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Mayor's Message



Dear resident,

Fall is here and October is on our doorstep, though visitors have already started arriving in Salem all throughout September, reinforcing a saying we sometimes hear in Salem about our community's busiest time of year, "During the months of October..."

Many City departments and community partners play a crucial role in planning and preparing to try to ensure that the next several weeks to try are safe, manageable, and fun for both residents and visitors alike. October brings many challenges, like traffic and parking impacts, but it also supports our local businesses, provides hundreds of jobs, and bolsters economic activity, making Salem a unique and vibrant city recognized worldwide.

In this issue, you'll find information on planned and anticipated road closures for Octo-

ber, including specific details for next week's Haunted Happenings Parade on October 5th. You'll also find information about the City's free weekend shuttle service beginning Saturday, September 30th, as well as free 30-day Bluebikes membership for anyone who lives or works in Salem.

To be sure you stay informed about October impacts—including planned or unplanned road closures and similar traffic impacts—you can download the "My Salem MA" app to get real-time push notifications to your mobile device throughout the month. You'll also find a lot of great October information for residents at www.hauntedhappenings.org/facts-fun/locals/.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with others and encourage them to subscribe at www.salemma.gov/subscribe. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call the Mayor's Office; our staff is always happy to assist residents and help you navigate this chaotic yet exciting time of year. With the Halloween season officially upon us, please be patient, be safe, and have fun!

Dominick Pangallo
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City of Salem

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Planned and Anticipated October Road Closures

The City of Salem has announced planned and anticipated road closures for October in Salem, including lot closures and traffic impacts from planned special events. The Salem Police will close roadways at any point if they determine they should be closed for public safety reasons.



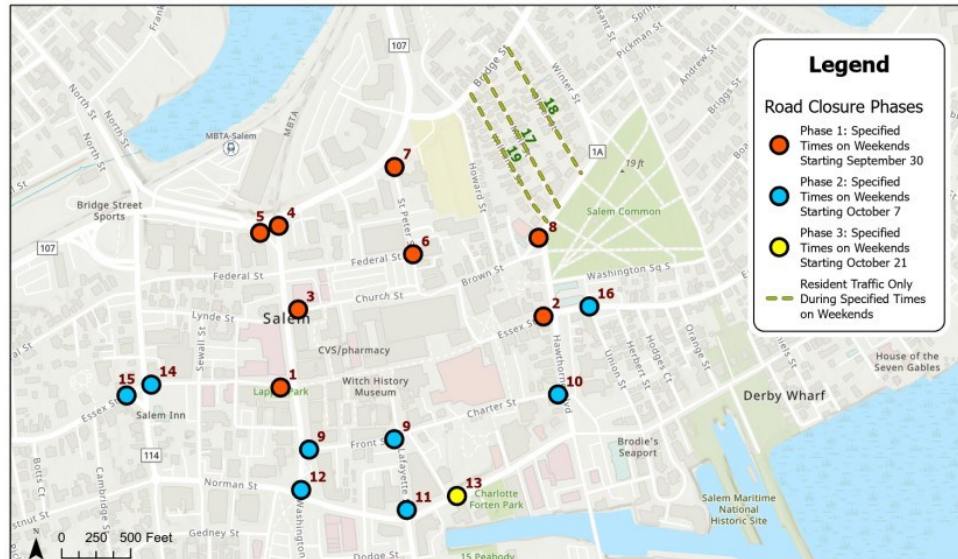
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Salem Halloween Road Closures 2023

See times and dates corresponding to these numbers on the closure chart above



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DEPARTMENT



Visitors to Salem in October should not plan to drive into downtown Salem, especially on weekends. Traffic is heavy and parking is severely limited. Plan to drive to

a free satellite parking lot and ride the free shuttle, take the Salem Ferry, or ride the commuter rail (about 30 minutes from North Station in Boston or about 5 minutes from the downtown Beverly station).

