

NBHA NEWS

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For Residents, Employees & Retirees

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IF YOU WORKED IN 2006, YOU COULD GET MONEY BACK WITH THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Families with one child who earn less than \$32,001 in 2006 (or less than \$34,001 for married workers) are eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit of up to \$2,747.

Families with two or more children who earn less than \$36,348 in 2006 (or less than \$38,348 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$4,536.

Workers without a qualifying child who earn less than \$12,120 in 2006 (or less than \$14,120 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$412.

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 Evening Appointments Available

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

181 Hillman Street, Building 9, Room 204
New Bedford, MA 02740
508-979-4684

Appointments Available 9:00 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

WIC

WHAT IS WIC? WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food, and other services free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify. WIC stands for Women, Infants and Children.

WHAT DOES WIC OFFER? WIC is for all kinds of families: married and single parents, working or not working. If you are a father, mother, grandparent, foster parent, or other legal guardian of a child under 5, you can apply for WIC for your child.

You can participate in WIC if you:

- ◆ Live in Massachusetts
- ◆ Have a nutritional need (WIC staff can help you determine this)
- ◆ Are a child under 5, or a pregnant or breastfeeding woman, and
- ◆ Have a family income less than WIC guidelines (shown below)

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$ 349
2	\$24,420	\$2,035	\$ 470
3	\$30,710	\$2,560	\$ 591
4	\$37,000	\$3,084	\$ 712
5	\$43,290	\$3,608	\$ 833
6	\$49,580	\$4,132	\$ 954
7	\$55,870	\$4,656	\$1,075
8	\$62,160	\$5,180	\$1,196

If you are pregnant, you should count yourself as two.

ALLAN R. ANDREWS SCHOLARSHIP

<http://www.nercnahro.org/scholarship%20application.pdf>

The New England Regional Council of NAHRO is offering the *Allan R. Andrews Scholarship* (\$1,250 per year for up to 4 consecutive years) to **public housing residents and leased housing residents.**

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors, possess a high school diploma or G.E.D, and have a minimum of a B average.

Applications with instructions can be obtained at any **Property Office** or from the **website** listed above.

Applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED** no later than **APRIL 30, 2007.**

FEBRUARY RESIDENT RENT REVIEW SCHEDULE

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

Date	Development	Time	Location
5 - 8	Shawmut Village	9 - 4	Westlawn
13	Ben Rose Gardens	9 - 4	Blue Meadows
14	Caroline Street	9 - 12	Caroline Street Community Room

The resulting rent changes will be effective in May.

GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

Presidents' Day is on **Monday, February 19, 2007.** If your garbage pickup day falls *on or after* this date, your pickup day for this holiday week will be the *day after* your normal pickup day.

Please place your tightly sealed garbage barrels on the curbside by 6 a.m. of your pickup day or the night before. **THANK YOU!**

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Solicitor Performs legal work.

Boards/Commissions Please print the application from the city's website or call the number below.

Building Inspector Performs a variety of routine and complex technical work in building inspection work plan review and zoning enforcement to insure that the MA Building Code and other related codes and standards are met.

Chief Financial Officer Responsible for the overall budgetary and financial administration of the City of New Bedford.

Commissioner of Buildings and Inspectional Services Performs a variety of routine and complex administrative, supervisory and technical work in administering and enforcing building and related codes. The Commissioner will supervise all aspects of the Department of Inspectional Services.

Counsel I Responsible for performing entry-level legal work on matters within the jurisdiction of the Department.

Counsel II Performs legal work.

Cultural Affairs Coordinator Performs routine and complex administrative work in planning, organizing, coordinating, and administering a variety of special community, cultural, or other special events programs relating to multi-cultural affairs.

Diesel Engine Repairman Performs skilled repair of diesel equipment.

Director Council on Aging Supervises the planning, organizing, and coordinating of community programs for elders, including cultural arts, physical activities, and special interest classes and programs.

Grant Accountant / Auditor Performs a variety of complex technical accounting and auditing functions in accordance with Federal and Massachusetts general laws, the standards and regulations of the governmental accounting standards board (GASB), GAAP for governments, and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR).

Librarian II Plans and administers public library service according to New Bedford Free Public Library policies and procedures.

Librarian III Responsible for general library services for juvenile and young adult library users at the Main Library, four branches, and the Bookmobile.

Library Assistant I (12 hours/wk) Assists in the daily operations of the Circulation Desk, monitors the borrowing of materials, and performs related public service duties as required. Must be available some nights and Saturdays.

Library Director Manages the City's library department. Responsible for directing all library operations, developing and managing the budget, recommending and implementing library policy, and developing the library's collections and services.

Paramedic (Intermittent) Provides advanced emergency care to the sick and injured. Complies with all policies, practices, and procedures of the EMS Department and the City of New Bedford.

Signal Maintainer Responsible for proper installation, operation, repair, and maintenance of the Municipal Fire Alarm System to insure the earliest possible warning of fire and other hazardous conditions that may arise in such places as hospitals, nursing homes, schools and other public and private buildings.

