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From the Mayor's Desk



Salem truly comes alive in the spring, not just with our seasonal street sweeping and community clean-up days, but also as a vibrant green city and a community that celebrates the arts and our open spaces.

Inside this issue of FYI Salem read more about a call for artists for our second "Mural Slam," which takes place on Artists Row during the annual Salem Arts Festival.

We also have an update about tree plantings planned for this week as part our annual celebration marking

Arbor Day. Salem is proud to hold a "Tree City USA" designation from the Arbor Day Foundation and, through the diligent efforts of City workers and volunteers on the LORAX Committee, we are taking our commitment to maintaining and growing our public trees to new levels.

There's also an update within about a major road repair project that will be taking place on the streets around Riley Plaza. This work will completely upgrade the surface conditions of this busy intersection, and also enhance and improve the area's crosswalks for pedestrians. Because of the disruptive nature of the work, we've scheduled it to take place overnight. Check the schedule carefully, as some roads in the area will be closed at nighttime during this work. We'll have signs

posted for detours, but it's always best to plan ahead!

Finally, I'm excited to share the first round of 2017 CPA Grant awards, totaling \$644,500 in funding for historic preservation, open space, and recreation projects in our community. On the next episode of the FYI Salem podcast, coming out later this week, I'll sit down with some members of the CPA committee to talk about the projects and about the CPA grant program in general. You can find the podcast at <http://www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/fyi-salem-podcast> or subscribe on iTunes or your preferred podcast service. Simply search for "FYI Salem" and sign up!

Kim Driscoll
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Riley Plaza Improvements

The City of Salem will be conducting a major roadway improvement project on Washington Street between Front Street/Barton Square and Mill Street, on Margin Street, and on the City parking lot in front of #193-211 Washington Street. The project will involve grinding the road surface and repaving. To mitigate traffic impact during this work, the majority of the work will take place at night, between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Washington and Margin Streets will be closed when work takes place. In addition, the Riley Plaza parking lot will have limited access when work occurs on Margin Street. The parking lot in front of #193-211 Washington Street will be closed on the evenings when work occurs there.

Weather permitting, the work schedule is as follows:

Wednesday night, April 26th – Grinding pavement on Margin Street from Mill Street to Norman Street, and on Washington Street (South Bound) from Barton Square to Mill Street.

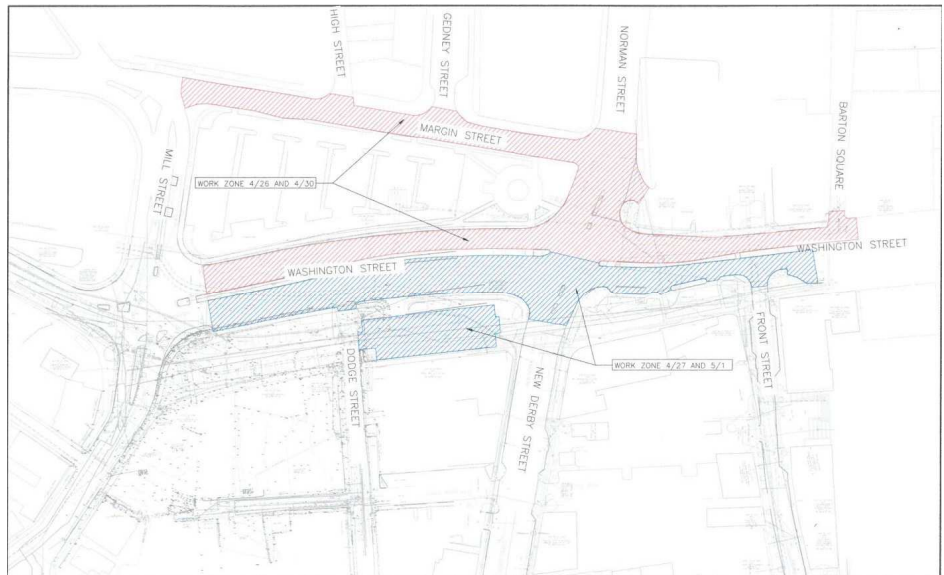
Thursday night, April 27th – Grinding pavement on Washington Street (North Bound) from Mill Street to Front Street, and the parking lot in front of #193-211 Washington Street.

