

SALEM COMPASS

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Mayor's Message



Dear resident,

In this issue of the Salem Compass, we want to express our shared excitement for the start of a new school year in just a couple of weeks. Salem Public School teachers, faculty, and staff have been working hard this summer preparing to receive students back with open arms and we're all eager to build on last year's successes.

The second annual Back to School Fair will take place on August 23rd at Palmer Cove Park from 4:30pm-7:30pm with food, games, fun, and important information for students and families about resources for the upcoming school year. Transportation will be provided again this year for the Fair; see inside this issue of the newsletter for more details.

Carlton grades 1-5, Salem High School grade 9 and Salem Prep grade 9 start school on August 28th, while all other grades 1-8, 10-12, and New Liberty grade 9 start August 29th. Carlton Kindergarteners start on August 31st and all other Pre-K and Kindergarten

students start September 5th. For all your back-to-school resources, visit <https://saalemk12.org/#BTS2324>.

Our thanks to the Salem Public School team members for their professionalism and hard work in getting ready for the start of school, as well!

Lastly, nothing is more important than the safety of our students, so please be mindful of traffic impacts and drive carefully as students walk and bike to and from school.

We hope you have a fantastic start to the 2023-2024 Salem Public School year!

Dominick Pangallo
Mayor
City of Salem

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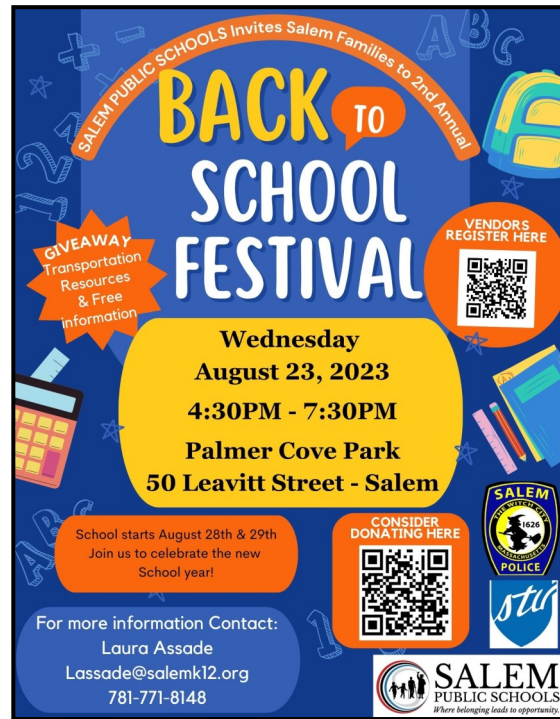
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Back to School Festival

Salem Public Schools invites families to the second annual Back to School Festival on **Wednesday, August 23rd at Palmer Cove Park (50 Leavitt Street) from 4:30pm – 7:30pm!** Dr. Zrike, the Salem Teachers Union and all of the SPS staff are hoping to replicate the success of last year's festival and are looking forward to connecting families and students with members of the community.

Organizations who are interested in attending and plan on sharing information or giving something away may register their participation using this link: <https://forms.gle/Sc88TBYBSb7pbhQS7>

Transportation for families will be provided again this year; see below for route details:



SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS Invites Salem Families to 2nd Annual

BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Wednesday
August 23, 2023
4:30PM - 7:30PM
Palmer Cove Park
50 Leavitt Street - Salem

GIVEAWAY
 Transportation Resources & Free Information

VENDORS REGISTER HERE

CONSIDER DONATING HERE

School starts August 28th & 29th
 Join us to celebrate the new School year!

For more information Contact:
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BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL TRANSPORTATION

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Bus 1 Pick up
 3:45pm
 Pequot Highlands
 --> Salem High School
 --> Salem Heights Apartments
 --> North Street & Garden Terrace
 Drop off at Palmer Cove Park
 50 Leavitt Street

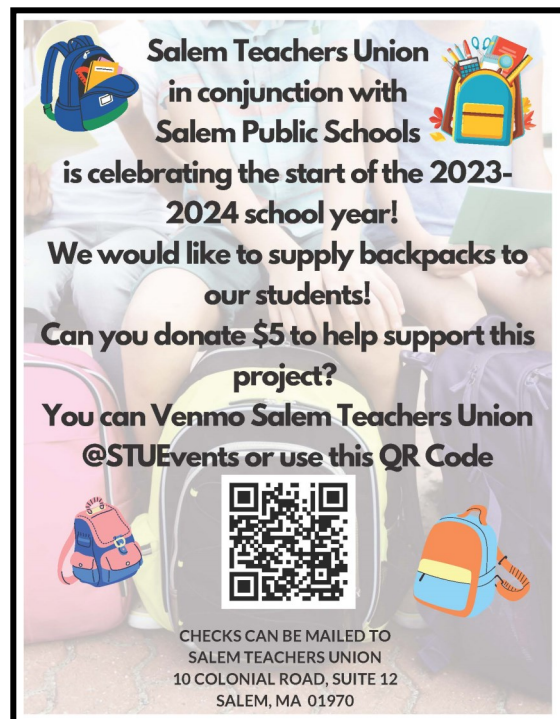
Bus 2 Pick up
 3:45pm
 - Loring Towers
 --> Salem High School
 --> SSU - Harrison Rd Apartments
 --> Loring Ave & Rainbow Terrace
 Drop off at Palmer Cove Park
 50 Leavitt Street

