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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.

March has been a tough month for us with storms and snow, so thank you for your patience as we've had to dig out a few times! Please remember that during a snow emergency, vehicles should be removed from all streets so plows can do their work. Plows usually clear at least one lane on each roadway, for public safety and emergency vehicle access, before returning to wide the plowing to the curbs. When a snow emergency ends, if you are parked in a school

lot or at the COA lot, you should move your car right away to avoid being towed. We need to clear those lots to get them ready for use. Finally, please help shovel your sidewalk, nearby crosswalk curb cuts and corners, fire hydrants, and catch basins. Property owners have six hours after the snow emergency ends to shovel adjacent sidewalks, or they may be ticketed.

To report a snow issue to the City, including plowing issues or an unshoveled sidewalk, send an email to snow@salem.com. If you're reporting a sidewalk issue, provide a precise street address so the inspectors can follow up promptly. We don't advise using SeeClickFix for snow-related issues because that tool is only monitored during regular business hours. The snow@salem.com email goes directly to the team responding to the snow matter at hand and is the most timely way to report a problem.

Finally, in response to the major flooding following the March 2-3 storm, we are updating an assessment of City seawalls in order to develop a repair and reconstruction schedule. In January, the City received a \$1.2 million grant to upgrade the Forest River Park seawall, which will help. Unfortunately, though, we have significant needs at several other seawalls, as well, and the total costs will be substantial. We're hopeful our state and federal partners will be able to assist us in carrying out this critically important public safety and coastal resiliency work, and are coordinating with them as these efforts move forward.

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

Bike Share Season 2



The City of Salem relaunched the Salem-Zagster Bike Share on March 1st for its second year. The “on-demand” bike share provides Salem residents, workers, and visitors with an affordable and healthy way to get around the city. Last year, the bike share saw 2,480 total rides from 1,153 different riders.

“This initiative is a considerable step forward in encouraging mode shift in local transportation and in providing an easily accessible and well managed bicycle riding option that connects multiple points throughout our city,” said Mayor Kim Driscoll. “Bike sharing can provide a critical ‘last mile’ connection for transit users and align directly with our ongoing commitment to increase bicycle-friendly infrastructure citywide. Not only does it encourage residents, commuters, and visitors to get out of their cars and onto bikes, but it is reflective of our nationally-recognized complete streets policy.”

The Salem Bike Share has 50 bikes at ten Zagster stations throughout the city: the MBTA station, Federal St, Front St, Hawthorne Blvd, Salem Willows, Salem Ferry terminal, Congress St, Appleton St, at the Salem Bike Path by SSU’s Central Campus, and in front of the SSU Bates Complex on South Campus.

Bikes are accessible at any station via the Zagster Mobile App – available for iPhone and Android – or online at Zagster.com/Salem. Use the app to unlock a bike at a station, enjoy your ride, and, when you are ready to end your trip, bring the bike back to any Zagster station and end the ride with the app. The Salem-Zagster webpage also includes instructions for unlocking a bike via SMS text messaging. Zagster bikes have a built-in bike lock which allows users to ride the bike as long as they want and stop wherever they want along the way. The City plans to announce new system features throughout the year to increase convenience and flexibility. As rider safety is a priority, every bike includes automatic lights, a bell, and full reflectors. Riders must be 18 years or older. Please obey traffic laws, wear a helmet, and be a safe rider.

289 Derby Street Park

The creation of the new waterfront park at 289 Derby Street consists of the following site work: installation of new paving, granite walls, wall mounted benches, a pergola with porch-style swings, lighting, musical instruments, lawns, plantings, and trees. The Harborwalk will also be extended along the South River with paving, lighting, and a guardrail, and will allow access to a small future dock.

Start of construction is weather dependent but is expected to start by the end of March. It is estimated that work will be completed in September, weather permitting. Parking in the lot will be prohibited after March 26 so the contractor can mobilize and begin work. Long term parking in the area is available at the South Harbor garage at 10 Congress Street.



The project is funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Salem Community Preservation Committee, and the City of Salem.



2018 Resident Survey

Mayor Kim Driscoll today announced the ninth annual Salem Residents Survey is now online. The survey is available by clicking the “Salem Residents Survey” button at www.salem.com/mayors-office. A Spanish language of the survey is also available at www.salem.com/mayors-office. The 2018 residents’ survey will be online until Friday, April 6.

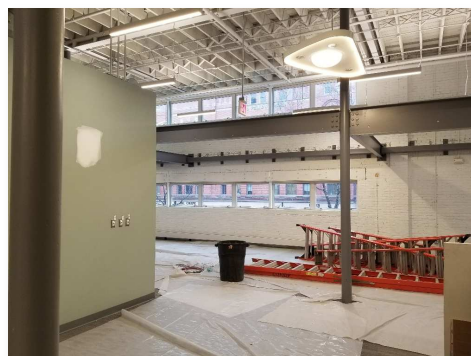
All Salem residents are encouraged to visit the online survey and share their opinions on a range of issues facing the City of Salem and their view of City services.

“The 2018 survey marks the ninth year this data has been collected,” said Mayor Driscoll. “Hearing directly from residents allows us to improve service delivery and focus our public resources on those issues that are of most concern to the people of Salem. Having a number of years’ worth of data now also enables us to take a closer look at trends and changes that are taking place in our community.”

The final data is compiled and included in the Mayor’s annual budget, issued in May. The information provides feedback into resident priorities and goals, as well as important performance and outcome measures. These have, in the past, contributed to the City of Salem being one of just a handful of Massachusetts communities to be awarded both a Certificate of Excellence and a Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

City Hall Annex Move

The new City Hall Annex office at 98 Washington Street is nearly complete. Effective Tuesday, April 17, all City departments located at 120 Washington Street will be relocated to the new office space across the street from City Hall. The new Annex includes state-of-the-art, fully accessible public meeting rooms at street level. Open concept floor plans and shared work spaces will continue to encourage collaboration and communication between departments and staff. Following the move, all public board and committee meetings that had previously regularly taken place at 120 Washington Street will instead take place at 98 Washington Street. All City departments located at 120 Washington Street will be located at 98 Washington Street; phone numbers for these departments will remain the same, however.



Bike Master Plan Comments



The City of Salem seeks your help to improve bicycling in Salem. Since December, users have posted hundreds of comments through Salem’s Bike Master Plan Wikimap. This online tool allows users to mark routes and points on a map to comment on current and potential bike infrastructure improvements. Users have until Friday, March 16 to utilize this tool, available online at:

English: <http://bit.ly/bikesalem>

Spanish: http://wikimapping.net/wikimap/Salem_ESP.html

Based on public input, data, and analysis, the Bicycle Master Plan Update will identify and prioritize programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements to help make bicycling in Salem a safe, healthy, and convenient transportation option.

Book Swap



SalemRecycles will hold another free book and media swap on Saturday, March 17th from 10am to 1pm at the Senior Center, 5 Broad Street, Salem. Start gathering your 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 16th, 4pm-7pm, or bring them with you on Saturday (drop off is from 9am to noon on March 17th). Everyone is invited to take books and other

materials; no "swap" is required.

Household Hazardous Waste

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>.

Park & Rec Jobs



Salem's Park, Recreation, and Community Services Department is seeking applicants for a wide variety of seasonal summer positions for various programs, parks, and events. Job opportunities include site coordinators and playground instructors for the Forest River Adventures program and Furlong and Mary Jane Lee parks, youth leadership instructor, and summer basketball coordinator.



Full job descriptions, as well as a job application form, can be found at <https://www.salem.com/recreation/news/seasonal-employment-opportunities>. For more information, call the department at 978-744-0924.