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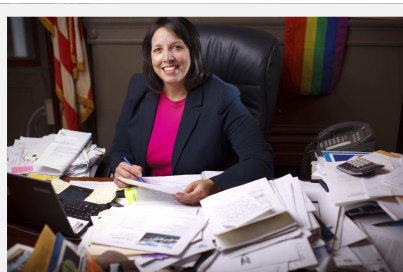
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From the Mayor's Desk



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Dear Friends,

Despite the recent stretch of hot weather it is that time of year again. Children are back in school and the City of Salem is gearing up for Fall.

Fall street sweeping schedules have been released. The entrance corridor work has already started and neighborhood streets will begin shortly. The entire sweeping schedule can be found online at www.salem.com.

Preparing for Halloween and Haunted Happenings is a year-round endeavor, but with less than a month to go until October, we are working full steam ahead.

This year's Haunted Happenings Grand Parade will be October 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Night Out is the next day, Friday at 3 p.m.

All of his year's events, activities and other information can be found at www.hauntedhappenings.org.

After much consultation with City personnel and engineers, we have developed a plan to reopen the Salem Transfer Station after Northside Carting abruptly ended operation of the facility last month.

Yard waste drop-off is now being accepted at the transfer station on week-ends from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grass clippings, leaves and brush are among the accepted items. Unfortunately, trash and construction and demolition debris are not accepted at this time.

City personnel are managing various public and private projects, including Footprint Power, the Algon-

quin pipeline, the National Grid Cable Project, the reuse of the Salem District Court, and improvements to Dodge Street, Canal Street, and Grove Street.

We are also working on the very important issues regarding the changes at Salem Hospital North Shore Medical Center. With the closure of Spaulding Rehabilitation Center and North Shore Medical Center's announced campus consolidation, we are looking at how to improve services for area residents, as well as mitigating the impact on Salem.

In conjunction with Partners Healthcare, we implemented a Community Healthcare Roundtable, a 15-member panel to discuss ways to improve and build upon our great healthcare network in the city.

Lastly, I hope everyone enjoys the Fall weather and come out in support of Salem High sports teams back in action.

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Cruise Ship to Visit Salem

For the second consecutive year, Salem residents and tourists will have a chance to view a large cruise ship as it docks in Salem Harbor.

The Balmoral, the largest and newest ship of the Fred Olson Cruise Lines, will be at the port in Salem on September 24th.

The Balmoral is named after the Scottish home of the royal family.

The cruise ship can accommodate 1,300 guests with 710 cabins. It typically has just over 500 crew members on board when operational.

The ship, measuring 218.18 meters, can travel up to 18.5 knots.

The cruise ship's arrival is an exciting time for Salem residents and business owners.

The City of Salem is working with the cruise ship company and governmental agencies to minimize the disruption to Salem residents. The parking lot at Salem Wharf on Blaney Street will be closed from September 23 at 9 p.m. until 7 p.m. at September 24.

For further information on the Blaney Street lot

closures as well as other information pertaining to the cruise ship, visit

<http://www.salem.com/home/news/notification-lot-closure-blaney-streetsalem-wharf-923-924>.

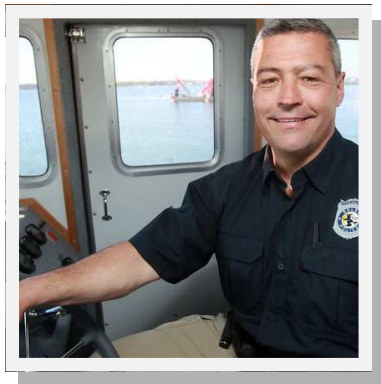
The Seabourn Quest cruise ship is scheduled to make its second visit to Salem on October 20th.

This is just the beginning of the implementation of the overall Salem Harbor Plan.



