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# FYI SALEM

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## From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

Thank you reading the latest issue of the FYI Salem newsletter!

Last night we wrapped up one of our busiest Haunted Happenings seasons ever—if not the busiest!

We won't have final counts for a couple more days, but based on the number of visitors we saw up to this weekend, Salem likely welcomed almost 1 million people over the course of October—more than half of our usual annual tourism visitation, all in one month.

I can't say enough about the diligence, dedication, and public service of the large team that goes into making October the success story that it is each year.

On behalf of the City, my thanks to our police, fire, and other public safety agencies, to our public works crews, to the special events and marketing teams, and to the countless volunteers and community partners who make the month possible.

I like to say that Salem punches out of our weight class. We're a community that has the vibrancy, the activity, and the spirit that one might not expect in a city of 45,000 people and eight square miles.

When others ask what the secret is to our city's success—is it our history, our geography, our architecture, or what—I tell them that our secret is our people.

Whether you are part of our visitor economy or you enjoy the benefits of it like year-round restaurants, shops, and amenities that make Salem unique—our city is what we are because of who *you* are. Thank you for sharing Salem with the world. I know it can feel like a lot at times—believe me! And we do strive to manage the disruptions and the impacts.

Each year the October season is improved upon, managed better, and shaped by the years' that came before and what we

learned from those experiences.

I fully expect that to be the case into the future. I know our special events, public works and public safety teams are already working on the after action reviews with an eye toward October 2023. We'll also engage with residents and business owners to gather their feedback and input to assist with next year's planning efforts.

For now, though, thank you for sharing our city with our guests and for being so patient as we got through October together.

One final note: the November 8th state election is quickly approaching. Early in-person voting lasts through November 4th at City Hall Annex and on November 8th polling places around Salem will be open from 7AM to 8PM.

You can find more details about voting in Salem at <https://www.salemma.gov/city-clerk-elections> or by calling the City Clerk's office at (978) 619-5611.

Thanks again for reading the FYI Salem newsletter!

*Kim Driscoll*

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Mayor



## Call for Artists

The City of Salem's Public Art Commission (PAC), in partnership with the New England Foundation for the Arts and Massachusetts Area Planning Council's "Making it Public" program, is seeking to bring activation, playfulness, joy, color, and beauty into the City's neighborhood parks and underutilized spaces by commissioning a temporary work of interactive public art that will be installed in a public, City owned, space of the artists' choosing (with the approval of the PAC & the City's Parks & Recreation Commission) for a minimum of 4 months in the spring of 2023. The form and content of the artwork is at the artist's discretion. The PAC wants this project to be artist-led and challenges artists to get creative and think outside the box. All projects must be interactive in some way, through the inclusion of play or kinetic elements, musical components, digital interactions, etc.

The City is seeking applications from artists, or teams of artists, with demonstrated experience in creating outdoor and/or site specific works of art. The \$12,000 grant commission must cover all services from development through final completion including but not limited to artist fee, travel, community meetings, materials, creation, fabrication, installation, transportation, and project coordination.

Please review the full Call to Artist & Creative for project parameters, eligibility, and submission guidelines. That call, and others released by the City of Salem, can be viewed here: <https://www.salemma.gov/arts-culture/pages/calls-art-artist-and-creatives>. Submit your materials for consideration here: <https://bit.ly/SubmitYourTempArt>.

## Book Swap

SalemRecycles is hosting the Free Book Swap held at the Salem Community Life Center, 401 Bridge Street, on Saturday November 12 from 9:4am to 1pm! Donations can be dropped off at the Community Life Center on Thursday November 10 from 4-7pm and 9am-12pm on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note that Veterans Day is Friday November 11, therefore the Community Life Center will be closed and donations cannot be accepted on Friday. The following items can be donated: Books, CD's, DVD's, records, & greeting cards. To learn more or sign up to participate, please contact: Janelle Rolke, [jrolke@salem.com](mailto:jrolke@salem.com) or 978-619-5672.



