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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

I hope you are enjoying the summer season! Salem is an enjoyable and fun place in the summer, whether it's spending time at one of our great public beaches or the new pool facility at Forest River Park, enjoying a meal in our vibrant downtown, or attending any number of special events and festivals—Salem is a special place in the summer.

Next month we will host Salem Heritage Days, an annual celebration of fun events for the whole family that lasts for an entire week. You can find out more about the festival in this issue of the newsletter, and find the complete schedule at www.salemma.gov/heritagedays.

Also in this month's issue, read more about the latest allocations released from our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal relief funds. Previous distributions were directed toward essential City capital projects, transportation needs, and economic and workforce recovery. This latest round of funding awards is focused on food security and access. We'll have lots more announcements over the coming weeks on other ARPA distributions, including awards related to housing, equity, and early education and childcare. Find out more at www.salemma.gov/recovery.

Our public services teams are always hard at work to improve existing services and to develop new programs when there are essential needs. Read more in this issue of the newsletter about our new safe skin public health program, a free municipal utility mark-out program for those planning work on their property, and the next installment in our household hazardous waste collection days.

We also made a recent change to our short-term rental registration process, to make it easier to get your property in compliance with our local rules. Now there's just one form to fill out to both

register your rental and get your certificate of fitness. Find out more at www.salemma.gov/str.

Lastly, while we're all certainly exhausted from COVID, it remains critical that we stay vigilant as the virus changes and conditions shift. We expect new guidance from federal officials about booster vaccines for many age groups in the coming weeks. As with all of our COVID information—from case numbers to wastewater surveillance data, and from testing options to vaccine clinic updates—any and all details we receive about these new booster guidelines will be posted online at www.salemma.gov/covid.

Thanks, as always, for taking the time to read the FYI Salem newsletter! As a reminder, you can sign up to get critical updates from the City by subscribing to City News & Announcements at www.salemma.gov/subscribe, download the My Salem MA app for your smart phone, and register for emergency CodeRED notifications at www.salemma.gov/codered.

Kim Driscoll
Mayor
City of Salem



Salem

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

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

Planning home improvements? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? Whether you do it yourself or hire a professional, a safe job starts with a call to Dig Safe® at 811. Dig Safe can mark out gas and electrical utilities; however, they do not mark out municipal utilities (water/sewer/drain).

Now, you can request a free mark out of these City utilities by using a simple online form at <https://salemma.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1099/record-types/6619>.

Use the form before starting your work and Salem Department of Public Services personnel will help you identify where municipal utility lines are in your work site. This can help you avoid costly disruptions later on. If you have questions, please call the Department of Public Services at 978-744-3302.



Preservation Conference



The City of Salem and the Salem Preservation Partners announce the second annual conference focusing on climate change impacts to the region's historic resources. The 1½ day conference will be held in person on September 12 and 13. Building on the 2021 Preservation in a Changing Climate Conference, this year's event will continue to raise awareness of and discuss adaptation strategies to address climate change impacts on historic buildings, landscapes and neighborhoods. The conference included an opening night speaker and educational sessions at the Peabody Essex Museum's Morse Auditorium, tours of historic museum campuses that are addressing the effects of climate change on their historic buildings and a closing reception at The House of the Seven Gables. Keynote speakers from the National Park Service will discuss the new guidelines for adapting historic buildings to flooding.

The fee for the conference is \$30 per person, which includes the keynote speaker, access to PEM's climate change exhibits, education sessions, walking tours, light refreshments, and a closing reception. The Hawthorne Hotel and the Salem Inn are offering discounted rates for conference attendees. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.preservingsalem.com/preservation-in-a-changing-climate-1>.

ARPA Funds for Food Security

As part of Salem's first round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocations, \$591,205 is targeted toward improving food security and enhancing access to healthy and nutritious food options for those in need in the community.

"The ability for Salem residents to access healthy food is incredibly important and was identified in our ARPA surveys as one of the most critical needs facing our community at the moment," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "While we are making new investments through ARPA in supporting our food security efforts, I am proud as well of the incredible work that we have undertaken over the past years to address these issues already. The availability of these federal resources now enables us to go even further to invest in solutions to our food security challenges."



