WELCOME TO AHA! NIGHT

MADE IN NEW BEDFORD | NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Each AHA! Night is a celebration of art, history, architecture–and community! Use the activity listings below and the map on the back to explore all the creativity that New Bedford has to offer on this magical AHA! Night. Don't forget to stop by museums, galleries, shops, and restaurants open late.

GO EXPLORE, CREATE, & HAVE FUN.

1.

MADE IN NB! ARTISAN MARKET

HARBOR HOTEL, 222 Union St.

5-8 pm Start your AHA! Night at the New Bedford Harbor Hotel, where AHA! is hosting an **Artisan Makers Market including handmade greeting cards, art, jewelry, specialty wreaths**, and more!

While shopping local, enjoy **music by local singer/songwriter, Butch McCarthy** in this month's Seaport Sessions, and watch the **clock-making demo by David Morton Meyers** in this month's AHA! Moment. David transforms the unexpected into analog time pieces. He will also have a guide for you to create your own clock at home.

5-7 pm Create **marshmallow snowman crafts** with HomeWorks Energy and enjoy **a thankful quilt activity** with St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

6-8 pm Enjoy some **speakeasy jazz from the Buttonwood Brass Band**, now on every AHA! Night.

2. NEW BEDFORD MAIN LIBRARY
613 Pleasant St.
3-5 pm Celebrate "Dinovember" and create your own dinosaur craft at the library's Youth Services. Plus, browse the ongoing Book Sale!
3-6 pm Explore dinosaur footprints and activities with the Trustees Mobile Adventure team.

3. BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
800 Purchase St., 3-6 pm
SCRAM (SouthCoast aRts And coMics) Maker Space is a chance for artists of all ages to unleash their creativity — **draw some comics, meet new friends**, and then... SCRAM (in the best way possible)!

4. THE BEYOND HOUSE, YOUNG ADULT ACCESS CENTER, 175 William St., 4-8 pm
Come and join the Young Adults at the Beyond House for a **fun and exciting trivia** and see how much you know about your city!

5. NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM
18 Johnny Cake Hill
4-5 pm Explore **all the museum's galleries for free!**
5-7 pm Enjoy a cup of hot cider and **explore a pop-up market** featuring one-of-a-kind gifts created by local artists, makers, and small businesses. You can also explore the Jacobs Family Gallery, move and groove to a curated playlist, and enter to win a family membership!

6. JUDITH KLEIN ART GALLERY
127 West Rodney French BLVD, Ste 287, 4-6 pm
Explore the work of artist and gallery owner **Judith Klein during her Made in NB art reception.** Judith will discuss and demonstrate her work.

7. NEW BEDFORD FISHING HERITAGE CENTER
38 Bethel St.
4-7 pm FHC is **free to explore beginning at 4 pm** on AHA! Nights.
6 pm Meet local artist Michael Medeiros and learn about his **latest public artwork "Crystals of Guanine."** Discover the inspiration behind the piece and participate in a hands-on demonstration.

8. NEW BEDFORD RESEARCH AND ROBOTICS
1277 Purchase St., 4:30-6:30 pm
Come see innovation in action at the **NBRR Open Lab night**, highlighting the incredible talent and technology shaping the city's future. Learn about **autonomous underwater robots, digital cartography, and see the 3D printed designs** created by 8th graders at Nativity Prep!

9. THE VAULT, 791 Purchase St., 5-7 pm
Explore Makers Merge, a student exhibition celebrating the intersection of art, design, and technology at The Vault, featuring the work of students from CVPA at UMass Dartmouth and RISD.

10. OLD POTTERY WORKS BUILDING
8th Street & Union, 2nd flr., 5-8 pm
It's a **Made in NB art sale** including the paintings and drawings of Susanne Delatour Carey.

11. CO-CREATIVE CENTER
137 Union St.
5-8 pm Explore Co-Creative's artisan market, featuring Kat's Hats, Elyse Laurelle Art, SmookArt paintings, and decorative wreaths by Dena Haden.
6 pm Join sax player and music educator Emmanuel "Manny" Escobar for a **free, fun jam session!**
7 pm Calling all poets and spoken word artists! **Author Nick LeBlanc hosts Anomaly Poetry's open mic night tonight.** Share your words or listen in. Lasts until the poems run out.

12. NATIVITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
66 Spring St., 5-6:30 pm
Sail on over to Nativity Prep for **coloring, art activities, and some hot chocolate!**

13. PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH HOME
634 Purchase St., 5-7 pm
Make your own mason jar leaf lantern! Don't forget to visit the Booker T. Washington mural on the side of the building.

14. SHIMMER
187 Union St., 5pm
Stop by your favorite clean beauty and modern wellness boutique for **their holiday launch party**, including new arrivals, exclusive discounts, festive drinks, and more!

15. THE DRAWING ROOM
22 William St., 5-7 pm
Shop three artists pop-ups including the sustainable fashion of Wendy Bauer Apparel, the jewelry and home decor of Diana Taft Designs, plus glass jewelry and housewares from Jasmine Keane.

16. 3RD EYE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
230 Union St., 5-8 pm
Stop by **3rdEyE for their monthly AHA! Open House** where you can draw on the free wall, jam on the dance floor, step up to the open mic, have a Silent DJ dance party, and other hands-on art activities. Kids and adults welcome!

17. NEW BEDFORD ART MUSEUM
608 Pleasant St. 5-8 pm
Enjoy free access to the art museum and explore the current exhibits. Kids can also enjoy the **craft table where they can create a small project, or take home an art kit!**

18. SERLINGPA MEDITATION CENTER
514 Pleasant Street, 5:30-7 pm
Enjoy the peace of the meditation hall, **listen to a brief talk, and participate in a guided meditation on gratitude.**

19. ROTCH-JONES-DUFF HOUSE & GARDEN MUSEUM, 396 County St., 5:30 pm
Learn birding basics with Mass Audubon in the *Birding Past & Present* workshop. All levels are invited to join one of the fastest growing hobbies in North America.

20. PLAY ARCADE, 34 Union St.
6-7:30 pm Join or listen in to a recording of the **Artists Index's "Live from AHA!" Podcast.** This month is an open mic night! Stop by and share a story.
6-8 pm Belt out some tunes with the whole family. Kids Karaoke begins at 6pm.
8-midnight Adults take over at 8 pm for **karaoke, food, fun and games!**

21. BUSHWOOD TAILORS OPPSHOP
763 Purchase St., 6-8 pm
Stop in for an art pop-up by Zu, a New Bedford-based multidisciplinary artist exploring themes of queerness, sanity, heritage, and spirituality through printmaking, paper mache and textile arts.

22. CORK WINE & TAPAS
90 Front St., 6-9 pm
Relax to a performance by singer Justin Sampson over dinner & drinks.

23. FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
71 8th St. (Union St. entrance), 6-8 pm
Rock out to Green Street Band: a group of old men from the area, trying to relive their youth by **bringing you music from the past ('60s to the '90s) to live on for the future!** Featuring Paul Darvon, Denny Moore, Chuck Steel, Frank Bastion, Carlton Clint, John Booth, and Brutus Benson.

24. GALLERY X, 169 William St., 6:30-9:30 pm
NEW BEDFORD JAM is an Open Mic and Jam Session at Gallery X hosted by Sean FitzGerald. At 6:30 pm step up to the open mic for a 10 minute slot. At 7:30pm the jam begins featuring an all-star lineup including John Nieman, Charles Xavier, and Brian Cass.

25. BENTO'S, 555 Pleasant St., 8 pm
Keep the vibe alive at **AHHhhhhhh: The AHA! Night After-Party**. At 8 pm, Bento's transforms into a cozy groove lounge where **the WAMPTRONICA collective takes you on a sonic journey** through Deep Afro Jazz Soulful House Music. Come through, grab a drink or a bite, and let the rhythm wind you down or lift you up – whichever way your AHA! Night flows.

26. POUR FARM TAVERN
780 Purchase St., 8-11:30 pm
Grab a bite or a pint and listen to **Electric Blues & Rock with the Neal McCarthy Trio**.

27. NATIONAL CLUB MEXICAN CANTINA
24 Union St. 9-close
Local legend DJ Anj will be spinning from 9pm - on to celebrate the opening of the National Club Mexican Cantina! Come for the margaritas, stay for vibes!

