

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

Networking Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2010

9:00 A.M. Sharp

Hosted by:

**North Shore Elder Services
152 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA**

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO 978-624-2214

OR kperrella@nselder.org

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Paul Lanzikos, Chief Executive Officer
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 65th Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in February)
*Bring in your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for February, March, April and May - or e-mail them to
jguy@salem.com – Deadline 1/27/10*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, March 10, 2011 – NSCAP
Thursday, June 9, 2011 – Independent Living Center
Thursday, September 8, 2011 - Seeking host agency
Please email jguy@salem.com if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*

Networking & Refreshments

*If you no longer wish to receive emails for Salem HOPE,
please send an email to jguy@salem.com asking to be removed from this distribution list.*

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We are saddened by the passing of David Campbell, husband of VeAnn Campbell of the St. Joseph's Food Panty. Our sincere condolences go out to his family.

[Click here](#) for David's obituary.

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Making this Thanksgiving Special

This year Tavern in the Square will be holding its annual free Thanksgiving dinner. We will be serving the elderly to the homeless to families in need. Join us Thanksgiving Day from 11:30-2:30PM for a traditional

Thanksgiving feast, from stuffing to turkey, accompanied by all the fixings including coffee and an assortment of pies. We are asking for your help and support to reach out to as many outlets as possible. Our goal is to bring the joy of Thanksgiving to as many people in our community who has been so kind and loyal to us at Tavern in the Square over the years. This year we are hosting Thanksgiving dinner at three of our locations. Tavern in the Square, Central Square can be reached at (617)868-8800 and is located at 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Tavern in the Square, Salem at (978)740-2337 and located at 189 Washington Street and Tavern in the Square, Allston at (617) 782-8100 and located at 161 Brighton Avenue. Also, if there are any volunteers that would like to donate their time please contact any of the above locations. For further information please contact your local Tavern in the Square Manager for more information.

Tavern in the Square- Central Square
730 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge MA, 02139

Tavern in the Square- Salem
189 Washington Street
Salem MA, 01970

Tavern in the Square- Allston
161 Brighton Avenue
Allston MA, 02134

Fall Meeting Hosted by Social Security Administration

The September, 2010 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by the Social Security Administration. Representing the agency was Thomas Savage, District Manager, along with Janine Lang. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Lucy McKinnon of North Shore Elder Services, Deric LePard of NSCAP, Ava Amini of the Children's Law Center of MA, Kimberly Jones and Charlene Snow of the North Shore Career Center, Anne-Marie D'Angelo Florent of MassHealth, Mary Margaret Moore and Diane Speicher of the Independent Living Center, Maureen Fiore and Barbara St. Pierre of Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Mass., Mary Sholds of the Salem YMCA, Jane Williamson and Teury Marte of Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, and Sonya Snow Parish of the North Shore Community College Adult Learning Center.

Mr. Savage welcomed the group and stated that on August 14, 1935, President Roosevelt signed in law the Social Security Act to protect citizens from loss of jobs and from poverty in old age. The [Social Security Administration](#) provides retirement benefits, benefits for survivors and their children and benefits for the handicapped. It is also the face of Medicare and for the provision of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). He stated that the Salem office is a full service office, but noted that more and more services are offered on line. They will soon be releasing a Spanish retirement estimator. Retirement benefits can be accessed at age 62 or a person can wait for full retirement, usually at age 67. A disabled person can start collecting after the process is cleared, which typically takes 4-6 months from time of application.

Ms. McKinnon stated that [North Shore Elder Services](#) provides home care for elders, case management. They also provide supportive living services at 27 Charter Street.

Mr. LePard stated that he is the Director of Advocacy at [NSCAP](#). He stated that fuel assistance is getting in to swing and that last year they served 6000 households. New applications start 11/4/10. He noted that they have HPPO dollars for individuals at threat of imminent homelessness.

Ms. Snow-Parish stated that the North Shore Community College [Adult Learning Center](#) provides a GED program and the Cummings Center in Beverly. This year, they are trying a new GED drop in class on Monday and Thursdays from 2-3:30. Applicants need to get on a wait list first, but there are no attendance requirements.

Ms. Marte stated that [MassRehab](#) works with individuals with disabilities by providing skills training, college tuitions, etc. They are seeking a rehabilitation counselor.

Ms. Williamson of MassRehab stated that the bottom line is employment and that they have a new initiative to hook people up with employers.

