# <u>Celebrates</u> NEW YEAR'S EVE!

# FREE programming from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

- The Seamen's Bethel hosts an Ecumenical Church Service from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by music from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Whaling Museum Entertainment 5 6:15 p.m.
- The best Toe Jam Puppet Band concerts at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the YMCA!
- Take your kids for crafts and games with the 1850's Ladies at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center (33 William Street) from
- Family Magic Workshop with Jedlie's Magic Circus at the Art Museum/Artworks!
- Winter Animal Activities from the Buttonwood Park Zoo at the YMCA
- Oceans 18 Mini Golf course at Custom House Square 5 - 8 p.m. (weather permitting)
- New Year's wish art project with Dream out Load at Custom House Square 5 – 8 p.m.

- "Snowflake", original art installation by Jessica Bregoli at Custom House Square
- Check out amazing street performers, stilt walkers, jugglers and fire-eaters
- Jam out to music with DJ Anghelli in Wings Court 5 - 8 p.m.
- Photo Project "I am NB" by Nbbeautiful with U.G.L.Y. Gallery & Parks and Rec. in Wings Court 5 – 8 p.m.
- Jazz Music at the Star Store UMass Dartmouth CVPA 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- West African Drum Ensemble "Kekeli" at State Pier Ferry Terminal 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- Brett Sylvia Puppetry at State Pier 7 8:30 p.m.
- Folkies, head to Café Arpeggio from 5 to 8 p.m. for Open Mic Night.
- Bill Harley children's entertainer & storyteller @ Whaling Museum 5:30 – 6:30 p.m
- And so much more ...

Don't miss the FIREWORKS on the waterfront by State Pier at 8:30 p.m.!

For more information and a complete list of New Year's Events visit www.DestinationNewBedford.org/holidays

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The City of New Bedford. Mayor Jon Mitchell



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#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

## **Deck the Windows**

#### Downtown

This event will feature retail, restaurant and vacant storefront windows as the canvas for local artists, volunteers, organizations and schools to show off their decorating/ painting holiday masterpieces in this friendly competition. Vote on your favorite windows December 4-11.

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**

## Metropolitan Klezmer Quartet

#### The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St

Metropolitan Klezmer performs an exhilarating range of musical treasure with astonishing agility and refreshing depth.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 **Holiday Stroll**

Downtown New Bedford, Inc. is organizing the annual Downtown Holiday Stroll, kicking off the Holiday Season in the Downtown.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

#### **Winter Wonderland Holiday Party**

## Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St

Come in from the cold and participate in our seasonal activities, have your face painted, and make holiday presents at one of our many arts and crafts stations. 2 – 5pm

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

## **City of New Bedford Tree Lighting**

#### Downtown



Join Mayor Jon Mitchell and Elected Officials for this festive annual event!

At 4:30 Santa and Mrs. Claus will join the NB High and All-City Middle School Marching Bands and Color Guard for a parade up William Street to the Library steps. At 5:00 Mayor Jon Mitchell will welcome all for the City's

official Tree Lighting Ceremony. New this year - special entertainment and a holiday surprise!

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

## **New Bedford Museum of Glass Gala and Silent Auction** NEW BEDFORD MUSEUM OF GLASS, 61 WAMSUTTA ST

Auction includes vintage glass and china, glass animals, a collection of porcelain "Cinderella Slippers," holiday ornaments, and much more! 6pm.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

## **Reception for Gallery Xmas Show**

#### GALLERY X, 169 WILLIAM STREET

Annual Holiday show featuring local artists. Reception 7 – 10 pm .On view Dec.1, 2014 – January 3, 2015.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

## **Clasky Common Park - Festival of Lights Celebration**

Join the countdown to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park. 5pm

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

## Home for the Holidays

## The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St

An explosive synthesis of big band and Broadway, American Big Band features a 12- piece orchestra and eight singers and dancers in a music extravaganza perfect for the whole family. Tickets available for purchase.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

