

# SALEM COMPASS

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## Mayor's Message



Dear resident,

Winter is most definitely here and with it comes the snow, ice and flooding. I want to give a big thanks to our public works, police and fire teams for their extraordinary efforts over the past few weeks clearing debris and pumping out affected areas.

We'll continue to working to keep the people of Salem as safe as possible, because the consequences of our changing climate are – quite clearly – devastating, and we're living with them now.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to visit Old Town Hall this weekend to check out Claudia Paraschiv's immersive exhibition "A City of Care + Wonder." The installation features the collaborative work(s) created during Paraschiv's time on Artists' Row as the City's 2023 Public Artist in Residence (PAiR). The exhibition is free, accessible, and open to the public 10am-4pm until January 28th at Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square.

As always, thank you for staying up to date with the latest news from City Hall. If you know anyone who might be interested in receiving this newsletter by email, they can sign up at <http://www.salem.com/subscribe>.

**Dominick Pangallo**  
Mayor  
City of Salem

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# Salem's Public Artist in Residence to Host Immersive Exhibition at Old Town Hall

The City of Salem is excited to host public artist and architect Claudia Paraschiv's immersive exhibition "A City of Care + Wonder" January 17 – 28, 2024 at Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square, Salem MA. The installation will feature the collaborative work(s) created during Paraschiv's time on Artists' Row as the City's 2023 Public Artist in Residence (PAiR).

From poetic musings to practical projects, the exhibit is a kaleidoscopic love letter to the City of Salem inspired by handwritten stories and crafted from natural and compostable materials. Throughout the summer and fall, Ms. Paraschiv used a large-scale, mobile tree sculpture called the "Tree of Care + Wonder" to actively explore city-making from a personal, emotional perspective. Most of the works on display, including the "Tree" itself, were created in partnership with the community during collaborative workshops of all ages. The multimedia exhibit features photographs of civic-art events performed throughout public spaces in Salem, a cartographic collage, and policy recommendations for city design based on narratives from locals.

When asked, the artist had this to say about the project: "The Tree of Care + Wonder grew out of a series of sketches from 2018-2020 about my vision of the future in which I drew a tree in the middle of the street, with people eating, talking, and playing all around it. Might something delightful, full of life and friendship, grow in an unexpected place? As I developed the theme to apply for the 2023 Salem Public Artist in Residence program, the metaphor expanded to consider the question of how cities might be built in surprising but wonderful ways. This "Tree" didn't grow from fertile soil, but the inhospitable blacktop of modern streets. The tree was insurgent. Perhaps you too have, at some point, stopped to marvel at a small flower growing from concrete. How might we elevate what is inspiring; how might we imagine what is yet to be? From this context the Tree provokes the question: How might we build a City of Care + Wonder?"

In addition to her PAiR stipend from the City, Ms. Paraschiv secured grants from the Salem Cultural Council (SCC), the Essex Creative County Foundation (ECCF), and a vital partnership with



the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) to fund engagement with over twenty-five local artists, musicians, photographers, dancers, and even a puppeteer to collaborate with her on civic-art events. Some other key partnerships included Gloucester educator and activist Toni Armstrong, Salem State University Professor Michael Jaros, History Alive, and local activist Michael Corley.

Claudia Paraschiv is an architect and public artist, with a passion for composting and ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). She has lived in Salem since 2010 and founded her design practice, Studioful Design in 2016, as a woman-owned, social enterprise engaged in architecture, community art, and neighborhood design. Ms. Paraschiv will present her policy findings to Salem's City Council, and will continue her research into how expansive, novel uses of public spaces directly improve people's daily lives as a 2024 MASSCreative Advocacy and Organizing Fellow.

**The exhibition is free, accessible, and open to the public Wednesdays-Sundays from 10am-4pm, January 17 - 28 2024 at Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square Salem MA.**

Artist "Meet & Greet" hours are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12-2pm for those interested in diving deeper.



## Salem Park, Recreation and Community Services

February 2024



### Valentine's Party and Vow Renewal at the COA

The COA will be hosting our annual Valentine's Day Party and Vow Renewal on Monday, February 12th at 10:00am. Following the vow renewal, we will have live music, dancing and lunch. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. To register, contact Rosanna at 978-744-0924.

### Cardio Boxing and Kickboxing

Build the foundations of kickboxing with a circuit style workout that will improve balance and coordination. You will burn calories, build muscle and relieve stress in a fun, safe and healthy way. No experience necessary. Participants need to provide their own boxing gloves or mitts.

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:15pm

\$70.00 for a four week session

Next session is February 6th—  
February 27th

Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

### Robothink: Battle Bots

This is a 6 week class instructed by Robothink, a STEM robotics and engineering program for children ages 7-14.

Tuesdays,  
February 6th—March 12th

\$240.00 for the session

Register at  
[salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

Registration for Park and Recreation summer programs will begin on March 1st and then throughout the spring/summer as programs are developed.

