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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Friends,

The first week of May is a big one for our community, as neighborhood street sweeping gets underway and our City-wide community clean-up, Clean Sweeps, takes place.

My thanks go out to all of the volunteers, including the members of the Beautification Committee and the Green Salem committee, who help lead this seasonal effort.

More details about both street sweeping and Clean Sweeps are in this issue of FYI Salem. Cars

parked on streets on sweep day make it difficult for us to sweep the street effectively.

I really would like to emphasize how important it is to heed the no parking signs on the street on during sweeping day!

Also in this issue of FYI Salem, learn more about the many exciting projects recommended for funding by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

From new windows at the Salem Public Library to several park upgrades, to support for community housing needs, and more, the CPC has worked hard to allocate CPA funds throughout Salem.

As spring sports seasons get underway, the City is grateful to Salem Youth Soccer and all of the local businesses and City staff that helped make the new concession

stand and restroom facility at McGrath Park possible.

Lastly, I want to congratulate some of our public safety officials who recently received well-deserved promotions in both our Police Department and our Fire Department. More details are in this issue of FYI Salem.

All of these individuals have dedicated themselves to keeping Salem safe and ensuring the best quality of life for our residents. Please join me in extending congratulations!

Kim Driscoll
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MAYOR KIM DRISCOLL'S NEWSLETTER

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Street Sweeping

Neighborhood street sweeping is May 2 through May 27.

It will take place on both sides of the street on the same day, from 7am to 3pm.

Each route will be posted with temporary "No Parking/Tow Zone" signs and parking will be prohibited from 7am to 3 pm. Vehicles parked on a posted street on its sweeping day will be towed.

Streets are broken down into four zones. Sweep days are the day after the regular trash day. To find a sweeping

date, locate your zone on the schedule at <http://www.salem.com/public-works/files/2016-residential-street-sweeping-schedule>.

Monday sweep schedules are for the preceding Friday's trash day.

Residents will be able to use entrance corridor streets as alternative parking areas on the day of their neighborhood sweep.

Once a neighborhood street is swept, residents will be able to move their vehicles



back onto their street.

If you move your vehicle to an entrance corridor street you must adhere to all current parking restrictions on these entrance corridors.

This includes resident only restrictions and all other posted restrictions.

Certain weather conditions prohibit the use of the sweepers. Weather notices will be posted on www.salem.com.

Clean Sweeps

The City of Salem Beautification Committee will hold its annual Clean Sweeps Day as part of CLEAN SALEM, GREEN SALEM on Saturday, May 7th from 8:30am until 11:30am.

Volunteers are welcome to meet our team leaders at Lafayette Park the morning of the 7th. If you want to organize a group to help clean up another location, please give us a call.

All volunteers are invited to the Salem Common for a thank you pizza party at noon.

For more information please call 978-619-5676.

There is no rain date for Clean Sweeps. Check www.salem.com for cancellation



CPA Projects

The Community Preservation Act was adopted by Salem voters in 2012 and sets aside dedicated funding, which is matched in part by state funds. CPA funds can only be used for:

- Open space
- Historic preservation
- Outdoor recreation and
- Community housing

Each year, the CPC reviews applications from both the City and private applicants seeking CPA grants. They then prioritize the projects and award funding, subject to City Council approval

On April 26, the CPC voted on their funding recommendations for the 2016 CPA grant awards.

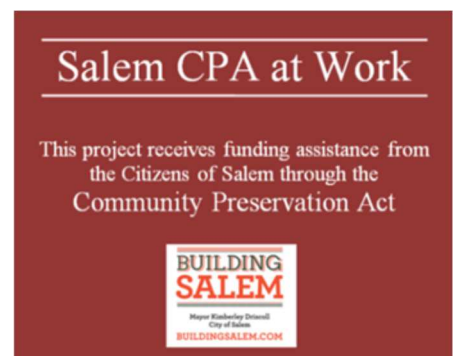
They recommended funding the following projects:

