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## From the Mayor's Desk



There's no shortage of activities taking place in Salem!

This month we dedicate the Joseph A. O'Keefe, Sr. Fire Station on Loring Avenue. Joe was a long-time City Councillor representing South Salem, as well as a former state Fire Marshal. I can't think of a more fitting tribute to his memory and legacy than naming the South Salem fire station in his honor. I hope you will join me for the occasion!

This month we also welcome the start of the always popular Salem Farmers Market on Derby Square and Artists' Row. The market takes place every Thursday, 3-7pm, until October 12.

If you get the chance to visit Derby Wharf next week, we're looking forward to welcoming five of the smaller yacht-sized vessels participating in Sail Boston 2017. The ships will be berthed at Derby and Central wharves and some will have public tours available.

Check in this issue of FYI Salem, as well, for an announcement about the Proctor's Ledge Memorial dedication, which has been scheduled for noon on July 19. And on June 10, the date of the first executions of 1692, we're calling for a Day of Remembrance and reflection on the important lessons of 1692.

There's also information in this issue about an upcoming online public meeting about Forest River Park improvements. I am greatly looking forward to the opportunity to hear from as broad a representation of park users and Salem residents as possible. Forest River Park is such a jewel with so many amenities enjoyed by children, sen-

iors, families, and so many others. Rather than simply hold a conventional public information meeting, hopefully by offering a convenient online participation component for this we can draw in feedback and input from those who may not find it as easy to get away for an evening to attend a meeting in person.

Finally, on the latest FYI Salem podcast I talk with Nicole McLaughlin from Plummer Youth Promise, formerly known as the Plummer Home for Boys. We talk about the organization's mission and work, why they changed their name, and the upcoming Paddle for Plummer benefit event. You can find the FYI Salem podcast at <https://www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/fyi-salem-podcast> or by searching for "FYI Salem" in iTunes.

Thanks for taking the time to read FYI Salem!

Kim Driscoll  
Mayor  
City of Salem



Mayor Kimberley Driscoll, Salem Fire Chief David Cody, the firefighters and staff of the Salem Fire Department, and the O'Keefe Family invite you to the



## Dedication of the **Joseph A. O'Keefe, Sr., Fire Station**

64 Loring  
Avenue,  
Salem



Saturday,  
June 17,  
9:30 a.m.

## **Salem Farmers' Market**

On June 8 the Salem Farmers' Market will officially kicked off its ninth season on Derby Square. With over 35 vendors, the market will be held at Derby Square on Front Street in Salem, MA every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. from June 8<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Opening day will set the tone for the largely volunteer-run market that, for five months each year, gives residents and tourists alike the opportunity to buy farm-fresh produce, seafood, baked goods, meat, and a variety of other goods. Every week the market draws around 2,000 attendees who enjoy a variety of vendors, live music, and representation from different community groups and initiatives.

At the heart of the market are seven major farms: Clark Farm, Gibney Gardens, Maitland Mountain Farm, Grant Family Farm, Heavens Harvest Farm, Long Hill Orchard, and Wally's Vegetables. They are complemented by an array of specialty foods, bakery products, spices, and other vendors. Local brick and mortar businesses - Salem Spice, Jodi Bee Bakes, Far From the Tree, Milk and Honey, and Popped Gourmet Popcorn - will rotate through monthly as our new storefront spotlight vendors.



Exciting new additions to the 2017 market include Beverly Bees, Eva's Farm Butcher Shop, West River Creamery, Somerville Bread Company, Pigeon Cove Ferments, Mia's House of Sweets, Pour Man's Coffee, Jaju Pierogi, and Lady Ghada, along with many other surprises throughout the season.

As in previous years, the farmers' market will continue to take EBT through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The market is made possible through the leadership of Salem Main Streets and the Farmers' Market Committee, as well as the generous contributions of numerous volunteers. To get the latest updates about the farmers' market, visit our website at [www.salemfarmersmarket.org](http://www.salemfarmersmarket.org).

