

Whale City Comedy Festival Coming to Greater New Bedford on Labor Day Weekend

Whale City Comedy Festival is bringing the countries' funniest stand-up comedians to South Coast, MA this Labor Day Weekend, Thurs Aug 31 – Sun Sept 3. The festival features seven killer shows over four nights with over 25 hilarious comedians. Each show has a fresh unique lineup with comedians from Netflix, Comedy Central, The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, and more! We are kicking off the festival at Buzzards Bay Brewing in Westport, MA and moving to Downtown New Bedford for BYOB shows at Gallery X Inc. Ticket Link: www.whalecitycomedy.com/tickets

Meet our Headliners...

RAY HARRINGTON: 7PM THURSDAY 8/31 IN WESTPORT, MA **SOLD OUT**

Ray Harrington is an infectiously charming comedian who performs across the globe with hilariously irreverent material and marvelous improvisational riffing. He's been seen on Conan, Hulu, ABC, FOX, TBS, SBS Australia, and his documentary BE A MAN won the LA Comedy Festival before premiering exclusively on Hulu. His latest album, Overwhelmed, debuted at Number 1 on Amazon and at the top of the Billboard Comedy Charts.

ANTHONY DEVITO: 7PM or 9PM FRI 9/1 IN NEW BEDFORD, MA

Anthony DeVito is a NYC based comedian. He's appeared on CBS The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Comedy Central Stand Up Presents: Anthony DeVito, Comedy Central's Adam Devine's House Party, has been on "This American Life," AXS TV's Gotham Comedy Live, and was the 2015 winner of Caroline's March Madness. In addition to stand-up, he was a writer on Netflix's The Break with Michelle Wolf, wrote for the 2018 White House Correspondents Dinner, and was a writer/regular panelist on MSG. He also has appeared on TV Land's The Jim Gaffigan Show,

HBO's Pause with Sam Jay and is a favorite on Sirius XM's Bennington.

NEKO WHITE: 7PM or 9PM SAT 9/2 IN NEW BEDFORD, MA

Neko has been a professional stand-up comedian since the age of 14. He has stolen the show on MTV 2's Hip Hop Hollywood Squares, and Elite Daily's wildly popular Gen Why show, and been featured on Netflix's Pete Davidson Presents, TruTV's Laff Tracks, AXS TV's Gotham Comedy Live, and Kevin Hart's LOL Network. Neko was named one of the New Faces in the Just For Laughs Festival and won Caroline's prestigious March Madness competition. Ticket Link: www.whalecitycomedy.com/tickets

SEAN DONNELLY: 7PM or 9PM SUNDAY 9/3 IN NEW BEDFORD, MA

When he's not catching a nap with his bulldog, Rickles, Sean can be found headlining clubs and festivals all over the country. He has appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman, Conan and NBC's Last Comic Standing. Sean co-hosts the podcast My Dumb Friends with fellow comedian Dan St. Germain on the All Things Comedy network. He released his debut comedy album "Manual Labor Face" in 2015 on Comedy Central Records. Sean has been featured on the truTV series World's Dumbest and Almost Genius as well as Adam Devine's House Party, The Half Hour, Broad City, and Inside Amy Schumer on Comedy Central, Amazon's Alpha House, GSN's Lie Detectors, Limitless on CBS, and Billions on Showtime. Ticket Link: www.whalecitycomedy.com/tickets

Whale City Comedy started as a monthly BYOB show based out of The Whaling City, NBMA. The shows quickly became a sold out hit leading to the birth of the weekend comedy extravaganza AKA The Whale City Comedy Festival! Whale City Comedy is dedicated to delivering the best of big city comedy scenes to our beloved Whaling City and beyond. Beyond the stage, we want to create an opportunity for the community to come together and laugh together. Our festival aims to foster a sense of joy, camaraderie, and shared love for the art of comedy among both attendees and comedians. Ticket Link:

www.whalecitycomedy.com/tickets

Venue seating is limited. Tickets on sale now, sold online only. *Lineups subject to change

Questions and comments can be directed to:
whalecitycomedy@gmail.com
www.whalecitycomedy.com



The poster features a blue whale logo at the top center. Below it, the text reads "LABOR DAY WEEKEND" in white, "AUG 31 - SEPT 3" in large white letters with black outlines, and "4 NIGHTS. 7 SHOWS. 25+ COMICS." in white. To the right, a vertical list of comedians is shown, each with a small portrait and their name and date. The background is pink with white concentric circles.