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Salem Teachers Union
 in conjunction with
 Salem Public Schools
 is celebrating the start of the 2023-2024 school year!

We would like to supply backpacks to our students!

Can you donate \$5 to help support this project?

You can Venmo Salem Teachers Union @STUEvents or use this QR Code

CHECKS CAN BE MAILED TO
 SALEM TEACHERS UNION
 10 COLONIAL ROAD, SUITE 12
 SALEM, MA 01970

Salem Holds Inaugural Landlord Exposition

The City of Salem will hold its first landlord exposition on Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 5-7pm at the Community Life Center at 401 Bridge Street. Representatives from city departments and partner agencies will be available to discuss City programs available to multifamily property owners to improve and enhance their properties. Information about City ordinances and requirements as well as technical assistance will be provided. Food will be provided by Root, and a door prize raffle will be held.



“In order to better address Salem’s housing crisis, we need to engage with everyone who is impacted by and who impact housing in our community,” Mayor Pangallo said, “Landlords house 48% of Salem residents. This exposition will provide these property owners with an opportunity to connect directly with City departments and partner agencies to learn about and access resources available to them.”

This event will be family friendly, and activities will be provided for children. Spanish interpreters will be provided. Information tables will be staffed by various departments and organizations providing details on topics such as demystifying the process of accepting Section 8 vouchers, applying for rental assistance on behalf of tenants, fire safety, inspections, and more.

2023 Salem Merry-time Fest Saturday, August 19th, 12pm - 7 pm

The first annual Salem Merry-time Fest will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Salem Maritime National Historic Site on Derby Street. This event is free and open to the public.

Salem Merry-time Fest will feature musicians, a magician, visiting vessels, and hands-on activities. In addition to traditional offerings, this year’s event will introduce the first “Great Salem Cardboard Boat Regatta.” Teams of two will test their engineering, ingenuity, and artistry by building homemade boats constructed of cardboard and duct tape. Launching from Derby Beach in a series of heats, teams will race to paddle their cardboard boats in the Salem Sound. More information below!

Visit <https://www.nps.gov/sama/planyourvisit/salem-merry-time-fest.htm> for schedule of events and full programming details.



Resilient Together: The Point Community Meeting, Tuesday, August 29th - 6PM @ El Espacio

COMMUNITY MEETING!



The City of Salem is developing ways to protect the Palmer Cove Park area from the increased risk of flooding, and we need your input. Please join us for a conversation about the possible options and let us know your priorities and concerns.

WHEN: 6:00 PM, Tuesday, August 29th
WHERE: El Espacio, 105 Congress Street
Light refreshments and drinks will be provided.
There will be Spanish interpretation.



The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the flood mitigation alternatives being developed for the Palmer Cover Park/Pioneer Terrace area and to receive feedback from those who live and work in the immediate area and will be most affected by the project.

The Point neighborhood community and Pioneer Terrace residents are encouraged to attend. There will be Spanish interpretation.

Household Hazardous Waste Day at Salem High School, Saturday August 29th 8AM-12pm

Through a "Resilient Together" agreement, both Beverly and Salem residents are invited to drop off their items at a discount fee. Beverly will host the next event in the spring when Salem residents will be allowed to participate.

This weekend's event is from 8 a.m. to noon at Salem High. The fee per car is \$20.

For a list of permissible items in English, follow this link: https://www.salemma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf7986/f/events/hhwd_flyer_2023.pdf

For a list in Spanish, follow this link: https://www.salemma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf7986/f/events/hhwd_flyer_2023-spanish_0.pdf



Salem Jazz & Soul Festival 2023: A Celebration of Music and Community

After a few years of uncertainty due to the global pandemic, the Salem Jazz and Soul Festival will be making its triumphant return to the picturesque Salem Willows on August 19th, 2023, from 11 AM to 7 PM!

There will be a beer garden, curated vendors fair, educational clinics in the education tent, and of course incredible performers.