October 5 Haunted Happenings Parade

The Haunted Happenings Parade starts at 6:30 p.m. at Shetland Office Park on Congress Street on October 5. The parade route is as follows: from Congress Street at Shetland Park the parade will take a left onto Derby Street, a right onto Central Street, a left onto Front Street, a right onto Washington Street, a right onto the Essex Street Pedestrian Mall, a left onto Washington Square, and into the Salem Common.

Roads along the parade route will be closed to traffic. Anticipate traffic delays on Route 114 and Route 1A. Route 1A from Derby Street to Brown Street will be closed to traffic from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Other road closures will be Congress Street, Washington Street, Essex Street from Washington Street to Union Street, Central Street, Front Street, and Washington Square West, North, and South. There will be no parking tow zones along the entire parade route. Continue reading on page three for information regarding tow zone areas, road closures and garage access on October 5th.

October 5th Haunted Happenings Parade Cont.

No Parking – Tow Zone Areas

- A parking ban will be in effect on October 5 on the following streets between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Any vehicle parked in these areas will be towed.
- Congress Street both sides from Derby Street to Harbor Street.
- Essex Street from Washington Street to Hawthorne Boulevard.
- Central Street both sides from Charter Street to Derby Street.
- Derby Street both sides from Congress Street to Lafayette Street.
- Front Street both sides from Washington Street to Lafayette Street.
- Washington Square both sides from Essex Street to Brown Street.
- Parking meter spaces at the intersection of Charter Street, Front Street, and Central Street.
- Washington Street between Essex Street and Front Street, metered spaces.

Road Closures

- The following roads will be closed on October 5 from 6:00 p.m. until approximately 9:30 p.m.
- Congress Street will be closed from Harbor Street to Derby Street.
- Derby Street will be closed from Congress Street to Central Street.
- Commuters will not be able to use Route 1A between Dodge St. and Brown Street, which includes Derby Street, Hawthorne Boulevard and Washington Square at the Common entrance.
- Front Street and Washington Street between New Derby Street and Church Street.
- Essex Street will be closed at Washington Street.
- Garage Access
- Vehicles parked in the South Harbor Garage will not be able to exit until approximately 9:00 p.m.
- The Museum Place Garage entrance will only be accessible from Church Street or St. Peter Street. Vehicles exiting the Museum Place Garage will only be able to take a left onto to Brown Street and a right onto St. Peter Street.

Garage Access

Vehicles parked in the South Harbor Garage will not be able to exit until approximately 9:00 p.m.

The Museum Place Garage entrance will only be accessible from Church Street or St. Peter Street. Vehicles exiting the Museum Place Garage will only be able to take a left onto to Brown Street and a right onto St. Peter Street.

Witch City 5K: October 14

The Salem YMCA Witch City 5K road race starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Salem Willows. No road closures are planned, however anticipate traffic impacts along the following roadways: Memorial Drive, Essex Street, Route 1A, Route 114 including Hawthorne Boulevard, Derby Street, and Fort Avenue, ending at Restaurant Row.

Drive, left onto Fort Avenue, and left onto Memorial Drive by the soccer field to finish.

Road Closures September/October weekends: September 30 & October 1, 7, 8, & 9, 14 & 15, 21 & 22, and 28 & 29

Essex Street from Hawthorne Boulevard to New Liberty Street and Essex Street from Barton Square to Washington Street will be closed to through traffic and no on-street parking will be allowed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

The following chart outlines the road closures and time frames during Haunted Happenings:

