

# Proactive Targeted Ground Spraying Planned for New Bedford

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will conduct targeted ground spraying early on the morning of Thursday, September 10, 2015. This round of spraying will target areas including Buttonwood Park, Brooklawn Park, Fort Taber, Hazelwood Park, Riverside Park, Clasky Park, Ashley Park and the Poor Farm area. Spraying will take place between 2:00 am and sunrise on Thursday morning, weather permitting. Residents in the vicinity of the targeted areas may wish to close their windows on Wednesday evening prior to the spraying.

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has been conducting surveillance in our area to track the potential for EEE and WNV carrying mosquitoes. Spraying will conclude on September 11, 2015.

Residents may request a ground spray by calling the Bristol County Mosquito Control project at (508) 823-5253, between 8:00am – 2:00pm (June – September), or contacting them by E-mail at [RequestBristolMCP@comcast.net](mailto:RequestBristolMCP@comcast.net).

The following precautions are advised:

## Avoid Mosquito Bites

- Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours – While mosquitoes are out at all hours of the day, their peak biting times are from dusk to dawn. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning. Otherwise, take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing, especially if you work or spend a lot of time outdoors.
- Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Although it may

be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

- Apply Insect Repellent when you go outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.

#### Mosquito-Proof Your Home

- Drain Standing Water – Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or getting rid of items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.
- Install or Repair Screens – Some mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

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**Gloucester's Schooner  
Adventure to offer dockside**

# tours at 2015 Working Waterfront Festival



*Adventure completes first public sailing season in a quarter century.*

The public will have ample opportunity to tour a variety of work boats at the 2015 Working Waterfront Festival (September 26-27). The Schooner Adventure, launched in 1926, Adventure measured 122 feet from bow to stern and carried a 120 horsepower diesel engine, fourteen dories, and a crew of twenty-seven. She fished the Grand Banks from her home port of Gloucester from 1926 to 1953 under Captain Jeff Thomas and later, Captain Leo Hynes. Adventure was considered a highliner, the biggest money-maker of all time, landing nearly \$4 million worth of cod and halibut during her fishing career.

After a lengthy and comprehensive restoration, Adventure was issued her Coast Guard Passenger Vessel Certificate on June 8, 2015, her first since 1988, and is completing her first sailing season in a quarter century. Designed by Thomas F. McManus of Boston and built at the John F. James & Son Yard in Essex for Captain Jeff Thomas of Gloucester, Adventure was one of the last wooden sailing vessels of her kind built for the dory-fishing industry. Adventure, named for one of the fantasy fleet of ships drawn by Captain Thomas's young son, is a

knockabout schooner, designed without a bowsprit for the safety of the crew. The McManus knockabout design was regarded by maritime historian, Howard I. Chapelle, as "the acme in the long evolution of the New England fishing schooner". The tradition of racing fishing schooners for sport can be directly traced back to McManus who sponsored the races to demonstrate the speediness of his designs.

When she retired, Adventure was the last American dory-fishing schooner in the North Atlantic. She was given a new life as a passenger vessel in 1954, and became known as the "Queen of the Windjammers" sailing Maine's Penobscot Bay until 1988. Since her return to her original home port, she has been maintained and restored by The Gloucester Adventure Inc., a 501(c) 3 non-profit educational and cultural foundation. The restoration spanned 27 years, and was completed at a cost of \$5 million dollars. Today, Adventure is available for education programs in conjunction with community partners, for charter by groups, member sails, and for unique dockside events. The ship is capable of carrying 65 passengers underway and 80 alongside. "The ship is both a powerful icon of Maritime Heritage for Gloucester and the region, and a unique asset available to the whole community", said Captain Stefan Edick, "we look forward to this next phase of her life, and to sharing her history with residents and visitors alike".

A benefit concert for Schooner Adventure will be held on her deck on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 6PM. Performers include John Roberts, Deb Cowan, the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus, the Rum Soaked Crooks, the Providence-based chantey group Sharks Come Cruisin, and Bob Zentz. Adventure will be docked on the south side of State Pier, at Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey's berth. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased the evening of the show starting at 5PM. Parking is available at all downtown meters for free on Friday evening as well as throughout the weekend.

In addition to the ADVENTURE, visitors will be able to tour

the F/V Little Lady, a Stonington dragger, as well as a modern day dragger, a scalloper, a deep sea clammer, a lobster boat, and a tug boat.