This year's lineup includes performances by Krewe de Skunk, TapRoots, Diane Blue All Stars, BT/ALC Big Band, and Salem High School Jazz Band. Crowd favorite DJ SKOTVOID will be returning to spin between sets!

For more information, visit <http://www.salemjazzsoul.org/>

Public Art Commission announces Public Art & Performance Mini Grants for Artists

Mayor Dominick Pangallo and the Salem Public Art Commission (PAC) announced a public art and performance mini grants opportunity for artists based in Salem. The PAC welcomes requests for funding for public art projects and performances taking place on public property from individual artists and performers based in Salem, MA.

The application deadline is Monday, September 4, 2023 at 4pm, for the September Review Cycle. Applications will be reviewed and selected in the September Public Art Commission Meeting held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 via Zoom.

Proposals are reviewed twice a year in the Public Art Commission's regular March and September meetings, which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Proposals will only be reviewed during these meetings; however, proposals may be submitted any time using the online submissions form: <https://bit.ly/forsalemartists>.

"Salem is a community with a vibrant and active creative culture," said Mayor Pangallo, "This is an opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate some of the outstanding artists in our community, and gives us all a chance to celebrate and enjoy their work throughout our City."

Funding will be allocated at the discretion of the PAC towards eligible high-quality proposals reviewed in each session until all funds are exhausted. The amount of available funds fluctuates from year to year, and funding is renewed annually on July 1st.



Salem artist Indra Persad-Milowe paints "Healing colors" on bollards along Artists' Row for her PAC Mini Grant funded project entitled: "Mirabai")

This is a 'Mini-Grant' funding opportunity for Salem based artists. Individual grants will range from \$500-\$2,500. Total available funding for the September review cycle is \$12,500. Funding can be used for projects involving a group performance or artist team; however, the applicant/lead artist must be an individual based in Salem, MA. Eligible projects must be free and open to the public to attend/engage with, take place in Salem, MA on public property, and must be completed by June 30, 2024.

Types of eligible projects include but are not limited to: musical performances, theatrical performances, poetry/spoken word, performance art, art happenings and/or interventions, temporary and/or permanent public art installations, workshops, etc. Projects that encourage interactivity and community engagement are strongly desirable.

Salem Awards Community Beautification Efforts

Mayor Dominick Pangallo, the City of Salem Beautification Committee, Salem Garden Club, and the City of Salem celebrated the revival of the Salem Window Box Competition at a reception and awards ceremony hosted at the Women's Friend Society Garden on Hawthorne Boulevard. In the 2023 Competition there were three categories to be judged, Residential Window Boxes, Business Window Boxes, and Traffic Islands. Many of the groups cultivated and composed their best showcase for everyone to enjoy in the community.



Photo Credit: Ty Hapworth

After rounds of judging, The Salem Garden Club awarded the following properties:

Residential Window Box:

- First Place – Valerie Fox, 4 Chestnut Street
- Second Place – Karen Davis, 18 Winter Street
- Third Place – Micah Hapworth, 6 Brown Street
- Honorable Mention – Vivian Hudson, 7 Derby Square

Business Window Box:

- First Place – Coon's Card and Gift Shop, 226 Essex Street
- Second Place – Adriatic, 155 Washington Street
- Third Place – Northey Street Bed and Breakfast, 30 Northey Street
- Honorable Mention – Black Cat Curiosity Shoppe, 234 Washington Street

Traffic Island:

- First Place – Stanetsky-Hymanson Memorial Chapel
- Second Place – St. Jean's Credit Union
- Third Place – The Feline Hospital of Salem
- Honorable Mention – SAFE – Salem Alliance for the Environment

Coming Up Aug. 18th – Sep. 3rd

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.

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
				18 Derby Street Mile 7:00pm	19 Household Hazardous Waste Day at SHS 8:00am to 12:00pm Salem Jazz & Soul Festival 2023 11:00am-7:00pm Salem Merry-Time Fest 12:00pm-7:00pm	20
21 State Rep. Manny Cruz Public Office Hours - CLC 9:30am-11:00am Salem School Committee - Regular School Committee Meeting 7:00pm Salem Cultural Council Monthly Meeting 7:00pm Tree Commission Meeting 7:00pm	22	23 Housing Stability Housing Services - CLC Drop-in Hours; Información y recursos de vivienda gratuitos para propietarios e inquilinos de Salem - Centro de Vida Comunitaria 9:00am-2:00pm Design Review Board Meeting 6:00 Sustainability, Energy and Resiliency Committee (SERC) Regular Meeting 6:30pm-8:00pm	24 Sustainability Speaker Series: The Good, The Bad, and The... Others 5:30-6:30pm	25	26	27
28 Salem School Committee - Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:00pm	29	30	31	1	2	3