Special Motor Equipment Operator (Temporary) Operates City-owned equipment, which requires possession of a Hoisting License.

Treasurer Responsible for collection and processing of all City revenues, investment of City funds, cash management, solicitation of bonds, payment of debt obligations, and tax foreclosures.

For 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.

BOA VISTA BISTRO

134 South Second Street, New Bedford, MA
Please Call 24 Hours in Advance ~ 508-961-3108 ~ Leave a Message

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
			1 Beef Stew	2 Chowder with baked fish and mashed potatoes
5 Meatloaf with delmonico potatoes and a vegetable	6 Chicken teriyaki with Asian rice and a vegetable	7 Beef ribs with mashed potatoes and a vegetable	8 Roast pork loin with potatoes and a vegetable	9 Chowder with salmon and a vegetable
12 Chicken rice soup with a chicken sandwich	13 Sliced beef with mushroom sauce and noodles	14 Beef tips with rice	15 Cacoila with rice and a vegetable	16 Chowder with baked fish and mashed potatoes
19 CLOSED PRESIDENTS' DAY	20 Baked stuffed lemon chicken breast with baked potato	21 (Ash Wednesday) Choice of lasagna w/sauce and a vegetable OR baked fish with a vegetable	22 French meat pie with gravy and a vegetable	23 Chowder with salmon and a baked potato
26 Stuffed cabbage with red potatoes	27 Corned Beef Dinner	28 BBQ Chicken with mashed potatoes and corn		

Activities at Boa Vista ~ Everyone is Welcome

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
* JOIN US FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY BREAKFAST Scrambled Eggs and Bacon, English Muffins, Coffee, and Juice 9:00 a.m. Please sign up. \$1.50			1 2:30-4:00 CRAFTS 2 nd Floor Craft Room	2 8:00 - 10:30 Hairdresser Call Terry Medeiros at 508-996-5931 for apptmt.
5 2:30-4:00 POKER TOURNAMENT 3 rd Floor Game Room	6 2:30-4:00 DOMINO TOURNAMENT 3 rd Floor Game Room	7 2:30-4:00 POKER TOURNAMENT 3 rd Floor Game Room	8 2:30-4:00 CRAFTS 2 nd Floor Craft Room	9 8:00 - 10:30 Hairdresser Call Terry Medeiros at 508-996-5931 for apptmt.
12 12:30 Presentation by Alzheimer's Association 2:30-4:00 POKER Tourn. 3 rd Floor Game Room	13 2:30-4:00 DOMINO TOURNAMENT 3 rd Floor Game Room	14 9:00 Breakfast * 2:30-4:00 POKER TOURNAMENT 3 rd Floor Game Room	15 2:30-4:00 CRAFTS 2 nd Floor Craft Room	16 8:00 - 10:30 Hairdresser Call Terry Medeiros at 508-996-5931 for apptmt.
19 CLOSED PRESIDENTS' DAY	20 2:30-4:00 DOMINO TOURNAMENT 3 rd Floor Game Room	21 1-2 Blood Pressure Clinic 2:30-4:00 POKER TOURNAMENT 3 rd Floor Game Room	22 2:30-4:00 CRAFTS 2 nd Floor Craft Room	23 8:00 - 10:30 Hairdresser Call Terry Medeiros at 508-996-5931 for apptmt.
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CAROLINE CAFÉ

Catered by Cobblestone Restaurant

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

FEBRUARY MENU

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Shepherd's pie with gravy, and a roll	2 Baked fish with roasted potatoes, steamed broccoli, and a roll
5 Meatloaf with tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, and a roll	6 Boiled ham dinner with carrots, cabbage, potatoes, onions, and a roll	7 Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, carrots, and a roll	8 Chicken pot pie with crust and veggies served with mashed potatoes and a roll	9 Scrod Bella Vista with rice pilaf, carrots, and a roll
12 Chicken linguini with Garden salad and a roll	13 BBQ pork with roasted potatoes, mashed squash, and a roll	14 Pot roast with carrots, celery, onions, mashed potatoes, and a roll	15 Turkey, cheese, tomato and lettuce wrap served with French fries	16 Baked salmon with lemon dill butter, mashed potatoes, carrots, and a roll
19 CLOSED PRESIDENTS' DAY	20 Roast chicken with rice pilaf, buttered carrots, and a roll	21 Turkey and stuffing dinner with mashed potatoes, corn, and a roll	22 Roast pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, and a roll	23 Baked fish with rice pilaf, broccoli, and a roll
26 Stuffed cabbage with rice pilaf and a roll	27 Beef tips in gravy with au gratin potatoes and a roll	28 French meat pie with roasted potatoes, green beans, and a roll		

Enjoy lunch ~ Stay for the Activities

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 1:30 BINGO	2 1:00 Ice Cream Social 1:30 Po-Ke-No
5 10:00 Knitting Group	6 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	7 11:00 Exercise Class 1:30 Po-Ke-No	8 1:30 BINGO	9 1:30 Po-Ke-No
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