Balmoral Cruise Ship

Working for You: Captain Bill McHugh



#1) Position: Harbor Master

#2) Time as Harbor Master:
5 years

#3) Responsibilities: Oversee the one full-time deputy, the 13 part time assistants and six part-time deckhands that make up the Harbor Master staff.

#4) Where were you before Salem? I was a deep sea mariner for 25 years.

#5) When did you know you wanted to work in this field?
I've spent my whole life on the water.

#6 What is the most common call for service or help?
Mariner assistance calls. Most of those are for groundings or engine failures.

#7) What is the most re-

warding part of the job?

Helping recreational mariners. Our goal is always to make sure all interactions end well. We want to please people and make sure everyone has an enjoyable experience out on the waters off Salem.

#8) What is your most memorable moment as Harbor Master? We were key in helping extinguish a major fire off the coast of Marblehead earlier this Summer. Helping people in a time of need like that is what makes our job so special.

#9) What is the most important initiative? There are a lot of exciting opportunities and plans that we have set in motion. An ongoing goal is increasing

opportunity for water access for Salem residents as well as safely maintaining our current gateways. We are constantly having to work to keep in compliance with all state and federal regulations. We communicate with the Coast Guard to stay on top of its regulations that are always being amended. We've learned to adapt with all the changes. The biggest challenge is allowing the appropriate percentage of public access while ensuring the security of all mariners and keeping public safety as our number one priority.

Get to Know: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Salem residents and visitors are very lucky to be so close to an accommodating National Park and other historic sites.

This April the National Park Services named Paul Deprey the new Superintendent of the Salem Maritime National

Historic Site. In addition to his duties in Salem, Duprey also is responsible for the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site.

"Paul brings a wealth of operational experience with him, but equally important is his dedication to working with

partners not only at a park level, but also collaborating on a national level," said National Park Service Northeast Regional Director Mike Caldwell.

Prior to coming to Salem, DePrey oversaw NPS operations in Pearl Harbor at World War II Valor.



Councilor O'Keefe Passes Away at 82

SALEM, MA – At approximately 1:45 p.m. on September 14, 2015, Ward 7 City Councillor and former Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Joseph A. O'Keefe, Sr., passed away at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, surrounded by his family.

Councillor O'Keefe, the dean of the Salem City Council, was elected to the Ward 7 seat in 2000, but served prior to that as the Ward 2 Councillor from 1962 to 1973 and on the Salem School Committee from 1975-1979. For 15 years he was the Massachusetts Fire Marshal, from 1977 to 1992. Councillor O'Keefe was a lector at Immaculate Conception Church of Salem and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1524. He held a Master's degree in education from Harvard University and an undergraduate degree in fire safety technology from Oklahoma State University.

"We want to say thank you to everyone who wrote, called, or reached out over the difficult last few days," the O'Keefe family stated. "We are all incredibly saddened to say goodbye to a man who was such a loving and beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great grandfather. He has touched the lives of so many people, not just in our family, but also in this community, in such a positive way. Joe was a man of integrity, who thought of others before himself and never hesitated to speak his mind. He served the public and his country with honor and distinction, but never lost perspective of what mattered most: his family."

"I am deeply saddened by the passing of Councillor O'Keefe, a man whose love of Salem was only exceeded by his love for his family," said Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll. "Joe was a dear friend and colleague, someone whose warmth and generosity were unmatched. My most sincere condolences go out to Camille and the entire O'Keefe family. In everything he did, everything said, and every action he took, Joe always put the people of Salem first. His compassionate and energetic voice will be missed on the Council, in City Hall, and throughout our City. Joe always liked to remind us: 'family first'. But I think in his 26 years on the City Council he demonstrated more clearly than anyone could that, in a way, all of Salem was Joe's family."

A wake will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, with a funeral mass scheduled for Saturday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m. Both the wake and funeral will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 30 Union Street, in Salem and are open to the public. In lieu of flowers, people are encouraged to send a donation to Joseph O'Keefe Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Eastern Bank, 72 Loring Avenue, Salem, MA 01970.