	WESTPORT, MA RAY HARRINGTON THURS AUG 31
	NEW BEDFORD, MA ANTHONY DEVITO FRI SEPT 1
	NEW BEDFORD, MA NEKO WHITE SAT SEPT 2
	NEW BEDFORD, MA SEAN DONNELLY SUN SEPT 3

SRTA seeking community input for several service changes proposed for New Bedford routes

SRTA is seeking comments for several service changes proposed for New Bedford.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 12:30 PM at the New Bedford Public Library – Main Branch at 613 Pleasant St., Third Floor Meeting Room.

SRTA is seeking public comment on proposed changes to New Bedford routes. You can see the details and map changes here. We encourage you to provide comments in-person at the hearing, however if you are unable to attend we will accept comments in a variety of formats.

All comments received before the hearing date will be included in the public record for the service change and will be considered with the same weight as in-person comments. When submitting a comment, please include your full name, city/town of residence, and specify which proposal or proposals you are commenting on.

Comments will be accepted through September 14, 2023 in the following formats:

We have several ways the public can provide comment and all comments received before or during the hearing will be included in the public record and considered with equal value. Comments will be accepted through September 14 in the following formats:

§ Email: info@srtabus.com

§ Postal Mail:

SRTA – Fall River Service Changes
700 Pleasant St
Suite 530
New Bedford, MA 02740

§ Voicemail: 508-296-4583

§ Text: 508-296-4583

This is the Facebook post for the hearing and it is shareable:
<https://www.facebook.com/SRTAabus/posts/pfbid02GS5JFF9ZsGgLVuPh>

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This link will direct you to our website which has all the details of the service changes being proposed. SRTA website: <https://www.srtabus.com/publichearings/>

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss the proposals, how we developed these proposals, or the anticipated timeline for approval and implementation, please feel free to email or call me. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. We strive to provide reliable public transit that meets the needs of our customers and community members.”



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Thursday, September 14, 2023
12:30 PM

New Bedford Public Library Main Branch
Third Floor Meeting Room

Several changes are proposed for routes in New Bedford.
We are asking for your comments and feedback on the
proposed changes.

Visit our www.srtabus.com/publichearings for more details

SRTA photo.

Fall River's 'Forever Paws' offers fun night of great

food, music, cash bar, and silent auction

“Please join us for a fun night of great food, music by Big Lux, cash bar and of course our Silent Auction.

You can RSVP, purchase tickets, stay abreast of changes, and more on the “Celebration Of Life” event page.

“Celebration of Giving” takes place on Saturday, September 30 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Tickets are \$55 each and can be purchased on Eventbrite or by calling 508-678-0804. You can also scan the QR code in the photo below.

Forever Paws Animal Shelter
Presents
Celebration of Giving
Saturday, September 30th
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Food Stations
Cash Bar
Silent Auction

TICKETS \$55



White's of Westport
66 State Rd.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DEBORAH JENNIFER

Forever Paws photo.

New Bedford's "Love The Ave Wednesdays" culminates in a spectacular grand finale event

"After a summer of vibrant community celebrations, the "Love The Ave Wednesday" event series is set to conclude with a grand finale on Wednesday, August 23rd, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The culminating event promises an unforgettable experience as it expands beyond the Nye Street Pocket Park into the Bullard Street Municipal Parking Lot, creating a super-sized celebration along Acushnet Avenue, North End New Bedford for all attendees.

"Love The Ave Wednesdays" has captured the hearts of residents and visitors alike, reflecting the vibrant spirit and culture of the North End. The series kicked off with the unveiling of the public art sculpture "Love Locks" by renowned artist Keith Francis on July 26th. This magnificent sculpture not only embodies the essence of community unity but also provides an opportunity for individuals to contribute by placing their own unique locks on the structure.

Three subsequent Love The Ave Wednesdays kept the community returning to the Nye Street Pocket Park for music, storytelling, children's activities of all sorts. Each was an opportunity to Love The Ave, which refers to the collection of organizations, groups, businesses and residents who came together to form a common effort to find new ways to embrace the beloved commercial corridor in New Bedford's North End.

The final event on August 23rd is not to be missed. Attendees

will be treated to an array of culinary delights from eight participating restaurants. The event will showcase fresh branding concepts developed by the innovative design firm Over/Under, allowing the neighborhood to contribute to the discussion in real time. Musical entertainment will be provided by a DJ, and live performances, including dance troupes, are set to ignite the evening with energy and excitement.