### Ukulele Magic Club

Ukulele Magic is made up of a fun group of enthusiastic people who enjoy playing and singing music. This group formed last year and continues to grow. New members can join for the next session beginning on February 29th. For additional information and to register, visit [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)



*The COA will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special lunch on Thursday, February 15th. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. If interested, please contact Rosanna at 978-744-0924.*

### Calligraphy for Beginners

In this four week class, participants will use a calligraphy pen to learn basic strokes and letters.

Mondays—6:00-7:00pm

February 26th—March 18th

\$35.00 for the session, includes supplies.

Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

### Valentine's Sweets, Crafts and Fun at The House of the Seven Gables



An annual fun family event co-sponsored by the House of the Seven Gables and our department.

Saturday, February 10th 1:00-3:00pm

Join us at The House of the Seven Gables for an outdoor scavenger hunt, hot chocolate and cookies, free ground passes to the historic site and a Valentine's Workshop with Linda Abbene. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

This is a free event, however pre-registration is encouraged in order to have enough supplies. Please register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

### Spring Wellness Series

The Salem COA is pleased to be working in collaboration with the Salem State University Department of Occupational Therapy to bring a Spring Wellness Series to the Community Life Center. Each workshop is scheduled to run from 10:00-11:30am. Listed below are the offering for February and March. Pre-registration is required. Contact Rosanna at 978-744-0924 to register.

**Thursday, February 29th—Occupation, Health and Aging:** Learn how healthy routines can prevent a decline in health.

**Thursday, March 7th—Building Block of Longevity:** Healthy aging involves finding a balance between physical, mental, social, spiritual and productive activities.

**Thursday, March 28th—Fall Prevention and Home Safety:** We will explore why falls can happen as we age, determine your current risk for falls and provide tools to assess home the safety of the home environment.

### Future Artist and Scientist Club—ages 6-10

Our next four week session begins on Tuesday, February 6th. Children will work with physics, chemistry and art to create projects.



4:00-5:30pm.

\$80.00 for the 4 week session, all supplies are included.

Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

Salem Park, Recreation and Community Services  
401 Bridge St. Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-0924



# SalemRecycles to Host Repair Café



Don't throw away your broken item – bring it to the Repair Café! SalemRecycles is hosting an upcoming Repair Café. Repair volunteers will be available to mend clothing, sew buttons, tinker with or rewire electronics and lamps, diagnose computers/phones/tablets, glue wooden furniture and ceramics, repair or tune up bicycles, and more. Please keep in mind these services may change as we confirm volunteers.

This Repair Café is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Community Life Center at 401 Bridge Street in Salem. **Appointments are required**, and walk-ins will not be accepted. Appointments are free to Salem residents. To request an appointment, [please complete this form](#). If you cannot access the form, please email [SalemRecycles@gmail.com](mailto:SalemRecycles@gmail.com).

This Repair Café and Terracycle Collection is a free event designed to help attendees repair broken items so that they do not end up in the waste stream. In addition to repairing broken items, attendees will also be able to recycle five terracycle brigades of otherwise hard-to-recycle items. Swiffers (all used, dried Swiffer pads); razors (All brands of reusable and disposable razors, blades & cartridges, as well as any flexible or rigid plastic packaging they come in); dental care items (Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, mouthwash bottles, floss containers – all brands, plus toothbrush packaging); deodorant containers and caps (all brands); and Brita brand items (Brita dispenser, Brita pitchers, Brita bottles, Brita standard filters, Brita Stream filters, Brita bottle filters, Brita filter packaging, Brita Longlast® filters, Brita Stream® pitchers) are being collected.

“As a certified Green Community, Salem has worked hard to protect our local environment, lessen our contributions to the climate crisis, and reduce our waste,” Mayor Dominick Pangallo said, “I am proud of our community’s ongoing commitment to addressing the challenges before us and view this is as another important step in that ongoing work. I’m grateful to the volunteers and city staff who are making this creative and fun community-building solution possible.”

We hope to see you at this fun event where you can learn how to fix things and reduce your waste!

*For more information, contact Janelle Rolke, City of Salem Waste Reduction Coordinator at 978-619-5672 or [jrolke@salem.com](mailto:jrolke@salem.com)*

# Celebrating Neurodiversity: Salem Public Library to Launch Sensory-Friendly Family Program

The Salem Public Library is excited to announce the launch of "Family Circle Time," an adaptive sensory-friendly song and movement program, designed to bring families together in an inclusive and supportive environment. About Family Circle Time: Family Circle Time is crafted/ designed for children ages 3-8 with autism spectrum disorders and sensory processing disorders, as well as children of all differing abilities. The program is designed to provide a welcoming space for families (including siblings of all ages) to learn, play, and connect through the joy of stories, music, and movement.

"We are thrilled to introduce Family Circle Time, a program that goes beyond traditional library offerings to create a space where all families feel welcome and included," said Simone Lorrain, Head of Youth Services. "This is a step towards making our library and programming more sensory-friendly and enhancing our services to the neurodivergent community."

