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## From the Mayor's Desk



"Time flies over us, but leaves its shadow behind," Salem author Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote in 1860. Now, as we approach the 20th anniversary of the terrible attacks of September 11, 2001, time has passed by, but the shadow of that awful day remains, long and indelible.

It extends over those who lost loved ones and colleagues that day – in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. It covers those who lost family and friends in the war that followed and those veterans who returned to us from those conflicts, most especially those wounded, in body and in mind. It extends over our Muslim neighbors who, blameless and peaceful, even American themselves in most cases, felt the sting of prejudice and re-

criminations in the wake of the attacks, and over the millions of innocents across the world whose lives were disrupted – often with violence and displacement – by the last two decades of war.

Like so many others, I was at work on the morning of September 11, 2001. I vividly remember standing alongside my coworkers at City Hall in Chelsea, where I was serving as Chief Legal Counsel at the time, watching the attacks unfold live. Watching the heroic women and men of the New York City police and fire departments responding with speed and skill. Then, watching the buildings come down.

On September 11, 2001, Salem firefighters were among the members of FEMA's Massachusetts Task Force 1, which responded to Ground Zero. The scope of the devastation, and of the evil that caused it, was unimaginable up until then, but they responded to the mission at hand with supreme dedication. Sadly, what began as a rescue effort very quickly became one of recovery, instead. Nevertheless, they did what the situation required of them, and they car-

ried those duties out with a level professionalism that should make every Salem resident proud.

The shadow of September 11th will likely never fully be gone from our lives or the lives of future generations of Americans. It's changed so much of our daily lives, our government's policies and practices, and our role and reputation in the world. But, as tragic as that day was, it helps to remember that a shadow can only exist where there is also light. We have the light from the memory of those we lost, as well as those who responded with courage and compassion. And the light from the unity our country experienced in the days after the attacks. That may be the most lasting hallmark of September 11th.

Now, especially, as we face the challenges of these past year and a half, we can recognize that, in the face of great national tragedy, Americans have unified before. It's in our history and in our nature. And there is no reason we cannot strive to do it again.

Kim Driscoll  
Mayor  
City of Salem

## Tourism Survey

Destination Salem, the City's destination marketing organization, is seeking resident feedback about your sentiments regarding tourism in Salem. To provide your input, please fill out the survey online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SalemResidents>. Those who complete the survey will be entered to win a random drawing for a \$100 gift certificate at the Salem restaurant of your choice.



Applications are open for the 2021-2022 Salem Cultural Council (SCC) grant program. The Salem Cultural Council has been allotted \$25,400.00 in state funding to regrant to eligible applicants. Submit an application to help your creative endeavors come into fruition! For the 2021/2021 cycle, the SCC's is seeking applications that align with the theme: Uplifting a Healthy Resilient Community. Additionally the SCC will give priority to:

- \*Projects that help Salem thrive during a period when the cultural community is looking to a brighter future in a creative and optimistic way.
- \*Applicants who reside, work, have an organization in Salem or have an established partnership with an organization based in Salem.
- \*Programs that activate unexpected or underutilized canvases and performance spaces within the City of Salem.
- \*Programs that take place in Salem or benefit the residents of Salem.
- \*Programs that celebrate and promote the diversity of our community.
- \*Programs that are educational and accessible for the community, regardless of age or ability.

Applications will be evaluated using the following review criteria: How well the program meets local priorities; evidence of track record and dedication of the applicant; ability to address the diverse cultural needs of the community's underserved populations; demonstrated planning (i.e. the ability to complete the project within the cycle year); financial need; and state requirements and criterion. For the FY22 Grant Cycle, the Salem Cultural Council is once again participating in the Supplemental Grant Pilot Program, which means that approved grantees will receive their funding upfront, not as a reimbursement.

Applications are due October 15, 2021 by 11:59pm. Applications must be submitted digitally. No hard copy applications will be accepted. Visit [https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com/s\\_Login.jsp](https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp) for the online application.

## COVID Testing Change

The downtown Salem walk-up COVID-19 "Stop the Spread" testing site has been relocated to **St. Peter's Church, 24 St. Peter Street**. Testing hours there are Mondays-Thursdays 9am-3pm and Fridays 9am-2pm. Follow the posted signage at the new location to enter the site. Masks are required inside the testing site at all times. Drive-up COVID-19 testing continues to be available at Salem High School, 77 Wilson Street, Mondays-Fridays 4-8pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm.