AHA! AFTER DARK

This month we're introducing AHA! After Dark, AHA! Night activities that begin or continue past 8 pm! After Dark activities are noted with a crescent moon icon!

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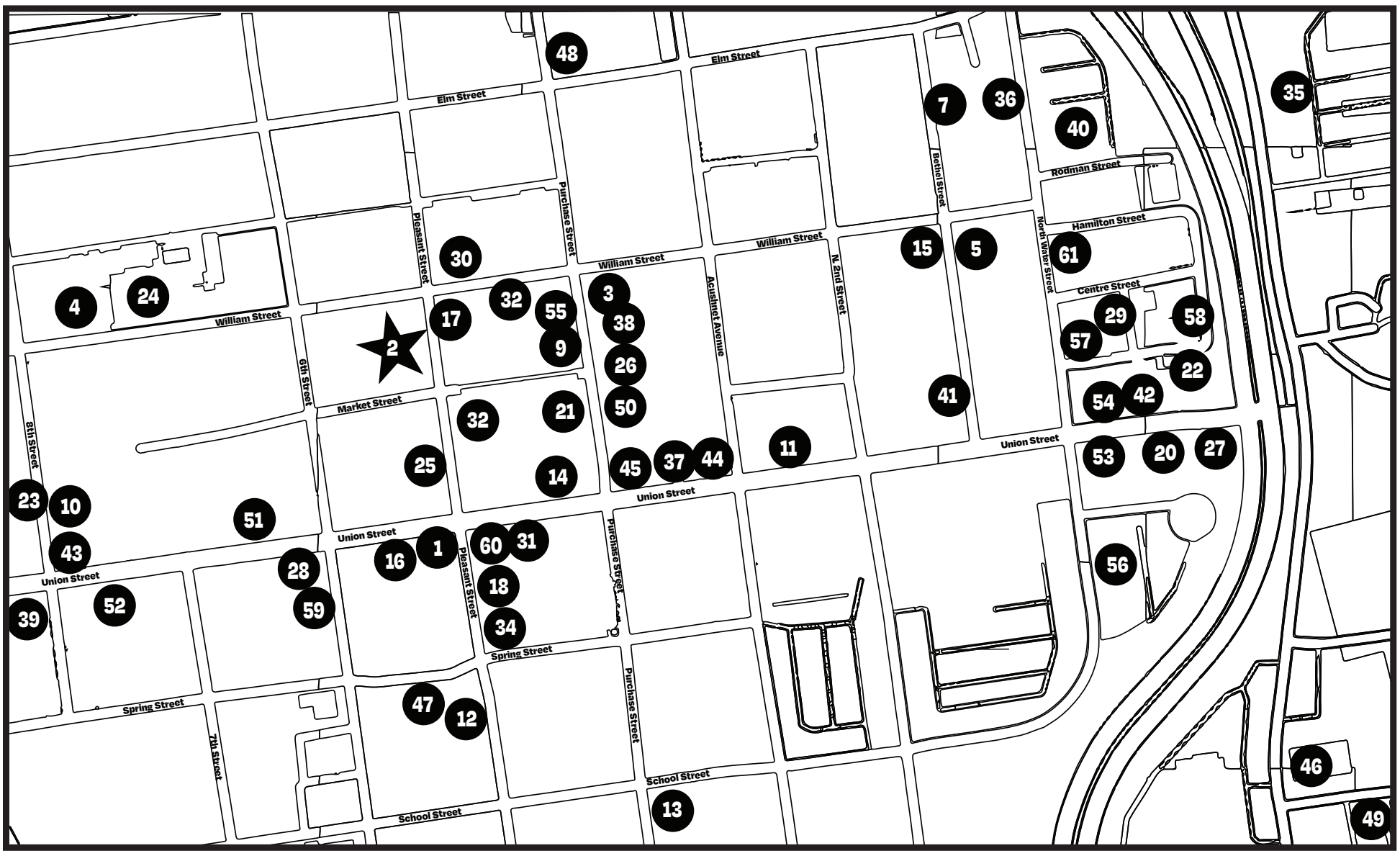
AHA! DOWNTOWN MAP

