

Family Fun Throughout Downtown 5PM-8PM  
Fireworks by State Pier 8:30PM

# CITY CELEBRATES! NEW YEAR'S EVE! 2016

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

Check out amazing street performers, stilt walkers, jugglers, fire-eaters, and...

- Catch a dynamic Toe Jam Puppet Band performance at 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30 PM at the YMCA!
- Family Magic Workshop with Jedlie's Magic Circus at NBAM/Artworks! 5:30 and 6:30 PM
- **NEW for 2016!** Face Art by Vera at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park 5:30-7:30 PM
- Enjoy festive harmonies by harpist Eve MacFarlane at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park 6 - 8 PM
- Whaling City Sounds provides Jazz music at the UMass Dartmouth CVPA/Star Store 5 - 7 PM
- **NEW for 2016!** Living art/costumed performance by Ten31 Productions at UMass Dartmouth CVPA/Star Store 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- West African Drum Ensemble "Kekeli" at the Z Penler Space 6:30-8 PM
- **NEW for 2016!** Holiday ice sculpture and selfies with Olaf in Custom House Square 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- Cirque de Light will heat up the night with improvisational fire spinning and LED hoop performances 5 - 8 PM (Union Street, Purchase Street, Custom House Square, Wing's Court)
- DJ Anghelli will be spinning the dance hits in Wings Court 5 - 8 PM
- "NYE 2016 Smile Cam" (live photo projection) by Visionary Communications in Wings Court 6 - 8 PM. (Pictures will later be available for download from DestinationNewBedford.org)
- **NEW for 2016!** Fortune Teller (costumed performance) by Ten31 Productions at Fishing Heritage Center 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- OVERHEAD ARTS performances with stilt walkers, unicycles, and glow props (Union Street, Purchase Street, Custom House Square, Wing's Court)

Plus 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/holidays2016](http://www.DestinationNewBedford.org/holidays2016)

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Throughout December

NEW BEDFORD 2016

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

**Deck the Windows**

DOWNTOWN NB & ACUSHNET AVENUE

The 3rd annual Deck the Windows including Downtown New Bedford and Acushnet Avenue “Deck the Ave”! Businesses decorate their windows for an exciting contest for best windows in several categories: People’s Choice, Best New Bedford Theme, Kid’s Choice, and more! Vote for your favorite between Dec. 1 - 8th (AHA! night).

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

**AHA! Presents Holiday Shop & Stroll**

DOWNTOWN NB

On Dec. 2 and 3, New Bedford area residents are invited to stroll the festively decorated cobblestoned streets of the Whaling City’s downtown, to shop locally for holiday gifts, hear caroling, dine out, jump aboard firetruck rides, meet Santa and more.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

**City of New Bedford Tree Lighting**

WILLIAM STREET & PLEASANT STREET

Join Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford City Councilors and the New Bedford community for the annual tree lighting celebration! At 4:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will lead a parade up William Street to the Main Library. The parade will feature the award-winning New Bedford High School Whaler Marching Band and the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard. The countdown celebration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will feature holiday songs by New Bedford pop girls group “Preminishun,” and greetings from elected officials and an appearance by Santa Claus! Finally, the ceremony will conclude with a surprise performance—our fiery surprise promises to be hot despite the winter weather!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

**Festival of Lights Celebration**

CLASKY COMMON PARK

Join the countdown celebration to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park. Members of the Parker Elementary School chorus will perform and Santa Claus is expected to join the celebration! Event starts at 5PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

**AHA! City Sidewalks**

DOWNTOWN NB

AHA! (Art, History & Architecture) is New Bedford’s free Downtown Cultural Night and collaborative cultural organization with over 60 downtown venue partners.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

**Santa Sightings 5k Run/Walk**

MACARTHUR BOULEVARD

A fun and festive 5K Run/Walk. Hundreds of runners in Santa suits will run the USATF certified course along the working waterfront. Registration Required.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

**A Christmas Carol**

ZEITERION THEATRE, 684 PURCHASE STREET

The Southcoast Christmastime tradition continues when Nebraska Caravan Theatre returns to The Z with the treasured production of A Christmas Carol. This portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge captures the humorous and touching moments of Dickens’ classic story along with witty dialogue and festive musical numbers. 2PM and 7PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

THE NEW BEDFORD LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL PRESENTS

**The Downtown New Bedford Pub Crawl and Ugly Sweater Contest.**

Join us for drinks\*, appetizer discounts, and fun challenges! Prizes will be awarded in categories like “Ugliest Sweater” and “Most Spirited.” Proceeds from this event will benefit the Neediest Families Fund. 4PM-8PM (\*must be 21+ participate) #NBPubCrawl2016

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH & SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH

