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From the Mayor's Desk



As we were preparing to finish this issue of FYI Salem, the nation awoke to the horrific news out of Orlando, Florida.

What a tragic turn of events, as earlier this month we joined with hundreds of other Mayors and cities across America to declare June 2nd Gun Violence Awareness Day. On June 3rd, we came together with dozens of Salem residents for our Pride Flag raising ceremony at Riley Plaza to mark the start of Pride Month. Then, on the evening of June 12th, we returned to Riley Plaza for an impromptu vigil in honor of the 49 innocent victims of the mass murder in Florida.

Despite the overwhelming sadness associated with events in Orlando, Pride Month in Salem and beyond will continue. Whether you are a member of the LGBTQ community or you are an ally, we hope you will march, cheer, and participate in the annual North Shore Pride Parade and Festival hap-

pening in Salem on June 25th. Now more than ever we hope and expect that we will come together to demonstrate that "hope will never be silent."

The number one reason donors say they give blood is because they want to help others. On June 14th, we have coordinated a community wide blood drive with the Red Cross so that you can do just that. The event is from 9am to 2pm at Colonial Hall above Rockafellas. From natural disasters to unforeseen catastrophes like the events in Orlando, the demand for blood is constant. The supply is not. If you have time, please stop into Colonial Hall and help the Red Cross meet our community blood supply needs.

We've made incredible strides over the last several years, on the local level, the state level, and even on the federal level.

Despite this, however, there is still much work to be done to ensure the full guarantee of equality for all – and that means equality both under the law and in our daily lives.

I am proud that Salem has a perfect score from the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index, that we were one of the first cities in Massachusetts to adopt a fully LGBT inclusive non-



discrimination ordinance, and that we have an active No Place For Hate Committee and other partner organizations focused on diversity and inclusion.

Our community, our society, even our humanity calls for us to be accepting and loving of each other – no matter who you are, how you identify, or who you love.

We know that the work before us is to ensure that these are more than just words on paper. They must be values in practice.

Please join us on June 25th as we march. Salem's North Shore Pride Parade steps off from Riley Plaza at noon and ends at Salem Common, where the Pride Festival will be held. In the face of tragedy, let us come together to celebrate our diversity and show that we are way more powerful when we turn toward each other and not on each other.

Kim Driscoll
Mayor, City of Salem



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Red Cross**

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Salem Community Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by City of Salem & Rockafella's

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Colonial Hall at Rockafella's

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Remond Park Dedication

Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll and Beverly Mayor Mike Cahill will welcome Massachusetts Department of Transportation District 4 Director Paul Stedman to their communities for a joint ribbon cutting ceremony on June 20.

The events mark the opening of two new community amenities built on opposite sides of Beverly Harbor where the old Salem-Beverly Bridge used to connect.

The \$2 million MassDOT project consists of a boardwalk and lighting along the Beverly side and a path with seating, lighting, and public fishing pier on the Salem side.

Last year, Salem announced that its portion of the project would be named Remond Park, in honor of Salem-born abolitionists and siblings Sarah Parker Remond (1815-1894) and Charles Lenox Remond (1810-1873).

Mayor Driscoll, Mayor Cahill, and Director Stedman will first cut the ribbon on the Beverly side of the project at 10:00 a.m. and then cross the bridge to cut the ribbon and dedicate Remond Park, located at 1 Bridge Street in Salem, at 10:30 a.m.

Both of the ribbon-cutting events are free and open to the public.



FY2017 Visual Budget

Interested in knowing what we do with your tax dollars? Then check out our new Visual Budget tool, which can be found by clicking the link at the bottom of www.salem.com/FY17. The Visual Budget is a graphic tool that displays the positive investments being made in FY17 and years past by area and department.

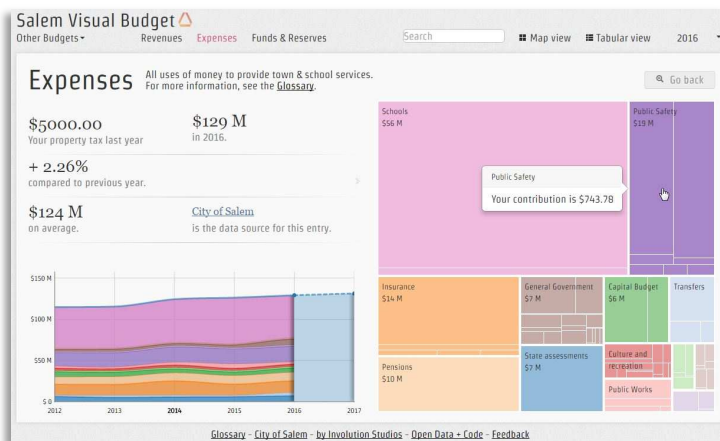
Viewers can enter their property tax amount and see how much is going to each part of the City budget, like schools, police and fire, and more. There are also tabs for information on funds and receipts, as well as historical data going back six years.

