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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

Recent weeks have brought two mass shootings in America, prompting heartbreak, anger, and questions for and from many of us.

We mourn the murders of the thirteen victims in the Buffalo shooting, eleven of whom were African American, and targeted by the shooter because of their race. The City of Salem condemns hate fueled crimes and white supremacist ideologies. As a community, we must be actively anti-racist and condemn this act and the ideology behind it. Locally, we are addressing racism and bias in the City of Salem by taking action. This includes hiring a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Director, putting together a Race Equity Commission, continuing to evaluate our policies through an inclusive lens, and ensuring our

staff is trained on topics relating to DEI and unconscious bias. This is a start, but it is not enough. We must be actively and radically aware of our actions and how they may consciously or unconsciously serve white supremacist ideologies.

All of our hearts are broken for the Robb Elementary School families and the whole Uvalde community. Thinking of this tragic mass murder fills me with sorrow for all those who knew and lost a child today, and with rage that these atrocities continue to be a regular occurrence in our nation. As a Mayor, as a school leader, as a mother, and as a human - my full and unwavering commitment is to do whatever I can, in all of my capacities, to stop this horrific tide of violence. The people of Salem and all of Massachusetts mourn with our neighbors in Uvalde.

We are working with the Salem Police and the Salem Public Schools to regularly review and plan for emergency responses and in the FY2023 capital budget we're directing additional funds to school security measures.

Ultimately, though, the remedy to this national crisis must come from Congress and from real action to curb the proliferation and too-easy access to guns.

As a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, an organization of over 1,000 Mayors from around the United States, I believe it past time for Congressional leaders to take action on this growing crisis. No community is immune from gun violence. For the sake of our neighborhoods and our children, I encourage and plead with members of both parties in Congress to put aside their differences, come together, do the right thing, and act.

On Saturday, June 11th there will be a March for Our Lives action in Salem from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to call on Congress to finally take action to stop this epidemic. It is just one of hundreds of similar actions that will be taking place across the nation on that date. To sign up to join or find more information, you can visit www.marchforourlives.org.

Lastly, on the latest episode of the FYI Salem podcast I sit down with Salem's new Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Regina Zaragoza Frey. We talked about DEI work, her background, and how we can help make Salem an even more equitable and welcoming community for all. Find it online at www.salemma.gov/fyisalempodcast.

Kim Driscoll, Mayor

Getaround Salem

In its continuing efforts to increase access to reliable transportation and address issues related to traffic, pollution, and congestion, the City of Salem is partnering with Getaround, the world's leading digital car sharing marketplace, to launch Getaround Salem, an innovative new public car share service.

Getaround and the City of Salem are working together to add to the City's existing efficient and reliable multimodal transportation system that accommodates all users – pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers. Getaround Salem will provide access for Salem residents to safe, affordable, and convenient cars to use flexibly when and where they need them. Getaround and its patented Connect technology will provide contactless 24/7 access to a fleet of nine hybrid all-wheel drive Ford Escape vehicles based at designated parking spaces across the city, without the need to wait in line or pick up keys. Residents can reserve the shared vehicles for as little as one hour, perfect for local trips like going to the grocery store or running errands. Getaround is one of the only peer-to-peer car sharing entities to allow guests to book a car on an hourly basis.



Users can locate and reserve the vehicles by downloading the Getaround mobile application on Apple and Android devices. Details about the service can also be found at www.salemma.gov/getaround. Rates for using the Getaround Salem service start at \$10/hour but will vary depending on time of day, day of the week, duration of use, and how far in advance it is booked.

"Salem has 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. "This service will help address traffic congestion, as well as lessen our community's carbon footprint and our contributions to the climate crisis. Getaround Salem will offer one more innovative tool to allow Salem residents to live in our city car-free or car-light."

The City of Salem offers a growing array of safe and accessible options for people to move around the city in whatever mode of transportation they choose. These services include the Bluebikes bike share, the Salem Skipper, MBTA bus and commuter rail service, free rides for Salem residents on the Salem Trolley in season, Salem Ferry service to and from Boston, and, now, the Getaround community car share.

Privately owned cars are typically parked 95% of the time and on the move only 6 hours per week. The remaining 162 hours of the week, most cars remained parked and idle. Peer-to-peer car sharing means fewer cars on the road and, on average, one car sharing vehicle replaces 9 to 13 vehicles. Thanks to car sharing, users are selling their vehicles or postponing the purchase of one and shifting away from the concept of car ownership. This ultimately results in fewer accidents, reduced traffic and pollution, and less space needed for parking. Beyond that, research has shown that peer-to-peer car sharing services, like Getaround, can significantly reduce the emissions of greenhouse gasses (GHG) and harmful substances into the environment. Salem is one of over 950 cities worldwide in which Getaround is active, though the first in which the program is being offered as a public service.

