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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

Spring is here!

As you get into your spring cleaning routine, don't forget that the transfer station opens for yard waste drop off the weekend of April 16th and then the following week, of April 18th—23rd, is curbside yard waste pick-up. Then, the SalemRecycles Book Swap returns to the CLC on May 7th, so you can get rid of some of those old books and CDs (or pick up some new ones!).

The city-wide Spring street sweeping is still underway in neighborhoods, as well, so please be mindful of the notifications and signs. When they go up, please move your car on your sweep day so DPW can sweep your street effectively.

There's a lot of information in this issue of the FYI Salem newsletter, but I wanted to especially highlight a few items.

First, the Salem for All Ages speaker series returns to the Community Life Center later this month. The last season of this series proved to be very popular and I hope you'll consider registering to attend one or many of this season's free offerings!

If you're a landlord or a tenant in need of housing assistance, our new Housing Stability Services—being offered through a partnership with the Essex County Bar Association—has announced its April and May drop-in hours, or call the hotline and visit the program website.

The annual Resident Survey is now online at www.salemma.gov/mayor through April 15th. This survey is an important tool for the City as we plan services and approaches to government for the year ahead. Please take a few minutes to fill it out today!

April has brought some changes to COVID testing in Salem. While the state testing sites have closed, we're still offering free rapid test kits to all Salem residents and those who work in

Salem. Also, if you're not vaccinated or boosted, now is the time to do so! Visit www.salem.com/vaccine for details.

Lastly, earlier this month we marked the second anniversary of the first death of a Salem resident from COVID-19. Vitalina Williams was just 59 years old when she was taken from her family and our community in 2020.

When she passed, one in 700 Salem residents had been infected by COVID. Today, it is one in four. This virus has touched all of us in some manner, and some - like the Williams' family - it has impacted most deeply of all.

As we reflect on the anniversary of the first COVID-19 death here in Salem, it's an opportunity for us to rededicate ourselves to our shared well-being and safety, and to compassion for one another. Please keep the memory of Vitalina and all 110 of our neighbors who have lost their lives to this awful virus in your heart.

Kim Driscoll
Mayor, City of Salem



RESIDENT SURVEY

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll today announced that the thirteenth annual Salem Residents Survey is now online. The survey is available by clicking the “Salem Residents Survey” button

at www.salemma.gov/mayor.

The survey is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Arabic, and Chinese. The 2022 residents’ survey will be online through 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2022. 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 2022 survey marks the thirteenth year this data has been collected,” said Mayor Driscoll. “Hearing directly from residents allows us to improve service delivery and focus our public resources on those issues that are of most concern to the people of Salem. Having several years’ worth of data now also enables us to take a closer look at trends and changes that are taking place in our community.”

The final data is compiled and included in the Mayor’s annual budget, which will be published later this spring at www.salem.com/fy23. 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.

Book Swap



On Saturday, May 7, 2022, SalemRecycles will host a Book Swap from 10am to 1pm at the Salem Community Life Center at 401 Bridge Street. Come on by and look for books or drop off books that you don’t need anymore.

Bring your: books, CDs & DVDs, video games, records, re-usable bags, and greeting cards. All items must be clean, dry, and mildew free.

If you have lots of books, you may drop them off before the event during the times below. Volunteers will be available to help carry and unload items. Please, no drop offs outside of these scheduled times:

- Friday, May 6th, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the CLC at 401 Bridge Street.
- Saturday, May 7th, 9:00 am – noon at the CLC at 401 Bridge Street

Discover Books will take the remaining un-swapped books and media at the close of the event to be donated or recycled. Please note the event is not open to the public until 10am, but donations will be accepted starting at 9am. No book dealers or more than two bags per swapper before noon.

Contact Micaela Guglielmi at mguglielmi@salem.com or 978-619-5672 with specific questions or to volunteer.

