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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

Thank you for reading the latest issue of the FYI Salem newsletter!

There are a lot of updates in this issue and you can always find the latest news from the City of Salem online at www.salem.com/news.

As a reminder, Salem's municipal election takes place on Tuesday, November 5th. In order to vote, you must be registered before October 16th. Look inside the newsletter for more details about how you can register to vote.

In this issue of FYI Salem you'll find information about how you, as a Salem resident, can enjoy free admission this month to the New England Aquarium.

We also have details about our seasonal fall street sweeping activities in this newsletter. You can find lots of information about street sweeping at our new website, www.salem.com/streetsweeping.

We're looking for your input to help shape our 5-year action plan, which informs how the City priorities our federal CDBG and HOME grant funding to support low and moderate-income residents. There's a link in this issue where you can take a survey online to send us your comments.

October is just around the corner and that means we're gearing up for our busiest visitors season of the year. Check in this issue for details about the planned road closures scheduled for October so you can arrange your commute accordingly. Be aware that Salem Police may close any road at any time if there is a public safety concern, though.

We'll also be closing the Charter Street Cemetery from September 28th through November 3rd, as the City prepares to undertake a preservation and improvement project there in the

coming months.

While no cruise ship visits are scheduled for October, if you're down by Salem Harbor on September 26th, stop by Salem Wharf to see the cruise ship Silver Wind, which will be in port for the day.

As always, we conclude the newsletter with some updates and news from the Salem Public Schools. In this issue, find out more about how you can get involved in the Superintendent Search process.

Finally, the FYI Salem podcast returns after taking a break over the summer. Our first episode features the new director of the Peabody Essex Museum, Brian Kennedy. Find it at <https://www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/fyi-salem-podcast> or on Apple podcasts, Stitcher, TuneIn, and Soundcloud later this week.

Thanks once again for taking the time to read the FYI Salem newsletter!

Thanks!

Kim Driscoll
Mayor
City of Salem

SALEM DAYS 2019



Salem residents receive **FREE** admission
to the New England Aquarium
every day in September!

Take the ferry! Salem residents also get a discount on the Salem Ferry.
Learn more and see full terms online.

neaq.org/salem

This program is made possible by the Norman H. Read Program for Excellence in the Sciences.



New England
Aquarium

Protecting the blue planet

Proof of Residency and Terms This special discount is for use by Salem, Massachusetts, residents only. Visitors will be asked to present proof of residency at the Aquarium Box Office, such as a valid driver's license or photo ID card showing a Salem address. This offer is valid during September 2019 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.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is taking place in residential neighborhoods through Friday, October 4 and continues on entrance corridors on October 8 through October 17.

Residential neighborhood street sweeping will continue to take place on both sides of the street on the same day. Sweeping will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each neighborhood route will be posted with temporary 'No Parking/Tow Zone' signs and parking will be prohibited between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Neighborhood streets are broken down into four zones. Sweep days are the next day after the regularly scheduled trash day. The City of Salem now has an online street sweeping tool and website to look up address and street-specific details about street sweeping. The website, www.salem.com/streetsweeping, includes a link to an easy to use map where residents can find out when their street sweeping dates are by looking up their address or clicking on their street. The website also features links to alternative parking locations for street sweeping days, and more.

On the map, clicking on a street displays the appropriate street sweeping days, no parking times, street information, and sweeping zone. Use the mouse's scroll-wheel to zoom in and out and click and drag the map to navigate. There is an address locator in the top-left corner, along with a home button, a locate button, and full-screen button, and zoom buttons. When entering a specific address, after the address is found, click on the street to view the sweeping details. The map also features several tools, all located on the left, purple colored tool bar.

The downtown district will be swept on Wednesday, September 18. Blowing will begin at 9:00 p.m. followed by street sweeping at 11:00 p.m. to approximately 3:00 a.m. The downtown area will be posted with 'No Parking/Tow Zones' signs, so please remove vehicles from the affected downtown streets so they will not be towed. Residents on the affected streets may park free of charge at the Museum Place Mall Garage from 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening to 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning, with proof of residency.

