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From the Mayor's Desk



Halloween, and the days leading up to it, are a busy and exciting time in Salem. The streets come alive with costumed revelers. It also means traffic gets to be more congested in the latter half of October. Thanks in advance for your patience as our Haunted Happenings celebration reaches its conclusion. If you live in Salem, I hope you'll consider coming downtown to be part of the festivities. Read more inside about parking options downtown for Salem residents and expected road closures for Halloween itself.

Remember, if you are downtown on Halloween or the weekend prior, if you see anything suspicious, help us keep the fes-

tivities safe for all by reporting it to the Salem Police at 978-744-1212.

In the latest episode of the FYI Salem podcast, I talk with Sarah Morrill and Jonathan Simcosky from the Salem Award Foundation. You can listen to the interview 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! During the interview we talk about the Foundation and its origins, the Salem Award, including past recipients, and the Salem Witch Trials Memorial and the legacy of the trials for our city and our nation.

Also in this edition of FYI Salem, you can read more about some major grants the Salem Police Department just received over the last three months, including a half million dollar three-year COPS grant to hire four more officers for community policing and a \$425,000 grant for domes-

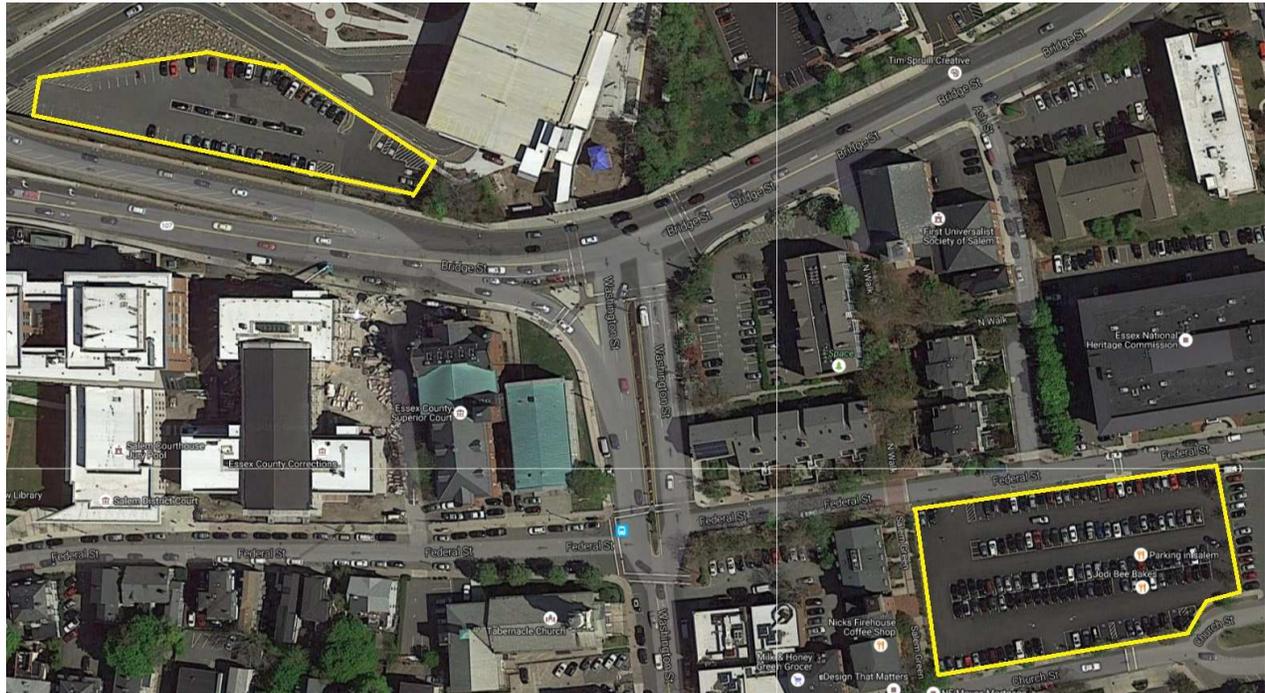
tic violence training and victims' services.

The schedule for early voting appears on the final page of this edition of the newsletter. For the first time, Massachusetts voters can cast their ballots in advance of Election Day at a variety of times, dates, and locations. You must be registered to vote—whether you vote early, absentee, or on November 8th itself. The voter registration deadline is October 19th, so if you need to register, get to the Elections Office at City Hall, 93 Washington Street, before then!