Throughout the “Love The Ave Wednesdays” series, community engagement has been at the forefront. Special collaborations with partners such as PAACA, Groundwork Southcoast, PACE, and 3rd Eye Unlimited have elevated the experience, fostering a sense of togetherness and shared identity around the Acushnet Avenue neighborhood.

The success of “Love The Ave Wednesdays” would not have been possible without the vision of the New Bedford Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) Partnership, in collaboration with esteemed partners like New Bedford Creative, the Community Economic Development Center (CEDC), and the City of New Bedford Department of City Planning. MassDevelopment’s TDI works with cross-sector partnerships in targeted commercial districts in Gateway Cities in order to engage community members, implement local economic development initiatives, and spur further public and private investment. Designated in 2022, the New Bedford TDI District is a diverse and vibrant neighborhood in the central economic corridor of the city’s North End.

“The New Bedford TDI Partnership is witnessing a remarkable surge in cross-sector collaboration, forging connections among diverse organizations and programs that collectively influence the district’s trajectory,” said MassDevelopment’s New Bedford TDI Fellow Adelsa Mendes. “Simultaneously, there has been a noticeable upswing in resident engagement, with a growing enthusiasm among locals to participate in and collaborate on various TDI initiatives within the district.”

For further information about the New Bedford TDI District, please contact MassDevelopment's New Bedford TDI Fellow Adelsa Mendes, atamendes@massdevelopment.com."

The 3rd Annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa Will Be Held September 9th in New Bedford

Join us for the 3rd Annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa, presented by Club Madeirense S. S. Sacramento Inc!

Get ready for an unforgettable day of craft beer and mouthwatering food trucks in MA and RI. This year's event promises to be the best one yet, so mark your calendars and don't miss out!

Date: September 9th

Time: 1 – 7pm

Location: Feast Grounds

Live entertainment will keep the energy high throughout the day, as you indulge in a variety of exceptional craft beers and delicious food options. **Support Club Madeirense's scholarship foundation, as well as their initiatives to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for the needy, with your ticket purchase.**

General Admission tickets are available for just \$10 per person, but hurry, as tickets are limited! Purchase your tickets online in advance to secure your spot. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door for \$15 per person.

Immerse yourself in the world of craft beer with a fantastic lineup of breweries, including Buzzards Bay Brewing Company, Mayflower Brewing Company, Berkley Beer Company, Black Hat Brew Works, Creu Brew Brewery, and many more! Enjoy full pours (14 ounces) for \$7 or opt for half pours (8 ounces) for \$4. Please note that this is a 21 and older event, and no children will be allowed.

Indulge your taste buds with delectable treats from a range of food trucks such as South County BBQ LLC, Wicked Flavah, Chessy Chicks LLC, Bem Bom Food Truck, and Mom on the Go, among others. Food vendors accept cash, debit, and credit cards for your convenience.

Rain or shine, the Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa will go on! Please plan accordingly, as no refunds will be provided.

For the comfort and safety of all attendees, we kindly request no backpacks, coolers, large bags, or outside food or drink. Dogs and animals are not allowed at the event, except for service dogs.

Additional beer and wine purchases will be available, so you can explore even more flavors and pairings throughout the day. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to indulge in the finest craft beer and delectable food truck delights. Purchase your tickets now and get ready for an unforgettable experience at the Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa!

Purchase Your Tickets Now!! Click Here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/craft-beer-and-food-truck-festa-tickets-626484400707>

JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL CRAFT BEER AND FOOD
TRUCK FESTA!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH · 1 - 7PM

Craft Beer & Food Truck Festa!

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Policing, new security measures were a major success at New Bedford's 2023 Portuguese Feast

New security measures and heavier police presence was a controversial topic of discussion leading up to the 107th annual Feast of the Blessed Sacrament. Some residents were upset with the idea that the feast grounds will be fenced in with only a few entry points, and having to now enter through gated security with metal detectors.

The new restrictions were pretty much identical to attending a concert, sporting event, or entering a theme park. The Feast of the Blessed Sacrament is the largest Portuguese festival in the world and anytime you attract huge crowds, security needs to be a top priority.

I attended the feast for all 4 days and at any time I could always see multiple New Bedford Police Officers in bright yellow uniforms standing by. The heavy police presence mixed with strict gate security genuinely eased my mind and allowed for everyone to just enjoy the event.

There were 4 entry points which were never more than a few minute wait to get in at its busiest of times. EMS was on site assisting with any form of medical emergencies, and most importantly there were no notable fights, brawls or any wild outbreak that took place during the feast.