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
|----|----|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2 | | | Sat | Sun | Sat | Sun | Mon | Sat | Sun | Sat | Sun | Sat | Sun |
| 3 | | | 30-Sep | 1-Oct | 7-Oct | 8-Oct | 9-Oct | 14-Oct | 15-Oct | 21-Oct | 22-Oct | 28-Oct | 29-Oct |
| 4 | 1 | Essex St. @ Barton Square | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM |
| 5 | 2 | Essex St. @ Hawthorne Blvd. | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM | 10AM |
| 6 | 3 | Church St. @ Washington St. | NOON | 1PM | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |
| 7 | 4 | Washington St. @ Bridge St. | NOON | 1PM | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |
| 8 | 5 | Washington St. @ Bridge St. | NOON | 1PM | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |
| 9 | 6 | St. Peter @ Federal St. | NOON | 1PM | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |
| 10 | 7 | St. Peter @ Bridge St. | NOON | 1PM | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |
| 11 | 8 | Brown St. @ Washington Sq. | NOON | 1PM | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | 1PM | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |
| 12 | 9 | Front St. @ Central & Washington Sts. | -- | -- | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM |
| 13 | 10 | Charter St. @ Hawthorne Blvd | -- | -- | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM |
| 14 | 11 | Lafayette St. @ New Derby | -- | -- | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM |
| 15 | 12 | Washington St. @ New Derby | -- | -- | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM |
| 16 | 13 | Derby St. (Lafayette St. to Congress St.) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM |
| 17 | 14 | Essex St. @ North St. - No left turn | | | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM |
| 18 | 15 | Essex St. - Right Only to satellite lots | | | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM |
| 19 | 16 | Essex St. @ Union St. | | | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM | 1PM |
| | | Mall St. @ Washington Sq. N - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 17 | RESIDENT ONLY | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |
| | | Oliver St. @ Washington Sq. N - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 18 | RESIDENT ONLY | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |
| | | Williams St. @ Bridge St. - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 19 | ONLY | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON | NOON |

All information above is subject to change. The Salem Police Department will close any street at any time if they determine that a public safety issue exists.

There will also be No Parking postings on portions of Washington Square North and South during the weekends in September/October, reserved for authorized event vehicles, and Washington Square East on October 21 & 22.

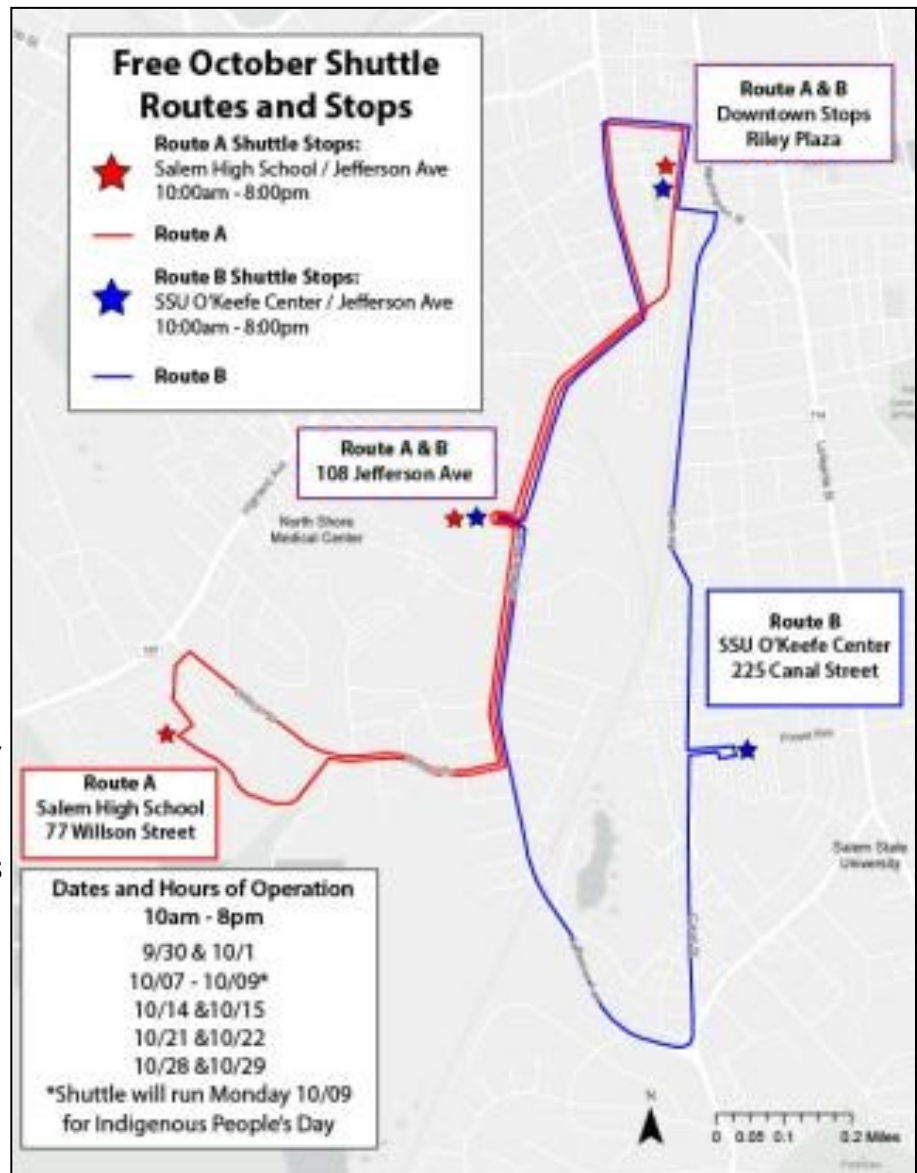
Free Weekend Shuttles September 30 - October 29

