

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

**Networking Breakfast Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2013
9:00 A.M. Sharp**

Hosted by:

Salvation Army

93 North Street, Street, Salem, MA

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

**PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO CAPTAIN NORA McNEIL AT
Nora.McNeil@USE.SalvationArmy.Org**

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Captains Scott and Nora McNeil
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 74th Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in August)
*E-mail your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for May through September to jguy@salem.com – Deadline 8/1/13*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, September 5, 2013 – Enterprise Center at Salem State University
Thursday, December 12, 2013 – Seeking host agency
Please email jguy@salem.com if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*

Networking & Refreshments

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please send an email to jguy@salem.com asking to be removed from this distribution list.*

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March Meeting Hosted by the North Shore Career Center

The December, 2013 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by the [North Shore Career Center](#). Representing the agency was Mark Whitmore and Sandra Efstratiou. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Anne Marie D'Angelo Florent of MassHealth, Charlene Snow of North Shore Career Center, Jill Bowen of Catholic Charities, Leah Walsh and Miguelina Diaz of North Shore Head Start, Barbara St. Pierre of N.S. Infant & Toddler Program, Marilyn Dean of MA Rehab Commission, Lee Hartmann of NSCAP, Kathy Perrella of North Shore Elder Services, Luz Garay of N. S. Community Development Coalition, Jim Farley and Liane Davis of Anchor to Windward, Laura Swanson of the Enterprise Center and Leonette Strout and Kevin Letourneau of the Salem YMCA.

Mr. Whitmore welcomed the group and stated that the North Shore Career Center is one of three one-stop centers. The others are in Lynn and a satellite location on Pleasant Street on Cape in with Action, Inc. Labor exchange services is the primary focus – for job seekers and for businesses. He noted that Massachusetts has fared better than a lot of the country and he felt it was due to having a diversified market place. He stated that most of the labor market in this region is small to medium size businesses. Since 2008, they have seen a lot of people who had never been out of work, i.e. middle management. The North Shore Career Center provides job development services and workshops (i.e. resumes). He stated that networking is a way jobs are found going forward. They help people understand what networking is and how to incorporate it into their job search strategy. They also look at other resources in the community and do one on one case management. He stated that people's skills need to be refreshed and that computer skills are a must-have skill. Mr. Whitmore stated that they have started working with American College Testing and their assessment tools and remediation packages. He stated that transportation is something clients struggle with and that they developed Employment Express for eligible people in specific areas, who don't qualify for The Ride, to get to employment and back.

Ms. Efstratiou stated that Employment Express allows people to work where they couldn't have before. It is available seven days a week, including holidays, 24 hours a day. It is \$2 a ride.

Mr. Whitmore stated that they have a new Disability Employment Initiative, where they are trying to expand workforce participation for persons with disabilities. They are one of four regions in Massachusetts to participate in the program.

Ms. Perella stated that [North Shore Elder Services](#) has a Caregiver Support Group for people caring for those with dementia or Alshheimers. There is a day or evening support group. They also have a longevity center.

Ms. St. Pierre spoke about [North Shore Infant & Toddler Program](#)'s workshops and health fair.

Ms. Bowen stated that [Catholic Charities](#) will have funds available for Salem and Peabody residents for overdue rents and utility assistance.

Ms. Snow stated that the North Shore Career Center works with businesses and employees. They will be having a Veterans and Communtiy Career and Benefits Fair on May 7th.

Ms. D'Angelo-Florent stated that she is the member education representative for [MassHealth](#). She noted that income guideliens went up 1.7%. She suggested that people reapply if they were previously over-income.

Ms. Hartmann stated that [NSCAP](#) has a free tax preparation program, as well as fuel assistance to help with heating bills, even if heat is included in the rent.

Ms. Garay stated that [North Shore Community Development](#) Coalition has formed a group to create an ESL waiting list. Persons interested should call Kristin at 978-825-4018. ESL classes start 4/22 for the Spring session. They are having a youth day on 4/25, for youth to do activities in the neighborhood. On 4/30 is a get out the vote initiative. The last meeting of the visioning project is tentatively scheduled for 5/15. There will be an energize the earth 5K run fundraiser.

Mr. Farley stated that he is an intern with [Anchor to Windward](#). The agency works with adults 22+ with disabilitites. They currently have approximately 30 clients and are looking for social groups for older adutls

Ms. Davis stated that Anchor to Windward has a social component and they are looking for older clients with mild range intellectual disabilities.

North Shore Career Center Services

The North Shore Career Center's mission is to maintain a strong local workforce development system by working in concert with area business, community organizations, educational institutions and the local Workforce Investment Board. Their goal is to help customers remain competitive in today's workforce, by providing accesss to career and academic information, training oportunitites and current innovative technology.

