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From the Mayor's Desk



Summer is anything but quiet here in Salem, with so much happening all over our City. The 55th annual Heritage Days celebrations are now underway, with over forty family-friendly events taking place across Salem through August 14. You can find the full schedule at www.salem.com.

We bid farewell to the U.S. Coast Guard tall ship *Eagle* and on its heels arrives the schooner *America*, which will be docked at Central Wharf August 13 and 14.

With those visits, along with the launch of the new Salem Harbor Shuttle service, the completion of the Winter Island walking trail, the opening of Remond Park overlooking Beverly harbor, a series of

free fishing clinics for kids run by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation at Salem Willows, and the visit of the Hokule'a Hawaiian good will vessel, this has truly been a summer to be on the seaside in Salem.

Salem's coastline and harbor, as well as our inland wetlands and rivers, are incredible assets for our community. That is one reason I was so pleased to be appointed last month to join the 30 member Local Government Advisory Committee for the Environmental Protection Agency. I'm looking forward to offering the perspective of a historic, waterfront City to this important federal panel.

As always, I hope you will tune in to the podcast for FYI Salem, either by listening at <http://www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/fyi-salem-podcast> or by subscribing on iTunes or whatever podcast app you prefer. Simply search for "FYI Salem" and subscribe! In

the latest episode I was honored to be joined by U.S. Representative Seth Moulton. We spoke about why he ran for Congress and how to work across the aisle in Washington. We also discussed gun safety legislation, veterans' services, and economic development and job growth.

Lastly, there is an update in this issue about the long-awaited Gateway Center and the associated Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center. The Levesque Center will house our Council on Aging, Recreation, and Veterans Services office, once complete. We have been pushing for this project to advance for a number of years and are very excited to report that in late July it received the final necessary local permit. There is one final state approval needed and then construction will be possible.

So, it never is quiet in Salem. But I don't think I'd like it any other way!

Kim Driscoll
Mayor

City Hall To Go

The City of Salem has launched *City Hall To Go*, a new initiative to help connect residents with the municipal services and answers they need. The program will bring City services and departments out into the community at the Farmers Market, block parties, neighborhood associations, festivals, and more.

For the first several utilizations the City will have a kiosk set up, but a surplus public vehicle is scheduled to be repurposed and used in the near future.

“We want to make it easier for people with questions or who are in need of assistance to access basic municipal services,” said Mayor Kim Driscoll. “City Hall To Go brings important City services to where people are, making it easy for residents to get the services and answers that they need.”

Salem *City Hall To Go* will first appear at the Ice Scream Bowl during Salem Heritage Days, on Salem Common, Tuesday August 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will also be out, in conjunction with the Salem Police Department’s community relations unit, at the Mentor’s League basketball game at Palmer Cove Park, the evening of August 18th. Those interested in scheduling *City Hall To Go* to visit during their public event can inquire by calling 978-619-5625.



**Salem
City Hall
To Go**

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Car

- Pay a parking ticket
- Dispute a parking ticket
- Pay excise taxes
- Apply for a parking permit
- Apply for a garage pass

Home

- Pay property taxes
- Apply for an abatement
- Opt out of PowerChoice
- Get a yard sale permit
- Pay a water or trash bill
- Sign up for curbside compost

Subscribe

- City News
- FYI Salem Newsletter
- CodeRED Emergency Notices

Community

- Register to vote
- File a claim
- Submit a service request
- Apply for a job
- Get a library card
- Register for a Rec program

Family

- Request a marriage certificate
- Request a birth certificate
- Request a death certificate
- Apply for a scholarship
- Get a dog license

Cash cannot be accepted at City Hall to Go. If you require a service not listed here, please ask. Requests for certain official documents will be processed as soon as possible and mailed.

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On July 20th, the Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved the final local permit for the new Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center.

While this is the final local permit, the state needs to complete their MEPA review. With this in mind, the City has requested an updated timeline and building specification from the developer.

The City's building committee is working closely with an interior space planner and an architect on the Levesque Center's design



plans and interior finishes, but a final plan from the developer is needed to complete a review and establish the budget for fixtures,

furnishings, and equipment.

The two-story Levesque Center will house the Salem Council on Aging, Recreation, and Veterans' Services in a new state-of-the-art facility, with offices, recreation and program space, a Great Hall for public meetings and gatherings, a kitchen and lounge area, and more.

The remainder of the development will consist of a mixed-use building with market rate condominiums and street-level retail space.



EPA Advisory Committee

Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll has been appointed by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy to serve a two-year term on the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC).

The LGAC, established in 1993, is made up of 30 municipal, county, state, and tribal officials from across the nation and provides advice to assist EPA in developing a stronger partnership with local governments and building state and local capacity to deliver environmental services and programs.

The committee provides recommendations to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of topics, including: regulatory innovation and reform, environmental protection tools, pollution preven-

tion, new technologies, performance measurement, and appropriate roles of the various governmental levels in efficient and coordinated environmental management.

"I am honored to be selected by Administrator McCarthy to join this important group," said Mayor Driscoll, who also serves on the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Environmental Policy Committee. "Salem's interactions with EPA have been numerous over the years – from our brownfields remediation work in the North River Canal Corridor to our coastal wetlands areas and more. I've been impressed with the professionalism and expertise EPA staff have brought to issues facing our City and I look forward to offering my input to help guide the continued progress of the agency in their important work."

Salem's Pop-up Drive In Presents

THE PRINCESS BRIDES



As You Wish

Thursday, August 25th · Winter Island Hangar · 8:30pm

   This event is free for anyone attending on bike, foot, boat, kayak, or any other non-motorized method of transport. Tickets for vehicles are available at CreativeSalem.com/drive-in.