Sunday night, April 30th – Paving Margin Street from Mill Street to Norman Street, and on Washington Street (South Bound) from Barton Square to Mill Street.

Monday night, May 1st – Paving Washington Street (North Bound) from Mill Street to Front Street, and the parking lot in front of #193-211 Washington Street.

During this project, the work area will be an active construction site and you should be careful and drive at a reduced speed accordingly. No parking signs will be posted in advance of construction and no-parking will remain in effect until construction is complete.

On the days when work is being conducted, it is important not to have cars parked in the roadway or in the parking lots where posted. Police details will be present to facilitate traffic management around the road closures.



If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call the City of Salem Engineering Department at 978-619-5673.

Salem Mural Slam

The City of Salem is seeking artists to participate in a “Mural Slam”, a public art project to take place during the Salem Main Streets, Salem Arts Festival, June 3-4, 2017. The deadline for applications is May 10th.



Selected artists will be painting on-site for two days during the festival.

The site for the 2017 Salem Mural Slam is a series of brick walls at Artists' Row located in historic downtown Salem at 24 New Derby Street, across from Old Town Hall and Derby Square.

This area at the heart of the City was originally built as a market place and continues to this day to be an important public plaza and pedestrian way.

In the interest of enhancing the visual experience for residents and visitors in this great walking city, the City of Salem is inviting artists to help transform these spaces that are part of the Salem Public Art Initiative and the murals will provide an entertaining and stimulating experience to those that live in and visit Salem.

For information please contact: Deborah Greel, dgreel@salem.com. To download an application and guidelines: <http://www.salem.com/public-art-commission>.



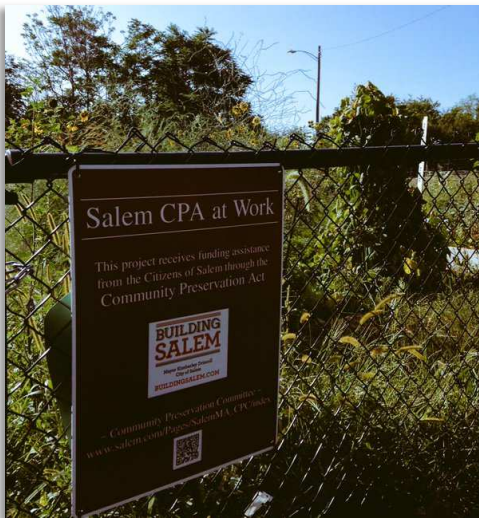
Salem Celebrates Arbor Day

The City of Salem will celebrate Arbor Day by planting three large caliper trees in the median of Hawthorne Boulevard on Wednesday, April 26. The trees are provided by the Peabody Essex Museum, as inch-for-inch compensation for trees removed on Essex Street for the museum's expansion project. The trees to be planted are five-inch caliper Valley Forge American Elm trees, a species of elm that is resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. The trees will be planted with the assistance of Iron Tree.



Salem has been a designated “[Tree City USA](#)” by the Arbor Day Foundation since 2001 and places a high value on maintaining and managing its public trees. Last year, the City completed a pilot phase of a [public tree inventory](#) and is now pursuing a state grant to complete the rest of the inventory City-wide.

2017 CPA Projects: 1st Round



The Community Preservation Committee has made their first round of funding recommendations for 2017 Community Preservation Act grants. The Committee will make a second round of grant awards in the fall. All grants require a vote of approval by the City Council. For the first round, the committee awarded a total of \$644,500 in grants.

- Nathaniel Hawthorne Statue Restoration: \$45,000
- Charter Street Cemetery Restoration: \$260,000
- House of the Seven Gables Roof Replacement: \$42,500
- Ryan Brennan Memorial Skate Park Renovation: \$75,000
- Palmer Cove Assessment & Concept Plan: \$27,000
- Saltonstall School Playground: \$95,000
- Lafayette Park Renovation: \$100,000

To find out more about Community Preservation Act grants, please visit <http://www.salem.com/community-preservation-committee>