The City of Salem's free October weekend shuttle returns this weekend for its sixth year. New this year for 2023, the service will run every weekend in October, as well as on Monday, October 9th (Indigenous Peoples' Day).

Shuttles run September 30-October 1, October 7-9, 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. between three free satellite parking lots and downtown Salem. Free satellite parking lots are located at Salem State University's O'Keefe Center parking lot (225 Canal Street), Salem High School (77 Willson Street), and at 108 Jefferson Avenue behind Salem Hospital. Together the three satellite lots offer over 1,300 free parking spaces. The downtown pick-up/drop-off location is in Riley Plaza. An accessible shuttle is available for those who require one and stops at the High School and Jefferson Avenue lots, as well as Riley Plaza.

"Since we began this free service in 2017 our October shuttles have provided more than 32,000 rides to over 15,500 people," said

Mayor Dominick Pangallo. "Allowing people to park at these satellite lots has helped reduce demand for downtown parking and lessen the number of cars driving into and around downtown. Since 2017 the service has kept more than 5,500 cars out of downtown Salem. While a lot of visitors use the shuttle, we also see many Salem residents use it to easily get to and from downtown Salem on October weekends. I encourage everyone planning a visit to Salem this October to make use of the free satellite parking lots and this shuttle service."



Salem Residents & Workers Ride Bluebikes for Free in October



With the arrival of the October season, Salem Mayor Dominick Pangallo announced today that the City of Salem is offering a free 30-day Bluebikes membership for anyone who lives or works in Salem. The membership includes unlimited 45-minute rides for up to 30 days and is available effective immediately. There is a \$2.50 charge for each additional 30 minutes after the first 45 minutes. Passes are limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.

"We're excited to partner with Bluebikes to again offer free October rides to Salem residents for the second year now, and to ex-

pand the program this year to also include people who work in our community," Mayor Pangallo said, "I encourage residents and workers to take advantage of this offer for another way to get around in Salem during the busy month of October."

Bluebikes came to Salem in 2021 with funding from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Salem State University, and the MassDOT Shared Streets & Spaces program. The system has since expanded to 18 stations at key destinations throughout Salem's neighborhoods. As a convenient and affordable transportation option for residents, workers, students, and visitors, ridership has continued to expand each year since the program's launch.

To claim the free 30-day membership, residents and workers should email Transportation Planner Brendan Linard at blinard@salem.com with your name and address (if a Salem resident) or your name and the name and address of your employer/workplace (if employed in Salem), for verification. Please allow up to 24 hours during regular business hours for a response. Qualifying residents and employees will receive a code to use at bluebikes.com or on the Bluebikes mobile app to claim their free 30-day membership. A valid credit or debit card is required, and the program is limited to riders aged 16 and up.

For more information, contact Tom Devine at 978-619-5682 or tdevine@salem.com

Salem to Offer Free Cardboard Recycling Site for Businesses and Residents

The City of Salem will offer free cardboard recycling for Salem residents and businesses at the Salem Transfer Station, 12 Swampscott Road on Saturdays from 7-3 and Sundays from 9-5. This program will begin on Saturday September 30 and will run through December 17, when the Transfer Station closes for the season.