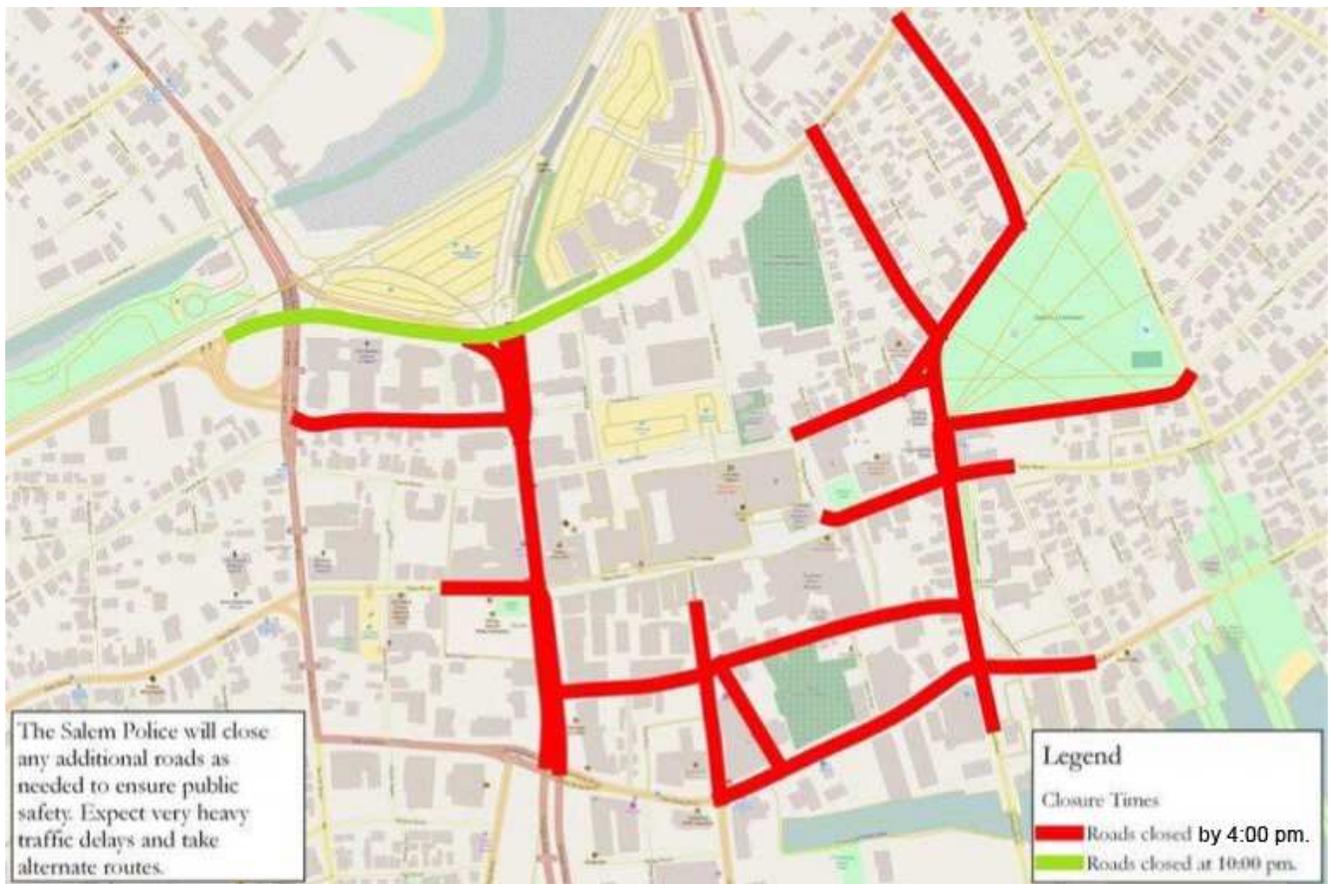
Finally, this issue has an update about our Salem for All Ages action plan. The draft of the plan is available now and we're trying to collect as much public comment and feedback on it as possible before November 1st. Take a look at the 29 page report and let us know what you think!

Kim Driscoll
Mayor, City of Salem

October Traffic & Parking



On October weekends Salem residents with ID may park for free in the City's surface lot near the MBTA and in



Road closures for Halloween, October 31st.