Mack Park Food Farm: \$94,105—This phase of work on the Mack Park Food Farm includes replacement of the parking lot, improvement of drainage, adding accessibility upgrades, and a new pathway to the edible forest. These changes will improve access to food for the community by providing better and more accessible connections to the community farm, stand, and edible forest for everyone. In addition, the funding will also support the construction of raised beds around the perimeter of the farm, which will enable the site to grow even more food.

Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center kitchen: \$140,000—The Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center (CLC) is a hub of activity for seniors, families, and youth. More Salem residents could benefit from programs and meals at the CLC if the existing kitchen is enhanced to a commercial kitchen grade. Currently, prepared congregate meals are delivered and served by a contracted vendor. This project will enable the CLC team to prepare healthy meals on site, providing more nutritious options for CLC users of all ages, to foster a greater sense of community and activity at this important facility.

Salem Food for All: \$28,000 - This funding will expand a number of existing and successful food access programs carried out by Salem Food for All, the City's food policy council. These include the "Meet and Eat" community meals, the Salem Summer Meals program for children, and the Salem Pantry Mobile Market. In all, the funds would provide close to 3,000 meals for Salem's most needy children and families over the remainder of the calendar year.

Root Culinary Job Training: \$63,100

Root is a nonprofit youth job training program in Salem that helps prepare at-risk and other community youth with essential job skills and workforce training in the culinary and hospitality fields. This funding will be used for a wide variety of program needs, from equipment and supplies to transportation support for students, for the rest of 2022.

Salem Pantry: \$266,000

Funding for the Salem Pantry will support the construction of the organization's first brick-and-mortar storefront, including equipment and build-out costs, and capital costs for the expansion of the pantry's mobile market to purchase a farmer's truck enabling more pop-up distributions.



Safe Skin Collaborative

A new collaboration between the City of Salem, seven other North Shore cities and towns, and IMPACT Melanoma, a national non-profit organization dedicated to skin cancer prevention and education, will provide free sunscreen this summer at more than 70 locations, including parks, playgrounds, beaches, and outdoor work sites. The North Shore Practice Safe Skin Collaboration is a two-year initiative funded through a state Public Health Excellence grant that supports regional collaboration between local public health departments. The program provides comprehensive sun

protection for the region, including in neighborhoods where economic challenges and climate change are exacerbating the impacts of sun and heat exposure.

To determine sites for the dispensers, planners took multiple factors into account, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI), which is based on 15 factors including poverty, housing density, and access to transportation. Adequate sun protection is critical in these areas in part because socioeconomic status, race, and ethnicity are associated with decreased access to dermatology care and with patients who have more advanced skin cancers at diagnosis. A second phase will provide shade structures in areas of need. Studies have shown that high SVI areas are often "heat islands" that have fewer trees and less access to shade.

Salem's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - \$20 per car - CASH or CHECK ONLY -

Saturday, August 20, 2022 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sponsored by: MAYOR KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL and THE SALEM BOARD OF HEALTH
(Beverly residents also welcome; Salem residents will have access to Beverly's spring HHWD)

-- NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES --

Where: SALEM HIGH SCHOOL 77 Willson Street

For more information contact the Board of Health at (978) 741-1800 www.salem.com/health

Proof of residency is required for both Salem and Beverly residents

What Do I Bring??

From the Workbench:

- ✓ Oil Based Paints
- ✓ Stains & Varnishes
- ✓ Wood Preservatives
- ✓ Paint Strippers/Thinners
- ✓ Solvent Adhesives
- ✓ Lighter Fluid

From the House:

- ✓ Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
- ✓ Fiberglass Resins
- ✓ Photo Chemicals
- ✓ Chemistry Sets
- ✓ Furniture Polish
- ✓ Floor & Metal Polish
- ✓ Oven Cleaner
- ✓ Drain & Toilet Cleaner
- ✓ Spot Remover
- ✓ Rug & Upholstery Cleaner
- ✓ Hobby Supplies, Artist Supplies