Adaptive and Inclusive Family Circle Time is tailored to be adaptive and inclusive, ensuring that children of all needs and differing abilities feel comfortable and supported. A social story will also be available ahead of time so families will know what to expect when they attend the program. The program creates a sensory-friendly environment, incorporating elements such as noise-canceling headphones, weighted blankets, and fidget toys to accommodate unique sensory needs. Through a variety of songs, stories and movement activities, Family Circle Time encourages interactive play and fosters the bond between children and their caregivers/families. Families will have the opportunity to connect with one another, share experiences, and build a sense of community within Salem and surrounding towns.

The program will run every other Saturday at 10:30am, starting on January 27th and running until April 6th. Space is limited to 12 children. Families interested in participating in Family Circle Time can register at <https://salempl.org/calendar/> or call 978-744-9667. The program is free of charge, and all are welcome to join.

*For more information, contact Tara Mansfield, Salem Public Library Director at (978) 744-0860 or [tmansfield@salem.com](mailto:tmansfield@salem.com)*



**Family Circle Time**  
A Special Time to  
Celebrate Neurodiversity

Family Circle Time is an adaptive sensory-friendly songs and movement program for children ages 3-8 to share with their caregiver/family. This program brings families together to learn and play in an environment that welcomes and supports the unique needs of children with autism spectrum/sensory processing disorders and children of all needs and differing abilities.

Program meets at the Salem Public Library every other Saturday on 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/9, 3/23 and 4/6 from 10:30-11AM Preregistration is required each week.  
Visit: [salempl.org/calendar](https://salempl.org/calendar)





## Board & Commission Vacancies / Puestos en Juntas y Comités disponible

Mayor Dominick Pangallo is seeking interested applicants to fill vacancies on a number of City boards and commissions. Those interested in being considered for a seat should fill out the application form available at <https://www.salemma.gov/mayors-office/files/application-board-or-commission-appointment-0> and return it with an up-to-date resume to [mayor@salem.com](mailto:mayor@salem.com), by fax to 978-744-9327, or by mail to Office of the Mayor, Salem City Hall, 93 Washington Street, Salem MA 01970. Additional details about these and all City boards are available online at <http://www.salemma.gov/boards>.

Board	Term	Meeting details
Scholarship & Education Committee (2 Vacancies)	3 years	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month; 6:30pm
Bicycling & Shared Path Advisory Committee	3 years	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month; 6:30pm
Conservation Commission	3 years	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month; 6:30pm
Salem Cultural Council	3 years	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7pm

El alcalde Dominick Pangallo busca residentes interesados en llenar puestos disponibles en nuestros juntas y comités. Los que quieren ser considerado deben llenar el solicitud en <https://www.salemma.gov/mayors-office/files/application-board-or-commission-appointment-0> y devolverlo con un resume a [mayor@salem.com](mailto:mayor@salem.com), por fax a 978-744-9327, o por correo a Office of the Mayor, Salem City Hall, 93 Washington Street, Salem MA 01970. Encuentra más detalles sobre estos puestos en <http://www.salemma.gov/boards>.

Comité	Duración	Detalles de la reunión
Comité de Becas y Educación (2 posiciones abiertos)	3 años	2 <sup>do</sup> lunes de cada mes; 6:30pm
Comité de Bicicletas y Caminos Públicos	3 años	1 <sup>ro</sup> miércoles de cada mes; 6:30pm
Comisión de Conservación	3 años	3 <sup>ro</sup> martes de cada mes; 6:30pm
Consejo Cultural de Salem	3 años	4 <sup>o</sup> martes de cada mes; 7pm

# Coming Up Jan. 21 - Feb. 11

For more details about items on this calendar and the most up to date calendar of City meetings and events, please visit [www.salemva.gov/calendar](http://www.salemva.gov/calendar).

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><a href="#">REVISED Salem City Council Committee on Government Services co-posted with the Committee of the Whole</a> <b>6pm</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><a href="#">Constitute Julio Mota Public Office Hours - CLC</a> <b>10:15-11:15am</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem Harbor Port Authority Meeting</a> <b>5pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Race Equity Commission Meeting</a> <b>5:30-7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><a href="#">State Senator Joan Lovely Public Office Hours — CLC</a> <b>11am-12pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem School Committee - Committee of the Whole Meeting</a> <b>5:15pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem School Committee Regular Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem Human Rights Coalition Meeting</a> <b>5:30-6:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">AHTF Regular Meeting</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><a href="#">Housing Stability Housing Services - Espacio Drop-in Hours; Información y recursos de vivienda gratuitos para propietarios e inquilinos de Salem - Espacio</a> <b>9am-12pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem School Committee Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting</a> <b>5:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Historical Commission Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Bicycling &amp; Shared Path Advisory Committee</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><a href="#">Monthly Energy Coach Office Hours / Horas de Oficina Mensual-Entrenador de energía</a> <b>5:30-7pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem City Council Regular Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><a href="#">White Good Curbside Collection</a></p> </div>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><a href="#">Repair Café</a> <b>9am-12pm</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>