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From the Mayor's Desk



Thanks for reading FYI Salem and please feel free to share this newsletter with your friends, family, and neighbors in Salem. They can also sign up to receive the newsletter by email at www.salem.com/ subscribe.

In this edition of the newsletter you can find details about the always popular September Salem Days, this year at the New England Aquarium. We also have information about the groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for the Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center. While work is already underway at the site for utility installations, this September - which also hap-

pens to be National Senior Center Month - we'll hold the official groundbreaking ceremony with key stakeholders, seniors, and many others.

Also inside you can find more information about the ongoing MBTA commuter rail projects. While both the swing bridge replacement and the positive train controls have meant disruption to our local roadways and to Salem commuters, the good news is that both are wrapping up this month. The swing bridge project will be completed on schedule by August 14 and the controls project is ending August 27, one month ahead of schedule.

We are pleased to have received another grant from the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to continue to advance the "living shoreline" project in Collins Cove. The most recent \$11,000 award will fund the permitting and construction drawings for this critical climate change flood control project in the cove.

Lastly, we have two items that appeared in the last issue of FYI Salem, but are updated for a reminder. One is about the final few days of the Heritage Days festival and the second concerns the availability of reserved parking spaces in the Museum Place garage and South Harbor garage. Applications for those spaces are due by the end of this week and spaces are still available.

On the latest episode of the FYI Salem podcast I was joined by John Keenan, the new president of Salem State University. We talked about his transition into the new role after serving as SSU's Vice President, his goals for the university, and the many ways the City and university work together. You can find the episode at <http://www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/fyi-salem-podcast> and on iTunes and most other podcast services.

Thanks for checking in with FYI Salem!

Kim Driscoll
Mayor, City of Salem

CLC Groundbreaking



August Events & Road Impacts

Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.: Derby Street Mile

The Derby Street Mile will begin at Fort Ave. by Winter Island Rd. and continue down Fort Ave. to Derby St., ending at Derby Wharf. There will be intermittent traffic stoppages along the route. Expect some delays in the event area. Residents will be allowed to access their homes during this time from the opposite end of the street from Derby St.

Saturday, August 19, Noon—1:00 p.m.: Hope For My City Parade

This parade steps off at noon from the corner of Congress St. and Leavitt St., continues down Congress St., taking a left onto Harbor St., a right onto Lafayette St., a left onto New Derby St., a right onto Washington St., a right onto Church St., and down Brown St. to the Salem Common. There will be no street closures for this event; rolling roadblocks will be used along the route. Expect some traffic delays along the parade route, so please schedule our travel accordingly.

Saturday & Sunday, August 19 & 20, Noon—8:00 p.m.: Salem Jazz & Soul Festival – Salem Willows

Parking at the Willows will be extremely limited. Attendees are urged to park their vehicles in the parking area at Shetland Park on Congress St. The Salem Trolley will be running shuttles from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Please note that "Resident Only" parking zones will be strictly enforced during the festival. The Salem Police Department will ticket and tow illegally parked cars.

September Salem Days

September is Salem's ticket to marine science! Salem residents get free admission to the New England Aquarium every day in September.

Come explore the beauty and biodiversity of the oceans at our Caribbean coral reef exhibit, see more than 80 penguins, and see our newest exhibit, Science of Sharks. Salem residents also get a discount on the Salem Ferry. This program is made possible by the Norman H. Read Program for Excellence in the Sciences.



This special discount is for use by Salem residents only. This offer is valid during September 2017 only. Not available for phone or online orders, or for school or other group reservations. May not be combined with other offers and not valid on the New England Aquarium Whale Watch or in the Simons IMAX® Theatre.

All adult visitors in your group will be asked to present proof of residency at the Aquarium Box Office, such as a valid driver's license with a Salem address or a valid state-issued ID card with a Salem address. If you do not have one of the IDs listed above, then for each adult or senior ticket purchased, you must provide one of the following dated within the last two months that shows a Salem residential address together with a corresponding picture ID (for example, a passport, driver's license or state identification card):

- Monthly mortgage statement, homeowner's insurance policy, or bill
- Automobile insurance policy or bill
- Utility bill
- Mail from a financial institution, including checking, savings, or investment account statement
- Mail from a federal, state, county, or city government agency

Grant for Collins Cove



Salem has received an \$11,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM). The funding will advance the permitting and construction design for a natural erosion control system for Collins Cove. The planned design will help protect the beach, walkways, and residential

neighborhood from storm surge and waves into the future. The grant is the second from CZM for the project; a 2016 award of \$75,000 funded the initial design and study.

MBTA Projects Ending

Work on the two major MBTA commuter rail projects impacting Salem commuters and visitors will be wrapping up this month. The replacement of the swing bridge on the train line north of Salem will end August 14, meaning that trains will resume running along the entire Newburyport/Rockport line and the MBTA shuttle bus system on weekdays will be concluding. The Positive Train Control project that has required the entire rail line to be shut down on weekends is ending August 27, about one month ahead of schedule. This means that weekend commuter rail service will resume on September 2.



Salem Heritage Days Continues

Salem Heritage Days will began on Tuesday, August 1 and continues through August 13, 2017.



The schedule includes regular favorites such as Tour-A-Truck, Salem's Pizza Tasting, the Salem Community Concert Band; the Ice Scream Bowl; Kids Night on the Common, the Essex Street Fair, senior events, and the Annual Phillips House Antique Car Meet. The schedule is packed with events over the 13 days, and highlights all the free opportunities for Salem residents to visit downtown museums and attractions and receive discounts on the Salem Ferry and tours to Bakers Island Light Station.

Find the full schedule of events at <https://www.facebook.com/salemheritagedays/>.

Reserved Parking Spaces

Application forms are available for those interested in applying for a reserved parking space in either the Museum Place garage or South Harbor garage. There are 30 spaces available in the Museum Place garage and 20 available in the South Harbor garage. Spaces are \$1,500 per year in both garages. Those who currently have a reserved parking space in either garage that expires August 31 and would like to seek another reserved space for September 1 must apply. Current reserved space permits do not carry over automatically. There is no guarantee or preference for current reserved space permit holders.

Applications are due back by noon August 11. One application per person and one space per application. Those who receive a space must pay and sign the agreement by August 31 to receive a permit. Reserved space permits are good to 8/31/18. Applications are at <http://www.salem.com/collectors-office/pages/downloadable-forms> and the Collector's Office, 93 Washington Street.