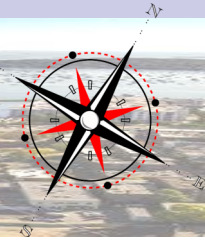


# SALEM COMPASS

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## Mayor's Message



Welcome to the latest issue of the Salem Compass! Be sure to sign up for updates and news from the City of Salem by subscribing at [www.salemma.gov/subscribe](http://www.salemma.gov/subscribe).

You also click the Board Vacancies button at [www.salemma.gov/mayor](http://www.salemma.gov/mayor) to find a weekly posting of City board and committee vacancies. I hope you'll consider applying for an opening if you see a board of interest and you'd like to volunteer!

Earlier this month I was honored to join the Salem Human Rights Coalition, the North Shore chapter of the NAACP, and other community leaders for a flag raising and special program to kick off Black History Month in Salem. I especially want to thank the City staff, speakers, Coalition volunteers, and

members of the public who made this event possible. Read on in this issue of the Salem Compass to find out about the other upcoming events and activities taking place in Salem as we continue to honor and celebrate Black History Month.

This weekend is the 22nd annual "Salem's So Sweet" Chocolate and Ice Sculpture Festival. Over 25 ice sculptures will be on display for viewing around town during the festival, starting with installation on the Essex Street Pedestrian Mall this evening, February 9th. Viewing the ice sculptures is free to all and is not a ticketed event. Find more information about all of the activities and programs of the festival and the locations of the ice sculptures on pages three and four of this issue of the newsletter.

As always, thank you for reading the Salem Compass, and please share this newsletter with friends, family, and neighbors to keep everyone informed about what's going on in our great City!

**Dominick Pangallo**  
**Mayor**  
**City of Salem**

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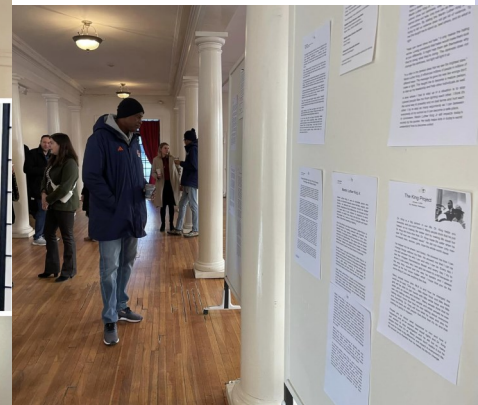
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# City of Salem Black History Month Flag Raising and Speaking Program

On February 3rd, Salem city staff, the Salem Human Rights Coalition, North Shore MA NAACP and other community leaders gathered together at Old Town Hall for a speaking program to kick off Black History Month, followed by a flag raising at Riley Plaza.

Together, we're proud that Salem is a welcoming and inclusive community-but we also know that there is still so much to do. This month we celebrate Black History month in Salem, but we commit ourselves as public servants to working every day of every month to move our own community more closely toward justice. And we commit ourselves to living and honoring the truth that Black history IS American history.



# City of Salem's Human Rights Coalition Black History Month Events and Activities

## **Salem Public Schools Charlotte Forten Display at Old Town Hall – On view February 19th – 29th 2024**

With a special thanks to all of the participating students and teachers, Old Town Hall is pleased host to a unique installation featuring 'idea boards' and other projects from a variety of Salem Public School classrooms on the theme of Charlotte Forten's life and legacy. Along with this display will be a brief history of Charlotte Forten and her connections to Salem, an overview timeline of her life, a small family tree, images of what the finished sculpture will look like, and project updates. Open the Monday of February school vacation week, this event is free & open to the public. The public is invited to visit and view the exhibit at Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square, Salem MA, from February 19th – 29th 2024, exhibit hours each week: Mon. Tues. & Wed. 10am - 4pm; Thur. 10am - 7pm.; Fri. 9am-12noon.; Sat. & Sun. 9am - 4pm.



## **Ode to Charlotte Forten & Other Black Salem Stories Community Event – Saturday, Feb. 24th @ 11am**

The community is invited to attend a pilot programming initiative lead by the Salem Human Rights Coalition to elevate and spotlight Black stories from Salem's past and present. The event will take place at Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square, Salem MA, on the 1st Floor Colonnade among the installation of SPS student 'idea boards' and is free and open to all.

The event will include live historical interpretations and presentations on the life and writings of Charlotte Forten Grimke and why her legacy matters to Salem to this day. Come learn a bit about Charlotte and other prominent Black stories in Salem's history, hear updates on the City's Charlotte Forten Memorial Project, and share in poetry, songs, comradery, and more!