The Feast organizers, New Bedford first responders, and private security put on a masterclass on public safety and I

think that should make the news.



Feast of the Blessed Sacrament photo.

Compost Bin Day for New Bedford and Dartmouth residents approaches

“Compost Bin Day is coming up on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 8:00 to 10:45 a.m. at the Crapo Hill Landfill, 300 Samuel Barnet Blvd., New Bedford. Enter through the New Bedford Business Park.

New Bedford and Dartmouth residents who purchase, or previously purchased, a backyard compost bin can choose from two types of kitchen counter bins to help compost at home. Collect food waste such as banana peels and apple cores in your kitchen counter bin. When full, empty it into your

backyard compost bin.

The two options are:

- plastic Sure-Close kitchen counter bin, FREE.
- 1-gallon stainless steel kitchen counter bin, available for purchase for \$30.28 each (including tax). Cash, check, or money order only.

Kitchen counter bins are only available on special Compost Bin Days and while supplies last.

The Earth Machine and the New Age Composter are available at the discounted rate of \$25 each (including tax). Cash, check, or money order only. Proof of residency required. The cost of each compost bin is being subsidized by the two communities to encourage backyard composting.

“Food waste makes up approximately 20% of the waste that residents generate in their homes. Composting fruit and vegetable scraps saves space in your trash bags and the landfill, while providing nutrient rich material for gardening,” notes Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, Waste Reduction Manager.



Benefits of composting include:

- materials such as fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, eggshells, leaves, grass, hay, and twigs placed in a compost bin • turn into free compost (that you do not have to buy in a plastic bag).
- returns nutrients to the soil to grow nutritious food, and healthy plants, flowers, and shrubs.
- reduces greenhouse gases such as methane.
- reduces trash and reduces plastic bag use – material that was going in your trash now becomes nutrient-rich soil amendment.

Which compost bin is best for you?

The Earth Machine:

- 80-gallon capacity, great for smaller families, gardens, or yards.
- Made of rigid recycled plastic – twist lid to lock, unlock, and allow for ventilation.
- Comes with two halves for the body, a lid, and a perforated base plate. Easy to assemble in a few steps.
- The sliding door at the base allows for compost removal. Or the entire bin can be picked up to harvest the finished compost at the bottom.
- Rodent prevention: keep meat, bones, fats, oil & dairy out of the bin. Comes with a perforated base plate that helps keep rodents out.
- Add water to keep the contents as damp as a wrung-out sponge (leftover cooking water can be used). It is possible to drill holes in the lid and body to allow in rainwater.

The New Age Composter (made in New Bedford):

- Capacity up to 180-gallons, great for larger families, bigger gardens, yards with more leaves.
- Made of flexible recycled plastic so the diameter can be adjusted during setup.
- Cone-shaped base continually aerates contents from below, turning is not necessary.
- Comes with the body, a base, a lid, and clips to hold it together. Easy to assemble in a few steps. Video with instructions for assembly: <https://youtu.be/08qDLLv1Hgc>
- To access the finished compost, push aside fresh material on top and shovel out compost underneath. Or pick up the entire bin to access the finished compost. Using 2 or 3 bins in rotation makes harvesting compost easy from the oldest bin.
- Rodent prevention: keep meat, bones, fats, oil & dairy out of the bin. The sides and bottom cone may be secured to the ground with stakes to keep rodents out.

- Holes in the lid allow rainwater in. During dry spells, add water to keep contents as damp as a wrung-out sponge.

If you have questions about how to compost, visit <http://gnbrrmdistrict.org/about-us/> or contact the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District by phone at (508) 979-1493 or by email at Marissa@gnbrrmdistrict.org. For additional tips, visit the New Bedford Recycling or the Dartmouth Recycling Facebook page or follow New Bedford Recycling on Instagram and Nextdoor or @NBRecycling on Twitter.”

Compost Bin Day

Saturday, August 19, 2023, 8-10:45 am, Crapo Hill Landfill

Dartmouth & New Bedford residents who purchase, or previously purchased, a backyard compost bin will receive a Sure-Close kitchen counter bin FREE while supplies last.

Stainless steel kitchen counter bins will be available for purchase for \$30.28 each. Cash, check, or money order only.



FREE

Sure-Close bin, 2 gallons



\$30.28

Stainless steel bin, 1 gallon

Backyard Compost Bins Available



Earth Machine

\$25 each



80-gallons

New Age Composter

\$25 each



Up to 180-gallons

For more information, visit gnbrrmdistrict.org/about-us/

New Bedford Police Department to host final community pop up event of the summer!