### SALEM: GET A TEST

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES  
PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORS  
STOP THE SPREAD

### FREE COVID-19 TESTS

MASS.GOV/STOPTHESPREAD



# Preliminary Election

The 2021 municipal preliminary election takes place on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Polling places will be open from 7am to 8pm. Check your voter registration status or find your polling place by clicking on the "Election Central" tab at [www.salem.com](http://www.salem.com).



**VOTING  
INFORMATION**

The polling place for Ward 2 (both precincts) for the September 14, 2021 and November 2, 2021 City elections will be at the Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center, 401 Bridge Street. Note that this is a change from the previous polling place at St. Peter's Church hall.

For the 2021 elections the Ward 1 Precinct 2 polling place has been moved back to the Community Room at 135 Lafayette Street and the Ward 7 (both precincts) polling location has been moved back to the Enterprise Center, 121 Loring Avenue.



# American Rescue Plan

The City of Salem has launched a survey, available online in English and Spanish at [www.salem.com/rescue](http://www.salem.com/rescue), to help gather public input about the City's use of the federal COVID-19 relief funds provided to it by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The survey will be online through Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the survey, residents, employers, and workers in the community are invited to participate in two public forums intended to take in additional public feedback about the City's ARPA allocation.

One forum will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and the second on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Both will be held online via Zoom; links and dial-in details will be posted at [www.salem.com/rescue](http://www.salem.com/rescue) the week prior to each forum.

"We are working in a thoughtful and transparent manner with respect to Salem's federal ARPA relief," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "This aid will provide an opportunity to plan and leverage resources for the benefit of everyone in our community as we recover from the pandemic. I hope all residents will weigh in, whether through the survey, the forums, or both, to offer their input, thoughts, and ideas about what our greatest priorities are and what values should guide our investment of these important funds."

# Masks in Salem

Per order of the Salem Board of Health, to help limit the spread of COVID-19 — especially during the busy October season in Salem — masks are required to be worn over the mouth and nose when inside any business or City building through at least November 13, 2021.

Read the complete order at [www.salem.com/masks](http://www.salem.com/masks).





# Street Sweeping

The annual Fall street sweeping program began in residential neighborhoods on Monday, August 30 through Monday, September 27 and will continue on Salem's entrance corridors beginning on Tuesday, September 29 and running through Thursday, October 7.

Neighborhood sweeping will 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 7am and 3pm. 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 2021 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 DPS office at 5 Jefferson Ave, City Hall, and the Salem Public Library. There is also a searchable map online at [www.salem.com/streetsweeping](http://www.salem.com/streetsweeping).



Residents may 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 list of parking alternatives go to [www.salem.com/streetsweeping](http://www.salem.com/streetsweeping). 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.

The last entrance corridor sweeping for the season will take place Tuesday, September 28 through Thursday, October 7. 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 2021 entrance corridor sweeping schedule at [www.salem.com/streetsweeping](http://www.salem.com/streetsweeping).

The last downtown sweep will take place on Wednesday, September 15, and the last two Point neighborhood sweeps will take place on September 13 and September 27. 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).

**KEEP SALEM OPEN,  
SAFE, AND STRONG!**

Masks are required in all indoor public spaces.

**MASK UP TO BEAT COVID-19, STOP THE SPREAD, AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!**

Learn more at [salem.com/covid](http://salem.com/covid)

City of Salem Weekly COVID-19 Stats			
Case and testing data to September 4 2021. Hospitalization and vaccination data as of September 9, 2021.			
Total Cases 5,071	Current Active Cases 78 ↑	New Cases in Last 14 Days 95 ↓	14 Day Average New Case Rate 15.1 ↓
Salem Hospital COVID+ All 11 ↓	Salem Hospital COVID+ ICU 3 ↑	Regional Hospital Capacity 8.1% ↑	Regional Hospital Beds Open 8 ICU ↓ 76 Med/Surg ↑
Total Tests 173,645	Tests in Last 14 Days 6,404 ↑	Percent Positivity in Last 14 Days 1.9% ↓	Unvaccinated in Salem X times more likely to get COVID 10.5x ↑
Total 1+ Dose of Vaccine 32,114	New 1st Doses in Last 14 Days 687 ↓	% All Residents with 1+ Dose 71.3%	% Eligible Residents with 1+ Dose 81.2%
<a href="http://www.salem.com/covid">www.salem.com/covid</a>			