

# SALEM COMPASS

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## Mayor's Message



Dear resident,

We are all enormously proud of the accomplishments of Salem's High School football team this season. While the championship game didn't end with a win, reaching the division championship is itself a remarkable achievement and one that has instilled pride and positive spirit across our whole community. On behalf of our city, we extend our congratulations to the Witches on an incredible season played with tenacity, perseverance, and heart.

December brings the start of the holiday season in Salem, with no shortage of concerts, events, and special programs. We kicked off the season last week with Santa's arrival and the lighting of tree at Lappin Park. I'm grateful to all who helped make these events happen, including Salem Main Streets and

their volunteers and the City staff with the Department of Public Services, Fire Department, and Police Department. Thank you to all who made the festivities a fun and safe event for everyone! The holiday season continue with Chabad of Beverly-Salem's public menorah lighting on Saturday December 9th at 6pm in Lappin Park, with music, kids' crafts, and treats. Find out more about Holiday Happenings in Salem at [www.salem.org/blog/holiday-happenings-2023/](http://www.salem.org/blog/holiday-happenings-2023/).

It's been an eventful last few weeks for Salem Public Schools, from the Superbowl and the new inductees into the SHS Hall of Fame, to the Salem Teachers' Union "Reading Opens the World" initiative, and a visit from Massachusetts Education Secretary Tutwiler and Department of Early Education & Care Commissioner Kershaw to Salem's Early Childhood Center, there's so much to be proud of in our schools and in our community. Have a great December!

**Dominick Pangallo**  
Mayor  
City of Salem

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## Salem 2023 Holiday Happenings Kicks Off



There's no place like Salem for the holidays! Thanks to Salem Main Streets, volunteers and City staff who made Santa's arrival and our tree lighting so much fun! Find out more about celebrating the season in our historic city at <https://www.salem.org/blog/holiday-happenings-2023/>



# 2023 Salem Chanukah Celebration - Saturday December 6th; 6pm

Chabad of Beverly-Salem

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## SALEM Chanukah CELEBRATION

PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING AND GELT DROP

SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 9

**6:00 PM**

Lappin Park  
237- 245 Essex St  
Salem, MA 01970

- > MAYOR DOMINICK PANGALLO
- > CHANUKAH MUSIC
- > KIDS CRAFTS
- > LATKES, DONUTS  
CHOCOLATE COINS & MORE

For more information or  
sponsorship opportunities visit:

[CHABADOFBEVERLY-SALEM.COM](http://CHABADOFBEVERLY-SALEM.COM)



# Salem Pre K Partnership Visit

This week, Salem's Innovative PreK Partnership took center stage today, as Superintendent Zrike, State Rep. Manny Cruz, Deputy Superintendent Carbone, Salem Public Schools staff, and I welcomed Massachusetts Education Secretary Tutwiler and Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care Commissioner Kershaw to Salem's Early Childhood Center and our community partners to see how we're making a positive difference for our community's young learners!



Salem PreK Partnership focuses on expanding and enhancing access to locally aligned, quality PreK and ensuring equitable access to special education and inclusion.



Salem's innovation holds the potential to serve as a model of what quality PreK expansion looks like in a Gateway city, with future considerations to sustain and expand Salem's innovative model within and beyond our community.

## Reading Opens the World



A big thanks to the Salem Teachers Union for the invitation to join Salem Public Schools Superintendent Zrike in reading to Saltonstall School 1st graders - and for your sponsorship of "Reading Opens the World!"

Through this initiative, AFT Massachusetts and STU are providing every Salem Public School 1st grader with a free book!



## Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony



Congratulations to all of the inductees at last night's Salem High School Hall of Fame ceremony! Their efforts, talents, and legacies have strengthened the bonds of our community and helped to elevate Salem Public Schools.

# Park, Recreation and Community Services

## December Newsletter

### Salem Park, Recreation and Community Services

December 2023

#### Santa at the Common

Santa will be visiting the Salem Common Gazebo on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00am -12:00pm. This event will give families the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa and some pre-bagged treats will be available for the kids. Please register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com).



#### Remembrance Day

The Salem Council on Aging will be hosting our annual Remembrance Day on Wednesday, December 20th at 10:30am. This gathering will be held to remember dear friends and family members no longer with us. To include the name of a loved one, please contact Rosanna at 978-744-0924.

Special thanks to the many volunteers who delivered Thanksgiving dinner to homebound seniors on Thanksgiving. We thank the Friends of the Salem sponsoring these meals.