"With the closure of the only cardboard recycling facility in Salem recently, a privately operated business, we know that residents and businesses alike have been looking for options for recycling their cardboard," said Mayor Dominick Pangallo. "We encourage those who are able to collapse and add their cardboard to their recycling toter for curbside collection, but if you have excess cardboard or are not part of the City's curbside collection program, this new free service should hopefully be helpful to you."



To ensure that this program is successful, it is imperative that only clean, dry cardboard is brought to this location. Cardboard must also be flattened. If the cardboard boxes can be reused, please bring them to U-Haul Moving & Storage at 43 Jefferson Ave as they offer a "take a box, leave a box" reuse program.

Once the transfer station is closed for the season on December 17, the City offer cardboard recycling at the site one weekend a month through the winter.

While this is a temporary solution to help Salem businesses and residents with excess cardboard recycling, the City is continuing to look into long-term cardboard recycling solutions for the community.

For future updates, please refer to the City of Salem Recycling and Trash page: <https://www.salemma.gov/recycling-and-trash>.

City of Salem Unveils Banned Book Little Library at City Hall



To mark National Banned Book Week, the City of Salem proudly announces the unveiling of a new Little Free Library at City Hall dedicated to sharing banned books. An unveiling ceremony will take place on Monday, October 2, 2023 – the first day of National Banned Book Week – at 8:30 a.m. in front of City Hall (93 Washington Street).

Claudia Paraschiv, Salem's Artist in Residence, contributed to the design and decoration of the library. Advice on banned books selection was helpfully provided by the staff of the Salem Public Library and the library is curated by the staff of the Mayor's Office.

All are invited to explore the library's collection, take a book, or contribute a favorite banned book. For more information about banned books, visit www.salemma.gov/bannedbooks to learn about recent book challenges, view lists of banned and challenged books across the nation, and discover more about those challenged right here in Massachusetts. Read the full press release at <https://www.salemma.gov/home/news/city-salem-unveils-banned-book-little-library-city-hall>

For more information, contact Sabrina Trask at (978) 619-5600 or strask@salem.com

Salem Park, Recreation and Community Services

October 2023

Cardio Boxing and Kickboxing

Build the foundations of kickboxing with a circuit-style workout that will improve balance and coordination. This program is for adults ages 16+.

Tuesdays, October 3rd-October 24th
5:30-6:15pm
\$70.00 for the 4 week session
Register at salemma.myrec.com

Pumpkin Painting

Join Recreation Coordinator, Sabrina Tosto for a fun family Halloween activity.

Thursday, October 19th
5:00-6:00pm
\$10.00 per person
Register at
salemma.myrec.com



COA Halloween Party

Seniors are invited to celebrate the Halloween season with us at our annual Halloween Party at the Community Life Center.

Costumes, dancing, live music, lunch and great friends.

Tuesday, October 31st
10:00am

\$10.00 per person
Register with Rosanna at
978-744-0924



Haunted Happenings Grand Parade

Members of the Salem Council on Aging are invited to come in costume and ride on the trolley in the parade. Seats are limited, so call Rosanna at 978-744-0924 to reserve a spot.

Evening Drumming with Mamadou

Participants of all ages are invited to join Mamadou Diop on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm at the Community Life Center for a drum circle. Bring your own or borrow one of his.

\$10.00 per person.
Register with Rosanna at 978-744-0924

Family Bingo Night

Salem Park, Recreation and Community Services will be hosting a Family Bingo Night at the Community Life Center. Come join in on the fun!

Bring the whole family...feel free to bring snacks... play for prizes!

Friday, November 3rd 5:00-6:30pm
\$5.00 per family
Register at salemma.myrec.com



Monster Mash Halloween Bash

Calling all goblins and ghouls! A family event at the Community Life Center filled with games, crafts, dancing, costumes and snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, October 13th 5:30-7:30pm
\$5.00 per family.
Register at salemma.myrec.com



Fire Safety and Fall Prevention Presentation

Fire Marshal Lt. Tim Flynn and Deputy Chief Peter Schaeublin will be at the Council on Aging discussing fall prevention and fire safety in the home.

