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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

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

Spring has arrived and with the resumption of our bike share program, with Zagster. You'll notice more bikes and Zagster stations around the community, as this popular program continues to grow. In the first two years of the bike share we had around 10,000 rides—that's 10,000 fewer car trips on Salem streets. The growth of our bike share program also dovetails with our increased investment in bicycling and alternative mobility infrastruc-

ture, from pedestrian safety enhancements, to the second phase of the Mayor Salvo Multi-Use Path off-street, to the forthcoming installation of new bike lanes through our downtown.

Spring also means its time to start with the yard work! Once again, Salem residents can bring their yard waste to the Transfer Station on Saturdays or Sundays, starting April 20th, or put it out curbside on the designated curbside yard waste collection weeks. For more information, check out <https://www.salem.com/recycling-and-trash>.

The tenth installment of our annual Residents' Survey is now live at www.salem.com/mayor. Please take a few minutes to provide us with your feedback about City services and issues. The survey will be online through April 21.

Finally, get the details for the next installment of

the regular Repair Café organized by Salem Recycles. Bring your household items that might need a small repair to get more life out of them!

Tune in to the latest FYI Salem podcast for my conversation Jen and Erik Sayce from Goodnight Fatty, a pop-up cookie bakery here in Salem. You can find the podcast at <https://www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/fyi-salem-podcast> or search for it on iTunes, Stitcher, or TuneIn.

Thank you again for taking the time to read the FYI Salem newsletter! If you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested in this newsletter, please feel free to forward it along or encourage them to subscribe themselves by visiting www.salem.com/subscribe.

Kim Driscoll
Mayor
City of Salem



Bike Share Resumes

An undeniable sign of the start of spring, Salem's bike share has relaunched for the 2019 season. Salem residents and visitors will have even more opportunities to take advantage of warmer weather, thanks to expanded support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts that has made it possible to increase the fleet size by 30 bikes and to add six new docking stations throughout the city. This brings the system total to 80 bikes and 16 docks.

"Please join me in celebrating the start of spring by welcoming back Salem's Zagster bike share system," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "Having logged nearly 10,000 rides in its first two seasons, our partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Salem State University has helped us build a successful system. With increased support from Blue Cross, an expanded system will be an even more viable means of getting around Salem."

Bike share docks are located at destinations throughout Salem, such as the Commuter Rail Station, Salem State University, Salem Willows Park and the ferry terminal at Blaney Street. Six new docks expand the reach of the system to locations such as Winter Island, Collins Cove and the new Mayor Anthony Salvo Multiuse Path along Canal Street. In addition to the docking stations, riders may also start or end a ride at any public bike rack.

The expansion of the bike share system comes at a time of great momentum for cycling in Salem. The City recently cut the ribbon on the first phase of the Mayor Anthony Salvo Multiuse Path along Canal Street. When phase two is completed, it will connect downtown to Salem State, Marblehead and beyond. In addition, the City has completed an updated Bike Master Plan that charts the development of a comprehensive network of bike infrastructure, programs and policies to support cycling, to be implemented over the coming years. Riders can sign up for Zagster at www.zagster.com/salem or through the Zagster smartphone app. To begin a ride, follow Zagster's instructions to unlock a bike either through the app or with SMS text messaging.

Transfer Station Opening

Residents with proof of residency or property ownership will be able to resume dropping off yard waste at the Salem Transfer Station on Swampscott Road on April 20. Drop off hours are Saturdays 7am-3pm and Sundays 9am-5pm.

Yard waste should be dropped off in a paper yard waste bag or dumped loose at the designated area on the site. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted and stumps and branches greater than 2" in diameter will also not be accepted. The next curbside yard waste collection will take place the week of April 22nd. Subsequent curbside yard waste collection will take place the weeks of June 24, September 23, October 21, and December 2, 2019. Curbside collection of yard waste takes place on the regularly scheduled trash day for the street.

Residential trash and construction and demolition debris are not accepted at the Transfer Station.





2019 Residents Survey

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll has announced that the tenth annual Salem Residents Survey is now online. The survey is available in English and in Spanish by clicking the “2019 Salem Residents Survey” buttons at www.salem.com/mayors-office. The 2019 residents’ survey will be online until Sunday, April 21. 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 2019 survey marks the tenth 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.

Repair Cafe

When

Saturday, April 6

Where

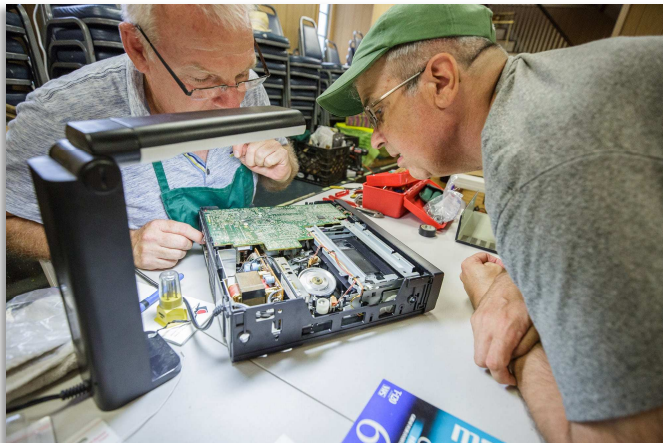
The Bridge at 211, 211 Bridge Street, Salem-Dickson Room on Bridge

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Contact Julie at jrose@salem.com or 978-619-5679

Organized jointly by [SalemRecycles](#) and [The Bridge at 211](#), the Salem’s sixth Repair Café will take place on Saturday, April 6 from 9am until noon (last appointment at 11:30) at The Bridge at 211. Repair volunteers will be available to mend clothing, sew buttons, sharpen scissors and knives, tinker with or rewire electronics and lamps, and glue wooden furniture and ceramics. NOTE: Please use entrance on Bridge Street.

There are a very limited number of pre-registration slots available. Contact Julie at jrose@salem.com or 978-619-5679.



Housing Workshop

Join the City of Salem and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for a free workshop about housing on **Tuesday, April 23, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in the Community Life Center, located at 401 Bridge St. in Salem. Workshop participants will hear about the need for housing in Salem and how housing supply impacts prices and rents.

Participants will then give input on two proposed tools:

- Inclusionary Zoning, a tool municipalities can use to require the creation of affordable housing; and
- Potential changes to how accessory dwelling units are currently regulated so that more opportunities for affordable housing can be created.

The event will start with welcoming remarks from Mayor Kimberley Driscoll and an open house where guests can view posters and watch a video about housing need in Salem. After the open house there will be a presentation, followed by discussions in small groups to go over specific aspects of inclusionary zoning and accessory dwelling units.

This event is free and open to all. Spanish language interpretation will be provided. Childcare will not be provided, but parents are welcome to bring their children to the workshop. To stay up to date on housing matters in Salem, visit bit.ly/salemhousing.



Join us for a

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Salem Housing Workshop!

Mayor Driscoll and the City invite you to discuss housing need in Salem, inclusionary zoning, and accessory dwelling units

April 23, 2019
6:00PM - 8:00PM
Community Life Center
401 Bridge Street

Homes for Salem!

MAPC

Imagine Salem