#### AHA! Made in NB

The monthly AHA! Night celebrates things made here in New Bedford to kick off your holiday shopping. 5 – 9pm

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

## **Annual Artisanry Holiday Sale**

## CVPA, 715 PURCHASE STREET

Handmade jewelry, pottery, sculpture, fiber arts, prints and more – all made by students from College of Visual and Performing Arts at UMASS Dartmouth. Thursday, December 11, 4pm – 9pm; Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13, 10am to 6pm

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### **A Christmas Carol**

## THE ZEITERION PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 684 PURCHASE ST

This beloved production with outstanding sets and lavish costumes from the nationally touring Nebraska Theater Caravan has become the gem of New Bedford's holiday traditions. 2pm and 7pm. Tickets available for purchase.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

## **Custom House Square Holiday Celebration - FREE** INTERSECTION OF WILLIAM STREET AND ACUSHNET AVENUE IN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Get ready for the holiday season with an array of holiday activities in Custom House Square. Weather Permitting

**12-2PM & 3-5PM** Free horse drawn carriage rides

**12-1:30PM** Carolers in the Historic district

**1-3PM** Visit with Santa Claus

Take pictures on the big red sled and experience many more activities!

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

## Open House at Nathan and Polly Johnson House - FREE 21 SEVENTH STREET

Visit the first free home of abolitionist and famous orator Frederick Douglass and find out more about the role that New Bedford played in the Underground Railroad. 12 noon-4pm

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

## 23rd Annual Holiday House Tour

You'll surely catch the holiday spirit as you tour the city's 19th century residences, beautifully decorated for the season. Presented by New Bedford Preservation Society, reservations recommended.

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13; SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14; SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20; SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

## **Holiday Zoobilee**

Experience the Holidays in a wildly unique way this December with our third annual Holiday Zoobilee. The Button Wood Park Zoo will be open exclusively for Holiday Zoobliee from 11am-4pm. Tickets available for purchase.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

# Santa Sightings 5k Run/Walk



A fun run/walk through the historic streets of New Bedford starting at New Bedford City Hall, pump up your heart rate and your holiday spirit! Registration required.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

## Winter Concert & Celebration -

## 50th Anniversary of the Greater New Bedford Choral Society FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 71 EIGHTH STREET

Celebrate the Season with the best Holiday songs. 3:00 pm. Tickets available for purchase.

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**

## A Celtic Sojourn

WGBH's own Brian O'Donovan hosts a live rendering of his beloved radio hour "A Celtic Sojourn" on the Z stage for a celebration of the Christmas tradition in true Celtic style. Tickets available for purchase.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

#### **NBSO Family Holiday Pops 2014**

The NBSO's Family Holiday Pops Concerts are bursting with magical moments! With holiday music we all love played by a great orchestra, friends and family sharing the joy of the season, and festive holiday decorations, it's no wonder this concert is a South Coast holiday tradition! Tickets available for purchase.

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**

## **Custom House Square Holiday Celebration - FREE** Intersection of William Street and Acushnet Avenue in THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

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12-2PM & 3-5PM Free Horse drawn carriage rides **12-1:30PM** Carolers in the historic district

1-3PM Visit with Santa Claus

Take pictures on the big red sled and experience many more activities! Watch home-made kettle corn popping and purchase a bag to warm up!

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

## City Celebrates! New Years Eve

With ice sculpting, fire eating, magic, music, delicious food and many more activities at Custom House Square, you can ring in the New Year here in downtown New Bedford. All festivities are from 5-8:15 pm so plan your trip now to New Bedford's New Year's Eve Celebrations...And don't forget spectacular FIREWORKS on the waterfront at State Pier -8:30 pm.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

## **New Year's Eve Bash**

The New Bedford Whaling Museum and The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center are creating a magical, music-filled New Year's Eve celebration! Fabulous food, live music, champagne and masks. Tickets available for purchase. 7pm - 10pm



For more information and a complete list of events, accommodations, dining, shopping, visit www.DestinationNewBedford.org/holidays











