

New Bedford Guide's Top 10 Stories of the Week – 4th Edition



House fire on 55 Rounds Street in New Bedford.
Photo by Jeff Costa.

Here are New Bedford Guide's top stories this week from our website or **Facebook page**. Click on the bold title to read the original story.

1. **Death Investigation Underway at Scene of House Fire in New Bedford** -A second floor house fire on 55 Rounds Street in New Bedford resulted in the discovery of a deceased man. 29-year old **Justin Downey's** was **later identified as the deceased**. Investigators are calling the fires suspicious and his girlfriend was interviewed and **suspects someone set the fire to cover up a murder**. Discussion **here**.
2. **New Bedford Man Shot in the Back in South End** – A man walked out of a south end New Bedford apartment and was

shot in the back by an unidentified man. He was rushed to Rhode Island Hospital in critical condition. Discussion [here](#).

3. **New Bedford High School Teacher Joanne Maura Exonerated of all Charges** – Finally some good news, right? NBHS teacher Joanne Maura has been exonerated of all charges against her. Joanne Maura is the teacher who had a chair thrown at her by a New Bedford High School Student on March 24th, 2014. On April 8th, Ms. Maura was notified that she was under investigation and could be terminated. Discussion [here](#).
4. **One woman's candid experience of New Bedford's public transportation** – Cheryl M. Lamb-Spooner shared her candid experience with New Bedford's public transportation. Discussion [here](#).
5. **Who Remembers...The Bijou Theater?** – Who remembers the Bijou Theater? \$2 movie tickets and \$1.50 concession items? Our Facebook fans took a trip down memory lane [here](#).
6. **Superintendent Durkin Concludes Recent New Bedford High School Investigation** – New Bedford Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Pia Durkin concluded the investigation into the chair throwing incident at New Bedford High School and sent out a press release with the results. Discussion [here](#).
7. **The 10 Best Dishes on Earth and Where to Get Them Locally (Part 1)** – We have some of the best food in the world right here. We presented our '10 Best Dishes Earth and Where to Get Them Locally' and the people were happier. Discussion [here](#).
8. **11 Things I Didn't Know Until I Moved Here** – Wicked? Quahog? These are words we take for granted, but are foreign to visitors to our area. Laura Pedulli fills us in on 11 quintessential local traits that I she was clueless about until she moved here seven years ago. Discussion [here](#).
9. **Mayor Mitchell Establishes Public Art Committee;**

Announces New Mural Project – The New Bedford Public Art Committee is announcing the beginning of a new public mural project that is scheduled to be completed this summer. Discussion [here](#).

10. **The Week of Southcoast, MA Sunsets** – Our Facebook fans sent us a dozen amazing South Coast sunsets this week. Check out our timeline photos [here](#).
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