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From the Mayor's Desk



Thanks for reading the newest issue of our FYI Salem newsletter!

This issue is full of information about a lot of events and news taking place this summer here in Salem.

We are very excited to have received two major grants from the Commonwealth to assist with projects that will help make Salem greener and save tax dollars. The first grant supports an infrastructure project at Winter Island to reduce storm water running off from the parking lot into our beautiful harbor. The second grant will go to

a number of energy upgrades at three Salem schools and an expansion of our electric vehicle charging infrastructure. These projects, especially the ones at our schools, not only reduce our community's carbon footprint, they will also save tax dollars by reducing our utility bills at these schools.

Read more information inside about this year's Heritage Days Festival. This annual August event features nearly two full weeks of special events, programs, and more, all celebrating the many facets of our community. We have a link in this issue to the full schedule of events. I hope you will come out for Heritage Days this year and my thanks go out to all of the many organizations and individuals who had a hand in making it possible!

As part of Heritage Days, we're again run-

ning National Night Out with the Salem Police Department and our annual Window Box Competition with the Salem Beautification Committee and Salem Garden Club. Find out more about both events inside this issue. Lastly, we have a public meeting coming up on July 31st about planning for future improvements to Palmer Cove Park. If you can't make the meeting we will have the full presentation posted online at www.salem.com afterwards.

As always, thanks for reading FYI Salem! Please share it with friends and neighbors, and encourage them to subscribe to receive it directly by signing up at www.salem.com/subscribe.

Kim Driscoll
Mayor
City of Salem



Winter Island Grant

The City of Salem was one of six communities in the Commonwealth to receive a Coastal Pollutant Remediation (CPR) Grant from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) in the most recent round of funding. CPR grants support local efforts to address polluted storm water runoff to protect coastal water quality and habitat. Salem was awarded the largest of the six grants, receiving \$128,650 to work in a partnership with Salem Sound Coastwatch to construct a system to capture and treat storm water runoff at

Winter Island Park, especially from the large parking lot area, reducing sediment, bacteria, and other contaminants flowing into the harbor.

"I am very pleased that the Baker Administration and CZM has awarded this project funding," said Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll. "This work is an important piece to our long-term goal of improving the water quality in Salem Harbor, reducing storm water runoff, limiting coastal erosion, and ensuring the vibrancy and ecological health of this amazing park, beach, and waterfront for generations to come. My thanks also go out to the team at Salem Sound Coastwatch for being such a key partner in securing this grant and carrying out this critical project."

Once the construction documents are finalized, the project will be bid for work to commence. Construction is not anticipated to impact the summer season at Winter Island and will most likely take place after Labor Day. Some modifications to the layout of winter boat storage in the parking lot may be necessary in order to facilitate the work.

Green Communities Grant

The City of Salem has received a \$250,000 Green Communities grant from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources in order to carry out a number of projects that will help reduce lessen the community's carbon footprint and save tax payers money. The amount is the maximum possible to a municipality under the grant program's guidelines.

Under the Green Communities Act, Salem qualifies as a Green Community by meeting an established set of criteria. Eligible communities can then compete for the grant funding to receive financial support for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that further the designated communities' clean energy goals.



Salem's funds will be put toward lighting upgrades at the Bates Elementary School, Carlton Innovation School, and the Salerno Automotive Technical Center at Salem High School, as well as the installation of an additional electric vehicle charging station, adding to the City's existing infrastructure for electric vehicles. The Salerno Automotive Technical Center will also receive a new high efficiency heating and ventilation system.

"I am very grateful to the Baker administration and DOER for continuing to make these funds available and for recognizing the value in the work proposed by the City of Salem in our application," said Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll. "As we strive to prepare for a more resilient future in the face of global climate change, it's still critically important that we do our part locally to reduce our own carbon footprint. These projects will all help lessen our own contribution to climate change, while also supporting cleaner modes of transit and reducing our City's utility bills."

Reserved Parking Spaces



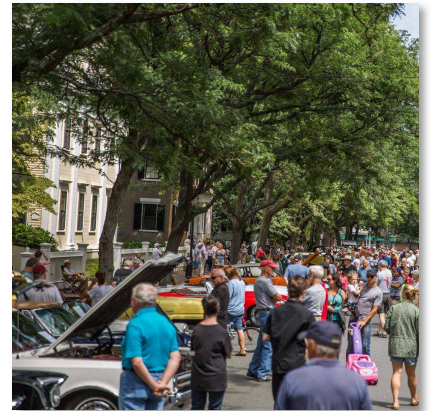
City Council chambers. Those who receive a space must make payment and sign the reserved space agreement by August 31 in order to receive their permit.