Salem For All Ages action plan



The draft *Salem for All Ages* Action Plan has been posted at www.salem.com for public review and feedback. Public comments must be submitted by November 1 and should be directed to Caitlin E. Coyle at Caitlin.Coyle@umb.edu.

Salem's Age Friendly initiative began earlier in 2016 when the City was added to the AARP's national network of Age Friendly communities. Acceptance to the network meant the City committed to developing an action plan that focused on the "eight domains" of an age-friendly community: civic participation and employment, communication and information, community support and health services, outdoor space and buildings, transportation, housing, social

participation, and respect and social inclusion.

Within each domain, a vision statement for the future is described, followed by recommendations and specific action steps to be taken. Following approval of the final report a permanent community stakeholders group will be formed to monitor implementation of the plan, evaluate its effectiveness, and update it as necessary.

"In Salem we are thoughtful about how we approach the future," Mayor Kim Driscoll observes in her letter submitting the action plan. "Great cities do not happen by accident. They take careful planning, public input, and meaningful action. I am so pleased to present the *Salem for All Ages* Action Plan because I believe it meets all those standards. And because I believe it will truly make Salem an even greater City for all."

To help prepare the Action Plan, the City worked closely with experts from the Center for Social &

Demographic Research on Aging at the Gerontology Institute of the University of Massachusetts Boston. Those experts worked closely with a working group made up of City officials and local volunteers, to develop the draft plan.

Their efforts included multiple public listening session and meetings, three focus groups, an exhaustive document review of existing plans and reports, and a community survey completed by over 400 Salem residents over the age of 50.

"The priorities represented by the Age-Friendly designation are reflective of Salem's values as a whole," said Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll. "The goals of a livable, safe, and vibrant city serve to lift up all our residents, no matter their age or ability. This action plan has been informed by as many perspectives as practical, so that the recommendations it puts forth would be as diverse and as forward-looking as the people who live here. I encourage all Salem residents, whether they are seniors or not, to review the draft and offer their feedback to help make it an even more reflective of our community."

Salem Receives COPS Grant

In early October the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) COPS program announced that Salem would be awarded a \$500,000 grant to fund four community policing officers over the next three years.

Salem was one of only two Massachusetts municipalities to receive a COPS grant award this year.

It comes on the heels of three other major grant awards to the Salem Police Department since August.

This summer the department re-

ceived a \$135,000 three-year extension of its MA Dept. of Mental Health grant to fund the behavioral health jail diversion program, which provides training to officers to connect individuals with mental and behavioral health services that can help lead to longer term crime reduction.

In September \$450,000 from the DOJ was awarded to enhance the department's work with victims of domestic violence and create a Victims Service Officer.

Finally, in addition to the \$500,000 COPS grant for additional community police officers, October also brought an additional grant award from DOJ to fund the acquisition of ten new bullet proof vests for the department.



Early Voting & Election Day

Early voting in Salem will take place from October 24 to November 4.

Whether you want to vote early, vote absentee, or vote on Election Day, the first step is making sure you are a registered voter by October 19, 2016. To check to see if you are registered to vote, to find information on how to register to vote, and to see where you vote, you may visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s website at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele.

If you need to register to vote, one way is to register online by visiting, www.RegisterToVoteMA.com. All you need is a license or an ID issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles to apply online. To be eligible to vote in the November 8, 2016 election, you must register to vote or make any necessary changes to your voter registration (i.e. name, address, inactive to active status) by October 19.

In Salem, early voting may be done in person at the following locations, dates and times:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Salem City Hall 93 Washington Street	Monday, 10/24/16	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
	Tuesday, 10/25/16	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
	Wednesday, 10/26/16	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
	Thursday, 10/27/16	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
	Friday, 10/28/16	8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
	Monday, 10/31/16	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
	Tuesday, 11/01/16	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
	Wednesday, 11/02/16	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
	Thursday, 11/03/16	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
	Friday, 11/04/16	8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Salem High School 77 Willson Street Auditorium	Thursday, 10/27/16	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
	Friday, 10/28/16	4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Salem Academy Charter School Shetland Park 45 Congress Street	Saturday, 10/29/16	8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Registered voters also have the option to request an early voting ballot through the mail. Fill out an application, available at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele, and mail it to Salem City Hall, Election’s Office, Room #5, Salem, MA 01970. Once a voter has cast an early voting ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. You can find your polling location at www.WhereDoIVoteMA.com.