From the Garage:

- ✓ Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene
- ✓ Motor Oil
- ✓ Antifreeze
- ✓ Engine Degreaser
- ✓ Brake Fluid/Carburetor Cleaner
- ✓ Transmission Fluid
- ✓ Car Wax, Polishes
- ✓ Driveway Sealer
- ✓ Roofing Tar
- ✓ Swimming Pool Chemicals
- ✓ Car Batteries
- ✓ Passenger vehicle tires without rims
(no commercial truck tires accepted)

From the Yard:

- ✓ Poisons, Insecticides, Fungicides
- ✓ Chemical Fertilizers
- ✓ Weed Killers
- ✓ Moth Balls
- ✓ Flea Control Products
- ✓ Propane Tanks

What NOT To Bring!

Ø LATEX PAINT

- Ø Empty Containers/Trash
- Ø Yard Waste
- Ø Commercial or Industrial Waste
- Ø Radioactive Waste, Smoke Detectors
- Ø Infectious & Biological Wastes
- Ø Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives
- Ø Fire Extinguishers
- Ø Asbestos
- Ø **Prescription medication** can be dropped off at the Police Station
- Ø **Syringes** can be brought to the Fire Station

How Can I Safely Transport Hazardous Materials?

- Leave materials in original containers.
- Tighten caps and lids.
- Sort and pack separately: oil paint, pesticides, and household cleaners.
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.
- Pack your car and drive directly to the site.
- NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous material.



Heritage Days

Salem's Heritage Days festival will run August 1 through August 7 this year, with a line-up of non-stop fun and special events.

"Heritage Days is always a fun, family-friendly week of special events and activities. I want to thank all the organizations and individuals involved in putting together the events that comprise our annual Heritage Days celebration," said Mayor Driscoll. "Salem is extremely fortunate to have so many dedicated groups and volunteers to ensure the continuance of this special and unique festival every August."

There will be musical entertainment at the Salem Willows Shell with an opportunity to enjoy the Salem Community Concert Band and Community Jazz Band under the direction of Cynthia Napierkowski on the night of Monday August 1, the North Shore Concert Band on Tuesday night August 2, and on Sunday August 7 there will be a host of DJ's, VJ's and live electronic music.

The week also includes several events exclusively for older adults, including an ice cream social, a barbeque at Winter Island, and a Masquerade Ball.

The Salem Police Department and Fire Department have been hard at work organizing Public Safety Day, an annual event designed to promote positive community relationships with public safety officers. There will be lots of DPW and public safety vehicles for youngsters to explore, a K-9 demonstration, and a Salem Police & Firefighters vs. Salem Youth basketball game. The event also features over 60 tables and tents set up by different organizations, social service agencies, and local businesses offering information and many free give-a-ways. This event is a great way for residents to engage with public safety officials and local organizations.

Other events during the week include the very popular Ice Cream Tasting and movie in the Common on Wednesday August 3 and family bingo night on Friday August 6 at Charlotte Forten Park.

Newly added to Heritage Days this year is the Salem Jazz and Soul Festival. The Salem Jazz and Soul Festival has always been about bringing great music to the people of Salem, so they are bringing the Salem Jazz and Soul Festival downtown this year for Heritage Days, with a special one-day event on Salem Common on August 6 from noon to 8pm.

Find the complete schedule for Heritage Days 2022 online at www.salemma.gov/heritagedays.


A poster for Public Safety Day. At the top are the Salem Police and Fire Department logos. The text reads: "THE SALEM POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS INVITE YOU TO PUBLIC SAFETY DAY". Below this is a blue banner that says "FREE FAMILY- FRIENDLY EVENT". The date and time are "TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 4PM TO 7PM" at "THE SALEM COMMON". A photo of a white dog is on the right. At the bottom, a list of activities is shown: "Police & Fire vs. The Boys & Girls Club Basketball Game", "Police Cruisers - Fire Trucks - DPW Vehicles - NEMLEC", "K9 Demonstration - Community Resource Dogs -", and "Fire Safety Presentation".

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SALEM FIRE DEPT. 1626

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