For visitors wishing an on-water experience, the Buzzard's Bay Rowing Club offers free whaleboat rides from 2:00-5:00 on Saturday and 12:00-5:00 on Sunday for attendees aged 18 and older. Whaling City Expeditions offers Harbor Tours both days from 12:00-5:00 at a special festival rate. Tug boat enthusiasts should make a point of attending the annual Tug Boat Muster Saturday beginning at 3:00 pm with mini tugs followed by full sized tugs at 3:30 p.m.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA, a non-profit organization. The FREE festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, maritime authors, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend in September. Navigate to us at [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org).

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## **MassDOT Renews Billboard Effort to Assist Deer Island**

# Investigators



*The effort to learn her name and the circumstances of her death continues on multiple fronts.*

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation, along with the Suffolk County District Attorney, Winthrop Police, and Massachusetts State Police, today unveiled a new digital billboard featuring the little girl whose body was found on Deer Island and whose identity remains the subject of an intensive investigation.

The billboards represent a redesign and new wording from digital billboards that MassDOT had featured over the past two months; the redesign is intended to help maintain the case's high public profile by presenting a fresh image to the tens of thousands of motorists who pass the billboards every day.

A total of 84 MassDOT-permitted billboards in 50 locations across Massachusetts will feature the computer-generated composite image of the young girl and a photo of the leggings she was wearing, under the headline, "Remember Me? Then please tell the police!" The digital boards also feature dedicated tip lines that may be reached by phone or text. The new billboards will run at least through the end of October. Tipsters are reminded not to text while driving.

State and Winthrop Police and the district attorney's office continue to ask anyone who may have information about the young girl's identity to contact us. Tipsters may text the word GIRL followed by their tip to the number 67283 (the text-

a-tip line is anonymous) or call 617-396-5655. All tips go directly to investigators.

The young girl's body was found inside a trash bag by a dog walker along the western shore of Deer Island on the afternoon of June 25. The girl is believed to have been about 4 years old, had brown eyes and brown hair, weighed about 30 pounds, and stood about 3½ feet tall. She was wearing a distinctive pair of white leggings with black-and-white polka dots and was found with a zebra-print fleece blanket that investigators believe may have been special to her.

In the days and weeks that followed, investigators have acted on hundreds of leads suggesting possible matches for the young girl, coordinating well-being checks on children throughout Massachusetts, as well as in 35 other states and several countries. To date, more than 200 girls have been ruled out as being the Deer Island little girl. Investigators have conducted or are still conducting a range of forensic testing, including tests on pollen found on the girl's hair and clothing, testing of oxygen ratios in isotopes in her hair and teeth, and creation of an advanced DNA profile.

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**New Bedford Cultural Council  
to Host Information Session  
on 2015-16 Available Grant**

# Funding



*New Bedford Cultural Council (NBCC) funds programs that promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the Arts, Humanities and Interpretive Sciences to improve the quality of life for city residents.*

The New Bedford Cultural Council (NBCC) will host an “Information Session and Slide Slam” on Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the New Bedford Art Museum (608 Pleasant Street). NBCC members will be on hand to answer questions about the upcoming 2015-16-grant cycle and 2014-15 NBCC grant recipients will present slides and describe their projects. This event is open to the public.

The NBCC is now accepting grant proposals for community-



oriented arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programs. Grant applications are due Thursday, October 15, 2015. This year, the New Bedford Cultural Council will distribute \$70,700 in grant funding to support community programming. New Bedford Cultural Council grants are open to individual artists, arts organizations, community organizations and municipal agencies. All projects funded by the NBCC must be based in New Bedford and must benefit the citizens of New Bedford through exhibits, performances, readings, demonstrations, or by other means.

The NBCC is charged with making funding decisions that best meet the particular needs and priorities of the New Bedford community based on the annual Community Input Survey. Grants with a maximum amount of \$4,000.00 are awarded to individuals and organizations.

NBCC funds programs that promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for city residents. NBCC ensures that New Bedford's share of Massachusetts Cultural Council funds are administered fairly and in the best interests of the community.

All NBCC 2015-16 grant applications and accompanying materials are due by Thursday, October 15, 2015. These may be mailed to the NBCC P.O. Box 2027 New Bedford, MA 02741, postmarked no later than, October 15, 2015, or may be hand delivered to the Mayor's Office on the 3rd floor of City Hall, by 4:00pm on October 15. No late applications will be accepted.

