New Bedford Inaugural Ceremony (2 Jan, 2012)

January 2nd, 2012 marks a new beginning for New Bedford. Our city will get a new mayor, two new city council members and one new school committee member. The Inaugural Ceremony will take place on Monday, January 2nd at 7pm at the Zeiterion Theater. All are welcome to attend. A Facebook event has been created here.



Jon Mitchell will replace Mayor Scott Lang after six years in office. Linda Morad vacates the Ward 1 city council seat and will be replaced by James Oliveira. Henry Bousquet replaces Kathy Dehner as Ward 3 city councilor. The other four ward city council seats and the five at-large city council seats remain unchanged. A list of your next local government can be found here.

Musical selections will be performed by Miss New Bedford Marlena Johnson, New Bedford native Candida Rose and New Bedford High School band members. There will also be a reception following the ceremony at the New Bedford Art Museum.

New Bedford Inaugural Ceremony Schedule of Events (January 2nd, 2012)

• 11:30am — There will be a Roman Catholic Mass at St. Lawrence Martyr Church on County Street, which is mayorelect Jon Mitchell's parish. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

- 6pm The city council will conduct an organizational meeting beginning where they will elect a City Council president. They will recess and travel together to the Inaugural Ceremony, and then will return to City Council Chambers to resume the meeting once the ceremony is over. Read about the role of the city council here.
- 7pm Inaugural Ceremony at the Zeiterion Theater.
- Following Inaugural Ceremony Reception at the New Bedford Art Museum.

The Inaugural Celebration is being held on Saturday, January 7th, at the United Fishermen Club on Orchard St. in New Bedford. There will be a receiving line from 6:30-8pm, and dancing from 8-11pm. Light fare will be served and jackets are requested.

Let's have a great turn out. Share these details with your friends!