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# FYI SALEM

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## From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

As part of our ongoing effort to address climate change impacts, I'm pleased to share that we are preparing an update to the City's Flood Hazard Overlay District (FHOD) ordinance.

The amendment builds from recent resiliency related initiatives including the Beverly & Salem "Resilient Together" Climate Action & Resilience Plan, the Resilient Together: El Punto initiative, and the wetlands protection ordinance update.

Input from the general public, working groups, experts, and City staff identified the need to review the current FHOD ordinance in light of projected increased flooding resulting from climate change.

Salem's current flood hazard overlay district ordinance only requires construction to be resilient to today's flood risk.

Salem's ordinance needs to be updated to reflect more recent modeling, which shows increased flooding risks in the future. This policy change will build on the recent wetlands ordinance amendment and help ensure that what we build to meet our housing, transportation, economic development, and recreation needs will be climate resilient. This is a necessary and important step to keep Salem vibrant, equitable, and strong as it faces the future.

In March 2022, the Salem City Council adopted an amended wetlands protection ordinance following a series of public forums and working group meetings held throughout 2021.

The updated ordinance enhances protection of Salem's wetlands and flood zones and gives the Conservation Commission authority to consider climate change adaptation and mitigation in its permitting review.

However, the wetlands ordinance primarily protects the ecological functions of these resource areas, and a zoning ordi-

nance amendment to further protect human health, safety, and welfare within flood zones was identified throughout the process as a necessary next step.

In May 2022, the City Council authorized funding for the flood hazard overlay district zoning ordinance amendment, and the City has hired Beals + Thomas to provide expert support for the effort. In addition, the City has convened an advisory group comprised of staff from the DPCD, Engineering, Building, and Sustainability Departments, members of Salem's land-use boards, and representatives from local environmental groups and the general public.

We've launched a project webpage at [PublicInput.com/SalemFHOD](https://PublicInput.com/SalemFHOD) to share ordinance drafts and other project information with you, and we'll be hosting a public forum to supplement to gather public feedback and input.

I hope you will be part of this important process!

Kim Driscoll  
Mayor  
City of Salem

**Salem**  
Welcome to our Summer Sites!  
¡Bienvenidos a los Sitios Comunitarios!

| Site/Address<br>Sitio / Dirección         | Days per Week<br>Días por Semana      | Dates<br>Fechas   | Meals / Times<br>Comidas / Horas   |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Bates</b><br>53 Liberty Hill Ave       | Monday - Friday<br>Lunes - Viernes    | 7/5/22 - 8/12/22  | Breakfast/Desayuno: 8:00am - 8:30pm<br>Lunch/Almuerzo: 11:00pm - 12:00pm |
| <b>Saltonstall</b><br>211 Lafayette St    | Monday - Friday<br>Lunes - Viernes    | 7/5/22 - 8/12/22  | Breakfast/Desayuno: 8:30am<br>Lunch/Almuerzo: 11:00pm - 12:00pm          |
| <b>HMLS</b><br>79 Willson St              | Monday - Friday<br>Lunes - Viernes    | 7/5/22 - 8/12/22  | Breakfast/Desayuno: 8:00am - 8:30am<br>Lunch/Almuerzo: 11:00pm - 12:00pm |
| <b>Winter Island</b><br>32 Clifton Ave    | Monday - Friday<br>Lunes - Viernes    | 7/5/22 - 8/19/22  | Lunch/Almuerzo: 11:00am - 11:30am  |
| <b>Forest River</b><br>32 Clifton Ave     | Monday - Friday<br>Lunes - Viernes    | 7/5/22 - 8/19/22  | Lunch/Almuerzo: 11:45pm - 12:15pm  |
| <b>Rainbow Terrace</b><br>Off Loring Ave  | Monday - Friday<br>Lunes - Viernes    | 7/5/22 - 8/19/22  | Lunch/Almuerzo: 12:25pm - 12:55pm  |
| <b>Mary Jane Lee Park</b><br>41 Palmer St | Tuesday - Thursday<br>Martes - Jueves | 6/30/22 - 8/19/22 | Dinner/cena: 4:00pm - 6:00pm   |

Kids and teens eat for free on site all summer long. No ID or registration required.  
Los niños y adolescentes comen gratis durante todo el verano. No se requiere identificación ni registro.

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## Pediatric COVID Vaccines

Children ages 6 months to 5 years old are now able to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine is safe and effective. No insurance or ID required. Find a vaccination site at <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>.

Jóvenes entre seis meses y 5 años pueden recibir la vacuna contra COVID-19. La vacuna es segura y efectiva. No se necesita seguro ni identificación. Encuentra un sitio de vacunarse en <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>.

### COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 4 years old

Children ages 6 months through 5 years old who live in Massachusetts are now able to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine is safe and effective. You don't need an ID or insurance to get it.





## Parking Ticket Appeals

Starting July 1, 2022, the process to appeal a parking ticket in the City of Salem will be changing. In-person appeals to the hearing officer at City Hall will no longer take place after July 1st. Below please find details about how to appeal a parking ticket in Salem starting on July 1, 2022:

**APPEAL PROCESS:** Appeal must be requested within 21 days. Once the appeal is received the city has 21 days to respond. Appeal by e-mailing [tickethearings@salem.com](mailto:tickethearings@salem.com). If you do not have access to email, appeals can be mailed or dropped off in person to: Parking Department, 1 New Liberty Street, Salem MA 01970.

