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# FYI SALEM

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## From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

As Summer comes to an end here in Salem, we're preparing for the autumn months and all they bring—including the start of school and the approach of our October season.

If you are part of the Salem Public School community you've likely been following closely the many changes that have taken place over the last month. While we are heading back to class with remote instruction for now, please know that we believe in-person learning is more effective and we are working toward a plan that will allow all our students to resume in-person classes as soon as it is safe to do so.

To that end we are monitoring a variety of COVID-19 metrics, addressing and optimizing the ventilation and HVAC systems

in every school building, and ensuring we have the protective equipment, sanitizing supplies, and other necessary materials ready to go for when we can return to the classroom.

In terms of Haunted Happenings, we expect that Massachusetts will be in Phase 3 of the reopening phases, which puts significant limitations on the size of gatherings and the types of events that can take place.

For that reason, many of our customary Haunted Happenings events are not possible under the state's rules. There are still museums and attractions, retailers, and restaurants open, however. These local employers rely on October to be able to continue operating throughout the rest of the year. If you're a local who has typically avoided downtown in past Octobers, please consider coming out to support these local businesses this year. We want them to be able to survive.

As you may know, free COVID-19 testing will run through September 30th at Salem High School, both via drive-through and walk-up. This testing is available for all Salem residents and those who work in Salem. No insurance or proof of citizenship is required, and you don't have to be symptomatic to get tested.

I hope everyone in Salem will take a few minutes to get a COVID-19 test, but especially if you are in a high risk population or work in a sector that interacts frequently with the public. Broad-based testing is one of the most important tools we have to curtailing the spread of the virus and allowing our schools and local economy to reopen sooner and more safely.

Lastly, we've expanded the weekly COVID-19 case data report, published at [www.salem.com/covid](http://www.salem.com/covid), into the new COVID-19 Local Data Dashboard. This report includes data on the strength of the local economy, community wellness metrics, as well as the case rates and transmission, testing, and hospital readiness data that has always been published. Fall is a crucial time period as we begin schools (both SPS and SSU), anticipate visitors downtown and spend more time indoors as the weather gets cooler. Please get tested and remain vigilant with wearing masks, keeping safe distances, and washing hands frequently.

Thanks for reading the latest FYI Salem newsletter. Subscribe to get the latest City news and announcements at [www.salem.com/subscribe](http://www.salem.com/subscribe)

*Kim Driscoll*

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Mayor

## SALEM: GET A TEST

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES,  
PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORS, STOP THE SPREAD



**FREE COVID-19 TESTS.  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30**

MASS.GOV/STOPHESPREAD



## SALEM: HÁGASE LA PRUEBA

PROTEJA A SUS SERES QUERIDOS,  
PROTEJA A SUS VECINOS, DETENGA LA PROPAGACIÓN



**PRUEBAS GRATUITAS DE COVID-19  
HASTA EL 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE**

MASS.GOV/STOPHESPREAD



**Salem High School**  
**77 Willson Street**

**Mondays 2-6pm**  
**Tuesdays 10am-2pm**  
**Wednesdays 2-6pm**  
**Thursdays 10am-2pm**  
**Fridays 2-6pm**  
**Saturdays 10am-2pm**

**Lunes 2-6pm**  
**Martes 10am-2pm**  
**Miércoles 2-6pm**  
**Jueves 10am-2pm**  
**Viernes 2-6pm**  
**Sábado 10am-2pm**

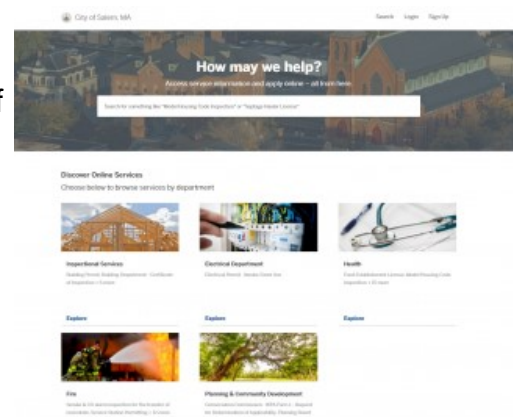
## Online Permitting

The City of Salem has launched an online permitting portal, [salem.viewpointcloud.com](https://salem.viewpointcloud.com), that provides convenient access to 49 different municipal permits and licenses from the Salem Building Department, Electrical Department, Fire Department, Health Department, and Planning and Community Development Department.