Community members and visitors can rent Getaround vehicles by the hour. Users can locate and reserve the vehicles by downloading the Getaround mobile application on Apple and Android devices. Until November 20th, Salem Community Carshare users can save on bookings through the Getaround platform. Use code SALEM20 for \$20 off your first trip or code GA50SALEM for 50% off any trip (up to \$40).

Pride Flag Raising



The City of Salem will raise the Pride flag in partnership with LGBTQIA+ community leaders, advocates, activists, and allies on June 1st at noon in Riley Plaza. The event is open to all. Pride Month is an opportunity to memorialize those in the LGBTQIA+ community who have been lost and who are still dying or living in peril, to reaffirm Salem's diversity, acceptance, and inclusion of people of all identities, and to acknowledge and support the ongoing fight for full equality and freedom from discrimination. Salem raises the Pride flags each June as an affirmation of our shared humanity and the value of respecting and celebrating each person's own identity.

COVID Updates

The free walk-up COVID-19 PCR testing site in Riley Plaza will close at noon on Saturday May 28, 2022 and will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday May 30, 2022. The City has extended its arrangement with Curative, which operates the site, to keep the testing facility in Riley Plaza through December 31, 2022. This site offers a self-administered COVID test and results are returned in 24-48 hours. The testing trailer is open Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Walk-up testing is allowed at this location; no appointment is required and the site is open to all.



The City of Salem and the Salem Board of Health encourages parents and guardians of Salem children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old to get the COVID-19 pediatric vaccine booster that has now been approved by the FDA and the CDC. With rising SARS-CoV-2 infection rates in our community, including and especially among students and those who are not boosted, it is critically important that everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated and boosted do so. Over the last two weeks 164 Salem Public School students have tested positive for the virus.

The COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are safe and effective, and can help prevent your child from suffering severe illness or hospitalization due to a COVID infection. Contact your doctor if you have questions and visit www.mass.gov/vaccine or www.salemma.gov/vaccine to find locations where you can quickly and easily get a booster dose of the vaccine to protect your child.

Free Trolley Rides



Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, in partnership with the Salem Trolley, is pleased to once again offer free rides on the Salem Trolley for Salem residents starting June 1st and lasting until September 30th. Residents can receive a Resident Ticket by providing proof of residency at the Salem Trolley office (8 Central St). 2022 marks the tenth year of the free trolley ride program. Since the start of the program in 2013, a total of nearly 12,000 rides have taken place.

The Trolley runs seven days a week, 10am-5pm. The Trolley's route includes much of downtown Salem and also the Salem Willows. The complete route map is available at <http://saletrolley.com/map-of-tour-3.html>. Masks are optional on board the Salem Trolley, subject to change. Admission is based on the availability of seating.

Passengers will not be allowed to disembark and then get back onto the Trolley.

Race Equity Commission

The City of Salem seeks resident applicants to volunteer to serve on the new Race Equity Commission, a board formed out of the recommendations of the City's recent Race Equity Task Force. There are four seats open to Salem residents, each serving for a three-year term and subject to appointment by the Mayor and confirmation by the City Council. Those interested in applying for the Commission should submit a current resume and brief statement summarizing why they are interested in the appointment to Dominick Pangallo, Chief of Staff in the Mayor's Office, at dpangallo@salem.com by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.



Park & Rec Parking Stickers



The 2022 Park and Recreation parking sticker allows entrance to Forest River, McCabe Park/Kernwood Marina, Winter Island, and designated areas of Salem Willows Park (includes parking area across from Dead Horse Beach and the forthcoming paved parking area adjacent to the tennis courts) for one year. The sticker does not guarantee you a parking spot. \$25.00 per car for Salem residents. \$150.00 per car for non-residents. Stickers are non-transferable and no free replacement will be issued. You must present a valid driver's license and vehicle registration to purchase. Stickers must be adhered to the front windshield, inside on the driver's side on the bottom left.

In-Person Sales Option

Winter Island Office, daily, 8am-4pm. Community Life Center, 401 Bridge St., Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am-7pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 8am-4pm. Collector's Office at Salem City Hall during regular City Hall hours. You must present a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, cash, or check payable to City of Salem

On-Line Sales/Pick Up Sticker Option - Salem Residents Only

Stickers can be purchased online beginning May 30, 2022 at this link: <https://salemma.myrec.com/info/products/default.aspx>. Once you pay online for your sticker, you then must email a copy of your license and registration to kmccarthy@salem.com to verify your address. You will receive an email confirming the receipt of your documents. 3 business days from your confirmation email, pick up sticker at Winter Island Store daily 8am-4pm.

Tree City USA

Salem has again been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, a designation the City has received each year since 2001, in recognition of the City's commitment to effective urban forest management. Salem achieved the Tree City USA designation by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance.



