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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.

We have a lot of information in this issue, so please feel free to share it with friends or neighbors. If they want to get the newsletter by email, they can fill out the form at www.salem.com/subscribe.

In this issue we share details about the recently completed city-wide tree assessment. This grant-funded effort inventories and cataloged the location and condition of all City-owned street trees. The report will be essential to

thoughtfully planning and budgeting for future tree work.

We have two important surveys going on now. The first is our ninth annual Resident Survey, which is online until April 6. The second is seeking public input about programs and events we could host in the soon-to-open Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center. Links to both surveys are available in this issue of the newsletter.

We have updates about the upcoming Salem Mural Slam on Artists Row, which takes place during the Arts Festival. We're looking for visual artists to sign up to participate in the Slam.

We're also looking for Salem youth interested in signing up to participate in our 42nd annual Student Government Day. More details about that are inside.

Details are also inside about the next quarterly electronics waste, or e-waste, collection day. Salem residents with ID can

drop off electronics for recycling on Saturday morning in front of the Bowditch School. Note that there is a fee for some types of items, so check the details.

Finally, we're preparing for a big move: all the City departments currently located at 120 Washington Street will be moving to 98 Washington Street as of April 17. While all department phone numbers will remain the same, update your contact information for the new address. Also, any board or committee meetings that used to take place at 120 Washington Street on the third floor will instead take place in the new first floor public meeting rooms at 98 Washington Street starting on April 17.

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

City-Wide Tree Assessment



The City of Salem and its consulting engineering, New England Civil Engineering (NECE), have completed a year-long inventory of all 4,812 street tree and tree locations on the 98 miles of City streets in Salem. This work was made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Urban and community Forestry Challenge Grant program and comes a year after completion of an initial inventory of street trees on the city's major entrance corridors. Both the corridor inventory and the now complete city-wide inventory can be found at www.salem.com/trees.

For the inventory, NECE GPS-located all street trees and street tree pits, identifying that a total of 4,435 (or 92%) of tree pits had a tree and 377 (or 8%) had stumps or were empty. They then cataloged the condition of all 4,435 existing trees and recommended maintenance for each based on those conditions. The collected data will be utilized by the City to budget and plan for maintenance of existing trees and stump removals, and also prioritize and budget for future tree

plantings. The City hopes to expand the data in the future by including an inventory of additional City trees at parks, cemeteries, schools, and other public spaces.

"Having this data is enormously helpful in allowing us to proceed with our tree planning and maintenance work in a strategic, pro-active, and thoughtful manner," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "I'm grateful to the City staff, consultants, and volunteers, including the LORAX Task Force, who all worked to make this comprehensive study possible. I also want to thank the Baker administration and DCR for making these funds available, and Barbara Warren and Salem Sound Coastwatch for their guidance and support throughout the inventory process. Salem has been a designated 'Tree City USA' by the Arbor Day Foundation since 2001 and we place a high priority on maintaining and managing our public trees, both for quality of life and for environmental and health reasons. This fiscal year we've allocated close to \$150,000 to plant around 300 new trees in every neighborhood across our community. I'm proud of the work that has been done and looking forward to accomplishing even more thanks to the completion of this important inventory."

Salem Mural Slam

The City of Salem is seeking artists to participate in the 2018 Mural Slam, a public art project to take place during the Salem Arts Festival, June 2-4, 2018. Deadline for applications is May 7. Selected artists will be painting onsite for two days during the festival. The site for the Slam is a series of brick walls at Artists' Row located in historic downtown Salem, across from Old Town Hall and Derby Square. This area at the heart of the City was originally built as a market place and continues to be an important public plaza and pedestrian way.



In the interest of enhancing the visual experience for residents and visitors in this great walking city, the City of Salem is inviting artists to help transform these spaces that are part of the Salem Public Art Initiative and the murals will provide an entertaining and stimulating experience to those that live in and visit Salem.

To download an application and guidelines: <http://www.salem.com/public-art-commission>



2018 Resident Survey

The ninth annual Salem Residents Survey is now online and 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 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. 98 Washington Street will open to the public at noon on April 17.



Student Government

The Salem Youth Commission invites Salem students ages 15-21 (or grades 10-12) to participate in the 42nd annual Student Government Day on April 12, 2018. Student Government Day allows students to learn directly about the community by assuming the roles and responsibilities of officials in government, education, the media, and other community partners. By participation in this program, students can gain a better understanding of and develop an interest in different career opportunities in Salem.

This is the 2nd year that Student Government Day is being organized by the Salem Youth Commission and it is once again scheduled for a full day, Thursday, April 12, 2018. This day includes an opportunity to shadow a community member in a field of their choice, lunch, and concludes with a mock City Council meeting and debate.

Salem youth interested in signing up for Student Government Day should complete the form available here: <https://form.jotform.com/70654244768161> before Friday April 6. For more information or if you have questions, you can contact the Youth Commission at 978-619-5601 or SalemYC@salem.com. You can find more information about the Salem Youth Commission at <https://www.salem.com/salem-youth-commission> and about Student Government Day at <https://www.facebook.com/events/398783313919527/>.

E-Waste Collection Day



Salem residents with proof of residency can participate in the next electronic waste recycling collection event on Saturday, March 31. These events take place throughout the year on the last Saturday of March, June, September and December, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

This collection is typically held in the Salem High School lower parking lot, however on March 31, 2018 it will be held directly in front of the Bowditch School, which is also on Willson Street. Residents should enter as if they were going to Salem High School, then take the first left in the parking lot and proceed to the Bowditch School area.

E-waste items include iPods, batteries, battery back-up units, stereo equipment, car audio equipment, cell phones, digital cameras, gaming equipment, flash drives, flat screen TVs and computers, power cords, etc. for future recycling. All personally identifiable information will be destroyed through this recycling program. RMG Enterprises will responsibly recycle all parts.

Almost anything with a plug can be recycled; most items are free. There is a \$20 fee for certain items such as televisions, computer monitors, and large appliances.

Collection of e-waste not only reduces the amount of materials to be incinerated, it recycles many valuable materials, such as copper, and eliminates the health and environmental risks created when these items are broken apart and the toxic chemicals inside are released.

Free white goods pick-up for washers, dryers, water heaters, etc. can be arranged by contacting Waste Management at 1-800-972-4545.

As always, Waste Management will collect curbside up to two bulk items on your regular recycling week; you must call Waste Management at least 48 hours prior to your collection day at 1-800-972-4545 and follow the prompts for residential pick up.

CLC Survey

As Salem's Department of Park, Recreation, and Community services prepares to move into the new Mayor Jean A. Levesque Community Life Center on Bridge Street later this year, it is taking this opportunity to plan for developing new programs and events for the public.



To that end, Salem residents are invited to complete a brief survey to provide their feedback to the department about what you would like to see offered at the new Community Life Center. The survey will be online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SalemCLC> through May 8.