## Classroom Grants

The City of Salem's Scholarship and Education Committee has announced that it is now seeking applications for small grants from its Education Fund. Education Fund grants are available to provide supplemental education funding for local educational needs and to provide funding for existing adult literacy programs that serve Salem residents and students. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2022. Grant funds cannot be used for salaries or stipends. The application form and additional information can be found at [www.salem.com/scholarship](http://www.salem.com/scholarship). Click the "Education Fund Application" button on the left side of the page.

If you have questions about the application or to confirm if your project or program is potentially eligible, please contact Dominick Pangallo in the Mayor's Office at (978) 619-5600.

## Fall Street Sweeping

all street sweeping will begin in residential neighborhoods in Salem on Tuesday, November 1 and run through Friday, December 2.

Residential neighborhood sweeping will continue to take place on both sides of the street on the same day. Sweeping will take place from 7am to 3pm. Each neighborhood route will be posted with temporary 'No Parking/Tow Zone' signs and parking will be prohibited between 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 your street's zone on the 2022 Fall Street Sweeping Schedule and match it with the calendar. Monday sweeping takes place on the preceding Friday's trash day. Street sweeping schedules can be found at [www.salemma.gov/streetsweeping](http://www.salemma.gov/streetsweeping). Please note there will be no sweeping on Monday October 31, Friday November 11, Thursday November 24, and Friday November 25.

Residents can 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.salemma.gov/streetsweeping](http://www.salemma.gov/streetsweeping). Please remember 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.

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.salemma.gov](http://www.salemma.gov).



## Mattress Recycling

Per new state regulations, mattresses and box springs can no longer be disposed of as trash and instead must be recycled. The

City of Salem has contracted with Tough Stuff Recycling to provide curbside mattress and box spring recycling. While there is currently no charge for this service for Salem residents, the City is evaluating fee options and this may change later in 2022. To view an FAQ about mattress recycling through Tough Stuff Recycling, please visit [www.salemma.gov/mattress](http://www.salemma.gov/mattress). To schedule your curbside pick-up, please visit [www.order.toughstuffrecycling.com](http://www.order.toughstuffrecycling.com). If you have additional questions about this service, please call the Recycling and Trash Department at 978-619-5672.

## Textile Recycling Drive

It's SalemRecycles' annual fall event! We'll collect clothing and household textiles in any condition (reusable or not), as well as TerraCycle items for recycling. Look for SalemRecycles volunteers and the Helpsy truck in Riley Plaza on Saturday, November 19 from 8AM – 1PM. Drop off clean & dry clothing, sneakers, shoes, boots, slippers, belts, ties, purses, stuffed animals, comforters, sheets, blankets, table linens, and curtains - as long as clean, dry, odor-free. Can be new and reusable, old and moth-eaten, stained, torn or damaged, broken belt, single sock or shoe. NO carpet, rugs, pillows, bric-a-brac, oil rags, wet or mildewed items. Please stay in your vehicle the whole time and have items ready to unload in your trunk, truck bed or hatchback — items will not be unloaded from car seats.

For more info, contact Salem's Waste Reduction Coordinator at 978-619-5672



## 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*

#### NOVEMBER

Wednesday		Thursday	
2	Espacio 9am-2pm	3	
9		10	CLC 4pm-7pm
16		17	Espacio 4pm-7pm
23		24	
30	CLC 9am-2pm		

#### DECEMBER

Wednesday		Thursday	
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7	Espacio 9am-2pm	8	
14		15	CLC 4pm-7pm
21		22	Espacio 4pm-7pm
28	CLC 9am-2pm	29	

**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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**Essex County**  
**Bar Association**



**City of Salem, MA**



**ESPACIO**  
**PUNTO**

## Courts Grant

The City of Salem has secured a \$600,000 grant from the Commonwealth's Underutilized Properties Program (UPP) to support the preservation and predevelopment efforts in the reuse of the former Superior Courthouse and County Commissioners buildings on Federal Street. The proposed project, being undertaken by WinnDevelopment, aims to create a dynamic mixed-use, transit-oriented site to enhance the downtown, create additional housing, and preserve these historic structures.



