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From the Mayor's Desk



Schools are almost out for the summer and Salem's parks, playgrounds, and recreation programs are starting to gear up. This is always an exciting time of year in Salem, but it's also a time with lots of work taking place.

The Canal Street Roadway Improvement project is moving along with its probably most disruptive phase, with the closure of about 600' of the corridor for a substantial reconstruction. Detours seem to be working well, but we're always interested in hearing from neighbors and businesses about how we can try to make this project less impactful on them. Please do support our Canal Street businesses during this significant work, as well.

Other corridor improvement projects are also underway, either in design or in construction. One such project, the Derby Neighborhood Envision 2020 project, is a multi-year/multi-phase complete streets project along Derby Street. Read more in this issue of FYI Salem about an upcoming neighborhood meeting to provide a status report on the project.

We've included an update about the upcoming commuter rail shutdowns and how we're trying to prepare for the impacts that will have locally, as Salem becomes the first station on the MBTA line for weekends this summer. We remain concerned about the effects this will have on our neighborhoods and roadways and are encouraging the MBTA to do more to reduce the number of buses and cars they are diverting to Salem. We'll have expanded parking enforcement in neighborhoods, police details in key intersections, and are pushing for additional ferry service, all to help prepare for the impacts of this shutdown.

I'm excited to announce that the Friends of the Council on Aging have applied for and received a \$30,000 grant from the Tufts Health

Plan Foundation to conduct a feasibility study for an intra-city shuttle service. A service like this would be another great step forward both in fulfillment of our Salem for All Ages action plan and in our efforts to lessen traffic congestion and improve access to transit options that connect more people to the community. I'm looking forward to the study getting underway this summer.

Finally, I am very pleased to extend my congratulations to John Keenan, the newly confirmed president of Salem State University—my alma mater, and offer my best wishes for success in this new role. I very much look forward to working alongside him to continue the positive and collaborative relationship that exists between the City and Salem State. As someone who has been on the ground working with John both in his time as a legislator and as a Vice President at SSU, and with Salem State as an institutional stakeholder in our community, I cannot think of a better, more qualified, more prepared individual to serve as SSU's next President than John Keenan.

Kim Driscoll, Mayor

Jaydon Dancy Fund

Salem suffered a tragic loss with the death of Jaydon Dancy, a student at the Carlton Innovation School who was accidentally killed earlier this month. Those who wish to send a donation in order to support the Dancy family may send their donation to:

Jaydon Dancy Fund
c/o Salem Five
210 Essex Street
Salem, MA 01970

Donations may also be made online at www.salem.com.

Donate to Jaydon Dancy Fund

Salem City Shuttle Study

The Friends of the Salem Council on Aging have been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation to conduct a feasibility study toward the creation of a new intra-city shuttle system that would be convenient, accessible, and affordable.

The concept of a city shuttle and the application for the grant were action steps in the first year of implementation of the City's landmark *Salem For All Ages Action Plan*. The grant reflects the Foundation's commitment to building healthier communities by promoting collaboration and improving systems and best practices.



"This feasibility study will help us understand the logistics, economics, and challenges that need to be addressed to bring community transit to Salem," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "Many small and medium cities are setting up their own internal shuttle systems, however, and I'm optimistic we can take those best practices and build a service that works best for Salem."

E-Waste Day

Salem residents and property owners (with ID or tax bill) can recycle e-waste on Saturday, June 24, 8am-noon, at Salem High School. Recycling anything with a plug. Fees are as follows: \$10/unit for computer. \$20/unit for TV, monitor, laptop, and large appliance (refrigerator, AC, freezer, stove). Cash or check only. All other items are free to recycle. You may now recycle items containing mercury at E-waste, including thermostats, CFL bulbs, and long fluorescent tubes. You can also drop these off year round at the DPS, 5 Jefferson Ave, during regular City business hours.



