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## From the Mayor's Desk



Thanks for reading FYI Salem! Be sure to sign up for updates and news from the City of Salem by subscribing at [www.salem.com/subscribe](http://www.salem.com/subscribe).

In this issue you can read more about the retirement of our long-serving Fire Chief David Cody. Chief Cody has been part of the Salem Fire Department for the last 35 years, the last 14 years as Chief, and we will certainly miss his leadership when he retires on March 31. We'll start the search process for the next chief in the coming weeks, but for now I hope every Salem resident will join me in wishing Chief Cody nothing but the best in his well-earned retirement!

Also in this issue we have details about two upcoming events organized by Salem Recycles. The first is their annual book swap event on March 17 and the second is the next household hazardous waste disposal day on March 24.

The *Imagine Salem* community visioning initiative is out with their progress report. *Imagine Salem* is a broad effort to envision what we would like Salem to look like in 2026, on the City's 400th birthday. Read more inside and at [www.imaginesalem.org](http://www.imaginesalem.org). This work is still ongoing, so please submit your feedback and ideas to [imaginesalem@salem.com](mailto:imaginesalem@salem.com).

We also have a link and update on the Salem For All Ages initiative, a multi-year effort to help make Salem even more age-friendly. 2017 marked the first year of the initiative and we just filed our Year 1 report with AARP. Read more inside to find a link to the report with more details about what we accomplished in 2017 and

what's next on the task force's agenda for 2018.

Also check inside for details about our first Performer Series planned for this summer on Artists Row and Derby Square, and how you can apply to be part of it through our Public Art Commission.

We have an upcoming public meeting to gather community feedback and input as the City and our Bicycling Advisory Committee work on an update to our Bicycling Master Plan. There's also a link so you can submit your comments electronically, if you can't make the meeting.

As always, thank you for reading FYI Salem and please share this newsletter with your Salem friends, family, and neighbors to help keep everyone informed about what's going on in our great city!

Kim Driscoll  
Mayor  
City of Salem



## Fire Chief Retiring

Salem Fire Chief David Cody, who first joined the department as a firefighter in 1983, will retire on March 31. Chief Cody rose through the ranks of the department, serving as Lieutenant from 1993 until his appointment to Captain in 2000. In 2004, he was elevated to the position of Chief. His tenure as Chief brought many significant accomplishments and achievements for the department. Under his leadership, the department rebuilt its ranks to a full complement of firefighters and replaced or rebuilt several critical pieces of apparatus, including one of two ladder trucks and four pumper

engines. Chief Cody holds a degree in Fire Science and has been an instructor at the Massachusetts Fire Academy.

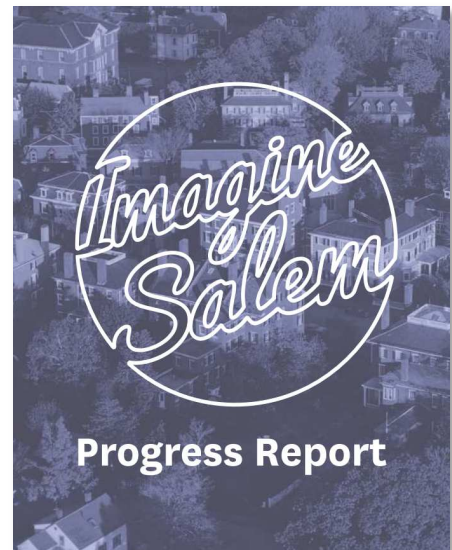
"I want to congratulate Chief Cody on his well-earned retirement," said Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll. "Thanks to his diligent work, our public safety operations have ensured the safety of our community. The Salem Fire Department is the model of a professional, responsive, and effective fire and emergency services department due to Chief Cody's integrity, expertise, and dedication to Salem and to the men and women of the Salem Fire Department."

"This has been a wonderful career and I would like to thank the Mayor, City Councillors, and the citizens of Salem for the support they have shown over the years to both myself and the department," said Chief Cody.