Entrance corridor sweeping will take place on October 8 through October 17 between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. Each corridor will be swept over a period of two consecutive days, alternating between odd and even sides of the street. Workers will be using blowers to clear corridor sidewalks prior to the street sweeping. Each corridor will be posted with temporary 'No Parking/Tow Zone' signs and parking will be prohibited between the hours of 5 a.m. to 7 a.m.



Residents will be able to use entrance corridor streets as alternative parking areas on the day of their neighborhood sweep. Entrance corridor streets are Boston St., Bridge St., Essex St. (from Boston St. to North/Summer St.), Lafayette St. (from Derby St. to Marblehead line), Loring Ave., and North St. Once a neighborhood street is swept, residents will be able to move their vehicles back onto their street. For a complete list of parking alternatives please visit www.salem.com/streetsweeping. Please remember if you choose to move your vehicle to an entrance corridor street that you must adhere to all current parking restrictions and metered rates on these entrance corridors, including "resident only" parking restrictions.

Certain weather conditions prohibit the use of the street sweepers: during moderate to heavy rainfall and extreme cold temperatures sweepers will not be able to operate. Weather cancellations will be posted on www.salem.com.

5-Year Plan

Each year, the City of Salem receives federal funds that are used to undertake housing, community and economic development projects, and programs that assist low and moderate income families and neighborhoods. Every five years the City must prepare a Consolidated Plan to develop a strategy for the use of these funds. The process involves gathering information from many sources to identify needs and priorities that exist in Salem. This includes seeking input from residents, businesses, social service organizations and civic groups.

If you are a Salem resident, please take time to complete the online survey (available in English and Spanish) - 9/18/19-10/30/19: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/salemconplan2020>



Todos los años, la Ciudad de Salem recibe fondos Federales para financiar actividades de desarrollo comunitario de vivienda, para llevar a cabo actividades de desarrollo comunitario economico, programas para financiar sectores y familias de ingreso bajo y moderado. Cada cinco años la ciudad debe desarrollar una estrategia con un Plan Consolidado para determinar la utilización y uso de los fondos. El proceso incluye información de diferente recursos para identificar las necesidades y prioridades que existen en la ciudad. También incluye la solicitud de la audiencia publica, negocios, y organizaciones sociales y grupos cívicos.

Si eres residente de la Ciudad, por favor de tomar el tiempo para completar la encuesta en línea (disponible en Inglés y Español)- 9/18/19-10/30/19: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/salemconplan2020>



Register to Vote

The deadline to register to vote in the November 5th municipal election is Wednesday, October 16th. The Elections office at City Hall, 93 Washington Street, will be open until 8:00 p.m. on October 16th for voter registration. You can also register online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>.

If you have questions about registering to vote, please call the Elections Office at (978) 619-5611.

Charter Street Cemetery

Pursuant to a vote of the Salem Cemetery Commission that took place on September 10, 2019, the City's historic Charter Street Cemetery will be closed to the public from September 28, 2019 through November 3, 2019. The City is preparing to undertake a substantial landscape preservation and improvement project in the cemetery and has already completed early phases of work, including some headstone and tomb restoration and preliminary archaeological reviews. The City will be publishing information about the cemetery and its history, as well as images of notable headstones and tombs, at www.preservingsalem.com.



October Road Closures

The list below outlines the planned and anticipated road closures for October in Salem, including lot closures and traffic impacts from planned special events. The Salem Police will close roadways at any point if they determine they should be closed for public safety reasons.

Note that while there are currently road closures planned downtown for Thursday, October 31, starting no later than 4:00 p.m., there is a high likelihood that some closures will be made on Saturday and/or Sunday October 19 & 20 and Friday, October 25 through Sunday, October 27, as well. Any closures or changes will be announced and posted at www.salem.com and www.salempd.org. For traffic and road closure notices, visit <https://twitter.com/SalemMAPolice> and <https://twitter.com/CityofSalemMA>. You do not need a Twitter account to follow these pages; if you do have a Twitter account, you can subscribe to both feeds at @SalemMAPolice and @CityofSalemMA.

