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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

As you may have heard by now, I have appointed Lucas Miller to be the next Chief of the Salem Police Department.

Miller is a thirty-year veteran of the New York Police Department, including 16 years in supervisory capacities, and has been a Detective Lieutenant in that department since 2017.

In that role he currently serves as a task force manager for the NYPD FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, where he oversees a staff of 33 and all the administrative command functions of the unit.

al Academy, Detective Lieutenant Miller started in policing with the Wellfleet Police Department before moving on to the NYPD in 1991.

In his three decades with NYPD he has served as a detective squad commander in both the NYPD Detective Bureau and the Intelligence Bureau, as well as homicide supervisor, patrol supervisor, narcotics investigator, and community policing officer.

Detective Lieutenant Miller is also a counterterrorism instructor for the NYPD Police Academy.

Detective Lieutenant Miller excelled in the assessment evaluation of applicants for this important position and, after meeting with him, hearing the feedback from our diverse group of community stakeholders who interviewed him, and speaking with those who worked with and for him in the past, I am confident he will be a strong leader for the department.

Policing in America has changed, even in just the past

year, and we justifiably expect our law enforcement officers to approach their work with a commitment to equity.

I'm confident Detective Lieutenant Miller will do just that. Detective Lieutenant Miller additionally has extensive command experience in large scale events and with community policing, both of which are especially relevant here in Salem.

I look forward to welcoming him to Salem and into this extremely important role in our community.

Detective Lieutenant Miller will be sworn in as Salem's Chief of Police at a ceremony to take place later this spring. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the swearing-in ceremony will be by invitation only, however the event will be streamed live online and broadcast on Salem Access TV.

Thank you, and be well.

Kim Driscoll
Mayor
City of Salem

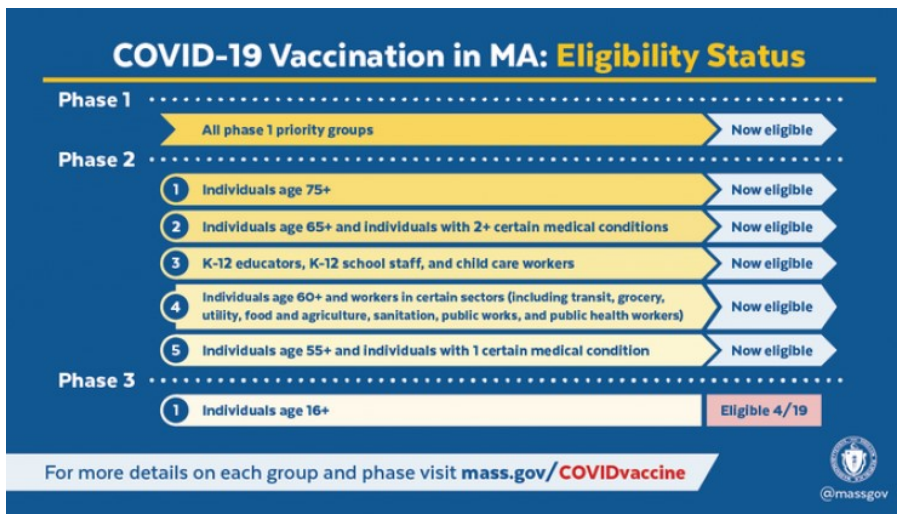
Artist Row News

Spring has sprung and Summer is just around the corner; come shake off the winter blues with the shops on Artists' Row at our seasons' grand opening Artists' Row Market Day Launch Party. On Saturday, May 1st Artists' Row will come alive with activity. Starting at 10am visitors can meet local artists, see them in their natural habitat, participate in free hands-on art making activities, sign up for workshops, listen to some live tunes, grab a bite to eat and even do a bit of shopping. There is so much the shops on Artists' Row have to offer, don a mask and come down for a visit. Find out more at www.salem.com/home/news/salems-artists-row-market-day-launch-party.



The City of Salem's Public Art Commission and the Salem Arts Festival are teaming up to present the 6th annual Salem Arts Festival Mural Slam (SAF Mural Slam) on Artists Row on June 5th and 6th. This dynamic live painting event engages the public with creative producers and contributes to downtown Salem's cultural vitality. Salem Arts Festival is a project of Salem Main Streets and Creative Collective.

