# Play in the Park & Summer Food Program



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New Bedford Parks, Recreation and Beaches is offering a *Play in the Park & Summer Food Program* for families to enjoy activities outside and enjoy free nutritious meals this summer. New Bedford recently received \$35,000 from the Walmart Foundation to fund this program. This is a great way for kids to put down the XBox 360 game controller, enjoy activities outside, and eat a healthy meal at no cost. The program starts July 2nd and ends August 24th. There will be a kick-off event with Mayor Mitchell and Grammy Nominated Performer Mr. G on June 28th at 11 am at Riverside Park. All activities and events are FREE of charge. In the event of rain all events will be moved to the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center. All events have been added to our event calendar.

### Play in the Park Special Events

World Class Frisbee Show, Todd Brodeur Buttonwood Park, Tuesday, August 14th 1pm Riverside Park, Monday, August 20th 1pm



#### Ed the Wizard, interactive performance

Ruth St. Playground, Thursday, August 16th 1pm

#### **Drumming About You, Bob Bloom**

Satellite Housing, Thursday, August 9th 1pm

#### Mad Science, Rocket Building Workshop

Dottin Place Housing, Friday, July 13th 1pm Blue Meadows Housing, Friday, July 20th 1pm Nashmont/Eddie James Park, Friday, August 3rd, 1pm Magnett Park, Wednesday, August 22nd 1pm

#### **Bubbleology, Keith Michael Johnson**

Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, Tuesday, July 10th 10am

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## Fitness in the Parks presented by Personal Trainers from Howland Place Fitness

(starting July 2nd)
Mondays, 11am-12pm Ashley Park
Wednesdays, 11am-12pm Magnett Park
Thursdays, 11am-12pm Brooklawn Park

Here is a list of parks here families can get a meal, play games, participate in physical fitness programs and special events:

- Andrea McCoy Recreation Center
- Ashley Park

- Blue Meadows Housing
- Brickenwood Housing
- Brooklawn Park
- Buttonwood Park
- Clasky Common Park
- Dottin Place Housing
- Fort Taber/Fort Rodman
- Hayden McFadden School Playground
- Hazelwood Park
- Magnett Park
- Montes Park
- Nashmont Housing
- Parkdale Housing
- Riverside Park Playground
- Roberto Clemente Park
- Ruth Street Tot lot
- Satellite Housing
- Shawmut Housing
- Westlawn Housing

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