Ms. Sholds stated that the [Salem Y](#) provides financial assistance for member and for afterschool care. They also have a Teen Program that helps keep teens off the street and out of trouble.

Ms. Amini stated that the [Children's Law Center](#) provides legal services and training on children's issues and rights.

Ms. Moore stated that the [Independent Living Center](#) is a voice for any person with any disability. They serve 25 communities, offering information and referral and working as peer guides to help

individuals reach goals to live as independently as they choose. They have a new Long Term Care Options Program with which they are partnering with various providers of senior services. Ms. Speicher specializes in housing.

Ms. D'Angelo Florent stated that [MassHealth](#) is doing member education. She noted that there are over one million members on MassHealth and that MassHealth will train people who work with their population.

Ms. St. Pierre stated that she is from the North Shore Infant and Toddler Program's Lynn office. Ms. Fiore stated that she is from their Salem office. The new website is [cpemass.org](#). They assist 0 to 3 year olds on the North Shore who are at risk of developmental delays. They also offer parent education and support.

Ms. Snow stated that she provides business services at the [North Shore Career Center](#). There is a new A. J. Wright opening at the end of October in Salem. They are recruiting for 100 people, mostly part time. There will be a fall job fair in September.

Ms. Jones stated that she provides outreach and marketing for North Shore Career Center. They are a free one-stop career center. They now have Employment Express, a grant-funded transportation program to the Route 114/Route 1 corridor.

Ms. Guy of the [City of Salem](#) Department of Planning & Community Development stated the public comment period for the City of Salem's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report runs through September 24th. She reminded the group to forward event notices, job openings, etc. to her and she will either forward them on to the Salem HOPE email distribution list or include it in an upcoming newsletter.

Social Security Administration

What you can do on line...

www.ssa.gov

- ▶ [Apply for benefits](#)
 - ▶ [Appeal a decision](#)
 - ▶ [Do you qualify for benefits?](#)
 - ▶ [Estimate your future benefits](#)
 - ▶ [If you get Social Security benefits...](#)
 - ▶ [If you get Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) benefits...](#)
 - ▶ [Choose your password or block electronic access](#)
 - ▶ [If you have a password...](#)
 - ▶ [Services for businesses, governments, payees and third parties](#)
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Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Thursday, November 25, 2010, 11:30am-2:30pm – Tavern in the Square Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner, Cambridge, Salem, Allston
- Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 7:00pm – [North East Transwomen's Alliance](#) – Independent Living Center, 27 Congress Street, Suite 107
- Thursday, December 2, 2010, 8:30am – [Getting to Know Your Neighbors: Strategic Alliances & Opportunities for Non-Profits](#), Enterprise Center at Salem State University, 121 Loring Ave.
- Thursday, December 9, 2010, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Winter Meeting – North Shore Elder Services, Danvers
- Thursday, December 9, 2010, 8:30pm – [SATV](#) Fundraiser: Under Our Skin screening at Cinema Salem
- Thursday, March 10, 2011, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – NSCAP, Peabody
- Thursday, June 9, 2011, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Summer Meeting – Independent Living Center, Salem
- Thursday, September 8, 2010, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Autumn Meeting – Host agency to be determined

Please also check the City of Salem's [Meetings Calendar](#) and [Events Calendar](#), as well as the [Destination, Culture, Activities & Events](#) page.

www.salem.com has [links to social service agencies](#), as well as information on [housing programs](#) and [foreclosure prevention and legal resources](#).

What is Salem H.O.P.E. ?

Salem H.O.P.E. is a networking group of human service agencies that provide programs and services to Salem residents. It is a free forum for agencies to learn about the services being provided by other agencies in order to fill in gaps, coordinate efforts and avoid the duplication of services. All human service agency representatives are welcome to attend the quarterly breakfast meetings held at rotating locations.

We need your announcements, notices and articles for this newsletter. Share your resources; advertise a job opening; seek out agencies to collaborate on a grant application; announce new programs; publicize your events, etc. Please e-mail your submissions or requests to be added to the newsletter e-mail distribution list to jguy@salem.com. Newsletter printed four times per year. However, information that needs to be disseminated in a more timely manner will be forwarded to the listserv upon receipt.

The Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter is prepared and distributed by Jane Guy of the Department of Planning & Community Development of the City of Salem, Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor.