# Salem's So Sweet Chocolate and Ice Sculpture Festival – Feb. 9 through Feb. 11, 2024

Salem Main Streets and the Salem Chamber of Commerce invite you to participate in the annual Salem's So Sweet Chocolate & Ice Sculpture Festival – a decadent tradition of delectable chocolate, sparkling ice sculptures, and Valentine's Day shopping! Now in its 22nd year, we are continuing to evolve the signature elements of our event to better reflect the challenges and opportunities within our business community and incorporate best practices learned over the years.

## Elements of this year's festival will include:

- Ice sculptures around town, starting with installation on the Essex Street Pedestrian Mall on Friday, Feb. 9th
- Evening illumination of ice sculptures on Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10 from 5 pm to 9 pm
- A Kickoff Party (tickets on sale SOON) and late night shopping on Friday, Feb. 9
- The Chocolate Hearts Challenge on Saturday, Feb. 10 and Sunday, Feb. 11 – an QR code game in businesses around town with prizes for participants
- Sweet treats and deals at many of the amazing local shops and eateries all weekend!

The 2024 festival is made possible by support from local businesses, including Blackcraft, Moons Gift Shop, Salem Witch Museum, Witch City Walking Tours, Peabody Essex Museum, Gourmet Caterers, Retonica, St. Jean's Credit Union, Annie's Asian Mart, Die With Your Boots On, Nocturne, Re-Find, and Witch City Wicks. The festival is sponsored in part by the Salem Public Art Commission, and is supported by tourism dollars through Destination Salem.

## Ice Sculptures, installation beginning Friday, Feb. 9

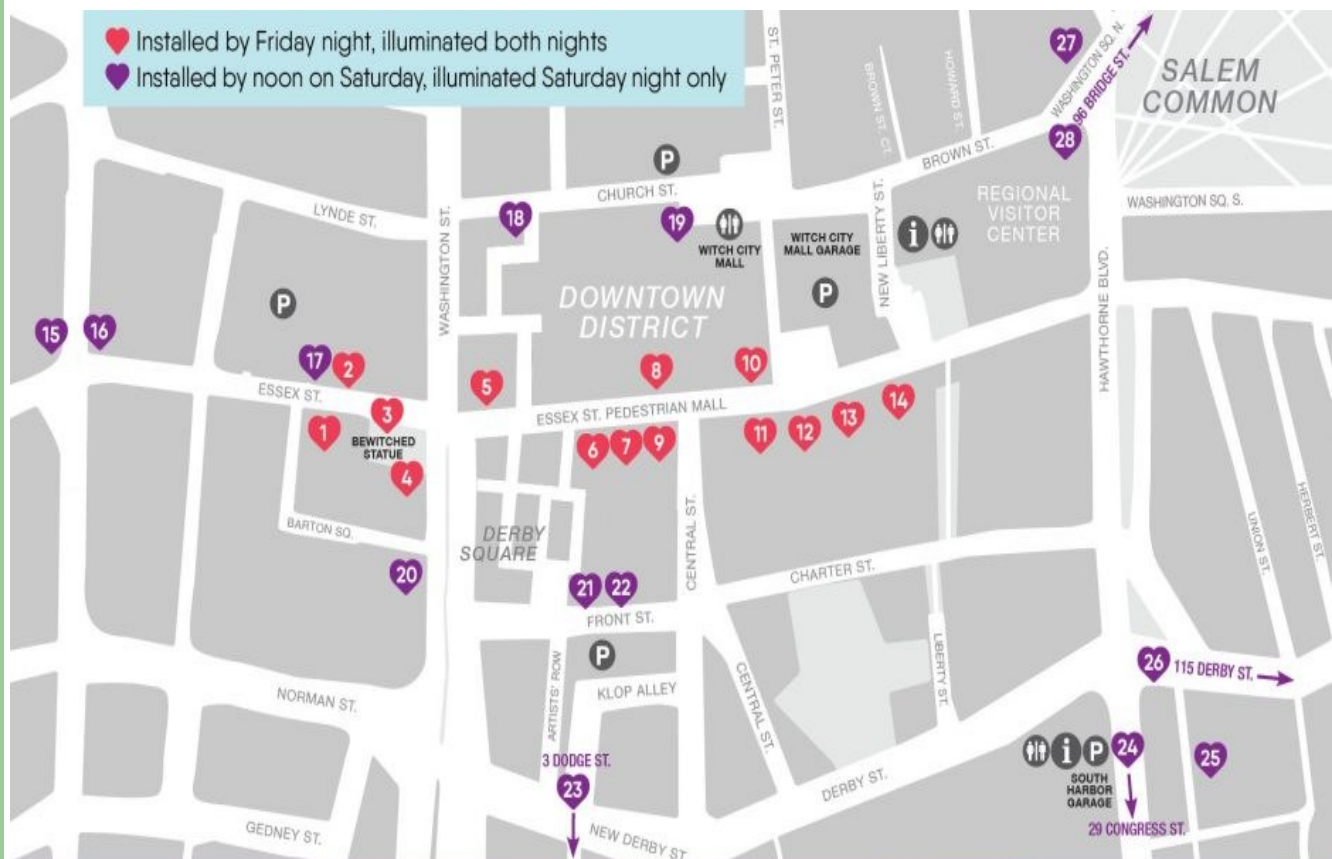
Over 25 ice sculptures will be on display for viewing around town during the festival. A special sneak peek with a limited number of sculptures will be illuminated on Friday night on the Essex Street Pedestrian Mall and Lappin Park only, and on Saturday night all of the sculptures will be lit. Sculptures will be illuminated between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. both nights, weather permitting.