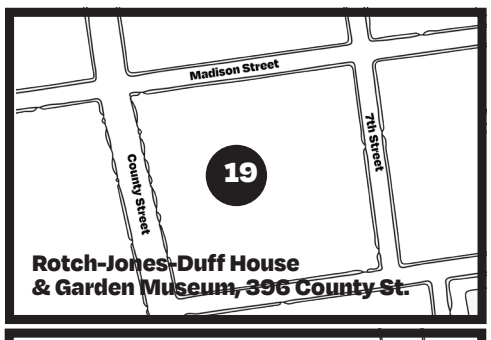
STARRED LOCATION HAS PUBLIC RESTROOMS (Public Library)

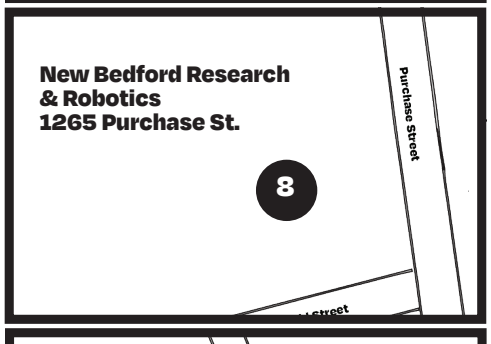


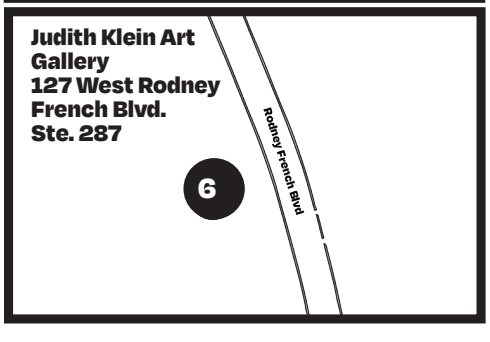
Shopping & more

28. The Art Box
246 Union St. ▪ Custom frame and preservation shop with original art
29. be jeweled
26 Centre St. ▪ Eclectic mix of modern jewelry
30. Celia's Boutique
111 William St. ▪ Upscale women's fashions
15. The Drawing Room
22 William St. ▪ Curated art, wine, & design shop
31. Local Blooms
200 Union St. ▪ Plant and flower shop
14. Shimmer
187 Union St. ▪ Skincare and makeup shop making clean beauty simple, accessible, and empowering
32. TL6 the Gallery
100 William St. ▪ Art and unique gifts from 20+ local artists

