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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Friends,

There is nothing better than Summer in New England and we kicked off the season with a rousing 4th of July extravaganza at Derby Wharf! This year's show included fabulous performances by the Dirk Hillyer Orchestra, but the highlight of the evening was the never-ending, spectacular fireworks display by Atlas Pyrotechnics. We enjoyed record breaking crowds, as family, friends and visitors packed nearly every square inch of the waterfront to enjoy this truly amazing evening.

With the official onset of Summer in Salem, also comes the chance to enjoy our parks and waterfront.

This year we will be piloting a Salem Harbor Shuttle service that will enable land lovers from near and far to enjoy a boat ride out of Pickering Wharf, Salem Wharf (on Blaney Street), Winter Island and the Willows. This shuttle service will provide another way to leave your car at home and take a boat shuttle to visit some of your favorite Summer spots in Salem. Combine this with the FREE trolley rides available for all Salem residents and make a day of enjoying Salem without the need for your automobile.

While at Salem Wharf, check out the new commercial marina and abutting walkway improvements while enjoying the harbor view at The Landing. For your stop at Winter Island, you can take a seaside stroll around the property compliments of the new walking/biking path that encircles a large portion of the island. We are fortunate to have these waterfront retreats and

work hard to leverage grant dollars and Community Preservation Act funds to improve these coastal locations!

With the warm weather, also comes the start of numerous roadway paving projects. You can read more about the curb to curb enhancements starting on Canal Street inside this edition. National Grid will also commence re-paving of the cable replacement project route later this month. Lastly, citywide road repaving lists are being finalized and that work will begin shortly.

There's a lot happening in our community and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work to tackle our aging infrastructure. We'll be celebrating Salem's 400th anniversary in 10 short years and the work we are doing now will help pave the way for that celebration!

Kim Driscoll
Mayor

Salem Harbor Shuttle

The Salem Harbor Shuttle starts July 16th and runs through October 31st. The shuttle, named *Alix*, makes regular stops at Salem Wharf on Blaney Street, Congress Street on the South River, Winter Island, and the Salem Willows. Get your tickets at bostonharborcruises.com and discover a whole new way to see and get around Salem's historic waterfront!



Online Reservations at
BOSTONHARBORCRUISES.COM

877SEE WHALE

Depart Blaney Street	Depart Congress Street	Depart Winter Island	Depart Salem Willows	Arrive Blaney Street
9:00 AM	-	9:30 AM	-	-
-	10:00 AM	-	-	10:20 AM
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	-	11:45 AM	-
-	-	12:00 PM	-	12:15 PM
12:45 PM	1:15 PM	-	2:00 PM	-
-	-	2:15 PM	-	2:30 PM
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	-	-	3:50 PM
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	5:15 PM	5:30 PM
6:00 PM	6:30 PM	-	-	6:50 PM
7:00 PM*	7:30 PM*	*Saturday Only		7:50 PM*

RATES

ADULTS: \$7 CHILD, UNDER 12: \$4

DAY PASS ADULT: \$15 CHILD, UNDER 12: \$9

SALEM FERRY TRANSFER or SALEM RESIDENT

ADULTS: \$4 CHILD, UNDER 12: \$2

SALEM HARBOR SHUTTLE
JULY 16 - OCTOBER 31, 2016



Salem's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services has gone digital.

You can now download the Summer guide at saalemrecreation.org

The guide has information on dozens of programs, activities, leagues, classes, workshops, and special events.

Clickable links in the digital guide let you easily register for the program of your choice.

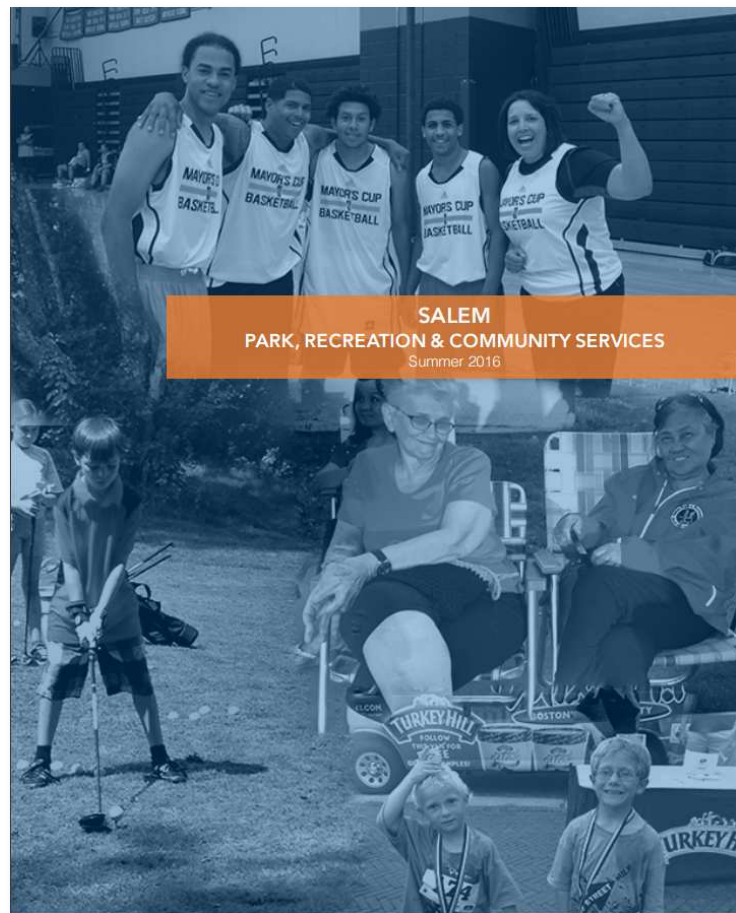
This summer, the Department is offering

programs for kids, for adults, for seniors, and for participants of all ages.