Tuesday, October 10th 10:00am
Register with Rosanna at 978-744-0924

Endicott Park Hayride



Children ages 6-12 are welcome to join our Park and Recreation staff for an afternoon field trip. We will be traveling by COA van to Endicott Park in Danvers for a hayride and other fall activities.

Wednesday, October 18th (SPS half day)
1:30-4:00pm
\$5.00 per person
Register at salemma.myrec.com

Council on Aging visit to the Phillips House

Join us as we tour the beautiful house on Chestnut Street designed by Samuel McIntire.

Thursday, October 12th 10:00am
\$5.00 per person
Register with Rosanna at 978-744-0924

Vegan Nutrition Class

The Salem Council on Aging is pleased to be offering this four week class led by Eme Mizioch. A "How to Guide" on introducing a whole food plant based diet into your lifestyle, whether it's daily, weekly, monthly or a life change with a focus on all the health benefits a vegan diet can have.

Thursdays, October 19th, 26th, November 2nd and 9th 12:30-1:30pm
\$25.00 for the 4 week session. Register with Rosanna at 978-744-0924

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City of Salem to Replace Diseased Trees In Forest River Park

The City of Salem is announcing upcoming landscaping improvements in Forest River Park. City and Contractor crews will mobilize in the park starting Monday, September 25th, 2023, and this work should take a few days to complete. City and contractors will be removing high hazard trees throughout the park due to disease. Please see the attached map to see the affected area. Residents and Businesses that have questions or concerns are encouraged to call DPS at (978)–744–3302.

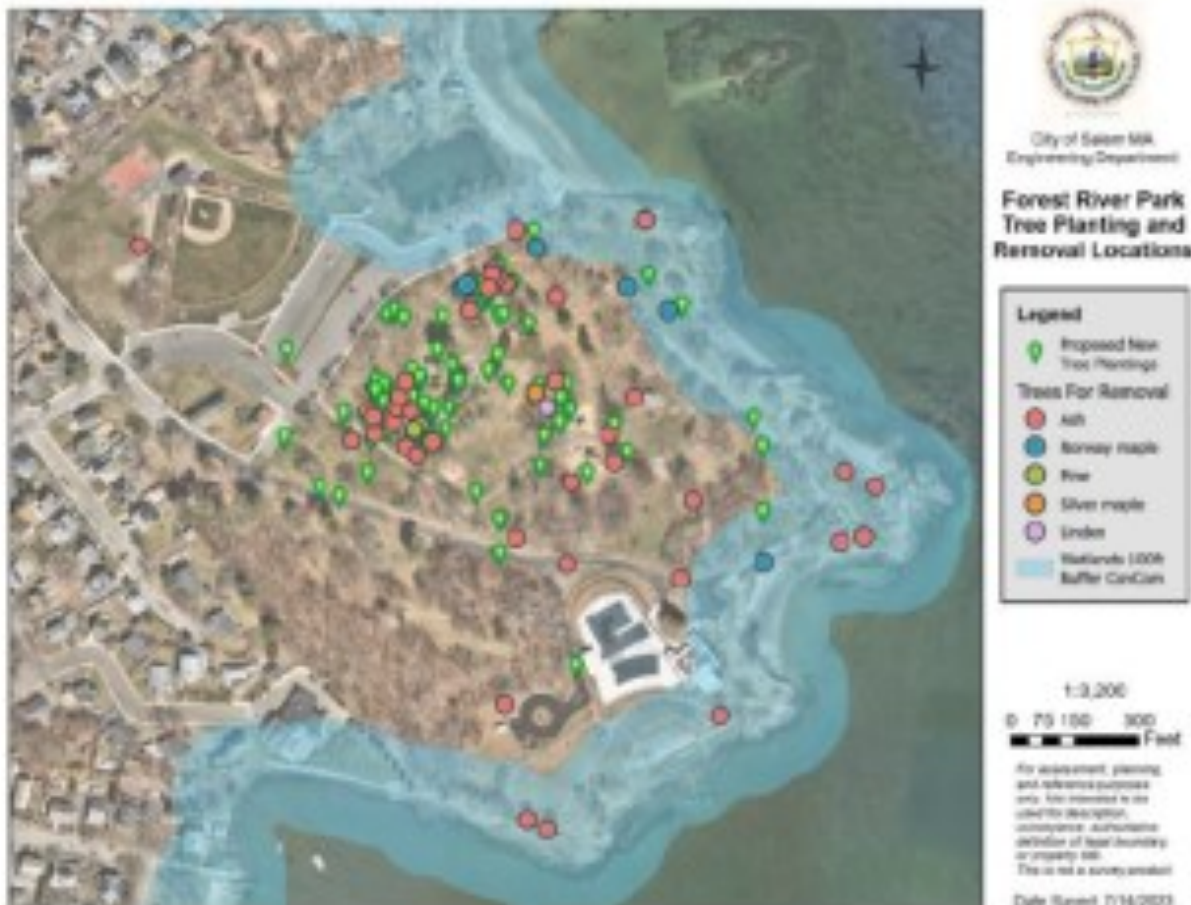
Before the final inspection is completed, the work area will be an active construction site and visitors to the park should be careful as work safety work zones will be located throughout the park and should plan accordingly. Police details will be on-site to assist with traffic during this project.