...and close by







Restaurants, bars, and bites

1. 222 Union Restaurant & Bar (Harbor Hotel) ▪ 222 Union St. ▪ Happy hour food, great cocktails, vegetarian dishes.
33. The Baker ▪ 562 Pleasant St. ▪ Artisan baked goods, breads, sandwiches, and coffee highlight this small-batch bakery. (Until 2 pm on Thursdays)
25. Bento's Bar & Grill ▪ 555 Pleasant St. ▪ Apps, entrees and dessert. Full bar.
34. BesTeas Bubble Tea Room ▪ 498 Pleasant St. ▪ Casual teahouse offering a variety of bubble tea drinks, macarons, cookies, and now ice cream! (Until 7 pm on AHA! Nights)
35. The Black Whale ▪ 104 Co Op Wharf (State Pier) ▪ Contemporary bar & eatery serving innovative seafood dishes & raw shellfish amid harbor views.
36. Bomb Dog New Bedford ▪ 79 N. Water St. ▪ Takeout hot dogs, chips, drinks, snacks and ice cream. (Until 6 pm)
37. Brick Pizzeria Napoletana ▪ 163 Union St. ▪ Wood-burning brick oven pizza, sandwiches, and salads. Beer and soda.
38. Café Arpeggio ▪ 800 Purchase St. ▪ Cozy cafe offering smoothies, plus micro-roasted coffee, pastries, and breakfast and lunch sandwiches. (Until 4 pm)
39. Cali-ritos Burrito Grill ▪ 288 Union St. ▪ Tacos, burritos, bowls, & other Mexican eats in an informal atmosphere.
40. Candela Cucina ▪ 72 N. Water St. ▪ Upscale Italian in the historic Candleworks Building
41. Coastal Bubbles + Wine Bar ▪ 1 Johnny Cake Hill, Unit 4 ▪ Champagne + wine bar with a curated selection of wines, sparkling beverages, and beer, with educational wine classes on select dates.
22. Cork Wine & Tapas ▪ 90 Front St. ▪ Tapas, full entrees, dessert, fresh seafood, expansive wine and cocktail menu.
42. Cultivator Shoals ▪ 35 Union St. ▪ Fresh apps, entrees and dessert. Craft cocktails.
43. Delicias de Anita ▪ 285 Union St. ▪ Cozy eatery with Salvadoran, Guatemalan, & Mexican meals, including pupusas.
44. Destination Soups ▪ 149 Union St. ▪ Hot & cold soup, salads & sandwiches, with many vegetarian options. (Until 7 pm on Thursdays)
45. Green Bean ▪ 740 Purchase St. ▪ Bright, colorful cafe offering coffee drinks, pastries & wraps, including vegan options. (Until 4 pm on Thursdays)
46. Ground Floor Coffee ▪ 61 Merrills Wharf ▪ Coffee, pastries. (Until 5 pm)
47. Izzy's ▪ 72 Spring St. ▪ Cozy, family-friendly eatery offering Cape Verdean fare such as cachupa & refogado. (Until 7 pm)
48. Last Round Bar & Grille ▪ 908 Purchase St. ▪ Casual hangout with food specials and events such as dancing, karaoke, and trivia nights, plus sports on TV.
49. Merrill's on the Waterfront ▪ 36 Homer's Wharf ▪ Harborside restaurant dishing up local seafood in an upscale setting with waterfront views.
50. Ming's Sushi ▪ 774 Purchase St. ▪ Low-key restaurant featuring a wide-ranging Japanese menu plus all-you-can-eat lunch & dinner.
51. Miguel's Restaurant ▪ 253 Union St. ▪ Portuguese restaurant serving small plates for breakfast and lunch in a comfy environment. (Until 2 pm on Thursdays)
52. Minerva Pizza ▪ 280 Union St. ▪ Pizza, subs and more.
53. Moby Dick Brewing Co. ▪ 16 S. Water St. ▪ Creative pub eats & house-brewed beers in a rustic, relaxed setting.
27. The National Club ▪ 24 Union St. ▪ NOW OPEN! Contemporary and elevated Mexican cuisine.
54. New Beige ▪ 39 Union St. ▪ Local kitchen with a full lunch and dinner menu, along with craft cocktails, beer, & wine.
55. No Problemo ▪ 813 Purchase St. ▪ Colorful hipster-chic taqueria also serving beer, sangria & wine. Cash only.
20. PLAY Arcade ▪ 34 Union St. ▪ Arcade & rooftop bar offering scratch-made comfort fare & a selection of craft beers.
56. Port Royal ▪ 26 S. Water St. ▪ Casual bar offering craft beer, cocktails, and cigars in a cozy, charming setting.
26. Pour Farm Tavern ▪ 780 Purchase St. ▪ Craft beer, eclectic sandwiches & a rotating display of art on the walls.
57. Quahog Republic Whaler's Tavern ▪ 24 N. Water St. ▪ Charming tavern in historic digs offering a seafood-heavy menu, draft beers & creative cocktails.
58. Rose Alley Ale House ▪ 94 Front St. ▪ Polished tavern & bistro featuring high-end bar bites, flat screens in the bar & live music nights.
59. Sixes & Sevens ▪ 7 S. 6th St. ▪ Informal bar with a variety of craft beer, burgers, hot dogs, & other classic pub grub.
60. Spicy Lime ▪ 522 Pleasant St. ▪ Classic Thai dishes in a simple setting for dine-in or take away. (Until 8:30 pm)
61. Tia Maria's European Café ▪ 42 N. Water St. ▪ Family-owned breakfast & lunch spot with dinner some nights plus beer, wine & espresso drinks. (Until 2 pm on Thursdays)
9. The Vault Pub ▪ 791 Purchase St. ▪ Lively spot offering creative American grub, house-made brews.