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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

October is over! Thank you for your patience as Salem once again welcomed thousands of visitors to our community. The number of visitors to Salem each October can be challenging at times, but our ability to welcome everyone is a hallmark of who we are.

My thanks go out, as well, to the City's public works and public safety teams. Preparing for and managing October is a task that goes on all year long. These City employees exhibit professionalism, patience, and forethought in their work managing the crowds, ensuring everyone is safe, and cleaning up afterwards.

To that end, read more in this issue about our annual post-Halloween residents' survey

and our public "after action" feedback meeting later this month. Your input helps us better plan for next October and Halloween.

Also in this issue, read more about the City's home rehabilitation loan, available for homeowners who qualify under the income thresholds and to carry out accessibility modifications and improvements.

Turn to the last page of the newsletter for details about Salem Senior Fun Day—a great collaboration between Salem State University and our own Salem for All Ages initiative. I hope you can attend!

There's also information about an upcoming special fundraising event for the Salem Scholarship Fund. This fund is usually supported by taxpayers who voluntarily sign on to add a bit more to their bill to support the scholarships. Earlier this year a new slate of volunteers joined the Scholarship and Education Committee, which oversees the fund, and they've been hard at work identifying other avenues to help raise donations for this worthwhile cause. If you can't make it to the event, you can donate online at

www.salem.com/scholarship.

Tomorrow, Tuesday November 5th, is Election Day here in Salem. Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Voters city-wide will be casting ballots to elect our next City Council and three of the six School Committee members. It's an important election, so please remember to take a few minutes to stop by your polling place and cast your ballot!

Finally, on the most recent FYI Salem podcast, I chat with Cathy Hoog, the new Executive Director of the Salem Housing Authority. Find it at <https://www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/fyi-salem-podcast> or subscribe on Apple podcasts, Stitcher, TuneIn, and Soundcloud.

As always, thanks for reading the FYI Salem newsletter and please encourage friends and neighbors to subscribe at www.salem.com/subscribe.

Thanks!

Kim Driscoll
Mayor
City of Salem

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day in the City of Salem. Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. To find your polling place, please visit www.wheredoivotema.com or call the City Clerk's office at 978-619-5611. Up for election are all City Council seats, including all seven Ward Councillor and all four Councillor-at-Large positions, as well as three School Committee seats. View the ballot in advance by visiting

<https://www.salem.com/city-clerk-elections/news/specimen-ballots-city-biennial-election-be-held-november-5-2019>.



Halloween Survey

The 2019 Salem residents' Haunted Happenings and Halloween survey is now online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HauntedHappenings2019>. 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. 2019 marks the tenth year that the City has collected this feedback. It will be online until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12th.

A public "after action" meeting to gather feedback in person will take place on Monday, November 25th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center at 401 Bridge Street. The feedback meeting will be held in an "open house" style: residents are invited to stop by any time between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to meet

Dining for a Cause

Support the Salem Scholarship Fund! A portion of sales at Flatbread Pizza, 311 Derby Street, on Tuesday November 12th will go to support the fund and the Scholarship and Education Committee will also be running a 50/50 raffle that evening, as well.

The Salem Scholarship Fund provides educational financial aid to deserving city residents. Since 2003 the committee has awarded nearly \$80,000 in scholarships to Salem students graduating from Salem High School, Salem Academy Charter School, and other schools. Scholarship amounts vary from year to year, based on the number of applications.

Find out more at the Salem Scholarship Fund, the Scholarship and Education Committee, and how you can donate to support the fund by visiting www.salem.com/scholarship. You can also donate to the fund by texting SALEM to 44-321.





City of Salem Housing Rehabilitation Program

DOES YOUR HOME NEED REPAIRS OR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS?

The City of Salem's Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program provides interest free loans that can be used to undertake repairs, remedy emergency, serious or potential health and safety hazards, or provide for handicapped access.

Typical Repairs:

- electrical & plumbing upgrades
- window and door replacements
- heating system repairs
- roofing
- deleading
- handicap modifications
(bath alterations, ramps, etc.)

Lower income households have no monthly payments & loan is forgiven after 10 years (single family) or 15 years (2-4 units).

Moderate income households make affordable monthly payments.

To qualify, the property must be owner-occupied and the household must meet income eligibility guidelines.

For all program guidelines or to determine if you qualify, contact:

T. Naomi Francisco, Housing Coordinator
Department of Planning & Community Development
120 Washington Street, 3rd Floor
(978) 619-5685
nfrancisco@salem.com

Or visit www.salem.com for "Housing Programs"

Note: Applications are ranked by priority needs. Projects may be placed on a waiting list.



This program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, ancestry, marital status, veteran history/military status, genetic information, familial status, sexual orientation, disability or status with regard to public assistance. This program is funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds.



Salem Senior Fun Day!

A collaboration with Salem for All Ages
and the Healthcare Studies Department at Salem State University.



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16
10 am – 1 pm

Salem State South Campus
Harrington Building,
90 Harrison Avenue, Salem, MA

Join Healthcare Studies
Department students & faculty,
Salem seniors & residents
for a day of activities such as
games, exercise, crafts, and
fellowship. Gift basket raffles
and lunch too!

RSVP by November 8 to bhs@salemstate.edu or 978.542.3015