Mayor Dominick Pangallo is committed to upgrading the open spaces of Forest River Park and across the city. The City of Salem is an Arbor Day Foundation Tree City and we are dedicated to maintaining and expanding our urban canopy.

The City of Salem plans to replant the removed trees in the spring of 2024.

The City appreciates your patience and forbearance during this project. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call the Department of Public Service at 978-744-3302.

For more information, contact Raymond Jodoin, Director of Public Services, at 978-744-3302 or rjodoin@salem.com



Coming Up Oct. 2nd – Oct. 1st

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 |
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| <p>2</p> <p>State Senator Joan Lovely Public Office Hours - CLC 11am-12pm</p> <p>Salem Food for All Meeting 6pm</p> <p>Salem School Committee Regular Meeting 7pm</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Salem Human Rights Coalition Meeting 5:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p>AHTF Regular Meeting 6:30 - 9:30pm</p> <p>Recycling Committee Meeting 6:30pm</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Housing Stability Housing Services - Espacio Drop-in Hours; Información y recursos de vivienda gratuitos para propietarios e inquilinos de Salem - Espacio 9am-2pm</p> <p>Monthly Energy Coach Office Hours/Horas de Oficina Mensual-Entrenador de energía 9:30 - 10:30am</p> <p>Salem School Committee - Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting 5:30pm</p> <p>Historical Commission Meeting 6pm</p> <p>Bicycling & Shared Path Advisory Committee 6:30pm</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Constitute Julio Mota Public Office Hours - CLC 10:15-11:15am</p> <p>Salem Harbor Port Authority Meeting 5pm</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Salem Chamber of Commerce Haunted Biz Baz Street Fair 10am - 8pm</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Salem Chamber of Commerce Haunted Biz Baz Street Fair 10am - 6pm</p> |
| <p>9</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Indigenous Peoples Day & Columbus Day - City Offices Closed</p> </div> | <p>10</p> <p>Licensing Board Meeting 6pm</p> <p>Community Preservation Committee Meeting 6pm</p> <p>Beautification Committee Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Board of Health Meeting 7pm</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Traffic and Parking Commission Meeting 6pm</p> <p>Salem Redevelopment Authority Meeting 6pm</p> <p>Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Council Meeting 7pm</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Race Equity Commission Meeting 5:30 - 7pm</p> <p>Housing Stability Housing Services - CLC Drop-in Hours; Información y recursos de vivienda gratuitos para propietarios e inquilinos de Salem - Centro de Vida Comunitaria 4 - 7pm</p> <p>Planning Board 6:30pm</p> <p>Salem City Council Regular Meeting 7pm</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> |