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Job Seeker Services

- Resource Areas
- Workshops & Assessment Tools
- Professional Career Counseling
- Specialized Services for Veterans
- Educational & Training Services

Business Services

- Opportunity to post job openings on local and nationwide Job Banks
- Pre-screening and referral of qualified job applicants
- Coordination of on-site employer recruitment & interviewing sessions
- Information on tax credits for businesses
- Information on Unemployment Insurance and current labor market trends
- Access to other business-related resources, such as formal training for current employees through the Massachusetts

Ms. Walsh stated that [North Shore Head Start](#) has a free pre-school for ages 2.9 to 5 years. They are located in Bevelry and hope to open a classroom in Salem next year.

Ms. Swanson stated that the [Enterprise Center](#) has five programs per year for non-profits. The 4/25 program is on job burnout. The June 20th program is on program outcomes and analysis. She stated that non-profits have the same challenges as for-profits and encouraged people to sign up for their newsletter.

Ms. Strout stated that the [Salem YMCA](#) has an after school program for girls at the Salem Academy Charter School, for girls not involved in after-school activities. They help them to find jobs and also get girls involved in the community.

Ms. Dean stated that [MA Rehabilitation Commission](#) provides job placement and vocational counselling for persons 16+ with a disability. The help with the transition from school services to adult services. She is a job placement specialist.

Mr. Letourneau stated that the Salem YMCA has a "Say Media" program in their basement level, which is an after-school program for teens to further their creativity. They create videos to share on Facebook and Twitter. It is free and open to any teen, 3-7pm, Monday through Thursday.

Ms. Guy stated that the [City of Salem's](#) Draft Action Plan will be available for 30 day public comment some time between March 21st and April 4th. There will be a public hearing either April 4th or April 18th.

Employment Xpress

Can Help You Get to Work!

Designed to improve employment transportation services and opportunities for persons with disabilities and low-income individuals and intended to fill the gap in public transportation services along the Route 114 & Route 1 corridors in Danvers, Peabody and Salem. Will pick-up/drop-off anywhere within the Beverly, Danvers, Lynn, Peabody and Salem service area.

6:30 am – 11:30 pm
7 days a week
One-way fare \$2.00

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Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 6:30 pm – [First Aid Course](#) – Salem Y, One Sewall St.
- Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 10:00am – [MAPC Regional Housing Forum](#) – Old Town Hall, Salem
- Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 7:30pm – [LOL Comedy Fundraiser for PALS Animal Life Savers](#) – Finz, Pickering Wharf
- Thursday, June 6, 2013, 8:30am – [The Art and Science of Sales and Marketing](#) – Enterprise Center, Salem State University
- Thursday, June 6, 2013, 4:00pm – [Point Neighborhood Tree Planting Party \(English & Spanish\)](#) – Mary Jane Lee Park
- Sunday, June 9, 2013, Noon-3pm – [Eyemobile](#) – Salem Common
- Sunday, June 9, 2013, Noon – [Salem Dog Walk to benefit Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation](#), Salem Common

- Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 6:30pm – [Great Expectations Benefit for Salem Cyberspace](#) – Kernwood Country Club, Salem
- Thursday, June 13, 2013, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Summer Meeting – [Salvation Army](#)
- Friday, June 14, 2013, 7:00pm – [Salem Pride: City of Peace Pride Kick-off](#) – Hawthorne Hotel, 18 Washington Sq.
- Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 8:30am – [The Business of Elder Care](#) – Enterprise Center, Salem State University
- Thursday, Jun 20, 2013, 8:30am – [Focus on Non-Profits: Outcome Analysis for the Faint of Heart](#) – Enterprise Center, Salem State University
- Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 6:30pm – [Journeys of Hope Sunset Cruise Fundraiser](#) – Hannah Glover, Pickering Wharf
- Thursday, September 5, 2013, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Fall Meeting – Enterprise Center at Salem State University
- Thursday, December 12, 2013, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Winter Meeting – Seeking host agency

Please also check the City of Salem's [Meetings Calendar](#) and [Events Calendar](#), as well as the [Destination, Culture, Activities & Events](#) page. For additional workshops for businesses and non-profits, go to the [Enterprise Center at Salem State University](#).

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.

Regional Housing Forum



Join us for a presentation on key housing data/ trends in the greater Boston region and recommendations in MAPC's Regional Housing Plan and Fair Housing and Equity Assessment. Meet with the region's officials, developers, nonprofit leaders, policy experts, opinion leaders, and advocates to discuss creating, preserving, and planning for quality, affordable homes while continuing to remove barriers to fairness.

The forum will be held on two dates & locations:

June 5, 2013, Salem Old Town Hall

Continental breakfast served at 8:00AM, program begins promptly at 8:20AM and ending at 10:00AM. [Register now for Salem](#)

June 10, 2013, Braintree Town Hall

Continental breakfast served at 8:00AM, program begins promptly at 8:20AM and ending at 10:00AM. [Register now for Braintree](#)

Have a question? Contact Jenny Raitt, Chief Housing Planner, at jraitt@mapc.org