WinnDevelopment will use UPP funding for the necessary specific predevelopment efforts that will be needed in the careful restoration of the court buildings' interior and exterior historic architecture, thus bringing the buildings one step closer to becoming a hub of activity with a mix of potential uses including commercial, retail, event space, and residential at a key entrance to downtown Salem. The preservation and restoration work on the historic court buildings will complement the transit-oriented, ground-up construction planned for next to the MBTA station. Together, the work on both of these sites will bring a new vitality to the northern end of downtown.

"These historic buildings are architecturally and culturally significant as they sit at the entrance to our vibrant downtown," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "With Winn's partnership and this grant award, I am excited to see these buildings put back into use in a way that invites the public in, creates new employment opportunities, and celebrates their historic fabric. I am grateful to the Baker-Polito administration, Dan Rivera at MassDevelopment, and our development partners at WinnDevelopment, for supporting our community's goals for these buildings and helping make possible their preservation and reactivation."

## Offshore Wind Grant



The City of Salem will receive \$34 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to redevelop a vacant industrial facility into a marshalling area for offshore wind energy projects. The federal DOT Port Infrastructure Development Grant awarded to Salem will position the city to be a national leader in offshore wind as it builds a new facility that will sport a 700-foot-long wharf and bulkhead for the assembly and transportation of offshore wind components.

"For centuries, when Salem looked toward its future, it looked toward the sea," said Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll. "This site, in particular, has provided the electricity that has powered our community and our Commonwealth for generations. Today, with this announcement, that legacy takes another step toward its continuation, with new focus on a clean energy future based on renewable power and a shared commitment to positive action to mitigate climate change. The transformational project that this major grant award will make possible will provide a significant expansion to our commercial tax base and create hundreds of clean energy jobs, right here in Salem. I'm incredibly grateful to Congressman Moulton, Senator Warren, and Senator Markey for their advocacy and support for this federal grant award, and to the City staff and community partners who made our application possible."

# Voting in Salem

## VOTING IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY

November 8, 2022 - Voting Hours: 7 AM to 8 PM

Ward 1 Precinct 1	Bentley Academy Gymnasium, 25 Memorial Drive
Ward 1 Precinct 2	Community Center, 135 Lafayette Street
Ward 2 Precinct 1 & 2	Community Life Center, 401 Bridge Street
Ward 3 Precinct 1 & 2	Salem High School, Auditorium, 77 Willson Street
Ward 4 Precinct 1 & 2	Witchcraft Heights School Gymnasium, 1 Frederick Street
Ward 5 Precinct 1 & 2	Saltonstall School Auditorium, 211 Lafayette Street
Ward 6 Precinct 1 & 2	Bates School Gymnasium, 53 Liberty Hill Avenue
Ward 7 Precinct 1 & 2	Salem Enterprise Center, 121 Loring Avenue

You may check your ward, precinct and polling location by using the following link: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/WhereDoIVote>

## SAMPLE BALLOT

The City of Salem's Ballot for this election is two pages both double sided: [https://www.salemma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf7986f/uploads/sample\\_ballot\\_for\\_november\\_8\\_2022.pdf](https://www.salemma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf7986f/uploads/sample_ballot_for_november_8_2022.pdf)

For more information on each question please view links below:

Question 1 - [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest\\_1.htm](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest_1.htm)

Question 2 - [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest\\_2.htm](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest_2.htm)

Question 3 - [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest\\_3.htm](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest_3.htm)

Question 4 - [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest\\_4.htm](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest_4.htm)

In some cases, voters will be required to show an ID. It does not have to be a photo ID, BUT it must contain your name and address as registered. Acceptable forms of ID include utility bill, paycheck stub, driver's license, etc.).

You may bring materials into the voting booth. You can bring pre-printed brochures or pamphlets or your own notes, or notes on your silenced cell phone, but you cannot display those materials while in the polling location. You must take any materials with you when you leave the voting booth.

Helpful Information can be found using these <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm> and <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elesplash.htm>.

Information about Early Voting—both by mail and in person—and absentee voting can be found online at <https://www.salemma.gov/home/news/november-8-2022-state-election-information>.

If you still need help, please contact the Elections Office for clarification or questions you may have. You may email questions to [elections@salem.com](mailto:elections@salem.com) or call 978-745-9595 ext. 41210.