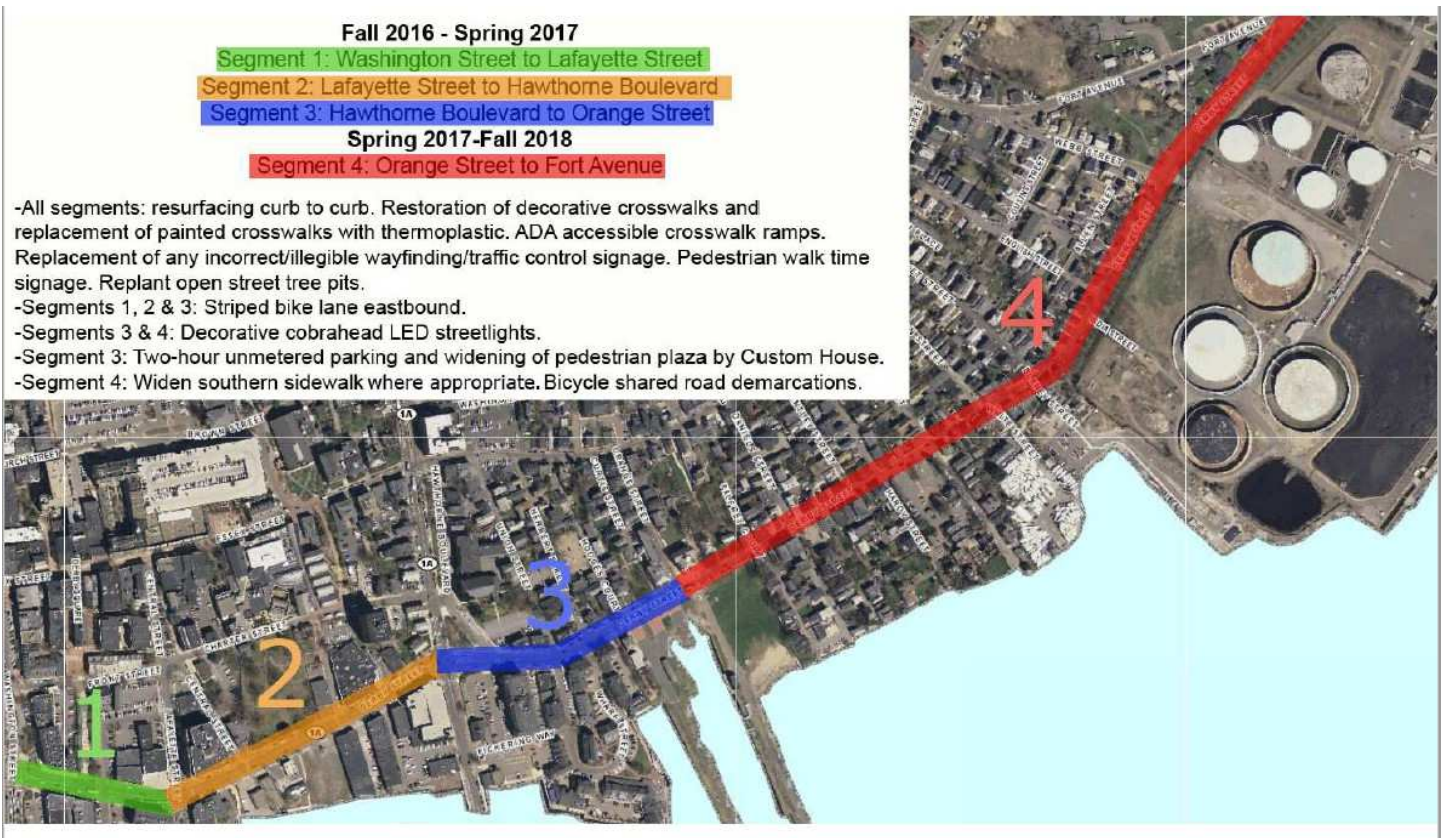
FYI SALEM Derby Neighborhood Meeting

The City of Salem and its traffic engineering firm, VHB, will hold a public meeting to provide an update on the status of the ongoing Derby Neighborhood Envision 2020 work, a multi-phase effort to upgrade the roadway and sidewalks of the neighborhood around and including Derby Street. The meeting will take place on Monday, June 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the Holyoke Room at the House of the Seven Gables, 115 Derby Street.

