

# SALEM COMPASS

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## Mayor's Message



Dear resident,

As we enter Halloween weekend and the conclusion of the October season, I want to thank you for your patience and cooperation. Living in a special place like Salem is certainly unique and it means sharing our city with the thousands of visitors who also want to explore and discover our community.

With the forecast for this weekend, we're anticipating increased turnout on top of what seems to be a record number of visitors this October. On the next page, you'll find information about the planned road closures for this weekend and Halloween itself. Here are a few

important reminders for residents as we head into the final stretch of the Halloween season:

- Call 978-744-1212 for non-emergency issues like illegally parked cars, noise, etc.
- Residents park free on weekends in kiosk lots, or you can still get a free Bluebikes membership by contacting bli-nard@salem.com
- Thanks to a donation from the Creative Collective, the NS Children's Museum in Peabody is offering 1/2 price admission for Salem residents this weekend.
- We've set aside dedicated parking spaces in the Museum Place garage for certain downtown residents. Call 978-619-5697 to find out if you qualify and how to reserve one.

Have fun, stay safe, and Happy Halloween!

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

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# PLANNED STREET CLOSURES – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28; SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31



On Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29, the Salem Police Department will be closing most downtown streets beginning at 11:00 a.m., and on Tuesday, October 31, downtown streets will be closed by 2:00 p.m., though some may close earlier if there is a public safety need. Traffic moving in and out of Salem is expected to be extremely heavy October 28-31.

These multiple road closures include: Essex Street from North Street to Union Street, Washington Street from New Derby Street to Bridge Street, Federal Street from Washington Street to North Street (and a small portion of Federal Street at the Washington Street end), a portion of Church Street, a portion of Lynde Street, Washington

Square North and West from Essex Street to Williams Street, a portion of Washington Square South, Hawthorne Boulevard, Derby Street from Lafayette to Congress Street, Route 1A, Charter Street, Central Street, Front Street, and Lafayette Street from New Derby Street to Front Street.

*\*Please also be aware that crowd size could also require the Police Department to shutdown other streets not listed above, as well as street closures on Monday, October 30th.*

Franklin Street and Bridge Street at Sgt. James Ayube Memorial Drive will also close to all traffic between the westerly overpass ramps and Sgt. James Ayube Memorial Drive from 9:30pm to 10:30pm for the closing fireworks to be held at 10:00 p.m. on October 31st.

## NO PARKING AREAS

The following are posted Tow Zones from 7:00 a.m. to Midnight, Saturday, October 28, Sunday, October 29 & Tuesday, October 31:

- Lafayette Street both sides from Derby Street to Front Street.
- Public parking lot along Front Street. Public parking spaces located on Central St in front of old police station. Meter spaces Central/Front/Charter.
- Essex Street from North Street to Union Street. Both sides.
- Derby St both sides between Union Street and Lafayette St.
- Hawthorne Blvd both sides.
- Front Street.
- Central Street.
- Church Street.
- Washington Street from New Derby to Bridge Street both sides.
- Washington Sq. South, and West both sides, and a portion of Washington Square North.
- Norman Street from Washington Street to Crombie Street.
- New Derby St between Klop Alley and Lafayette Street.
- Margin Street in front of Post office, Taxis only.
- Federal Street both sides from St. Peter's Street to the former Superior Court.

# Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month Flag Raising

In partnership with members of the Massachusetts Tribal Council, the City of Salem will raise the Massachusetts flag in celebration of Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month on **Wednesday, November 1st at 11:00 a.m.** in front of City Hall (93 Washington Street). Residents and community members are invited to attend this ceremony.

Discover more about the Massachusetts Tribe at <https://massachusettstribe.org/>



## City of Salem to Host 2023 Salem Veterans Day Ceremony

Mayor Dominick Pangallo, the City of Salem and the Salem Veterans Council cordially invite the public to attend the City of Salem 2023 Veterans Day ceremony on **Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Salem High School auditorium (77 Willson Street, Salem). The ceremony will include the Salem High School Band and the Salem High School Marine Corps JROTC.