The department's digital guide also provides links to more information about using Salem's great parks and other amenities, like Winter Island, the municipal, public Olde Salem Greens golf course, and the Witch House.

Check out saalemrecreation.org today and find a program or event that fits your interests and schedule!

Summer Recreation



School Committee Vacancy



Salem's School Committee will shortly have a vacant seat, as member Rachel Hunt has announced her departure from the Committee.

Per the City Charter, the School Committee and the City Council will hold a joint special meeting to select the replacement for the seat.

The replacement will serve through the conclusion of Ms. Hunt's term, December 31, 2017.

The joint special meeting will take place on Wednesday, July

20th, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers at Salem City Hall (93 Washington Street, Salem).

Any Salem resident may apply to be considered for the seat.

To apply, interested residents should submit a letter expressing their interest to the City Clerk at clapointe@saalem.com.

Letters should be sent prior to the close of City Hall offices at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13th.

Public Art Installation

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll and the Salem Public Art Commission (PAC) announce “TradeWind,” a public art installation in Derby Square, running July through September, 2016. A call for artists and designers for this site specific installation around Old Town Hall and Derby Square brought in eighteen proposals. The team of op.AL, a trans-disciplinary practice from New York, formed by Jonathan A. Scelsa + Jennifer Birkeland, was selected by a PAC appointed Artist Selection Panel.

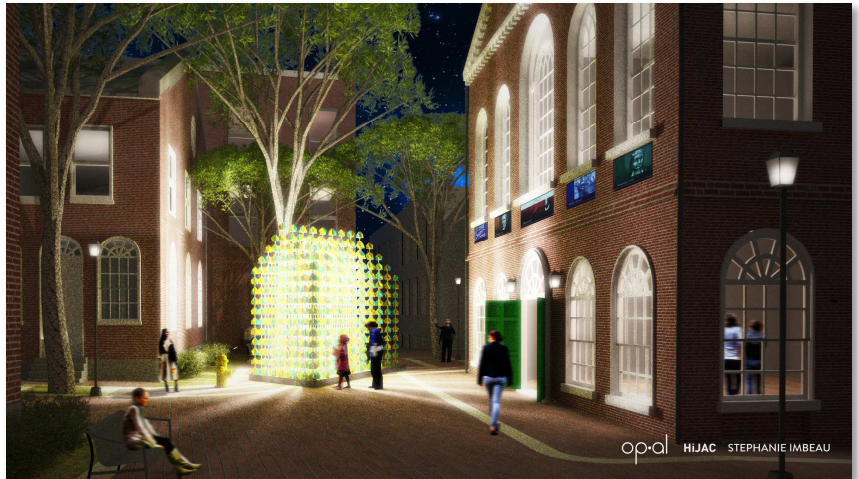
“Salem has such a rich and important historic connection to the sea,” said Mayor Driscoll. “The concept for ‘TradeWind’ pays creative homage to that connection in a way that is playful, thoughtful, and expressive. I greatly look forward to the work’s installation near Old Town Hall and the continuation of our highly successful public art installation program.”

Artist Statement

Water and wind built Salem. Water carried the fishermen in their boats to the shores of Salem to settle. Wind enabled Salem’s merchant ships to sail across the ocean. From these ships of the East India Company treasures and trade were brought and sold at Town Hall, building a seaside village into a city.

To honor and celebrate the role that these elements and Town Hall have played in the growth of the city, we have created a dynamic installation of spinning houses, combined to form the shape of Salem Town Hall. These individual houses are made in two colors: Caribbean Blue and Saffron Yellow. The blue invokes the exotic waters of far-flung lands that provided importers with treasures and spices – such as jewelry and saffron – referenced in the yellow houses.

In the daytime these objects showcase the fluid and changeable effects of wind while serving as a tribute to the fact that cities only exist as the sum of their parts. At night, they are lit from within projecting onto the face of town hall, giving observers the privilege of glimpsing something that predecessors could not: growth. This installation is both a nod to the past and a glimpse towards the future and a celebration of generations of individuals who have built and continue to build Salem.



Canal Street Project



The \$12 million roadway improvement project along Canal Street, including reconfigurations of the intersections with Jefferson/Loring and with Mill Street, gets underway this month. The project is substantial and is expected to last about two years, but in the end the corridor should see substantial improvements.

The project will provide a new gateway to the City of Salem while improving safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. The entire roadway will be leveled and repaved. It will also provide streetscape improvements including new trees, street lighting, safer pedestrian crossings, and curb extensions at crosswalks. The work will better define access locations and curb cuts, improve pavement, signage and pavement markings, as well as adding wheelchair ramps and sidewalks following ADA standards.

More details about the project are available at <http://www.salem.com/city-engineer/pages/canal-st-roadway-improvement-project>.