center is now enrolling students for their annual February Staycation Fun Week. The February Staycation Fun Week runs Monday February 19 through Friday, February 23, 2018.

For the daily cost of \$20.00 for city residents or \$30.00 for non-residents, parents can enroll their children in a camplike experience from 8 a.m. through 12 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Throughout the week, students will participate in daily sports theme, crafts and computer time. Interested parents may register their children at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, located at 181 Hillman Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Parents may also reserve a seat for their child by visiting the www.nbprb.com to register online.

For more information regarding the February Staycation Fun Week, spring registration or other programming, contact the Recreation Manager, Dave Ponte at david.ponte@newbedord-ma.gov or call (508) 991-3015.