Oct. 3: Haunted Happenings Parade starts at 6:30pm at Shetland Office Park on Congress St. Anticipate traffic delays throughout the area. There will be no parking tow zones along the entire parade route from 5pm to 9pm. The following roads will be closed 6pm to 9:30 pm: Congress St (Harbor St-Derby St), Derby St (Congress St-Central St), Front St & Washington St (New Derby St-Church St), Essex St at Washington St. Commuters will not be able to use Route 1A between Dodge St. and Brown St, which includes Derby St, Hawthorne Blvd, and Washington Sq at the Common entrance. Vehicles parked in the South Harbor Garage will not be able to exit until approximately 9pm. The Museum Place Garage entrance will only be accessible from Church St or St. Peter St. Vehicles exiting the Museum Place Garage will only be able to take a left onto Brown St and a right onto St. Peter St.

October 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20, and 26 & 27: Essex St from Hawthorne Blvd to New Liberty St and Essex St from Barton Square to Washington St will be closed to through traffic and no on-street parking will be allowed from 6am to 10pm every Saturday and Sunday. Access to Museum Place garage will be via Brown St only.

October 13: MDA Witch Ride Motorcycle Ride. Route 114 and Route 1A will be impacted, but not closed to traffic, from Marblehead to New Derby S. Route 1A, including Derby St, will be closed to traffic between Lafayette St and Congress St. Congress St will be closed to traffic. Anticipate road closures and traffic impacts noon to 3pm. There will be a no parking tow zone on Derby St between Lafayette St and Congress St 11am to 3pm.

October 19: Salem YMCA Witch City 5K road race starts 9am at Salem Willows. No road closures planned, however anticipate traffic impacts along: Memorial Dr, Essex St, Rte 1A, Rte 114 including Hawthorne Blvd, Derby St, and Fort Ave, ending at Restaurant Row.

October 26: Devil's Chase road race starts 8am at Salem Willows soccer field on Fort Ave. No road closures planned, however expect traffic impacts until 10:30am along the road race route.

October 31: Halloween events will include multiple road closures and heavy traffic impacts for the entire day and night. Visitors are strongly encouraged to take the commuter rail or ferry to get to Salem. Expect major traffic impacts on Route 114 and Route 1A. Downtown streets will close to all traffic no later than 4pm and likely earlier. A complete list of road closures can be found at <https://www.salem.com/home/news/city-salem-announces-planned-road-closures-october-1>.

All information above is subject to change. The Salem Police Department will close any street at any time if they determine that a public safety issue exists. Please note: the MBTA Garage will be closed 8pm to 1am on Halloween night. Cars will not be permitted to enter or exit between these hours.

School Updates

Early Release Day

Many schools in Salem will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, September 25th. To find out if your child's school has early release on Wednesday and, if so, at what time, visit www.salemk12.org.

Haunted Happenings Parade

Salem Public Schools will be walking in the 24th annual Haunted Happenings Parade on Thursday, October 3rd. The parade lines up at Shetland Office Park on Congress Street at 6:00 p.m. and steps off at 6:30 p.m.

While the theme of the parade is "It's Our Future," many schools may be doing more specific themes or concepts. Check in with your child's teacher to find out more.

Work for Salem Public Schools

Salem Public Schools is always looking for talented and dedicated individuals to join the team! You can find an online listing of available positions, as well as details about how to apply, at <https://salem.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>.

Go Witches!

Support Salem's student athletes by attending a game or meet! A full schedule of when the Salem Witches play can be found at <https://www.northeasternma.org/public/genie/595/school/11/>.

2019 MCAS Results

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has released data on the 2019 MCAS testing from the 2018-2019 school year. District-wide data can be found at http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/achievement_level.aspx?linkid=32&orgcode=02580000&orgtypecode=5&fycode=2019. Parents will receive more information from their schools about their child's individual results.

