

# NBHA NEWS

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For Residents, Employees & Retirees

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## IF YOU WORKED IN 2005, YOU COULD GET MONEY BACK WITH THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Families with one child who earn less than \$31,030 in 2005 (or less than \$33,030 for married workers) are eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit of up to \$2,662.

Families with two or more children who earn less than \$35,263 in 2005 (or less than \$37,263 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$4,400.

Workers without a qualifying child who earn less than \$11,750 in 2005 (or less than \$13,750 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$399.

This Earned Income Credit (EIC) is a tax benefit for working people with low or moderate incomes. You don't have to have children to qualify for the credit, but if you do, you generally will get more of a tax benefit. The credit is highest for parents filing jointly, lower for those filing singly, and very low for people without children.

Workers who qualify for the credit and file a federal tax return can get back some or all of the federal income tax that was taken out of their pay during the year. They may even get extra cash back from the IRS.

There also is an advance payment feature that allows employers to put extra money in qualified workers' pay envelopes. That lets these workers take home the money each pay period a little at a time instead of waiting and getting it in one lump sum when they file their tax returns.

## **GET FREE TAX HELP BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

### **PACE**

155 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
508-999-9920

Tuesday and Thursday Appointment Times  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

181 Hillman Street, Building 9, Room 204  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
508-979-4684 – ask for Brian Pastori

Call for Appointment Times

## PAST PRESIDENTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### 2006 Scholarship Competition

The Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials (MassNAHRO) Past Presidents Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in remembrance of the individuals who have served the Association with dedicated leadership and professionalism.

Each year the Scholarship Committee selects applicants who are **residents**, commissioners, or employees at member housing agencies and awards scholarships to assist in their education.

Eligible applicants must return their application forms to the Scholarship Committee postmarked no later than **April 14, 2006**.

If you would like a scholarship application, please contact your Property Office OR obtain the application from this website:

<http://massnahro.org/2006%20scholarship%20form.pdf>

## FEBRUARY RESIDENT RENT REVIEW SCHEDULE

Residents in the following developments will receive a letter regarding their **February** review:

Date	Development	Time	Location
2	Ben Rose Gardens	9 - 4	Blue Meadows
6 - 9	Shawmut Village	9 - 4	Westlawn
14	Caroline Street	9 - 12	Caroline Street Community Rm

The resulting rent changes will be effective in May.

## OUT OF SCHOOL DOESN'T MEAN OUT OF SERVICE

The New Directions Out-of-School Program provides services to youth who have yet to complete the traditional school system or those who have already earned a GED or Diploma but still need additional assistance/resources.

### SERVICES INCLUDE:

GED Remediation Programs  
Attendance Incentives  
Transportation Assistance  
Agency Referrals  
Case Management  
Occupational Training Scholarship  
Educational Planning

All Out-of-School Services are provided to youth between the ages of 16 through 21.

### Connect with New Directions Youth Services at:

New Directions  
Quest Center Building  
1213 Purchase Street, 2nd Floor  
New Bedford, MA  
508-979-1700

## GED CLASSES AND PRACTICE TEST OFFERED

The New Bedford Public School's Division of Adult/Continuing Education is offering a **FREE GED** (General Educational Development) **practice test**. Taking the practice test will help you to determine whether you are prepared to take the actual GED test and will indicate the scores you are likely to achieve on the GED.

If the practice test indicates that you could benefit from GED preparation classes, the Division of Adult/Continuing Education offers **FREE GED preparation classes** in both the **day and evening schools**. These Adult Secondary Education classes focus on preparing students to pass all five GED tests in order to earn a Massachusetts High School Equivalency Diploma. The GED test battery includes exams in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The morning GED preparation classes are offered at the Adult Learning Center, 181 Hillman Street, Building 2, Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Evening classes meet at New Bedford High School on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**To register for the free GED practice test, or for more information about the free GED classes, please call 508-997-4511, extension 2419.** Practice tests are offered monthly. Call for specific dates and times.

## GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

Presidents' Day is Monday, February 20, 2006. If your garbage pickup day falls on or after this holiday, your pickup day for the holiday week will be the day after your normal pickup day.

Therefore, for the week beginning Monday, February 20, residents living at Chaffee/Fairfield Street, Church Street north of Tarkiln Hill, Howard Street, Plainville Road, and Sylvia Street should place their tightly sealed garbage barrels on the curbside by 6 a.m. **Tuesday, February 21**, or the night before.

Residents living at Brickenwood, Church Street south of Tarkiln Hill, Coggshall Street, Loftus Street, Nashmont, Shawmut Avenue, Topham Street, and Townsend Street should place their barrels out by 6 a.m. **Wednesday, February 22**, or the night before.

Residents living at Cottage Street, Crestview, Parkdale, Presidential Heights, Richmond Street, Smith Street, Westlawn, and Westwood should place their barrels out by 6 a.m. **Thursday, February 23**, or the night before.

Residents living at Alec Street, Bay Village, and North Street should put their barrels out by 6 a.m. **Friday, February 24**, or the night before.

Residents living at Blue Meadows and Mosher Street should put their barrels out by 6 a.m. on **Saturday, February 25**, or the night before.

## Boa Vista Great Room 134 South Second Street

February 2, 2006

Thursday - 9:00 a.m.

Bristol Network Group Meeting--Coastline Elderly Services, Inc., will present the *Medicaid Personal Care Attendant Program*. ALL ARE WELCOME!

February 9, 2006

Thursday - 10:00 a.m.