Mayor Pangallo, members of the Salem City Council, State Senator Joan Lovely and State Representative Manny Cruz will be in attendance to present greetings from the City of Salem and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Veterans Council will also be presenting City of Salem Wartime Service Medals to eligible Salem veterans. After the ceremony, there will be a collation at VFW Post 1524 on Derby Street in Salem. All Salem veterans, families, and friends are especially invited to attend.

### *2023 Salem Veterans Day Ceremony*

*The 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month'  
11 November 2023 at 11:00*

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# Salem Park, Recreation and Community Services' November Newsletter Now Available!

Check out all the great programs and offerings happening this month.

## Salem Park, Recreation and Community Services November 2023

### Calligraphy for Beginners

In this four week class for adults, participants will use a calligraphy pen and learn basic strokes and letters. Use what you learn to create your own invitations, cards and envelopes.


Tuesday, November 7th—November 28th 6:00-7:00pm  
\$35.00 per person includes all supplies  
Register at [salema.myrec.com](http://salema.myrec.com)

### Strengthen Your Balance Class is back at the COA!

Cara Hamilton will be returning in November to lead this amazing class on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30pm

The cost is \$5.00 per class. Please register with Rosanna at 978-744-0924.

### Pop-Up Library



The Salem Public Library will be at the Community Life Center every other Friday from 10:00am -12:00pm for a Pop-Up Library. We are thrilled to have them here on site. Please call the front desk to find out dates each month.

### Cardio Boxing and Kickboxing

Build the foundations of kickboxing with a circuit style workout that will improve your balance and coordination. You will burn calories, build muscle and relieve stress in a fun, safe and healthy way. Participants will need to bring their own pair of boxing gloves or mitts. This class is for adults 16+.


Tuesdays, November 7th—November 28th 5:30-6:15pm  
\$70.00 for the 4 week session.  
Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)



### Save the date!


Santa on the Common will take place on Saturday, December 9th. Please visit [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com) for information and to register.

### Thanksgiving Cheer for Salem Seniors



Send Salem Seniors some Thanksgiving Day cheer! Each year the Friends of the Salem Council on Aging provide Thanksgiving dinners to our homebound seniors. We are asking the community to create homemade cards to include with their meal. Cards can be dropped off at the Community Life Center, 401 Bridge St. We will be collecting cards until Tuesday, November 21st. Should you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Tosto at 978-744-0924.

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



James Eric Rogers will be leading a four week program that will include both science and art projects. Participants will work on one large original piece of artwork, and use chemistry and physics to create two science projects.

Tuesdays, November 7th—November 28th 4:00-5:30pm  
\$80.00 per person, includes all supplies  
Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

### Evening Yoga with Beth

Join local fitness instructor Beth Schultz for this class comprised of traditional yoga poses with challenging mat work.

This program is for adults 18+.  
Mondays—5:00-6:00pm  
November 13th—December 11th

\$45.00 for the 5 week session.  
Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

### Family Bingo Night



We will be hosting a Family Bingo Night at the Community Life Center. Come join in on the fun!

Friday, November 3rd  
5:00-6:30pm  
\$5.00 per family  
Register at [salemma.myrec.com](http://salemma.myrec.com)

### Low Impact Cardio Class

We are pleased to be offering a new class at the COA on Fridays from 12:30-1:30pm. All the benefits of Pilates and Barre with an up-tempo pace. If you are looking for a little extra cardio kick, this is for you.

The cost is \$5.00 per class.

Please register with Rosanna at 978-744-0924.

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

As of October 20th, the City of the Salem will be charging a \$0.35/kWh fee for charging at all publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Though it will not cover the full cost of City ownership and maintenance of these stations, this fee will help offset some of these costs while ensuring that the City of Salem can continue to provide and expand this service in the future. For the full FAQ page, visit <https://www.salemma.gov/home/news/city-salem-electric-vehicle-charging-fee-faq>

### **City of Salem Introduces Lockbox Registration Program for Salem Adults 60 Years of Age or Older**



The population of the City of Salem is approximately 44,000. Close to 20% are 60 years of age or older. If you are 60 or over, have you thought of what will happen if you have an emergency when alone?

Mayor Dominick Pangallo and the Salem Police Department (SPD), in collaboration with Salem for All Ages, are initiating a safety net for such situations. Any Salem community member aged 60 or older may voluntarily register their code-operated lock box containing a key to their house, condo, or apartment with the Salem Police Department. This is a free service designed for peace of mind for individuals, family members, and friends.