## Imagine Salem Report

The *Imagine Salem* community visioning initiative has released a progress report outlining the key findings and themes from a year's worth of public workshops, surveys, focus groups, and more. *Imagine Salem* seeks to bring together people, organizations, and businesses from across Salem to have a conversation about what they want the community to look like in 2026, the year that Salem celebrates its 400<sup>th</sup> birthday. The dialogue was framed around housing, jobs, and transportation with themes of equity and inclusiveness woven throughout the topics. The vision statement will serve as a guide for future decisions.

Read the report at [www.imaginesalem.org](http://www.imaginesalem.org) and, to sign up for future updates or send in your comments on the progress report, contact *Imagine Salem* at [imaginesalem@salem.com](mailto:imaginesalem@salem.com).



## Book Swap

SalemRecycles will hold another free book and media swap on Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 10am-1pm at the Senior Center, 5 Broad Street, Salem. Start gathering unwanted books, CDs, DVDs, videos, and cloth bags. Books should be clean, dry, and mildew free. Everything that does not find a new home will be donated or recycled. Materials can be dropped off on March 16, 4-7pm, or bring them with you on Saturday (drop off is from 9am to noon on March 17). Everyone is invited to take books and other materials; no "swap" is required.

# Salem for All Ages: Year 1



Salem was among the first communities in Massachusetts to join the AARP and World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Network in 2016 and to have a certified age-friendly action plan—*Salem for All Ages*. Earlier this month the City filed its report on the completion of Year 1 of the plan's implementation by the Salem for All Ages Task Force and Leadership Council. The plan also outlined the priority areas of focus and goals for 2018, Year 2 of this important initiative. The Year 1 Report, as well as the action plan itself, can all be found online at [www.salem.com/council-aging/pages/salem-all-ages](http://www.salem.com/council-aging/pages/salem-all-ages).

## Household Hazardous Waste Day

Since July 2009 the Cities of Salem and Beverly have partnered to offer each City's residents the opportunity to participate in both a fall and spring hazardous waste program. The next such household hazardous waste day will take place at Beverly High School, March 24, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Residents from both communities can drop off hazardous materials with a payment of \$20.

Residents can drop off general hazardous waste materials such as light bulbs, automotive oil, pesticides, oil-based paint, motor oil and car batteries, rechargeable batteries, propane tanks, tires and aerosol cans. A driver's license is required to prove residency. No e-waste will be collected on March 24 at Beverly High School. Please note that this household hazardous waste collection day had previously been scheduled and announced for April 24. It will no longer take place on April 24 and, instead, take place on March 24. Additional information on waste collection can be found at <https://www.salem.com/recycling-and-trash>.



## Call for Performers

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll and the Salem Public Art Commission announce the Performer Series for Summer of 2018 in Artists' Row and Derby Square, located in historic downtown Salem. This area at the heart of the City was originally built as a marketplace and continues to

this day to be an important public plaza and pedestrian way.

Artists' Row is a seasonal program (April –November) that provides four maker/gallery spaces for artisans interested in building their audience through daily engagement with residents and visitors. Adjacent to Artists' Row is Derby Square, a multi-use public plaza used for seasonal performances, such as the Jazz and Soul Festival, as well as Farmers', Flea, and Craft markets, and a gathering space for a variety of special events.

The Performer Series seeks to activate Artists' Row and Derby Square by engaging the community in ways that delight, inspire, and innovate. The space gives artists the opportunity to premiere new work, create work that is site specific, or present traditional work in a non-traditional setting. This being a pilot program we are excited to hear how you want to transform the space and interact with the community. We are open to (but not limited to): mixed media experiences, outdoor theatre performances, immersive theatre performances, dance and movement performances, light installations, projections and interactive light displays, sound installations or live sound experiences, games of all kinds, live music, and installation arts that can be manipulated by the community.

For information please contact: Deborah Greel, [dgreel@salem.com](mailto:dgreel@salem.com). To download guidelines and how to apply: <http://www.salem.com/public-art-commission>

# Bicycling Meeting

The Salem Bicycling Advisory Committee  
invites you to attend the:

## Bike Master Plan Open House

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

**6:30 - 8:00pm**

**At the City Hall Annex, Room 313  
120 Washington St.**

Please join the Bicycling Advisory Committee to view a brief presentation and participate in interactive activities to help the City identify and prioritize ways to enhance biking in Salem. Spanish translation services will be provided.



*You can also provide input online at*  
<http://bit.ly/bikesalem>

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