

# **PODCAST: Mayor Mitchell asked about arming more citizens to prevent crime**

Last month a New Bedford cab driver shot and killed one of the two men that attempted to rob him with a knife. We asked New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell if he'd favor arming more citizens in high-risk professions like cab drivers and convenience store clerks.

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# **PODCAST: Mayor Mitchell on the passing of John McCain and Loretta Bourque**

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell shared his thoughts on the passing of Senator John McCain and New Bedford's Loretta Bourque.

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# **Mayor Jon Mitchell to hold**

# **July Neighborhood Office Hours at Gary's Best Hot Dogs**

Mayor Mitchell will hold neighborhood office hours for the Month of July on Tuesday, July 24 from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p .m. at Gary's Best Hot Dogs, 958 Ashley Boulevard.

Mayor Mitchell announced he would set aside time each month to hold office hours in city neighborhoods so that residents could meet with him outside of normal business hours and in their own neighborhood.

In his State of the City this year, the Mayor announced that a new format of office hours would be established, inviting residents to join him at local restaurants in different neighborhoods of the city. Food will be available at the office hours.

City residents are invited to attend the neighborhood office hours to meet with Mayor Mitchell directly and share their concerns and ideas, as well as a bite to eat. The sessions are open to all New Bedford residents, no advance appointments are required and meetings with the Mayor will be done on a first come, first served basis.

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## **Statement of New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell on the NOAA Approval of Operation**

# Plans for Groundfish Sectors

“NOAA’s long-awaited decision to approve sector operation plans and allow limited groundfish operations to resume is an important first step and welcome relief to many New Bedford fishing families and waterfront businesses impacted by the closures of Sectors 7 and 9. I applaud all those industry leaders and elected officials who worked with the City and the Port Authority to constructively engage NOAA and highlight the economic consequences of the closure on innocent parties.

Our focus now will be to advocate for the timely conclusion of the remaining civil enforcement case against Carlos Rafael and the transfer of his vessels and permits to third parties in the Port of New Bedford. Only then can we move past lease-only arrangements and return to normal groundfishing operations and management.” – Mayor Jon Mitchell

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## **PODCAST: Mayor Mitchell discusses requiring landlords to post contact information**

Mayor Mitchell discussed the change to an ordinance that will require landlords in New Bedford to post contact information at properties they do not live at.

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# **PODCAST: Mayor Mitchell discusses marijuana production in New Bedford**

Mayor Mitchell discussed the status of marijuana production in New Bedford and the benefits to the city.

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## **Mayor Jon Mitchell announces Fourth of July Fireworks over New Bedford Harbor**

At a press conference held in City Hall, Mayor Jon Mitchell joined with sponsor Hawthorn Medical Associates' CEO Joe Ciccolo to announce that Hawthorn will sponsor the City's 2018 Independence Day fireworks display over New Bedford Harbor. Hawthorn Medical Associates contributed \$10,000 to support the fireworks display, continuing a long-standing tradition of company sponsorship of the annual event.

New Bedford's Fourth of July fireworks display will be staged from a barge located off of State Pier in New Bedford Harbor, beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4. Spectators planning to watch the display in Downtown New Bedford are encouraged to park for free in the Elm Street Garage and Zeiterion Parking Garage.

State Pier will NOT be accessible during the fireworks and there will be no parking on State Pier on the evening of July 4th. Lower Union Street (east of Water Street) will be closed

to vehicle traffic and will be the best spot in the Downtown for pedestrians to view the fireworks display.

In addition to the generous sponsorship of Hawthorn Medical Associates, St. Anne's Credit Union and The New Bedford Whaling Museum are supporting sponsors of the 2018 City of New Bedford Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Tucker Roy Marine Towing & Salvage and AGM Marine Contractors will again support the event this year by providing the commercial barge.

"Thanks to the support of our longtime sponsor, Hawthorn Medical Associates, and our additional sponsors, New Bedford will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks display over the harbor," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "We invite everyone in the Greater New Bedford area to spend time in downtown New Bedford on Fourth of July evening, and to celebrate Independence Day with us and enjoy the fireworks."

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## **New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell Memorial Day Address**

Here's New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell's address during today's Memorial Day event at Clasky Common Park. Stay tuned to the end for some unintended humor.

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## **Live Q&A with New Bedford**

# Mayor Jon Mitchell

Live with New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell to discuss the first wind industry contract and other local issues.

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## Statement of New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell on offshore wind projects announced today

Mayor Jon Mitchell issued the following statement regarding the selection of Vineyard Wind to build Massachusetts' first industrial-scale offshore wind project off the state's coast. The selection was made through a competitive process established by comprehensive energy legislation passed in 2016:

"Today marks an important milestone in New Bedford's long effort to cultivate the development of the offshore wind industry here. With the selection of New Bedford-based Vineyard Wind as the developer of Massachusetts' first industrial-scale offshore wind farm, we are witnessing the arrival of a 21st-century energy industry in the United States that holds great promise for both the environment and our port economy.

I congratulate the Vineyard Wind team on their selection and look forward to working closely with them to ensure the success of the project and maximize the benefits to Greater New Bedford."

The Mayor also extended congratulations to Deepwater Wind on its selection by the State of Rhode Island to construct a 400-megawatt project in federal waters between Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

“The State of Rhode Island’s simultaneous decision to award a contract to Deepwater Wind is also a very positive development for New Bedford, and we look forward to building on our strong working relationship.”