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## From the Mayor's Desk



The middle of summer is here and that means it's a great time to get outdoors and enjoy the dozens of parks, playgrounds, open spaces, and beaches our community has to offer. We have a wide range of Parks and Recreation programs taking place for families, children, seniors, and anyone else who just wants to get outside and have some fun!

In this packed issue of FYI Salem you'll find details about a re-opening celebration for Mary Jane Lee Park, following nearly \$500,000 of grant-

funded upgrades and improvements.

We have details about a new "Repair Café" from SalemRecycles, an update on our fantastic Salem Summer Meals program, and information about how you can enter our annual Window Box competition!

We also have a notice about some improvements underway to fix drainage issues on the Forest River Conservation Area trail and make it more accessible to all who want to enjoy the conservation trails. Also included is important information for anyone who has or is interested in reserving a parking space in either City parking garage for this year.

Finally, we have details on this year's Heritage Days celebrations. This two-week long annual festival has an incredi-

ble variety of fun and family-friendly events, programs, performances, and more. In addition to all the old favorites this year we have a few new offerings to check out, as well!

On the latest episode of the FYI Salem podcast I'm joined by Andy and Jackie King, the owners of A&K King Artisan Bakery on Central Street in Salem. We talk about why they chose Salem to start their business, how they've grown over the years, and what the latest is on their new second location coming soon to Boston Street. You can find the episode online at <http://www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/fyi-salem-podcast> and on iTunes and most other podcast services.

Thanks for checking in with FYI Salem!

Kim Driscoll  
Mayor, City of Salem

# Mary Jane Lee Park Re-opening

**GRAND RE-OPENING**  
Mary Jane Lee Park

**JULY 26TH 4:30PM**  
CORNER OF PRINCE ST & PALMER ST  
FREE SNACKS & WATER GAMES  
ICE CREAM AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
**SPLASH PAD!**  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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**GRAN REAPERTURA**  
Parque Mary Jane Lee

**26 DE JULIO 4:30PM**  
ESQUINA DE PRINCE ST & PALMER ST  
MERIENDAS & JUEGOS DE AGUA GRATUITOS  
HELADOS & DULCES A LA VENTA  
**¡FUENTES DE AGUA!**  
¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

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## Salem Repair Cafe

Salem Recycles  
AND THE BRIDGE AT 211'S FIRST  
**REPAIR CAFE**  
*Fixing your things to save them!*  
SAT August 5 9-noon

Salem residents are invited to participate in the North Shore's very first Repair Café on Saturday, August 5 from 9am to noon at The Bridge at 211. Repair volunteers will be available to mend clothing, sew buttons, repair jewelry, sharpen scissors and knives, tinker with or rewire electronics and lamps, glue wooden furniture, and repair or diagnose cameras. At 11am, join a brief presentation on *How to Maintain Gardening Tools For Winter Storage*.

The Repair Café is free to the public (donations are accepted toward supplies for future repair events); a limited number of pre-registration slots are available. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, please contact Julie Rose at [jrose@saalem.com](mailto:jrose@saalem.com) or 978-619-5679. Follow SalemRecycles at [GreenSalem.com](http://GreenSalem.com) or on Facebook to receive updates on this and other sustainable events. Learn more about The Bridge at 211 at [thebridge211.org/](http://thebridge211.org/).



# Forest River Trail Upgrades

The City of Salem, in partnership with Salem State University and the Massachusetts Division of Conservation & Recreation's Recreational Trails Program, is currently upgrading the main trunk trail through the Forest River Conservation Area. These upgrades, extending from the trailhead at SSU's South Campus to the main footbridge over the Forest River, include drainage, grading, and surface improvements to stabilize the trail and increase its accessibility to people of all abilities. The trail will be closed through the duration of the work, which is anticipated to be done by late September.

## Salem Summer Meals

Now through August 24, the Salem Public Schools Food & Nutrition Services department, sponsor for the Salem Summer Meals Program, will be hosting cookouts every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening for children under the age of 18. The service will run from 4pm-6pm at Palmer Cove Park behind the Plummer OnPoint building at the corner of Leavitt and Congress Streets. Cold meals will be offered at the same time on Fridays. In addition to dinner, children can also get free breakfast and lunch at the nearby Saltonstall Elementary School every Monday through Friday through August 18<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast is served from 8am-9am; lunch is served 11:30am-12:30pm.