In the interest of visually enlivening this creative hub for residents and visitors alike, the City of Salem and Salem Arts Festival are inviting artists to contribute downtown Salem's reputation as a destination for world-class, inspiring, and engaging public art. Selected SAF Mural Slam artists will have the opportunity to present their work alongside the skilled artisans of Artists' Row and will benefit from sharing their work with the roughly one million visitors who come to Salem each year. Apply by May 14th. More details are online at <https://www.salem.com/home/news/2021-salem-arts-festival-mural-slam-call-artists>.



Important vaccination information can be found at www.salem.com/vaccine.

Links to make an appointment, transportation assistance, eligibility information, and much more.

The latest COVID response information from the City of Salem can be found at www.salem.com/covid.

Note: Free COVID testing has been extended to June 30th. Read more at www.salem.com/stopthespread.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

City of Salem
salem.com/covid



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Neighborhood Ambassadors

As part of the City's efforts to recover from COVID-19 Salem is launching the COVID Neighborhood Ambassadors program. Through this initiative, the City is seeking neighbors who are willing to step up and make a big difference right in the communities where they live. Neighborhood Ambassadors will be trained to directly engage and assist their neighbors in promoting vaccines and accessing various services and resources. This initiative will be directed by a Coordinator, who will work directly with Neighborhood Ambassadors to develop a comprehensive outreach and engagement plan unique to their neighborhoods.



In addition to improving the health of their community by promoting vaccines, Ambassadors will assist their community's economic and social wellbeing by helping neighbors access services such as housing assistance, food, and job placement and training. More details are available at www.salem.com/ambassadors.

"The COVID Neighborhood Ambassadors program is natural outgrowth of Salem Together, the City's program that connected volunteers and those in need early in the pandemic, and provided access to critical support services and resources," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "Salem is resilient and, while we have weathered a challenging year, we're stronger because we pulled together and supported one another. Our COVID Neighborhood Ambassadors are an extension of that commitment to each other. No one



Resident Survey

The 12th annual Salem Residents Survey is now online through 10am April 30th, at www.salem.com/mayors-office/pages/salem-residents-survey. All Salem residents are encouraged to take the online survey and share their opinions on a range of issues facing the City of Salem and their view of City services.

The final data is compiled and included in the Mayor's annual budget, which will be published later this spring at www.salem.com/fy22. 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.

Textile Recycling

The City of Salem is partnering with [HELPSY](http://www.helpsy.co) to offer free curbside pick-up of clothing and household textiles for recycling starting April 24th.

Pick-ups will take place weekly on Saturdays and residents must make an appointment in advance to have their items picked up. Simply go to www.helpsy.co/SalemMA and fill out the pick-up request form. Several pickup dates will be offered to choose from. Donations can be left at the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. on the date chosen and HELPSY will come pick up your donation. More details about the service can be found at www.helpsy.co/home-pickup-faq.

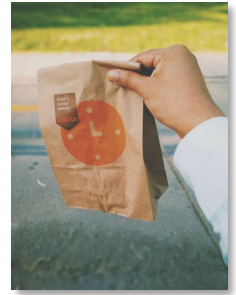


"As a designated Green Community, Salem is dedicated to strengthening our commitment to recycling efforts," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "Our recurring textile recycling events are always successful, but by expanding that into this new free curbside service, which will take place all year round, we're making it even more convenient for residents to recycle textile items. This will help reduce the volume of our solid waste, saving money on trash disposal, as well as better meeting our community's sustainability goals."

School Updates

April Vacation Meal Distribution

Please be advised of our meal distribution schedule for April vacation. There will be two distribution days - Friday, 4/16/21, we will serve meals for five days at the meal sites and again on the following Wednesday, 4/21/21 for five days of meals. Regular Monday, Wednesday, Friday distribution will resume on Monday, April 26th.



Early Release Days, Holidays/Breaks, Report card Distribution and Conferences

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Early release days

Early release days for all schools:

March 24th

March 31st

May 26th

Additionally, Salem High School has the following early release days:

April 14th

May 12th

May 26th

New Liberty Innovation School:

Early release every Wednesday through the school year.

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Holidays and Breaks

April 2nd, Good Friday

April 19-23, April break

May 31st, Memorial Day

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Report Cards (published on the Aspen portal)

PreK-8: March 23rd (parent conferences on March 24th)

June 17th

Salem High School: April 29th (Parent conferences on March 30th)

June 17th

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Last Day of School (Early release)

Pre-K-Kindergarten: June 15th

Grades 1-11: June 17th

SHS Grade 12 last day of classes: May 21st