For more information, and to download an application, visit [www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford](http://www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford) or email [newbedfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:newbedfordcc@gmail.com)

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# **In First Year of New Service New Bedford Doubles Recycling Rate, Sees Dramatic Reduction in Trash Sent to Landfill**



Results are in from the first year of New Bedford's new automated curbside collection system for trash and recyclables: The City doubled its recycling rate and reduced the amount of waste sent to the Crapo Hill Landfill by 30%.

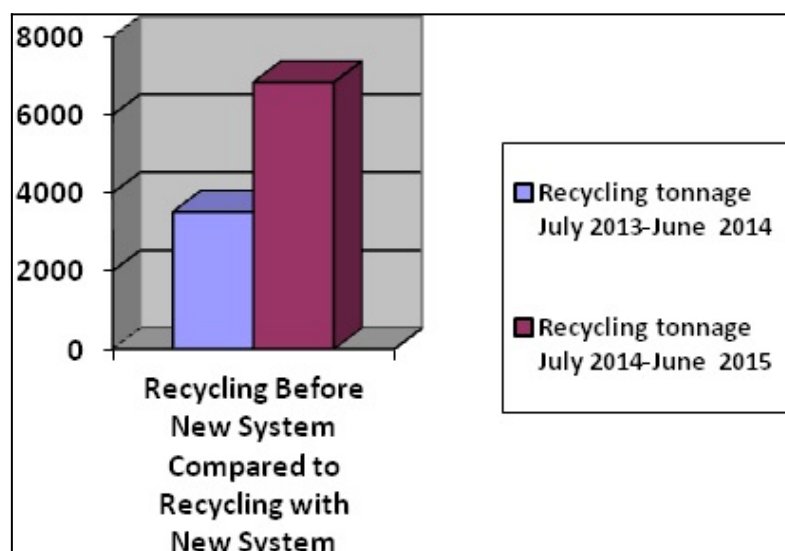
New Bedford's new collection program began in late June of 2014 and was designed and implemented to increase recycling citywide, reduce litter on city streets, and decrease the amount of solid waste sent to the landfill.

Under the system, residents and business owners place trash and recyclables curbside in uniform wheeled carts. The carts are emptied by ABC Disposal's automated trucks which are equipped with mechanized arms and fueled by compressed natural

gas.

According to a year's worth of data reported to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection from July 2014 through June 2015, New Bedford collected 6,839 tons of recyclable materials, up from 3,516 collected during the same period (July 2013-June 2014) before the new system was implemented. That translates to a 95% increase in New Bedford's recycling rate.

From July 2014 through June 2015, New Bedford collected 25,626 tons of solid waste, down from 36,988 tons collected during that same period (July-June 2014) before the new system was implemented. That translates to a more than 30% decrease in the amount of trash sent to the Crapo Hill landfill.



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"This is another example of how New Bedford residents continue to step up and do what is right to improve our neighborhoods, our city and the planet," said Ken Blanchard, Director of the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management.

"This new system has been really well received by city residents, and I think these year-end results illustrate that," said Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, District Recycling Coordinator, Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District.

Mayor Jon Mitchell applauded the news saying, "The recent switch to automated trash collection, which was long overdue, has improved the quality of life in our neighborhoods. We still have work to do for sure, but our sidewalks and streets are noticeably cleaner now, not only on collection day, but also on the day prior and on the days following trash pickup."

Mitchell added, "The switch is also going to help us save money on landfill costs and help us preserve the environment. Automated collection is a great example of the modernizing of an existing city service that I want New Bedford to continue pursuing."

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## **Man Who Assaulted Correctional Officers on Numerous Occassions Sentenced to State Prison Term**

District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced that a former New Bedford man convicted of multiple incidences of spitting, biting and assaulting correctional officers at the Dartmouth House of Corrections, was sentenced to serve six to 10 years in state prison.

Frankie Chano, 44, formerly of 7 Shawnee Court, was convicted by a jury of his peers after a three-day trial in Fall River Superior Court on Thursday, September 3rd. He was sentenced to the state prison term by Judge Robert T. Kane on Friday afternoon. The charges he was convicted of include five counts of assault and battery on a correctional officer and one count of assault and battery.

Mr. Chano was serving a two-and-a-half year sentence at the House of Corrections when the incidents of violence against correctional officers occurred.