MAYOR JEAN A.
LEVESQUE COMMUNITY
LIFE CENTER

Speaker Series

4/26: An Evening of Storytelling with Mayor Kim Driscoll, Lucy Corchado, and Jim McAllister

5/3: Public Health during a Global Pandemic with David Greenbaum and Dr. Jeremy Schiller

5/10: Moving Forward at the House of the Seven Gables with Executive Director Kara McLaughlin

5/24: Malcolm Miller (1930-2014): Salem's Eccentric Poet

5/31: Chalk Talk with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Stephen Zrike

6/7: History of Enslaved People of Massachusetts with Vijay Joyce

This are live, in-person events. We are happy to announce that we can now welcome all attendees (age 21+) with a glass of wine! Admission is free but seating is limited. Please register in advance at salemforallages.org

**Salem for
All Ages**
salemforallages.org

7:00pm-8:00pm
Levesque Community Life Center
401 Bridge Street, Salem, MA 01970



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

APRIL

Wednesday	Thursday
6 Espacio 9am-2pm	7
13	14 CLC 3pm-7pm
20	21 Espacio 3pm-7pm
27 CLC 9am-2pm	28

MAY

Wednesday	Thursday
4 Espacio 9am-2pm	5
11	12 CLC 3pm-7pm
18	19 Espacio 3pm-7pm
25 CLC 9am-2pm	26

Housing Stability
Webpage/Página web de
estabilidad de vivienda:

www.salemhousinginfo.com

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

Live answer Wednesdays 9am-2pm & Thursdays 3-7pm/
 Respuesta en vivo los miércoles 9am-2pm y los jueves 3-7pm. Or leave a message/o deje un mensaje.

This program is funded by the City of Salem Department of Planning & Community Development, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. In the provision of our services, we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or gender identity, age, religion, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, ancestry, public assistance, veteran history/military status, genetic information or disability.



Essex County
Bar Association



City of Salem, MA

URL Change

You may have noticed that the City of Salem website has begun to resolve as salemma.gov. This is an important step in migrating to a more secure, and appropriate, name space for the city (ie, .edu for educational institutions; .gov for local, state and federal government). The migration will be a lengthy process and salem.com will live on, though over time the primary access point for email, online and other services will move to salemma.gov. Look for additional updates in the coming months as the migration moves ahead. For information about .gov please follow this link: <https://home.dotgov.gov/about/>.



COVID Testing Changes



The state has closed the two “Stop the Spread” free testing sites in Salem. The City of Salem, however, is continuing to provide free rapid antigen COVID-19 tests for at-home use. Any Salem resident or individual who works in Salem is eligible to pick up three boxes of tests (two tests per box) from the Health Department offices, 98 Washington Street 3rd floor, Mondays-Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through the end of April, or as long as supplies last.

Additionally, the free walk-up COVID-19 testing site in Riley Plaza operated by Curative has had a change in Saturday hours. On Saturdays the site will now be open 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Additionally, pre-registration is no longer required at this site. Walk-up testing will be accepted at this location.

Shetland Park Meeting

A new planning effort for Shetland Park is launching with a public input website at www.publicinput.com/shetlandpark and a “come and go” Community Listening Session on Tuesday April 12, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Salem Academy Gymnasium (16 Lynch Street). A virtual experience to participate in similar activities as the listening session will also be available.

This project is guided by the following objectives:

- Engage in a transparent, equitable, and flexible engagement process that builds trust and takes in perspectives from diverse stakeholders
- Build a shared vision for Shetland Park directly shaped by diverse input and shared priorities
- Develop a Framework Plan for the site that balances the goals of the community, site owners, and the City (A Framework Plan is a high-level strategy that is responsive to diverse needs. Framework plans include things like a development program, connections and views, open space network, distribution of height/density.)



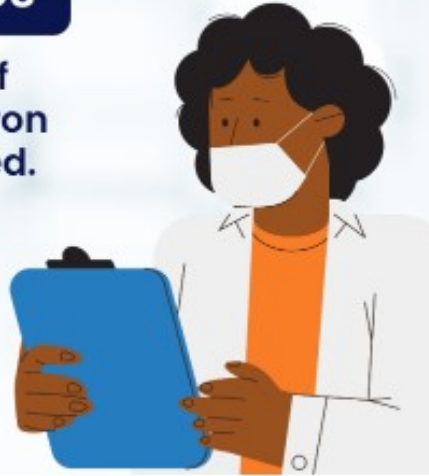
COVID-19 Booster Doses

The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19, including Omicron is to get vaccinated and boosted.

Who? Everyone ages 12 and older should get a booster.

When? At least 5 months after your second Pfizer or Moderna shot, or 2 months after Johnson & Johnson.

As of 1/5/2022



COVID-19 Booster Doses

Adolescents age 12 and older are now eligible to get a booster, 5 months after their second Pfizer shot.

As of 1/05/2021



COVID-19 Booster Doses

Adults age 50 and older and some immunocompromised individuals are now eligible to get a second booster, at least 4 months after their first booster.

As of 3/29/2022

