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Dear Salem resident,

Another October has come and gone here in Salem. Thank you for all of your patience through this incredibly busy month. The October season routinely brings hundreds of thousands of visitors to our community, contributing enormously to our local economy and supporting the small businesses that we all get to enjoy through the rest of the year. That doesn't mean it's not without its challenges, of course.

I want to thank our public works, special events, public safety, traffic and parking, and inspectional services teams for all of their dedicated efforts through this busy time of the year. Almost everything the City does in October is with an eye toward making sure this annual festival is carried out safely and with as minimal an impact as possible. Thanks to the work of these City staff and the many volunteers with groups like Destination Salem and Salem Main Streets, we've once again wrapped up a successful Haunted Happenings and Halloween here in Salem.

We really would like to hear from you about how you thought October went this year and where we might be able to improve for next year. Read more in this issue of FYI Salem about our annual Haunted Happenings resident survey, online now through November 16, and about our upcoming public "after action" meeting on November 13.

In this issue we also have details about the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 6. There are a lot of important races on the ballot, as well as three ballot questions. Take some time to learn what's on the ballot and then be sure to get out and vote! Polls in Salem are open from 7am to 8pm on Tuesday.

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I'm also pleased to announce that we've launched an official City of Salem Facebook page. Find the link and more details inside this issue. This new platform will afford us one more tool as we work to share information, answer questions, and provide updates to Salem residents, businesses, and visitors.

Finally, please find details within about the upcoming swearing-in ceremony for Salem's new Fire Chief, Gerry Giunta. Gerry has been part of the Salem Fire Department for 35 years, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief in 2007. He is incredibly qualified to lead the department and I am very much looking forward to welcoming him into this new role with the Salem Fire department.

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The 2018 federal and state election takes place on Tuesday,

November 6, 2018. Polls are

open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Find your polling place at www.WhereDolVoteMA.com

and view what is on the ballot at https://www.salem.com/sites/

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Repair Cafe

Organized jointly by SalemRecycles and The Bridge at 211, the North Shore's fourth Repair Café will take place on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, with the last appointment available at 11:30 a.m. The event takes place at The Bridge at 211, which is at 211 Bridge Street in Salem. Repair volunteers will be available to mend clothing, sew buttons, sharpen scissors and knives, tinker with or rewire electronics and lamps, and glue wooden furniture and ceramics.

Election Day 2018

CITY OF SALEM POLLING LOCATIONS

WARD ONE

- 1-1 BENTLEY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 25 MEMORIAL DRIVE
- 1-2 COMMUNITY ROOM, 135 LAFAYETTE STREET

WARD TWO

2-1 ST. PETER'S CHURCH PARISH HALL, ST. PETER STREET

2-2 ST. PETER'S CHURCH PARISH HALL, ST. PETER STREET

WARD THREE

3-1 SALEM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 77 WILLSON STREET

3-2 SALEM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 77 WILLSON STREET

WARD FOUR

4-1 WITCHCRAFT HEIGHTS SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 1 FREDERICK STREET

4-2 WITCHCRAFT HEIGHTS SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 1 FREDERICK STREET

WARD FIVE

5-1 SALTONSTALL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 211 LAFAYETTE STREET

5-2 SALTONSTALL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 211 LAFAYETTE STREET

WARD SIX

- BATES SCHOOL, LIBERTY HILL AVENUE
- 6-2 PARK & RECREATION DEPT., MACK PARK

WARD SEVEN

7-1 SALEM STATE ENTERPRISE CENTER, 121 LORING AVENUE 7-2 SALEM STATE ENTERPRISE CENTER, 121 LORING AVENUE

VOTING HOURS 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.





Halloween Feedback



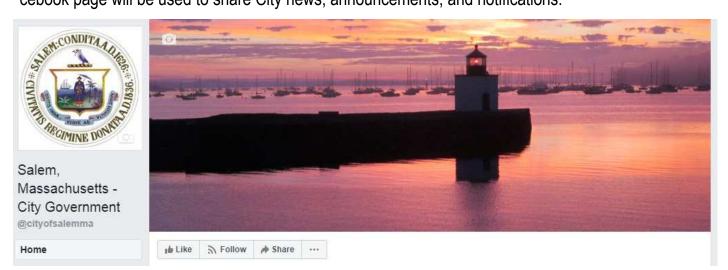
The 2018 Salem residents' Haunted Happenings and Halloween survey is now online at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/</u><u>HauntedHappenings2018</u>. The survey seeks to gauge resident feedback on the events, public safety response, public information distribution, and more all related to both Haunted Happenings and Halloween in Salem. 2018 marks the ninth year that the City has collected this feedback. It will be online until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 16.

A public "after action" meeting to gather feedback in person will take place on Tuesday, November 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center at 401 Bridge Street. City officials will present a brief update summarizing how Haunted Happenings and Halloween went from an operational and public safety perspective and then residents will be invited to share their feedback, questions, and suggestions. Those who are unable to attend are invited to submit their feedback and input to <u>mayor@salem.com</u> or by writing to: Office of Mayor Kimberley Driscoll, Salem City Hall, 93 Washington Street, Salem MA 01970.

"We incorporate public feedback from our residents into our Halloween and October planning every year," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "In all, Halloween 2018 went extremely well and that was in large part due to the input – and patience – of Salem residents. I hope all residents will take a few minutes to complete the survey so we can continue to improve how we manage October in the years ahead and, if they able, to come to the public input meeting on November 13th."

City Facebook Page

The City of Salem has launched a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CityofSalemMA. Just like the City's Twitter account, available at www.twitter.com/CityofSalemMA or @CityofSalemMA, the new Facebook page will be used to share City news, announcements, and notifications.



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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF

JOHN 'GERRY' GIUNTA

AS THE NEW FIRE CHIEF

FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

10:00 AM

OLD TOWN HALL | 32 DERBY SQUARE | SALEM, MA

PLEASE RSVP

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