**25th Annual Holiday House Tour**

WAMSUTTA CLUB, 427 COUNTY STREET

Both tours begin at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, tour headquarters. An elegant pre-tour brunch at the Wamsutta Club will be served on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with a holiday raffle and silent auction of beautiful gifts, art, antiques and handcrafted items.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH & SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH

**Cookies, Paws, and Santa Claus**

BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO, 425 HAWTHORNE STREET

This special holiday event includes cookies & milk with Santa, animal encounter, holiday take-home craft, train and carousel rides, and zoo admission. Pre-registration is required. Visit [www.BPZoo.org](http://www.BPZoo.org) for more information.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

**Christmas Celtic Sojourn**

ZEITERION THEATRE, 684 PURCHASE STREET

Brian O’Donovan’s A Celtic Sojourn has thrilled radio audiences for twenty-eight years. For the last fourteen, the Christmas-time live version of the show has drawn on Celtic, Pagan, and Christian traditions to celebrate the music of the season.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

**Custom House Square Shop Saturday**

DOWNTOWN NB/WILLIAM STREET AND ACUSHNET AVENUE

Downtown will be full of holiday spirit, with an array of festive activities in and around Custom House Square including: Free horse drawn carriage rides, pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Claus on the big red sled, a complimentary gift wrapping station, The Trustees of Reservations Greens (swags/wreaths) sale, The Whaling City Knots will demonstrate and sell their decorative rope creations, plus Mass in Motion Winter Farmer’s Market!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

**NBSO Family Holiday Pops**

ZEITERION THEATRE, 684 PURCHASE STREET

Maestro MacKenzie returns to conduct the best holiday concert in town! The Family Holiday Pops Concerts feature all the holiday music you love, played by our great orchestra! Share the joy of the season with friends and family in the festively decorated theater and take part in a South Coast holiday tradition! 3:30PM and 7:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

**Parent Night Out**

ANDREA MCGOY RECREATION CENTER, 181 HILLMAN STREET

A kid only drop off program designed to give parents time for holiday shopping, to go out to dinner, or simply to relax. Drop the kids off between 4PM - 8PM for a pizza party, holiday movie, and other activities. Sign up is required.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Open House at Nathan and Polly Johnson House**

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. 1PM-3PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH & SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

**City Celebrates! New Year’s Eve**

DOWNTOWN NB/CUSTOM HOUSE SQAURE

Ring in the New Year with fire eaters, stilt walkers, live music, delicious food, and many more festive activities in and around Custom House Sqaure from 5PM-8PM. Don’t miss the spectacular FIREWORKS display from State Pier on the working waterfront at 8:30PM.

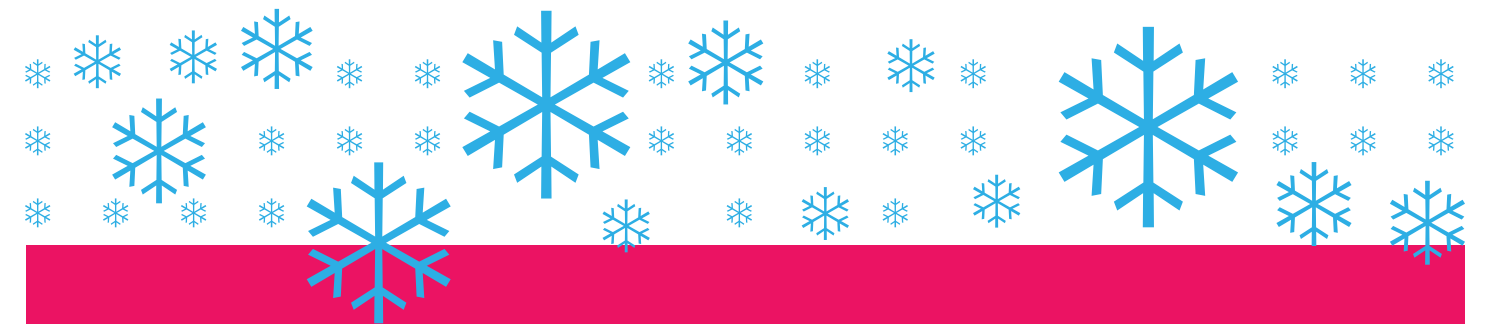


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

**New Year’s Eve Bash**

NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM, 18 JOHNNY CAKE HILL

The Zeiterion and the New Bedford Whaling Museum invite revelers of all ages to end the year with a bang! Guests bid goodbye to 2016 with an exciting evening of live music, delicious food and children’s entertainment. This family-friendly event takes place at the Whaling Museum, home to a flawless view of the city’s spectacular fireworks. Tickets include ample hors d’oeuvres, complimentary champagne toast for adults, cash bar and fun activities for kids.



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