# Proctor's Ledge Dedication



## Proctor's Ledge Memorial Dedication

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Noon

Pope Street

Salem, Massachusetts



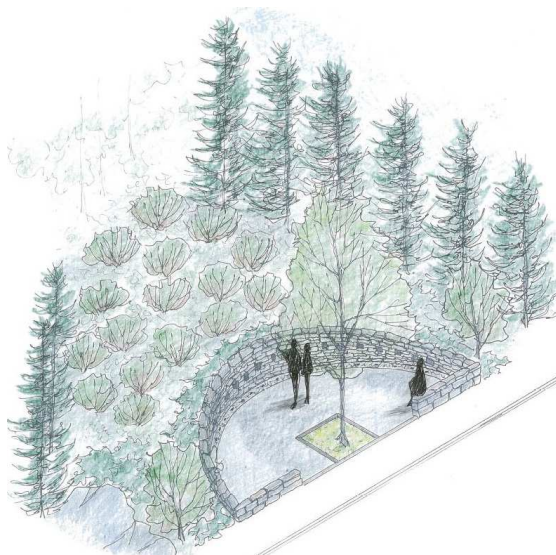
On June 10, 1692, Bridget Bishop became the first of 25 innocent people to lose their life as a result of the Salem witch hysteria. To mark the date, Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll has issued a proclamation calling for a Day of Remembrance on June 10.

Mayor Driscoll also announced the date and time at which the City will formally dedicate the new memorial at Proctor's Ledge, believed now to be the site at which 19 innocent people were hanged in 1692 for the supposed crime of witchcraft. The dedication event will take place at the new memorial on Pope Street on Wednesday, July 19, at noon.

On July 19, 1692, the first of three mass executions took place at the site, when five innocent individuals were hanged: Sarah Good, Elizabeth Howe, Susannah Martin, Rebecca Nurse, and Sarah Wildes. The dedication ceremony on July 19 is free and open to all who wish to attend and pay their respects.

"Salem is constantly looking to the lessons of its past," said Mayor Driscoll. "Whether it was through the formation of our No Place for Hate Committee and our landmark non-discrimination ordinance, or through the good work of the Salem Award Foundation, the lessons we learn from our history directly inform the actions we take today. Having this site memorialized, especially as we mark the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that tragic event, presents an opportunity for us to come together as a community, recognize the injustice and tragedy perpetrated against those innocents in 1692, and recommit ourselves to the values of inclusivity and justice."

The design and construction of the memorial were funded primarily through a Community Preservation Act grant, as well as dozens of small donations, many from descendants of those wrongfully executed at the site. The design of the memorial and landscaping plans for the site were developed through a participatory public process and multiple meetings on site with abutters. The memorial plans call for a landscaped slope down from the ledge where the executions are believed to have taken place. At the base of the slope, on Pope Street, there will be a semi-circular area surrounded by a stone wall. Stones with the names of the nineteen individuals who were hanged near the site will be set into the wall and lit from the ground below with a single light on each name. While trees will be planted along the perimeter of the parcel itself, at the center of the memorial on Pope Street there will be a single oak tree, as a symbol of endurance and dignity.





# Sail Boston Comes to Salem

Five of the nearly 40 ships sailing into Boston Harbor for the 2017 Sail Boston festivities will berth here in Salem from June 13 to June 16. All five are of the 45-foot to 65-foot range.

Salem's Harbormaster Department and Destination Salem, the City's destination marketing organization, are working with community partners along the waterfront to prepare for the arrival of the sloop Peter Von Danzig, the schooner Regina-Germania, the ketch Rona II, the sloop Spaniel, and the ketch Vahine.



The vessels will be docked at Central Wharf and Derby Wharf at the Salem Maritime National Historic Site. Some of the vessels may have public tours available during their visit to Salem. Details about any tours will be available at [www.salem.org](http://www.salem.org) as they confirmed. For more information about these vessels and about Sail Boston, visit <http://www.sailboston.com>.

## Forest River Park Webinar

The City of Salem is advancing the feasibility study for substantial upgrades to Forest River Park. In order to help maximize the amount of public input and participation into the process, the next public informational meeting will be held simultaneously in person and via a free online webinar and conference call.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. Those attending in person can attend at 120 Washington Street, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room. To participate in the online version of the meeting, anyone with an Internet connection can visit <https://meet.lync.com/westonandsampson/sheehant/P0SPQRN7>. To join by phone, at the meeting date and time simply dial 1-857-263-3954 with the conference ID 22407051. A recording of the webinar will be available after the meeting at <http://www.buildingsalem.com/projects-links/>.

For technical support, please see <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=389737>.



The feasibility study is reviewing all of the components of this popular City park for potential upgrades and improvements, including the pool and pool house, parking and entry area, playground, beaches and trails, Pioneer Village, and tennis courts. The study is being funded by a \$20,000 Community Preservation Act grant.