Application forms are now available for those interested in applying for a reserved parking space in either the Museum Place garage or South Harbor garage. There are 30 spaces available in the Museum Place garage and 20 available in the South Harbor garage. Spaces are \$1,500 per year in both garages.

Applications are due back by noon on August 10. There is a limit of one application per person and only one space will be available per application. If there are more applications than available spaces in either garage, the City will hold a lottery to randomly draw the successful applicants. The lottery, if necessary, will be held at noon on August 14 at City Hall in the

Heritage Days 2018

Salem's Heritage Days festival runs August 1-13, with lots of non-stop fun and special events. New events this year include public performances in Derby Square, a Wizard of Oz lecture and movie at the Salem Witch Museum, and an old-time musical movie night outdoors at the Willows Shell featuring *My Fair Lady*. Also new this year, the Salem YMCA is joining forces with the Salem Education Foundation to enhance Kids Night on Common with many new crafts and special live performances. Gables Fest is a new addition to the calendar, as the House of the 7 Gables celebrates its 350th anniversary through a special day of stories, song and dance.



The week begins with special events for seniors and the first weekend of Heritage Days is highlighted by the 30th Annual Maritime Festival offering maritime exhibitors and demonstrators, free harbor cruises, a magic show and ten different music, dance and entertainment acts scheduled throughout the weekend. The Salem Common will be hopping Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with Pizza Night, the Ice Cream tasting followed by a movie, National Night Out, and Kids Night. The Salem Police Department has been hard at working organizing National Night Out, this nationwide initiative designed to promote positive police-community relationships. Don't worry, all your favorites are packed into the schedule, as well: Tour-A-Truck, the 10th Annual Salem Community Concert Band; the Essex Street Fair, Senior events, and the Annual Phillips House Antique Car Meet to name a few.

The schedule is packed with forty events over 13 days and highlights all the free opportunities for Salem residents to visit many of our downtown museums and attractions and receive discounts on the Salem Ferry and tours to Bakers Island Light Station. Pick a day or two during the week and plan a stay-cation, be a tourist and visit the Ropes Mansion or take a Cry Innocent walking tour or be part of the Salem Wax Museum's 25 anniversary with its 25-cent admission for Salem dents or ride the Salem Trolley and visit the Witch House for free. There's over a dozen options just for Salem residents. Find the full schedule at <https://www.salem.com/home/news/salem-heritage-days-includes-13-days-fun-family-events>

SiFi FAQ



The City has signed an agreement with the company SiFi Networks, which is proposing to install a high-speed fiber internet network in the community. To find out more about SiFi, the proposals, and what it could mean for you, check on the Frequently Asked Questions document online at <https://www.salem.com/mayors-office/news/sifi-high-speed-fiber-network>.



Public Meeting

Tuesday July 31st at 6pm

**at Palmer Cove Park
30 Leavitt Street
Salem, MA**

**Join us to provide input on
conceptual design alternatives of
the park renovation. We want to
hear from you!**

**In the event of inclement weather, the
meeting will be held in the OnPoint
building at 50 Leavitt Street**

For more information, please contact Ashley Green with the City of Salem Department of Planning and Community Development at (978) 619-5685 or agreen@salem.com



Residential



Business

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll
The Salem Beautification Committee
and

The Salem Garden Club

invite you to register for the

City of Salem's Annual Window Box Competition

Help beautify our city and show off your gardening talents

Residents & Businesses Eligible
Register by Thursday, July 26, 2018

It's easy to register, call 978-619-5676 or email:
etalkowsky@salem.com with the subject: Window Box Registration
and include your name, street address and telephone number

Judging will take place July 28th – July 31st

This year the Awards Ceremony & Reception will take place at
Greenlawn Cemetery
57 Orne Street

on Thursday, August 9th, at 5:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served

This Heritage Days event is free and open to the public



National Night Out

America's Night Out Against Crime



**The Salem Common
Tuesday, August 7th
5:00pm – 8:00pm**

Join us for Salem's 3rd National Night Out

~ America's Night Out Against Crime ~

A Family Friendly Event

Kids Activities

Raffles

Police & Fire Vehicles

Games & Crafts

Smoke House

Bouncy Houses

K9 Demonstration

Antique Cars

Pizza, Popcorn

Information Tables

Military Recruiters

Face Painting

SPD /SFD and Boys & Girls Club Basketball Games

And Much, Much More!