Having a lock box registered with the SPD will allow emergency responders to access the home more quickly in the event of an emergency and will also prevent unnecessary damage to the residence. Lock boxes can be purchased online or at a local hardware store. Read the full announcement at <https://www.salemma.gov/home/news/city-salem-introduces-lockbox-registration-program-salem-adults-60-years-age-or-older>

# Salem Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board's Construction Grant Program Leverages \$500,000 in ARPA Funds to Support Affordable Housing

This week, Mayor Dominick Pangallo announced that the City has launched a new funding application, administered through the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board ("Trust"), to help produce and retain affordable housing units in Salem. The Trust's Request for Development Applications utilizes funds from the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to run a competitive construction grant program, offering support to shovel-ready projects that most advance the City's housing priorities as outlined in the Housing Roadmap.



"One of the leading challenges facing Salem and our entire Commonwealth right now is the need for affordable housing," said Mayor Pangallo, "This new grant program is one more important step toward addressing this complex need. I am grateful to the dedicated volunteers on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board and the City staff who have developed this new initiative and to our federal partners whose support for ARPA funding has made it possible."



Housing costs in Salem are significantly outpacing incomes. Around 48% of Salem residents are low to moderate income, and 42% of those residents spend more than half of their take-home income on housing costs, leaving little income for other necessities, such as food, clothing, transportation, and medical costs. This grant program seeks to assist in the creation and preservation of affordable housing units in the City, which will assist in meeting this urgent need.

This is a construction grant program, administered on a reimbursement basis. Applications can be for new construction and rehabilitation projects. The maximum grant award is \$500,000 and partial grants may be awarded. Eligible projects a) must serve qualifying households and populations, as described by U.S. Treasury's Final Rule, b) advance the goals of the Housing Roadmap, with points allocated in accordance with the Scoring Rubric approved by the Trust, c) have land use approvals in hand, meaning permitting is complete, and d) be able to commit the funds for direct hard costs no later than June 30, 2024.

The City of Salem is now accepting applications from eligible applicants. Deadlines for applications is end of day (12pm EST) on **Friday, December 15, 2023**. More information about eligibility and how to apply can be found within the Request for Development Applications [here](#). Please contact Elena Eimert at [eimert@salem.com](mailto:eimert@salem.com) with any questions.

# Coming Up Oct. 30 - Nov. 12

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
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
<b>SALEM SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR HALLOWEEN</b>		<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="#">Monthly Energy Coach Office Hours/Horas de Oficina Mensual-Entrenador de energía</a> <b>9:30am-10:30am</b></p> <p><a href="#">Historical Commission meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Traffic and Parking Commission Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Bicycling &amp; Shared Path Advisory Committee</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Constitute Julio Mota Public Office Hours - CLC</a> <b>10:15am-11:15am</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem Harbor Port Authority Meeting</a> 5pm</p> <p><a href="#">Race Equity Commission Meeting</a> <b>5:30pm-7pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Planning Board</a> <b>6:30pm</b></p>			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p><a href="#">State Senator Joan Lovely Public Office Hours - CLC</a> <b>11am-12pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Last day and hour to apply in-person for an Absentee Ballot/ Ultimo dia y hora para solicitar en persona una Papeleta de Voto Ausente</a> <b>12pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem School Committee Regular Meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><a href="#">BIENNIAL ELECTION DATE/ FECHA DE ELECCION - BIENAL</a> <b>7am-8pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Recycling Committee Meeting</a> <b>5:30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Salem Human Rights Coalition Meeting</a> <b>5:30pm-6:30pm</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Salem Redevelopment Authority Meeting</a> <b>6pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Sustainability, Energy and Resiliency Committee (SERC) Regular Meeting</a> <b>6:30-8pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Council meeting</a> <b>7pm</b></p>	<p><b>CITY OFFICES CLOSE AT 4</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>4pm-7pm</b></p>	<p><b>VETERANS DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED</b></p>	<p><a href="#">2023 Salem Veterans Day Ceremony</a> <b>11am</b></p>	