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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Friends,

Despite the early April snow, it's springtime in Salem.

That means our public works crews will be getting to work over the coming weeks, preparing fields, parks, beaches, and playgrounds. Look for more details later this month about our seasonal street sweeping and City-wide community "clean sweeps" neighborhood clean up weekend.

Be sure to read more about our new, user-friendly parks and recre-

ation website in this issue of FYI Salem. You can sign up to learn about all manner of programs and activities.

We were excited to recently launch our new Salem Youth Commission. Read in this issue about how young men and women, ages 13 to 21, can apply to serve on this new municipal board.

Not only will the Youth Commission provide a platform for youth voices to be heard in local government, members will have leadership development opportunities and a chance to weigh in on City policies and projects.

Any Salem resident can weigh in, as well, through our annual Resident Survey, which is now available in English and in Spanish online at www.salem.com/mayors-office.

The 2016 survey marks the seventh year this data has been collected. Hearing directly from residents allows us to improve service delivery and focus our public resources on those issues that are of most concern to the people of Salem. Having a number of years' worth of data now also enables us to take a closer look at trends and changes that are taking place in our community.

The final data is compiled and included in the annual proposed budget, issued in May.

There are so many exciting things happening in our vibrant City. I encourage you to sign up for City news at <http://www.salem.com/subscribe>

Kim Driscoll
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Youth Commission

MAYOR KIM DRISCOLL'S NEWSLETTER

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The City of Salem is now accepting applications from Salem youth interested in serving on the new Salem Youth Commission.

The new commission will provide an advocacy and information platform for youth representatives to get more engaged in City issues, helping to recommend new programs and events, craft initiatives in partnerships with other City boards and departments, local non-profits, and businesses, and suggest ideas for new policies or regulations for the City to consider. The members

will also help share news and information about important city projects and programs with the youth of the community. Finally, there will be opportunities for leadership development training through guest speakers, workshops, special programs, and more.

Seven of the nine seats on the commission will be filled by Salem youth between 13 and 21 years of age and the remaining two will be filled with individuals



who represent organizations or agencies that interact with the youth population.

“I am very excited about the opportunities presented by this new commission,” said Mayor Driscoll. “Having the ability to hear directly from Salem’s youth population will help ensure our community continues to be forward-looking in the types of services, programs, and projects we undertake as a City. I encourage all Salem youth to consider applying for an appointment to the Youth Commission.”

Applications for appointment are available in both English and Spanish at <http://www.salem.com/youth-commission> and are accepted on a rolling basis. Complete applications should be emailed to Constituent Services Director Laura Assade, at lassade@salem.com.

McGlew Park Public Meeting

6pm at City Hall Annex, Room 314, 120 Washington St., Salem, MA

Tuesday April 26th

Join us to provide input on the park design

- Presentation of a Conceptual Park Design followed by a discussion, **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**
- Soil Assessment Presentation from the Environmental Consultant followed by Q&A

For more information, please contact Amanda Ciancola with the City of Salem Department of Planning and Community Development at (978) 619-5685 or aciancola@salem.com

Community Development Plan

The City of Salem Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) will hold a 30 day comment period beginning on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 regarding the City of Salem's Draft FY17 Action Plan.

The FY17 Action Plan involves activities to be funded with Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) including \$995,257 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds, an estimated \$100,568 in Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds and an estimated \$112,500 in program income.

These funds are used to benefit low

and moderate income persons in Salem through a variety of programs, including Housing, Economic Development, Neighborhood Improvements, Public Services and Planning and Administration.

A Public Hearing with the Citizens' Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 in the third floor conference room at 120 Washington Street at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain citizens' comments on these draft documents.

These documents are available for review at the DPCD, the Salem Public Library and the Salem Housing Authority, as well as online at <http://www.salem.com/planning-and->

[community-development/pages/studiesand-reports](http://www.salem.com/planning-and-community-development/pages/studiesand-reports) . Copies will also be available free by e-mail. Any questions should be directed to Jane Guy at 978-619-5685.

Written comments may be sent to the DPCD, 120 Washington Street, Salem, MA 01970, or faxed to 978-740-0404 or emailed to jguy@salem.com no later than noon on Friday, April 22, 2016.

120 Washington Street is handicapped accessible. However, persons with special needs should contact the DPCD for reasonable accommodation and to provide ample time for the request to be arranged.



2016 Resident Survey



The 2016 Resident Survey is now online and available in both English and Spanish. Find the links at www.salem.com/mayors-office along the left side of the page. The survey will be online through April 22.

This annual survey provides important feedback about City services, policies, and projects. The data is compiled and included in the annual budget each year. It also provides benchmarks for City priorities in the year ahead. Please take the three minutes to fill out the survey before April 22.

New Park & Rec Website

Salem's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services has launched a new online seasonal brochure of programs, activities, and special events! You can find it at:

www.salem.com/recreation/files/spring-2016-brochure

The Spring 2016 brochure includes thirty-six different classes, programs, and events for Salem kids, adults, seniors, and families. The brochure is published every three months. For more information about specific programs in the brochure, check www.salemrec.com. Online registration is encouraged and the new online brochure includes links to registration, as well as links to other Salem park amenities, such as Winter Island, the Witch House, and the Olde Salem Green Golf Course.

Programs for kids this spring include: Low Tide Discovery, Nature Explorers, Challenge Accepted, Brooksby Adventures, Field Day at Salem Common, Video Boot Camp, Play Rugby, Kids Can Cook, Acting for Youngstars, Tennis Lesson, Salem Willows Fishing Clinic, Summer Basketball League, Kids Paddle, and the Forest River Adventure Day program.

Programs for adults this spring include: Evening Yoga for strength and flexibility, Beginner Ballroom Dance, Continuing Ballroom Dance, Beginner Barre Class, Zumba the Nigh Away, Painting by the Sea, Tennis, and Women's Softball.

Programs for senior include: Spring Party, Mother's Day Lunch, Pizza Party, Father's Day Barbeque, Carnival Night, Half Day of the Big Bands and Pop Goes the 4th, the Spirit of Boston, Lobster Bake, Gloucester Harbor Cruise, and the Scallop Festival.

All-age programs and events this spring include the City Cribbage Tournament, Friends of Salem Woods events, Salem Willows concert series, and paddleboard and kayak rentals.