The online system provides for the seamless submission of applications, tracking their progress, and making payments. To begin, navigate to <https://salem.viewpointcloud.com> and create an account using your email address.

“As we continue to identify ways to innovate and improve the delivery of City services, I am excited that Salem is now able to offer this online permitting portal,” said Mayor Driscoll.

“While the work to put this new tool in place started prior to the current pandemic, it’s also timely as more and more residents and businesses look to convenient, online options to conduct their business. I’m grateful to the City team that has been working for months to set up this new system, including the staff in the five permitting departments and our IT Department.”



# Hazardous & Electronics Waste

The City of Salem holds its annual **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** day on **Saturday, September 12th**, from 8 a.m. to noon, Salem High School, 77 Willson Street. The hazardous waste collection day is open to Salem and Beverly residents. The cost per car is \$20.00, cash only, and proof of residency is required. No commercial vehicles allowed. Residents of other communities can attend from 11am-noon and should call the Salem Board of Health for pricing. Drop off items such as motor oil, chemicals, pesticides, car batteries, propane cylinders, and paint. Tires and latex paint will not be accepted. Air dry latex paint in cans and place in regular trash.

Due to the ongoing pandemic the following COVID related protocols have been put in place to protect employees working the event and residents coming to dispose of hazardous waste. These protocols will be strictly enforced:

- Household Hazardous Waste will only be accepted from pickup truck beds, trunks, and the back of SUVs (waste will not be removed from the interior of vehicles or handed to staff from residents)
- Containers used to transport household hazardous waste will not be returned to the owner – this includes but is not limited to gas containers and storage totes.
- Any resident who attempts to or exits their car will be asked to leave the event and will not be allowed to dispose of their waste.
- All must wear a mask or face covering while disposing of waste




As household hazardous waste day will take place the morning of September 12, 2020, COVID testing for that day will take place from 2 -6PM. For more information and a list of acceptable items, please call

the Board of Health at 978-741-1800 or visit our website at <http://www.salem.com/health/pages/household-hazardous-waste>.

Salem residents and property owners (with ID or tax bill) can **recycle electronics waste** on **Saturday, September 26, 2020** from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Salem High School. Recycle anything with a plug. \$20 (cash or check payable to the vendor, "RMG Enterprise") for each TV or monitor, freon appliance (fridge, AC, freezer, dehumidifier), or piece of exercise equipment (treadmills, bikes, ellipticals etc.).


All other electronics are free: computer tower, laptop, tablet, cell phone, small appliances, household electronics, printer, fax, VCR, CD player, etc. No commercial drop offs or white goods (washers, dryers, stoves, etc.). Call Waste Management (800-972-4545) to schedule a free white good curbside pick-up. E-items containing mercury, along with CFL bulbs, can be brought to Department of Public Services, 5 Jefferson Ave., during regular City business hours.



## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

### City of Salem

[salem.com/covid](http://salem.com/covid)



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



# Fall Street Sweeping

Fall street sweeping is underway on residential neighborhoods through Friday, September 25 and will continue on Salem's entrance corridors beginning on Tuesday, September 29 and running through Thursday, October 8.

Residential neighborhood 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. To find a specific street sweeping date, locate what zone your street is in on the 2020 Fall Street Sweeping Schedule and match it with the calendar. Monday sweep schedules are for the preceding Friday's trash day. Street sweeping schedules can be found at [www.salem.com/streetsweeping](http://www.salem.com/streetsweeping), at the Department of Public Services at 5 Jefferson Avenue and City Hall. There is also a searchable map online at [www.salem.com/streetsweeping](http://www.salem.com/streetsweeping).

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 can move their vehicles back onto their street. For a complete list of parking alternatives go to [www.salem.com/streetsweeping](http://www.salem.com/streetsweeping).

Please remember if you choose to move your vehicle to an alternative parking street that you must adhere to all current parking restrictions and metered rates on these entrance corridors, including "resident only" parking restrictions that require a valid resident parking sticker for that zone.