#### Holiday Ornament Painting—ages 18+



Personalize your ornament through a variety of techniques. All supplies included, just bring your imagination and holiday spirit.

Monday, December 11th 6:00-7:30pm  
\$25.00, includes all supplies  
Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

#### Annual Holiday Party at the COA

Thursday, December 14th 10:00am



Seniors are invited to join us for this annual event sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Council on Aging. Live entertainment, dancing and lunch. Pre-registration required by Monday, December 11th. Please call Rosanna at 978-744-0924 to register.

#### Curious Creatures

Join Salem Park, Recreation and Community Services in welcoming Curious Creatures to the Community Life Center. This program is designed to teach about wildlife in a fun, safe and hands-on way.

Thursday, December 28th 3:30-4:30pm  
\$5.00 per person.  
Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

#### Winter Gnome Making Workshop

Children ages 6-10 are invited to this exciting new workshop lead by instructor Christina Bash. She will lead children in step by step instructions to create a gnome out of a sock, rice, yarn and beads.

Monday, December 4th 4:00-5:00pm

\$25.00 per person, includes supplies



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

#### Teen Landscape Painting

Teens ages 10-16 are invited to follow along with a step by step tutorial to create a desert scene in acrylic on a canvas that is sure to warm your heart in the cold of the winter.

Thursday, December 28th  
10:00am -12:00pm  
\$25.00 per person, includes supplies

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

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

In this four week program, children will create art projects using chemistry and physics.



Tuesdays, December 5th—26th  
4:00-5:30pm  
\$80.00 per person, includes all supplies  
Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

#### Holiday Lights

The Council on Aging's Transportation Team will be offering a holiday light ride on Tuesday, December 5th from 4:00-5:30pm. Please register with Rosanna t 978-744-0924.



#### Cardio Boxing and Kickboxing

Our December session of this very popular class for adults will run on Tuesdays, December 5th—January 2nd from 5:30-6:15pm.

\$70.00 per person.  
Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)



Season's Greetings and Happy New Year from the staff at the Community Life Center!

#### 2024 at the Salem Council on Aging

Join us to celebrate the New Year!  
December 27th  
10:00am -12:00pm  
Entertainment by Tony Malionek  
\$10.00 per person  
Register with Rosanna at 978-744-0924



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

# Mobile Mayor's Office Debut

On Wednesday, November 22nd, the Mayor's Office successfully debuted a new initiative, the *Mobile Mayor's Office!* Through this program, the entire Mayor's staff relocates to a location beyond the walls of City Hall and bring City services directly to neighborhoods. Like *City Hall to Go*, the program is one more way that the City is striving to remove barriers for residents to access City services. Last week's launch saw staff working out of Espacio for the day. Be on the lookout to see where the Mobile Mayor's Office will 'set up shop' next!



Future Mobile Mayor's Office dates, times, and locations will be announced on [www.salemma.gov/mayor](http://www.salemma.gov/mayor) and on the City calendar at [www.salemma.gov/calendar](http://www.salemma.gov/calendar).

## Coming Up Dec. 4 - Dec. 17

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

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><a href="#">State Senator Joan Lovely Public Office Hours - CLC</a> <b>11am-12pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem Food for All Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Planning Board - Special Meeting</a> <b>6:30-9:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">School Committee Regular Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>5</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>6:30</b></p> <p><a href="#">Recycling Committee Meeting</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><a href="#">Monthly Energy Coach Office Hours/Horas de Oficina Mensual-Entrenador de energia</a> <b>8:30 - 9:30am</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="#">Historical Commission Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Bicycling &amp; Shared Path Advisory Committee Meeting</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Sustainability, Energy and Resiliency Committee (SERC) Regular Meeting</a> <b>6:30 - 8pm</b></p>	<p><b>7</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 - 7pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Planning Board</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem City Council Regular Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><a href="#">Energy Coach Office Hours/Horas de Oficina Mensual-Entrenador de energia</a> <b>9 - 10:30am</b></p> <p><a href="#">Community Preservation Committee Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Board of Health Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem Redevelopment Authority Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Traffic and Parking Commission Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Council Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><a href="#">Housing Stability Housing Services - CLC Drop-in Hours; Información y recursos de vivienda gratuitos para propietarios e inquilinos de Salem - Centro de Vida Comunitaria</a> <b>4 - 7pm</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem School Committee - Policy Subcommittee Meeting</a> <b>9am</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><a href="#">E-Waste Event</a> <b>8am - 12pm</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>