The New Bedford Police Department will be hosting its final community outreach event of the summer this Thursday, August 10th. It will take place at Riverside Park (297 Belleville Ave) from 12pm-2pm.

This family friendly event will have many resource tables set up with FREE giveaways! Most of the agency partners in attendance make up our city's Community Crisis Intervention Team (CCIT).

Just to name a few, representatives from New Bedford Public Health, New Bedford School Dept, New Bedford Housing, behavioral health groups, Harm Reduction coaches, several Church groups, and the Department of Mental Health will be present.

You'll be able to take a photo in the award winning New Bedford Police Department custom cars and meet McGruff the Crime Dog at this final summer pop up event!

AUGUST 10, 2023 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NBPD Pop Up Event

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Take a photo within the award winning NBPD custom cars &

Meet McGruff the Crime Dog

Final Summer Pop Up Event – Thank You!!!



**FAMILY FRIENDLY
EVENT!**

McGruff Crime Dog

**NBPD Custom
Vehicles**

**If you have any
questions please
call the number
below:
508.991.6300
ext. 79416**

RIVERSIDE PARK

297 BELLEVILLE AVE
www.newbedfordpd.com
August 10, 2023
Noon to 2:00 PM

New Bedford Police Department photo.

You can NOT bring these items into New Bedford's Feast of the Blessed Sacrament this year

The 107th annual Feast of the Blessed Sacrament is here! This year there will be new security measures that are similar to attending a concert at Gillette or hanging out at an amusement park. To avoid that long walk back to your car, let's go over some items that are **NOT** allowed on the feast ground this year.


The following items are NOT permitted on the property. Any item deemed inappropriate by staff and law enforcement will not be allowed on the property, including but not limited to:

- NO backpacks, over sized purses, or coolers will be allowed
- Only clear backpacks, clear ziplock bags, small purses, wristlets, hand held bags, medical bags, and baby bags will be allowed
- NO Animals (other than service dogs assisting those with disabilities)
- NO Drones
- NO Remotely Controlled Model Aircraft
- NO Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- NO GoPro Cameras and Video Cameras
- NO Selfie Sticks
- NO Tripods or Monopods
- NO Coolers or Containers, including Cans and Bottles
- NO Food or Beverages (no outside food will be allowed on the property)
- NO Alcoholic Beverages of Any Kind
- NO Illegal Drugs and Substances
- NO Weapons of Any Kind, including Pocket/Utility Knives
- NO Fireworks, Pyrotechnics, Flares


- NO Laser Pointers
- NO Hover Boards
- NO Segways

FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BAG POLICY


In accordance with the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament Security Guidelines, the only bags, packaged or containers permitted to be carried person are the following:



One-gallon clear, plastic freezer bag
DOES NOT EXCEED 11" X 11"



Bag that is clear plastic, vinyl or PVC
DOES NOT EXCEED 12" X 12" X 6"



Small wristlet or handheld wallet, with or without handle or strap
DOES NOT EXCEED 8" X 5" X 2"

*The only exception will be medically necessary items that will be admitted
Note: All bags are subject to search per the discretion of security or staff*

The goal is to keep everyone safe so we can all enjoy the feast with no hiccups, and so we can look forward to many more years of Malasadas and Madeira wine with our friends and family!

Elizabeth Warren to visit New Bedford to speak on climate change and natural disasters

Elizabeth Warren will be making her way over to New Bedford to discuss “how the funding she helped secure is ensuring the Port of New Bedford is protected from future impacts of natural disasters and climate change.”

Her office sent out this press release in regards to her activity for Wednesday, August 2nd:

On Wednesday, August 2nd, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) will visit Quincy and New Bedford. In Quincy, she will tour the Yawkey Housing Resource Center, ahead of its opening this Fall, to discuss their innovative development and the additional housing resources it will bring to the South Shore.

Warren will then visit the New Bedford Port Authority to discuss how the funding she helped secure is ensuring the Port of New Bedford is protected from future impacts of natural disasters and climate change. Senator Warren will be accompanied by local leaders to view the progress of these federally-funded projects.

Warren's last appearance in New Bedford was in May touting \$400 million in new federal funding for electric school buses. We will be giving video coverage of Wednesday's press event in New Bedford on our Facebook and Instagram page, the event is scheduled for 2:45pm.