Entrance corridor sweeping will take place Tuesday, September 29 through Thursday, October 8. Each entrance corridor will be swept over a period of two consecutive days, which will alternate between the odd and even side of the streets. Each corridor will be posted with temporary 'No Parking/Tow Zone' signs and parking will be prohibited between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. You can find the 2020 entrance corridor sweeping schedule at [www.salem.com/streetsweeping](http://www.salem.com/streetsweeping).

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](http://www.salem.com).

# Ferry Service Suspended



Due to low ridership, Boston Harbor Cruises, operated by Hornblower Cruises and Events, has suspended service for the remainder of the 2020 season.

Weather permitting, the Landing restaurant will continue to operate its regular hours. For more information, please see [www.salemferry.com](http://www.salemferry.com).



**FREE**

# BOOK DAY!

A socially distant community event!

**SATURDAY, Sept. 26**

**9AM-2PM**



Share your free books!  
Leave books at your curb for  
residents to take. No book  
drop offs at participating  
locations

To learn more about setting up a table, please contact:

**mguglielmi@salem.com**

**or Call 978-619-5672**

Visit **GreenSalem.com** for a list and map of  
participating addresses

**facebook** Instagram

# School Updates

## A note from Steve Zrike, Superintendent

We can't wait to welcome your child back to school next week (Sept. 14th for grades 1-12 and Sept. 16th for Prek and K) virtually or in-person! Our educators have worked tirelessly to prepare for a strong start to this most unusual school year. They have participated in 11 days of training- familiarizing themselves with our learning management system, planning for the first few weeks of school, connecting with families, and reviewing our health and safety protocols. The team is poised to deliver a high-quality experience for each of our almost 4,000 students. We are excited about the opportunity to reconnect with your children and show off all our new learning.

We will continue to host weekly Facebook Lives, regularly post on social media, and distribute our district newsletter. Additionally, feel free to reach out to your child's school and/or teacher if you have further questions. We are all here to serve your family and we have appreciated your partnership as we navigate these uncertain times. Thank you for being flexible, patient and as always strong advocates for your children.

## Preparing for the first day of school

We are all looking forward to the start of school this Monday with a lot of hope and a little predictable anxiety. By now, you should have heard from your school or classroom teacher with information about schedules. You should expect to hear from your teachers on a regular basis to keep you informed on schedules and learning opportunities such as Hubs and small group meetings. If you have not heard from your school, [please contact them immediately](#).

We know that there are many questions about how to successfully use all of the technology to make remote learning work. Salem Public Schools has created a [Family Technology Support Landing Pad](#) to help guide you through. Please bookmark this resource for your school technology needs. If you need additional help, please contact your classroom teacher.

## Frequently Asked Questions

We know that families still have many questions about this unique start to the school year. We have created a [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) document](#) ([Spanish](#)) that will be continuously updated as we advance through this school year. Please take a look and if you still have a question that was not addressed, please send it to [publicrelations@saalemk12.org](mailto:publicrelations@saalemk12.org).

## Still have an urgent need for a device or internet service?

If you still need a Chromebook or have an urgent need for internet access, our bi-lingual tech help desk phone line is live! You can reach the help desk at 978-619-1450 for assistance. If you have further questions, please contact Marc Leblanc [mleblanc@saalemk12.org](mailto:mleblanc@saalemk12.org).

## Food Services

Starting on 9/14: In person students will be provided with breakfast and lunch while they are in the school buildings. For our remote learners, the Food Service Department will offer breakfast and lunch to be distributed on Mondays (includes breakfast and lunch for 2 days), Wednesdays (includes breakfast and lunch for 2 days), and Fridays (includes breakfast and lunch for 3 days) at the following schools: Bates, Carlton, Collins, Horace Mann, Saltonstall and Witchcraft Heights. Distribution will be between 3-4pm (changed from the 9-11 pickup time).

SPS will also be delivering breakfasts and lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to:

Pequot Highlands 9:30am- 10:00 am

Salem Heights 10:00am- 10:30 am

Loring towers 10:45am- 11:15am

Rainbow Terrace 10:30am- 11:00am

## Flu Vaccine

As a reminder, all students are required per an order by the Governor's office to receive a flu vaccine prior to December 31st. We will be working to make these vaccines available at our schools throughout the Fall.