Viewing the ice sculptures is free to all and is not a ticketed event.

The Salem Trolley is providing transportation throughout the downtown for sculpture viewing Saturday and Sunday from 12 pm to 4 pm for \$3 per person, weather permitting.

Continue to the next page to view a map of the ice sculpture locations. Please visit <https://salemmainstreets.org/festivals/salem-so-sweet/> for additional event information.





## Ice Sculptures

Sculptures remain up as long as weather permits.

Illumination of Ice Sculptures: 5 to 9 pm both Friday and Saturday nights

1. **BLACKCRAFT COFFEE** – Sponsored by Blackcraft
2. **ONE PIECE FLAG** – Sponsored by Harrison's
3. **CRYSTAL SNOWFLAKE** – Sponsored by Laura Lanes Skin Care
4. **VIKING** – Sponsored by Salem State University
5. **MOON** – Sponsored by Moons Gift Shop
6. **SALEM LOVES ARCHITECTURE** – Sponsored by Derby Square Architects, Seger Architects, Design Build Architects, Jones Architects, and Flow Design Architects
7. **DOG** – Sponsored by Witch City Walking Tours
8. **GUMMY BEAR** – Sponsored by ASCEND
9. **KEITH HARING, UNTITLED WITH HEART AND TWO FIGURES** – Sponsored by Trolley Depot, The Coven's Cottage, Modern Millie, Pamplemousse, and Salem Trolley
10. **CORALINE** – Sponsored by Bewitched in Salem
11. **WITCH** – Sponsored by Bewitched Tours
12. **CAMERA** – Sponsored by Salem Film Fest
13. **CANDY PICTURE FRAME** – Sponsored by Creative Collective
14. **DRAGON** – Sponsored by Peabody Essex Museum
15. **CAT** – Sponsored by the Witch House
16. **CRYSTAL BALL** – Sponsored by Witch City Wicks
17. **WORLD** – Sponsored by The Journeymasters
18. **LOBSTER** – Sponsored by Turner's Seafood
19. **SKULL** – Sponsored by Die With Your Boots On
20. **CURLY GIRL** – Sponsored by Curly Girl Candy Shop
21. **FAIRY** – Sponsored by Whimsy's Sweet Life
22. **GAYLE THE SNAIL** – Sponsored by Jenni Stuart Fine Jewelry
23. **WHALE TAIL** – Sponsored by Seagrass
24. **CAULDRON** – Sponsored by Stardust
25. **ANCHOR** – Sponsored by Salem Waterfront Hotel and Regatta Pub
26. **ROCKING HORSE** – Sponsored by The House of the Seven Gables and Ye Olde Pepper Companie
27. **FALL IN LOVE WITH SALEM** – Sponsored by the Salem Witch Museum
28. **BAKERY** – Sponsored by Coffee Time Bake Shop



## Salem School Committee February 5th Meeting Highlights

There was a lot to smile about at Salem Public Schools Committee meeting Monday night, recognizing Saltonstall School's Fiona Brandt as Salem's [Project 351](#) representative, hearing a fantastic presentation about inclusive classrooms by Horace Mann students, and accepting a generous donation from the Pabich family to get the Salem High School [Freight Farms](#) up and running once again!



