

**TDI Updates** - March 6, 2018. You all have been up to some good things lately in and around the district. Though likely aware of all of them, here's just a sampling for you and some dates to keep in mind. There are some public meeting announcements, too, so please spread the word!

### **The Co-Creative Center is open!**



People's Pressed (an E for All alum) is open for business at 141 Union St.

WHALE officially opened the doors on March 15. The project is fully tenanted and programming will start at 139 Union Street soon!



### **Wicked Nice Places**

Supported through the TDI Local grant program and administered through the NBEDC and WHALE with matching funds from small businesses, NBEDC and the City. This storefront improvement program is beginning to show. Expect to see more additions like this awning at Hippo (can't wait for that new floor!) coming in the next few months. The



second TDI Local grant round is open. NBEDC will be submitting again to continue WNP and are working with DNB Inc. to submit a district marketing and management proposal as discussed at our last meeting.

### **Arts & Culture Plan**



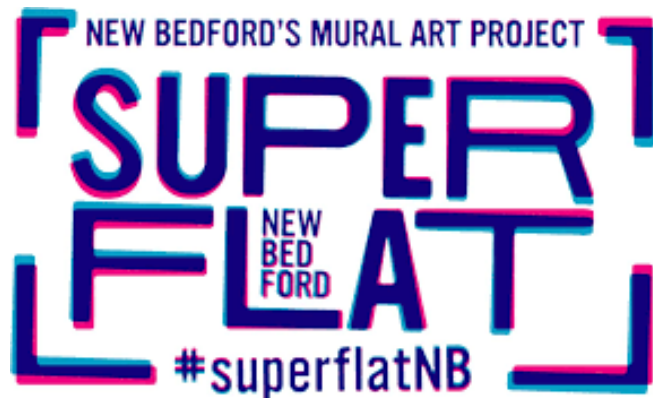
Led by Margo Saulnier and the Planning Committee, the Arts & Culture Planning process steams ahead. As it moves from the data collection to the visioning phase, they have a question for you (see left). And check out what's happening on their facebook page:

Send comments\* to Margo Saulnier, Arts & Culture Strategist for the city: [artsnewbedford@gmail.com](mailto:artsnewbedford@gmail.com)

\*ALL COMMENTS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL HELP INFORM THE DRAFTING OF THE CITY'S FIRST ARTS & CULTURE PLAN

<https://www.facebook.com/ArtsNewBedford/>

**SUPERFLAT New Bedford** is a culture-based, artist led, and neighborhood-driven community revitalization mural art project. It seeks to beautify New Bedford while flattening barriers to the arts.



If you are interested in participating they want to hear from you! They will be holding a community meeting and kick-off party on May 4 at the Co-Creative Center, 139 Union Street from 6-9 pm.

### Union Street Construction

The Union Street Improvement Project continues with the above ground work, which started March 26. DNB Inc. is coordinating communications with DPI to notify downtown businesses and residents of the construction schedule and work through any issues in a timely manner. The City and their engineers will present the final project design at a public meeting Wednesday, April 11 from 6-7pm at the New Bedford Public Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room.



## Parking Study

The Downtown and Waterfront parking study is in full swing. The consultants had a successful day meeting and talking to people downtown on March 6 and have received more than 750 responses to the parking survey (thanks for helping spread the word)! They are continuing to compile the data and preparing for the parking utilization counts later this month.

The data will be presented at the second public meeting in May (date to be announced)

and the final recommendations are expected in June. Please visit the City's landing page to get the latest information.

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
**DOWNTOWN & WATERFRONT PARKING STUDY**

Is there enough parking in New Bedford?  
Any ideas on how to improve parking management?  
Share your concerns and ideas!

Take Our Survey:  
[www.newbedford-ma.gov/ParkingSurvey](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/ParkingSurvey)

**JOIN US FOR WORKSHOPS**  
Tue, March 6  
11:30 am - 2:00 pm  
Look for our tent on Purchase Street, north of Union Street, and at Custom House Square  
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Star Store

<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning-housing-community-development/parking-survey/>

**The Garages are automated!**

Spread the word--you no longer need cash to park in the garages! (and there are a lot of other upgrades as well, including new lighting, payment kiosks, and spruced up entrances!)



## ELM STREET PARKING GARAGE REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS



There may be noodles in your future!



In addition to People's Pressed, the last couple months have seen a couple new arrivals downtown, Sanctum, and Noodle Bowl—welcome!

### Save the dates!

Expect to see more events and activities over the coming months, but here are some dates to put on your calendar

Now – May 12	MFA Thesis Show, CVPA Star Store & New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks
April 11 6-8 pm	Union Street Final Design Presentation
April 12	New Bedford Earth Eve Parade
April 27–May 6	Art Week
Friday May 4, 6-9pm	SUPERFLAT Community Meeting
May 5, 1-7pm	Viva Portugal
July 7-8	New Bedford Folk Festival
August 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Eye Open