**WARNING:** Per state law, failing to appeal a ticket within 21 days after the date of violation will increase the fine and may result in the state rejecting renewal of the license to drive and the registration of the registered owner.

**BROKEN METERS:** Must be reported for confirmation within 24 hours. Call 978-745-8120.

## ARPA Funds for Transportation

As part of the City of Salem's first round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocations, close to \$1.3 million in federal funds are being directed toward supporting alternative transportation measures to help reduce traffic congestion, make roadways safer, and lessen the community's carbon footprint.

"Salem has long been on the forefront of pioneering and piloting new ways to reduce the number of private passenger vehicles on our roads," said Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll. "From our public ferry to our comprehensive bike infrastructure, and from our innovative on-demand shuttle to our extensive bike and car share programs, our goal is to make it easy for residents and visitors alike to get around Salem car free or car light. By leveraging these federal recovery funds for these efforts, we're able to move even closer to that goal. I remain especially grateful to Congressman Moulton, Senator Warren, and Senator Markey, for their support for the federal funds that made these investments possible."



- \$400,000 will be utilized to continue the popular **Salem Skipper on-demand public shuttle**, which has provided nearly 70,000 rides since it launched in December 2020. These funds are being matched by an allocation from the City's Transportation Enhancement Fund to further support the Skipper's operation for the coming fiscal year.
- \$363,787 will fund the expansion of the **Bluebikes** bikeshare program in Salem, allowing the City to add seven new stations to the network and an additional 44 bikes. This will make the system the City's largest bikeshare program ever. These funds are matched by contributions to the program from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.
- \$93,000 is being directed to the conceptual design phase for the proposed **South Salem Commuter Rail station**. These funds will serve as a match to leverage an additional \$372,000 in federal funding for this project, bringing the total funding commitment to \$465,000.
- \$50,000 will be spent to implement elements of **bicycling infrastructure projects** as called for in the City's Bicycle Master Plan.

# Illegal Fireworks

With the July 4th holiday approaching, the City of Salem, Salem Fire Department, and Salem Police Department would like to remind the community that fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts. State law prohibits the detonation of fireworks, the sale of fireworks, and the purchase of fireworks out-of-state that are subsequently transported into Massachusetts.

In the last decade there have been nearly 1,000 major fires and explosions in the Commonwealth due to illegal fireworks, including fires right here in Salem. Fireworks can cause brush and residential fires, even from a single ember landing in a gutter or lawn.

Fireworks cause extreme stress to veterans and others who may struggle with mental health challenges exacerbated by the loud noise they cause. Panic attacks, injury, loss of sleep, and other disruptions from fireworks being detonated place a tremendous burden on seniors, veterans, and pets.

Lastly, fireworks can result in extreme injury both to the individual setting them off and those nearby. Even small fireworks like sparklers can cause significant and permanent damage, including burns and loss of limbs or fingers. Two out of every five fireworks-related burn injuries are to children and one quarter of them are to children younger than 10 years old. Fireworks are unpredictable and dangerous.

Fines for illegally using fireworks are enforced in Salem at the maximum levels allowed under state law. That means \$300 per offense from the Salem Police Department for detonating them, up to \$1,000 and potential incarceration for illegally selling fireworks, and up to \$1,000 from the Salem Fire Department in additional fines.

Salem Police and Fire Department personnel respond to illegal fireworks complaints in a targeted manner. You can help them respond effectively to these incidents by reporting them using the online tool at [www.salemma.gov/fireworks](http://www.salemma.gov/fireworks) calling 978-744-1212. In an emergency, call 9-1-1.

## FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN THE CITY OF SALEM

**MAXIMUM FINE: \$300 PER OFFENSE**

ALL FIREWORKS ARE **DANGEROUS** & CAN CAUSE:



FIRES



INJURY



DISTRESS FOR VETS  
AND CHILDREN



STRESS FOR PETS

REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORKS NEAR YOU AT [WWW.SALEM.COM/FIREWORKS](http://WWW.SALEM.COM/FIREWORKS)

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## Housing Stability ~ Estabilidad de Vivienda

Free Housing Information & Resources for Salem Landlords & Tenants  
 Información y recursos de vivienda gratuitos para propietarios e inquilinos de Salem

### Drop-In Hours ~ Horario de atención

Community Life Center/Centro de Vida Comunitaria (CLC) – 401 Bridge Street  
 Espacio – 105 Congress Street

#### JULY

| Wednesday            | Thursday              |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 6<br>Espacio 9am-2pm | 7                     |
| 13                   | 14<br>CLC 4pm-7pm     |
| 20                   | 21<br>Espacio 4pm-7pm |
| 27<br>CLC 9am-2pm    | 28                    |

#### AUGUST

| Wednesday            | Thursday              |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3<br>Espacio 9am-2pm | 4                     |
| 10                   | 11<br>CLC 4pm-7pm     |
| 17                   | 18<br>Espacio 4pm-7pm |
| 24<br>CLC 9am-2pm    | 25                    |

Housing Stability  
 Webpage/Página web de  
 estabilidad de vivienda:

[www.salemhousinginfo.com](http://www.salemhousinginfo.com)

Housing Stability Hotline/Línea Directa de Estabilidad  
 de Vivienda: (978) 500-0973

Live answer Wednesdays 9am-2pm & Thursdays 4-7pm/  
 Respuesta en vivo los miércoles 9am-2pm y los jueves 4-  
 7pm. Or leave a message/o deje un mensaje.

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