To read more about Fiona's work with Project 351 and her personal volunteerism, visit <https://salemk12.org/news/project-351-ambassador-fiona-brandt/>

# 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)

# City of Salem Energy Coach Office Hours

## Energy Coach Office Hours

Save money and get peace of mind by cleaning up your electric bill! Learn more about National Grid Discount Rates, PowerChoice, Mass Save home energy assessments, home efficiency, solar panels, heat pumps, and more.

Drop in to meet with Stacy Kilb, the City of Salem's Energy Coach, during Office Hours at the following dates and locations:

4th Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00AM  
(Salem Pantry will also be on location from 10-11:30AM)  
Community Life Center - 401 Bridge Street  
(1/24, 2/28, 3/27, 4/24)

2nd Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM  
El Espacio - 105 Congress Street  
(2/8, 3/14, 4/11)

4th Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM  
City Hall Annex - 98 Washington Street  
1st Floor Medium Conference Room  
(1/25, 2/22, 3/28, 4/25)

Or, schedule an appointment at your convenience by contacting [skilb@salem.com](mailto:skilb@salem.com), (978) 754-9595 x41013, or by using this link:  
[Book time with Stacy Kilb: Energy Coach Office Hours](#)

The City of Salem Energy Coach has set up Office Hours for any community members to stop by for any efficiency, energy, or sustainability-related questions you may have, such as:

- Gas or electric bill checkup
- PowerChoice
- Resources available for Income Eligible situations (National Grid R2 discount rate, arrears management, etc.)
- Home Energy Assessments
- Heat Pumps
- Solar panels
- Community Solar
- Appliance upgrades such as induction stoves, heat pump hot water heaters, heat pump dryers, etc.

## Mark your calendars!

- **National Grid Energy Fair**, Monday, March 11th, 2:00-6:00PM at El Espacio, 105 Congress St. National Grid representatives will be on hand to sign residents up for the R2 discount rate, payment and forgiveness plans, and protection against winter utility shutoff. Representatives from NSCAP, Action Inc., and Salem Pantry will also be on hand.
- **Zero Waste Weekend** with Janelle Rolke, Waste Reduction Coordinator, and Salem State University, March 22nd- 24th . Please contact Janelle for additional information or see Zero Waste Events City of Salem & SSU - Green Salem
- "Downtown Drawdown" FREE Waste Audits for local businesses (3/20 or they can schedule a date)
- SPS and SSU will be participating with events for students Friday, 3/22 (Salem State events are open to the public)
- Public events 3/23:
  - Book Swap & TerraCycle collection (CLC)
  - Free document shredding (Horace Mann Lab School)
  - E-waste (High School)
- Beautification Committee Cleanup 3/24 (Gallows Hill Park)
- **Salem Kicks Gas: A Northshore Electric Vehicle Expo**. Drive Electric Earth Month (DEEM) Event. Salem High School, Sunday, April 28th, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
- **2024 Living Green Expo**, presented with the Salem Chamber of Commerce, Saturday, May 11th, at Old Town Hall & Derby Square, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



# Coming Up Feb. 12 - Feb. 25

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

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><a href="#">Licensing Board Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem City Council Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Scholarship and Education Committee Monthly Meeting</a> <b>6:30-8:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">City Council Regular Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><a href="#">Community Preservation Committee Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Cemetery Commission Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Beautification Committee Meeting</a> <b>7-9pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Board of Health Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem Redevelopment Authority Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Traffic &amp; Parking Commission Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting</a> <b>6:30-10pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Council</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><a href="#">Housing Stability Housing Services</a> <b>4-7pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem School Committee - Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting</a> <b>4:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Planning Board Meeting</a> <b>6-10pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem High School Building Committee</a> <b>6:30-8pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Tree Commission Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Tree Removal Hearing</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem School Committee - Policy Subcommittee Meeting</a> <b>9am</b></p>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>President's Day City Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><a href="#">Commission on Disabilities Meeting</a> <b>4:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Pubic Art Commission Meeting</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Park and Recreation Commission Meeting</a> <b>6:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><a href="#">Council on Aging Meeting</a> <b>5:15pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Historical Commission Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Veterans Council Monthly Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><a href="#">Board of Trustees Meeting</a> 4pm</p> <p><a href="#">Housing Stability Housing Services</a> <b>4-7pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Monthly Energy Coach Office Hours / Horas de Oficina Mensual-Entrenador de energia</a> <b>5:30-7pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem City Council Regular Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><a href="#">Rep. Manny Cruz Office Hours</a> <b>9:30-11am</b></p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>