The Derby Neighborhood Envision 2020 initiative started in the Fall of 2015, to serve as a coordinated plan to implement nearly \$2 million in mitigation funding intended for the neighborhood from both the Footprint power plant project and the National Grid cable replacement project, the latter of which is now complete. The task force includes representatives from the Historic Derby Street Neighborhood Association, the Ward 1 City Councillor, the City Engineer, the Director of Planning and Community Development, the Traffic and Parking Director, an officer from the Salem Police Department's Traffic Division, and a representative each from Footprint, the National Park Service Salem Maritime Historic District, the House of the Seven Gables, and the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

The group's goal has been to create a unified vision for upgrades to the network of roads, sidewalks, and public spaces in the Derby Street neighborhood, consistent with the City's nationally recognized complete streets policy, the unique historic nature of the corridor, and the needs and preferences of the neighborhood's residents, businesses, and institutions.

"I encourage everyone who lives in the Derby Street area to join us on June 26th for this informational update," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "We are exciting about the possibilities presented by this initiative and the opportunities to make Derby Street a complete street that works better for everyone. I look forward to hearing feedback and input directly from the Derby Street neighbors as this work moves forward."



MBTA Summer Shutdowns

From July 8 to September 30, the MBTA will commence with weekend shutdown of commuter rail service on the Newburyport/Rockport line. During this shutdown, the MBTA will be installing safety systems federally mandated under the Federal Railroad Administration Rail Safety Improvement Act. A second project on the line, replacement of the Beverly Swing Bridge, will require a complete shutdown of the rail line north of the Salem station from July 17 to August 13.

The City of Salem is preparing for impacts associated with these shutdowns, while also making requests to T officials about ways they may be able to mitigate the expected impacts to Salem. During the weekday shutdown, the T is planning to run shuttle buses into Salem from stations to the north.

We recognize that the line projects are necessary, but we are very concerned about the impacts to Salem caused by these temporary suspensions of rail service. While our weekday commuters will still be able to catch a train in/out of the Salem, we expect to have a large influx of additional commuter traffic in and out of the city on a daily basis given the unavailability of train service to the north. We are also concerned about impacts to residents and visitors by not having any rail service on the weekends for nearly three months. We are working to provide T officials with suggestions on how they might be able to help us minimize these impacts, while also making plans to prepare for the additional traffic and parking demands that are likely to occur.

Traffic congestion during peak commuter hours, especially along the corridor in and around the commuter rail station, is a great concern, with additional passenger vehicles and dozens of buses coming in from stations to the north. Police details will be required to override signals and pull traffic in and out of Salem on a daily basis, and we will be adjusting pedestrian crossing timings to anticipate greater traffic flow. The availability of parking to handle additional commuters is also a concern. The existing T garage is at 75% utilization. The City's lot at the former Universal Steel site and at the train depot are available, as well, and we are working with the T to preserve all of those lots for passenger vehicles. Additional enforcement of parking regulations in residential neighborhoods near the station will be increased during this time period. We have requested that the T subsidize additional ferry service to and from Salem on the weekends when there will be no commuter rail. We are also investigating using a larger boat during the weekdays if there is an influx of weekday commuters using our current ferry.

The City is encouraging the T to consider diverting the Newburyport and Ipswich bus shuttles to Haverhill or other stations, instead of Salem, to cut down on the amount of congestion. We are asking the T to consider incentives for other commuters to use Park and Ride options or to fund enhancements for bicycle infrastructure to encourage bicycling to Salem station instead of driving. Finally, we have asked the North Shore Transportation Management Association for assistance with supporting commuters by setting up a ride matching car pool service for folks coming from out of town to Salem to try and minimize the number of cars coming into the train station (e.g. [takescoop.com](https://www.takescoop.com)).





Fourth of July CELEBRATION!

AT
**DERBY
WHARF**
JULY 4, 2017

7:15 PM

Opening Ceremonies
The Hillyer Festival Orchestra Concert

9:15 PM

Fireworks Extravaganza
from Derby Wharf

PRE-CONCERT ACTIVITIES:

5:00 PM

Kids' Space Opens
Free Activities, Games, Prizes & Face Painting
Annie Brobst on Main Stage

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City of Salem, Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor

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