Dr. John M. Ferguson will present a health workshop on *Amazing Health Secrets*. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Blood Pressure Clinic with a Nurse from Overlook Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Please contact Maria Hernandez, Resident Services Coordinator for Boa Vista, if you have any questions. Her office is on the first floor of Boa Vista, in the back, next to the Wellness Clinic and the Great Room. Her telephone number is 508-979-1605.*

### What's Going on at the NBHA?

- Please remember that HUD is mailing their Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey to randomly selected households between December 6, 2005, and February 8, 2006. If your household is selected, please fill out this confidential form.
- The Authority has a \$31,500 contract with Nault Architects of Worcester, MA, to design exterior improvements at Harwich Manor.

#### Nativity Preparatory School

66 Spring Street, New Bedford, MA 02740  
508-994-3800

This is a private, tuition-free middle school which provides a highly structured program for boys from low-income families who have demonstrated the will and desire to apply themselves to high academic and moral standards.

#### HeadStart to College at BCC New Bedford Campus

188 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740-5942

CALL DOREEN HENRY:

508-984-8226 or Fax: 508-730-3264

## CITY OF NEW BEDFORD JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Assistant City Planner** Perform a variety of routine and complex technical and professional work in the current and/or long-range planning of the City and the development and implementation of land use and related policies and regulations.

**Community & Historic Preservation Planner** Primarily responsible for the historic preservation and environmental review requirements as mandated by federally funded projects administered through the Office of Housing and Community Development. Also assist in the preparation of technical research studies and statistical reports for local plans and socio-economic data for use in grant applications, reports, publications, and public information releases; and coordinates planning related to Community Development, Housing, and Economic Development Initiatives.

**Community Development Neighborhood Planner** Responsible for undertaking community planning in targeted City neighborhoods and for developing and coordinating neighborhood revitalization strategies to address documented needs.

**Grants Administrator** Responsible for developing, preparing, negotiating, and submitting federal, state, local, and private grant/loan applications and contracts, as well as performing project research and development for the City.

**Municipal Surveyor** Act as party chief of surveying crew and perform sub-professional work requiring some knowledge of and training in engineering principles and practices.

**Sanitarian** Administer, educate, and perform work developing programs and procedures of environmental sanitation and hygiene.

**For more job listings, complete job descriptions, and application, please contact:**

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT  
133 WILLIAM STREET, ROOM 212  
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740  
(508) 979-1444**

**or visit: [www.ci.new-bedford.ma.us](http://www.ci.new-bedford.ma.us)**

# C A R O L I N E C A F É

Catered by Cobblestone Restaurant ~ All Ages Welcome

26 Caroline Street, New Bedford, MA ~ 508-991-6301 ~ Please Call 24 Hours in Advance

## F E B R U A R Y M E N U

Meals \$3 Each ~ Served at Noon ~ All Ages Welcome

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1</b> Pot roast with carrots, celery, onion and boiled potatoes	<b>2</b> Shepherd's Pie with gravy and a roll	<b>3</b> Baked fish with roasted potatoes and steamed broccoli
<b>6</b> Meatloaf with tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, and corn	<b>7</b> Boiled dinner with ham, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, and onions	<b>8</b> Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and peas	<b>9</b> Chicken pot pie with vegetables served with mashed potatoes	<b>10</b> Clam Cake with coleslaw and chowder
<b>13</b> French meat pie with mixed vegetables and a roll	<b>14</b> BBQ pork with roasted potatoes and mashed squash	<b>15</b> Beef pot pie with mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, and a roll	<b>16</b> Cacola with boiled potatoes and a roll	<b>17</b> Baked salmon with lemon dill butter, mashed potatoes, and carrots
<b>20</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>PRESIDENTS'</b> <b>DAY</b>	<b>21</b> Roast chicken with rice pilaf and buttered carrots	<b>22</b> Stuffed Cabbage and a roll	<b>23</b> Turkey dinner with squash and a roll	<b>24</b> Baked fish with mashed potatoes and broccoli
<b>27</b> Apple sauced pork chops with carrots and boiled potatoes	<b>28</b> Beef tips in gravy with mashed potatoes and corn			

## Enjoy lunch ~ Stay for the Activities

Call Marisol at 508-991-6301 if you have any questions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1</b> 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No	<b>2</b> 1:30 BINGO	<b>3</b> 11:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Ice Cream Social 2:00 Po-Ke-No
<b>6</b> 1:00 Movie	<b>7</b> 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	<b>8</b> 11:00 Exercise Class 12:30 Health Presentation 2:00 Po-Ke-No / Quilting 6:30 Neighborhood Safety	<b>9</b> 1:30 BINGO	<b>10</b> 9:00 Coffee Hour 11:00 Knitting Group 2:00 Po-Ke-No
<b>13</b> 1:00 Movie	<b>14</b> 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	<b>15</b> 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No	<b>16</b> 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Memory Group	<b>17</b> 11:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Ice Cream Social 2:00 Po-Ke-No
<b>20</b> 1:00 Movie	<b>21</b> 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	<b>22</b> 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No 2:00 Quilting	<b>23</b> 10:00 Let's Talk Health-- <i>How to beat the winter blues.</i> 1:30 BINGO	<b>24</b> 9:00 Coffee Hour 11:00 Knitting Group 2:00 Po-Ke-No
<b>27</b> 1:00 Movie	<b>28</b> 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club		<b>Want to quit smoking?</b>  <b>CALL</b> 508-992-6553	<b>Nutrition Counseling, Podiatry --</b>  <b>CALL</b> 508-992-6553