- Harborlight's Boston Street Crossing community housing project (\$59,500)
- Preserving Emmerton House, application by the Woman's Friend Society (\$50,650)
- Proctor's Ledge Memorial (\$179,140)
- Forest River Park bathrooms (\$85,000)
- Ryan Brennan Memorial Skate Park renovation (\$25,000)
- Forest River Pool conditions assessment (\$20,000)
- Fort Pickering restoration, phase 2 (\$70,000)
- Salem Willows Pavilions preservation (\$15,000)
- Mack Park bathrooms

(\$50,000)

- Bentley Academy Charter School playground (\$73,500)
- Salem Public Library window frames and sills (\$102,000)
- Collins Cove playground renovation (\$83,000)

For more information about the CPA in Salem, visit <http://www.salem.com/community-preservation-committee>.



McGrath Park Concessions



There's a terrific new amenity at McGrath Park in Salem.

Thanks to donations of funds, labor, materials, and expertise from City staff, Salem Youth Soccer, and the following businesses, the new concession stand, storage facility, and restrooms building is now complete!

Thanks to:

- DiBiasi Homes
- M&M Roofing
- EMR Drywall
- March & Martin Insulation
- Murphy's Restaurant & Pub
- Beverly Overhead Garage Door
- Caponigro Construction
- Adam's Screen Enclosures
- Little Poland Neighborhood of New Britain, CT

Police & Fire Promotions

Congratulations to the following dedicated members of the Salem Police and Fire Departments on their well-deserved promotions!

- Salem Police Lieutenant Conrad Prosniewski, promoted to Captain
- Salem Firefighter Thomas Brophy, promoted to Lieutenant
- Salem Firefighter Frank DeFranco, promoted to Lieutenant
- Salem Firefighter Patrick Tobin, promoted to Lieutenant
- Salem Fire Lieutenant Scott Austin, promoted to Captain



Open for Business

On April 27, Mayor Driscoll addressed the Salem Chamber of Commerce at their 94th annual Celebrate Salem awards dinner.

This is one of my favorite annual gatherings, celebrating all that makes our business community so special.

As we gather tonight to recognize the leaders of that community – both the winners and the nominees – I'd like to encourage you to take this moment to reflect on what makes Salem's economy so vibrant.

It's more than our record number of diverse and delicious dining establishments. It's more than our rapidly growing beverage crafters. It's more than our hospitality ventures – though we're definitely excited about nearly doubling the number of hotel rooms here in the next few years. It's more than our retail shops, both the newest storefront and those that have been here for decades.

It's more than our blue collar businesses, our manufacturers, our laborers, contractors, and craftsmen. It's more than the technology sector, software designers, medical profes-

sionals, lawyers, architects, and creatives. It's more than our artists, cultural destinations, and tour operators. All of these diverse segments of our businesses are woven together by a single, common thread: community.

When Salem's schools needed them most, our business community was there. When Salem families were left homeless by fires, our business community was there. When Salem nonprofits, sports leagues, and charities look for help to meet their mission, our business community is there.

These days at City Hall we're having some serious conversations about the message we send to businesses that want to grow here. It's a conversation that's being carefully watched, not simply by those who are part of Salem's business community today, but also those who wish to someday invest here and join that community. I, for one, believe deeply that Salem is stronger because of its businesses.

This isn't just about the jobs or the taxes, though we appreciate both. It's about that intangible energy that comes from having an active, vibrant commercial environment, whether it's downtown, along the waterfront or on business corridors like Bridge St. and Highland Ave. It's about the connection that people make with the neighborhood mom-and-pop small businesses on their local corner block. It's about the community spirit that comes from organizations like the Chamber. It's about what makes Salem a better place for everyone – residents and visitors alike. I believe Salem is stronger because of you and your peers.

So let's celebrate Salem and all of your contributions to this City tonight. And tomorrow let's stand together in expressing this shared sentiment: Salem **is** open for business and investment. A strong commercial environment is part of what makes a strong and vibrant city. Thank you for all that you do to support our unique, hip, historic ecosystem in Salem.