Budget page. The Visual Budget is a critical piece of the transparency agenda that was announced in the 2016 State of the City address.

The FY17 budget is focused on making Salem a working City – with investments in streets, sidewalks, and infrastructure – a safe City – with support for added police services, traffic calming, and a new initiative targeting the opiates epidemic – and a level 1 City – with expanded funding for continuing the forward progress in the public schools.

A Visual Budget is a user-friendly, open-source website that allows anyone to get a quick snapshot glance at how the City is carefully investing public tax dollars to improve the community. All of the data is open source and can be downloaded for free by following the links on the Visual

We hope you'll use and enjoy this enhanced tool aimed at providing more transparency on how your tax dollars are being spent.

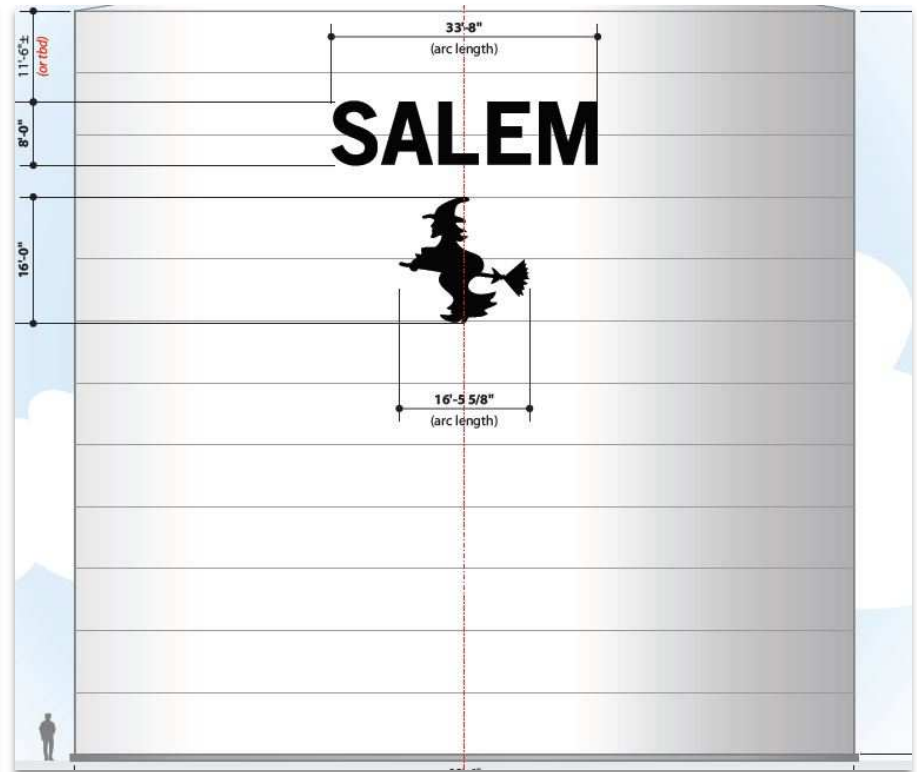


Gallows Hill Water Tank

The City is nearing the end of a \$1.5 million project to repair and repaint the interior and exterior of the 5 million gallon water storage tank on Gallows Hill. The paint is more than just for aesthetics, though, as it also provides an important and necessary barrier to ensure water quality is maintained within. The tank is perhaps most famous for the iconic witch logo that has adorned it since it was constructed in the 1960s. The painting contractor will be replacing the logo with another witch logo based on the same icon that appears on the Salem Police Department seal. The work is expected to be completed by the end of June.



The old water tank logo.



The new water tank logo, with larger, clearer typeface and different witch.

Temporary Closures

Demolition and remediation of the Salem Transfer Station is underway and on schedule. Most of the building structure has been taken down at this point. Debris is being removed from the site on a daily basis.

A crane will be on site and assembled by Thursday, June 16, for demolition of the stack. Demolition of the stack is currently scheduled for Saturday, June 18.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, June 18, due to the demolition of the stack. Yard waste drop-off will not be available at the site on June 18, however the station will be open for yard waste drop-off on Sunday, June 19, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a Salem ID.

The City will be undertaking a project to replace concrete along Artists Row from Front Street to New Derby Street. This work will take place the week of June 20.

From June 20-24, access along Artists Row will be periodically limited for pedestrians and through traffic.

All Artist Row artist stalls will be closed June 20-21 to facilitate the repair work. Access to the Lobster Shanty will be maintained and the restaurant will be open for its regular hours of operation on these dates.

Artist stalls will reopen on June 22, however pedestrians are advised to proceed with caution and follow any posted signage.