

What your family is missing if you aren't attending AHA!



AHA! is consistently one of the biggest, best and most popular events in New Bedford!

As the warmth of the summer sun begins to cool, and the leaves start to change color, people are finally putting away the bathing suits and sun block and breaking out the sweaters and scarves. Well break out those fall boots next because AHA! Night is back once again. For those who don't know, AHA! Night is a FREE arts, history and architecture night that takes place 5-9 on the 2nd Thursday of every month in Downtown New Bedford. These cultural nights involve over 60 downtown venues such as galleries, museums, art organizations, restaurants the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and more. AHA! Night gives performers, artists and others the opportunity to come out and engage within the community.

If you haven't been to AHA! Nights before here are some things you should expect for October 9, 2014, and some things I highly recommend because they sound like a great time.

Free

You can expect AHA! Night to be FREE. No cost at all for

people to attend and have a great time, so why not keep that money in your pocket and come out for a free eventful night.

Music

There aren't many chances in life where people can listen to live music for free, and luckily live music plays a huge role in AHA! Night. Performers come out and play their music for the community, it gives performers the opportunity to show people the kind of musicians they are, what they can do lyrically. This month, thanks to Cafe Arpeggio, Matt Borrello, a guitar player and singer, will be playing live music for downtown New Bedford!

Other chances to listen to music are when the UMass Dartmouth Jazz Ensemble plays at First Baptist Church, and when Gospel Choir & Soloist performs at Bethel AME. Cape Verdean music will be also played at Pilgrim UCC, and New Bedford Symphony Youth Orchestra will make an appearance at New Bedford's Friends Meeting House.

Events

Events are always held at the New Bedford Whaling Historical Park, and this month people are able to go back in time with women from the 1850's to talk about past fashion, and the latest fashion. With Halloween approaching, this event will surely give attendees new costume ideas. It's about time people started switching costumes up anyway, so why not bring it back to the 19th century and wear authentic Victorian clothing. Hopefully, if people attend this event, they will decide against dressing like Elsa from Frozen along with the rest of the little girls of the world this year.

Halloween Activities

I love October because I can go apple picking, go on hayrides, run through corn mazes, and because I get to decorate

pumpkins. Who doesn't love to paint pumpkins? Luckily AHA! Night is giving everyone the chance to decorate pumpkins through Pilgrim UCC. You should also stop by Buzzards Bay Coalition to paint and decorate a Halloween jack-o-lantern!

Art

Downtown New Bedford is filled with opportunities to check out local art galleries, and view their exhibits. I suggest going to viewing artwork by students who are from Global Learning Charter Public School at Episcopal Church. I love seeing young minds create things. I have always been interested in students and their art because it amazes me how young yet creative kids are.

There are many other events taking place on October 9th so to find out times, and places visit <http://www.ahanebedford.org/calendar.html> See you there!