"Salem is committed to our public trees as a critical part of our climate action strategy, our beautification efforts, and our historic legacy as a green city," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "I am so grateful to the work our Tree Commission, our Tree Department, and the many community partners and volunteers who make this important work – and the continuation of our Tree City USA designation – all possible."

Open Space Advisory Group

The City of Salem seeks applicants to the advisory group for the Open Space & Recreation (OSRP) planning process to begin in late-spring 2022 and conclude in early 2023. The OSRP process is a way for the City to identify community needs and desires on a variety of open space and recreation topics. The process will include informational presentations and community input exercises to discern goals and make recommendations to the community based both on input and professional community planning best practices and analyses.



The commitment is for: participating in group meetings every other month or so; public workshops (that may potentially be a combination of either physical or virtual meetings); providing feedback about the process and public forums, as well as helping draft potential survey questions for the community; getting the word out about the Salem OSRP 2029 process, public workshops and the online surveys; providing ideas and feedback for potential presentation content, preliminary goals, draft survey questions, and draft plan report in early/mid 2023. The deadline to apply is June 7, 2022. Email tdevine@salem.com with your contact information and a statement summarizing why you wish to join the Group.

ARPA Capital Funding

As part of Salem's first round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, \$6.5M in federal funds will be directed to critical capital investments across the city. The funds will also leverage an additional \$7.5M in other grant funds, maximizing the amount available for these important projects—\$14M in all – without needing to rely on property taxes.

"Our recovery, capital planning, and finance teams worked carefully to match identified capital needs and projects with uses allowed under ARPA," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "We also worked to align these allocations with the priorities highlighted by the ARPA public input process and with other grant opportunities, to extend the impact of these funds even further. While this is only one part of the first phase of Salem's ARPA expenditures, we will continue to seek out ways to amplify the value of our ARPA appropriation when it comes to investing in our parks, roads and transportation systems, infrastructure, school and city buildings, and public safety needs."

Salem has taken a thoughtful approach to utilizing ARPA funding and has worked with stakeholders to identify short- and long-term approaches that will best aid our response and recovery efforts. Salem is ready to respond strategically to deviations in the pandemic's course, to ensure an equitable recovery, and to make transformative, positive change in the many areas of concern that impact the lives and livelihoods of Salem residents. Find out more about ARPA in Salem at www.salemma.gov/recovery.

Project	ARPA Funds	Grants Due to ARPA Match
Police/Fire Radio Communications System	\$2,500,000	\$75,375
Old Town Hall restoration – phases 2 & 3	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
Pioneer Village - phase 1	\$670,000	-
Salem High School Rooftop Ventilation Units	\$500,000	-
Ocean Avenue Stormwater Pump Station – design phase	\$370,000	\$600,000
Willows Pier	\$350,000	\$3,250,000
Outdoor Dining Areas	\$270,000	-
Community Life Center Kitchen	\$140,000	\$35,000
Palmer Cove Park project – phase 2	\$140,000	\$115,000
Park and Playground Repairs	\$100,000	-
Fire Department Chest Compression Devices	\$96,000	-
Mack Park Food Farm – phase 3	\$94,105	-
South Salem Commuter Rail station study	\$93,000	\$372,000
Greenlawn Cemetery Roads and Drainage	\$75,000	-
Bicycling Infrastructure	\$50,000	-
Charlotte Forten Memorial	\$50,000	\$75,000
Total	\$6,498,105	\$7,522,375



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

JUNE

Wednesday	Thursday
1 Espacio 9am-2pm	2
8	9 CLC 4pm-7pm
15	16 Espacio 4pm-5:30pm Workshop 5:30-7pm
22 CLC 9am-2pm	23

HOUSING WORKSHOP TALLER DE VIVIENDA

5:30-7PM

Thursday, June 16th

Espacio – 105 Congress Street

Provided by/Proporcionado por
ECBA & Salem Housing Authority.

The workshop will provide information on accessing affordable housing in Salem: types of available affordable housing, requirements, forms, process, waitlists, and what to expect as a public or subsidized housing tenant.

El taller brindará información sobre el acceso a viviendas asequibles en Salem, incluidos los tipos de viviendas asequibles disponibles, los requisitos, los formularios, el proceso, las listas de espera y qué esperar como inquilino de una vivienda pública o subvencionada.

**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 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

Salem 2022 Memorial Day Weekend Events

Sunday, May 29th

10:00 - St. Mary's Cemetery Ceremony

***11:00 - P.L.A.V. Maritime Ceremony at
Winter Island***

***12:00 - Memorial Mass at St. John Paul II
of Divine Mercy Shrine on St. Peter Street***

Monday, May 30

11:00 - Greenlawn Cemetery

Guest Speaker will be WWII USMC veteran

Lawrence Kirby

***Platoon Sergeant Kirby participated in the
Pacific Theatre battles on Guam,
Bougainville, and Iwo Jima***

***SATV will prerecord the event
accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/salemtv1>***