Both the Saltonstall and Palmer Cove locations enable families to take advantage of the nearby and newly renovated Mary Jane Lee Park. The splash pad is perfect for hot summer days, and children can enjoy the upgraded playground equipment including the new rubber surfacing, expanded lawn, the basketball court, as well as a shaded pavilion. Across from the Plummer OnPoint building at Palmer Cove Park, families can enjoy the ocean view while visiting Salem GreenSpace, the Salem YMCA's community garden. Located in a converted batting cage, the garden is maintained by students and community volunteers, serves as a classroom, and provides fresh produce to neighborhood residents.

The Salem Summer Meals Program enables families to provide breakfast, lunch, and dinners to their children at fourteen weekday locations throughout Salem during the summer months. New this year, Salem Summer Meals now offers expanded service times, additional meal sites, and supper. The Salem Summer Meals Program is a federally funded program administered by the MA Department of Education and sponsored locally by the Salem Public Schools' Food & Nutrition Services.

## Window Box Competition



Register for the City of Salem's Annual Window Box Competition! Help beautify our City and show off your gardening talents. Residents and businesses eligible; register by July 28, 2017 by phone: 978-619-5676 or by email to: [etalkowsky@salem.com](mailto:etalkowsky@salem.com) with the subject: "Window Box Registration" and your name, street address, and telephone number.

Judging will take place July 28-31. The awards ceremony and reception will take place during Heritage Days on Wednesday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the garden of the Pickering House at 18 Broad Street. There will be light refreshments served and attendees will be

able to tour the interior of the Pickering House. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the City of Salem, the Salem Beautification Committee, and the Salem Garden Club.

# Salem Heritage Days



Salem Heritage Days will begin on Tuesday, August 1 and continue through August 13, 2017.

Heritage Days kicks off this year with *National Night Out*, a nationwide initiative designed to promote positive police-community relationships. Last year was the first time the Salem Police Department organized this event and this year it will be even bigger. Police, fire, ambulance Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council and Essex County Sheriff's Department vehicles will be on the Common, along with a bike safety course, and K-9 demonstrations.

There will be over 30 tables and tents setup by different organizations, social service agencies, and local businesses offering information and free give-aways. Kids' activities include inflatables, games, and arts & crafts. There will also be free pizzas, drinks, and snacks donated by Salem businesses.

The highlight of the first weekend will be the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Salem Maritime Festival on Derby Wharf organized by the National Park Service, which will span over three days filled with entertainment, children's activities, demonstrations, harbor cruises and tours of visiting vessels.

The schedule includes regular favorites such as Tour-A-Truck, Salem's Pizza Tasting, the Salem Community Concert Band; the Ice Scream Bowl; Kids Night on the Common, the Essex Street Fair, senior events, and the Annual Phillips House Antique Car Meet. The schedule is packed with events over 13 days, and highlights all the free opportunities for Salem residents to visit downtown museums and attractions and receive discounts on the Salem Ferry and tours to Bakers Island Light Station.

Mayor Driscoll commented, "I want to thank all of the organizations involved in putting together all of these events. Salem is extremely fortunate to have so many dedicated groups to ensure the continuance of Salem's annual Heritage Days celebration."

Find the full schedule of events at <https://www.facebook.com/salemheritagedays/>.

## Reserved Parking Spaces

Application forms are now available for those interested in applying for a reserved parking space in either the Museum Place garage or South Harbor garage. There are 30 spaces available in the Museum Place garage and 20 available in the South Harbor garage. Spaces are \$1,500 per year in both garages. Those who currently have a reserved parking space in either garage that expires August 31 and would like to seek another reserved space for September 1 must apply. Current reserved space permits do not carry over automatically. There is no guarantee or preference for current reserved space permit holders.

Applications are due back by noon August 11. One application per person and one space per application. A lottery, if needed, will be held at noon on August 14 at City Hall. Those who receive a space must pay and sign the agreement by August 31 to receive a permit. Reserved space permits are good to August 31, 2018. Applications are at <http://www.salem.com/collectors-office/pages/downloadable-forms> and the Collector's Office, 93 Washington Street.