- On August 28, 2013, Mr. Chano was taken to the jail's health unit for blood work. On the way back to his cell he became extremely belligerent and resisted returning to his cell. During this resistance, he spit on two correctional officers while they were attempting to return him to his cell.
- On January 8, 2014, Mr. Chano became belligerent with correctional officers and threatened violence. He once again spit on a correctional officer and punched him in the forehead.
- On January 30, 2014, Mr. Chano had covered a window which allowed correctional officers to visually check on his well-being. Mr. Chano refused to remove the obstruction. The correctional officer was forced to manually open the window. As soon as the window was opened, Mr. Chano flailed out and attempted to strike the correctional officer. Mr. Chano then put his face in the window and spit at the correctional officer.
- On February 14, 2014, Mr. Chano was taken from his cell to to the showers. While walking the defendant to the shower, the defendant became belligerent. The correctional officer lost control of the defendant, who pulled away and entered a fighting stance. While the officer was attempting to get Mr. Chano back into his cell, the defendant turned his head and bit the arm of

the officer. After eventually getting the defendant back into his cell, Mr. Chano faced the officer and spit at him, striking him on the side of his head.

“Correctional officers have a difficult job to begin with. To be subjected to these types of assaults is unacceptable. Violence against correctional officers will not be tolerated by this office. This is a defendant who could not obey the laws of society, nor could he abide by the rules inside a jail,” District Attorney Quinn said. “A harsh sentence was warranted and I applaud Judge Kane for imposing such a sentence. I want to thank the Bristol County Sheriff’s Department for assisting us in this investigation and prosecution. I would also like to thank Assistant District Attorney Brian Griffin for his effort in this case.”

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## **POLL: New Bedford at-Large City Council**

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## **Industrial accident fatality at Myles Standish Industrial Complex**

Taunton Police, Massachusetts State Police and investigators

from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) are investigating an industrial accident that resulted in the death of a 24-year-old man today in Taunton.

The incident occurred around 8:42 a.m. today in the Myles Standish Industrial Complex on Charles Colton Road. The victim, later identified as Nicholas Dumont of Pawtucket, RI, was working as part of a crew to construct a warehouse. The victim was working about 40 feet off the ground on part of the warehouse's framing when he fell. The victim suffered traumatic injuries and died shortly after the fall.

OSHA has arrived on scene and will investigate further. At this time, this fatality appears to be an accident and foul play is not suspected. Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, no further information can be released at this time.

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## **Faces Of New Bedford – #14: Dana Rebeiro**

Meet Dana Rebeiro, a City Councilor and a Community of Color Outreach member of the Massachusetts Democratic Party. She is the councilor of Ward 4, which encompasses most of the West End of New Bedford, some of the South End, and even Pope's Island.



Dana returned to the city she loved after living in various places like New York, LA and even parts of South America. Her love is what has perpetuated her desire to help the city move forward. Influences here, both good and bad, have inspired her voice for people who don't otherwise have one. Her father was a Panther Party leader, who was falsely imprisoned for murder and released 13 years later to the community where he lived and continued to advocate for the poor. This virtue he passed on to his oldest daughter and it stays with her to this day.

Her hope is to help create opportunities for the poor and working class to bring back to life the dying middle class this city once had. She is a firm believer that by creating more home and business owners who are citizens of New Bedford, we will be able to strengthen our economy.

"What good is the torch if you don't pass it on. There is so much unlocked potential in our city and all it takes is someone being inspired enough to help someone move beyond what they believe their limits are."

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Faces of New Bedford is a project by Colton Simmons. If you are interested in booking a shoot or getting prints from the series email all inquiries to [colton@coltonsimmons.com](mailto:colton@coltonsimmons.com)

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# **Fairhaven Police Detectives**



# arrested two men for drug related offenses



*Michael Mendonca and Tyler Tomasek were arraigned in Third District Court.*

Fairhaven Police Detectives arrested two men Tuesday afternoon just before 3pm for drug related offenses after they observed them engage in activity consistent with a drug deal. Detectives detained 42 year old Tyler Tomasek of 26 Spruce Run, Brewster while marked Fairhaven police units stopped a vehicle being operated by 33 year old Michael Mendonca of 1170 Sassaquin Avenue, New Bedford.

Further investigation revealed the two men completed a hand-to-hand drug transaction in the parking lot of the Fairhaven Walmart. After determining that a drug deal had occurred, both men were placed under arrest.

Police seized over 17 grams of cocaine, over 2 grams of heroin and over \$6,800.00 in cash. The vehicle being operated by Mendonca was towed back to the Fairhaven Police Station where it was further searched by a K-9 unit from the Massachusetts Environmental Police.

Tomasek was charged with possession of cocaine and conspiracy

to violate drug laws. Mendonca was charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of heroin, conspiracy to violate drug laws and distribution of cocaine. Both men were arraigned in Third District Court.

