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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear resident,

Thank you for reading the FYI Salem newsletter.

Halloween is just around the corner, but October has been a busy month for the City already. Thank you for your patience as we welcome what seems to be record numbers of visitors to our hip and historic community so far this month.

While I know the traffic and other challenges presented by October in Salem can be tough at times, the economic activity is critical to keeping many of our small businesses vibrant and successful.

As a City, we work hard

to manage the public safety, traffic, and public works aspects of this month-long special event. Thanks to regional, state, and federal partners, dedicated City workers, and many local volunteers, we can manage the impacts of October in Salem.

Read in this issue for more information about the planned road closures for downtown Salem on Halloween itself, as well as details about the return of the free October week-end shuttle. Last year the shuttle kept 9,000 people from driving into downtown Salem. It's also a great amenity for residents in neighborhoods near one of the stops—hop on and ride downtown for free!

As always, Salem residents park for free in the Church Street west lot and the crescent lot at the MBTA station. On Halloween night itself, downtown residents park for free in the Sewall Street lot. We're expecting a cruise vessel on the 31st at the Blaney Street wharf, which will

mean part of that lot will be closed. Neighbors there can park on the Footprint site, just like last year, on a space available basis.

It's also nearly Election Day in Salem. Election Day will be Tuesday, November 6, and polls will be open from 7am to 8pm. If you aren't sure if you'll be able to get to the polls on November 6, however, read more in this issue about the 12 opportunities we're offering for voters to come cast their ballot early, between October 22 and November 2 this year.

October is such an incredible time to be in Salem. Whether it's for the fun-filled festival of Haunted Happenings, taking in the historic sites, enjoying our great small shops and restaurants, or just enjoying the beauty of our parks and trails, autumn in Salem is unlike autumn anywhere else. As busy as this month can be, I hope you'll come out and enjoy it!

Kim Driscoll
Mayor
City of Salem

Halloween Road Closures

Halloween events will include multiple no parking tow zones, road closures and heavy traffic delays for the entire day and night.

Expect major traffic delays on Rte 114 and Rte 1A. Downtown streets will close to all traffic no later than 4pm. Road closures include: Essex St at Crombie St and Barton Sq to Union St, Washington St from New Derby St to Bridge St, Federal St from St. Peter's St to North St, Washington Sq N and W from Essex St to Brown St, Hawthorne Blvd, Derby St, Rte 1A, Congress St near Pickering Wharf, Charter St, Central St, Front St, and Lafayette St from New Derby St to Front St.

Most of downtown Salem will be posted as No Parking Tow Zones beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Halloween.

Although the Salem Police make every effort to keep roads open they will close any roads necessary to maintain public safety without notice. Officers will be posted in key intersections at peak times to assist with traffic when possible. 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.



Repair Cafe

Organized jointly by [SalemRecycles](#) and [The Bridge at 211](#), the North Shore's fourth Repair Café will take place on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, with the last appointment available at 11:30 a.m. The event takes place at The Bridge at 211, which is at 211 Bridge Street in Salem. Repair volunteers will be available to mend clothing, sew buttons, sharpen scissors and knives, tinker with or rewire electronics and lamps, and glue wooden furniture and ceramics.



Early Voting

Registered voters in Salem are able to vote before Election Day (November 6). Early voting runs October 22-November 2. Absentee voting will still be available for registered voters who qualify for an absentee ballot (absent from the City on Election Day, disability preventing voter from getting to the polls, or a religious belief preventing voter from getting to the polls).



Unlike absentee voting, early voting is available for every registered voter. Registered voters do not need a reason to vote early. Once a voter has cast an early voting or absentee ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day. Visit www.sec.state.ma.us/ele to find out if you are registered, locate your polling place, see your ballot, or request an absentee ballot. In Salem, early voting can be done in person at the following locations, dates, and times:

Salem City Hall, 93 Washington Street

Monday, October 22, 8am-4pm
Tuesday, October 23, 8am-4pm
Wednesday, October 24, 8am-4pm
Thursday, October 25, 8am-7pm
Friday, October 26, 8am-noon
Monday, October 29, 8am-4pm
Tuesday, October 30, 8am-4pm
Wednesday, October 31, 8am-4pm
Thursday, November 1, 8am-7pm
Friday, November 2, 8am-noon

Salem State University Enterprise Center, 121 Loring Avenue

Friday, October 26, 4pm-8pm

135 Lafayette Street Community Room

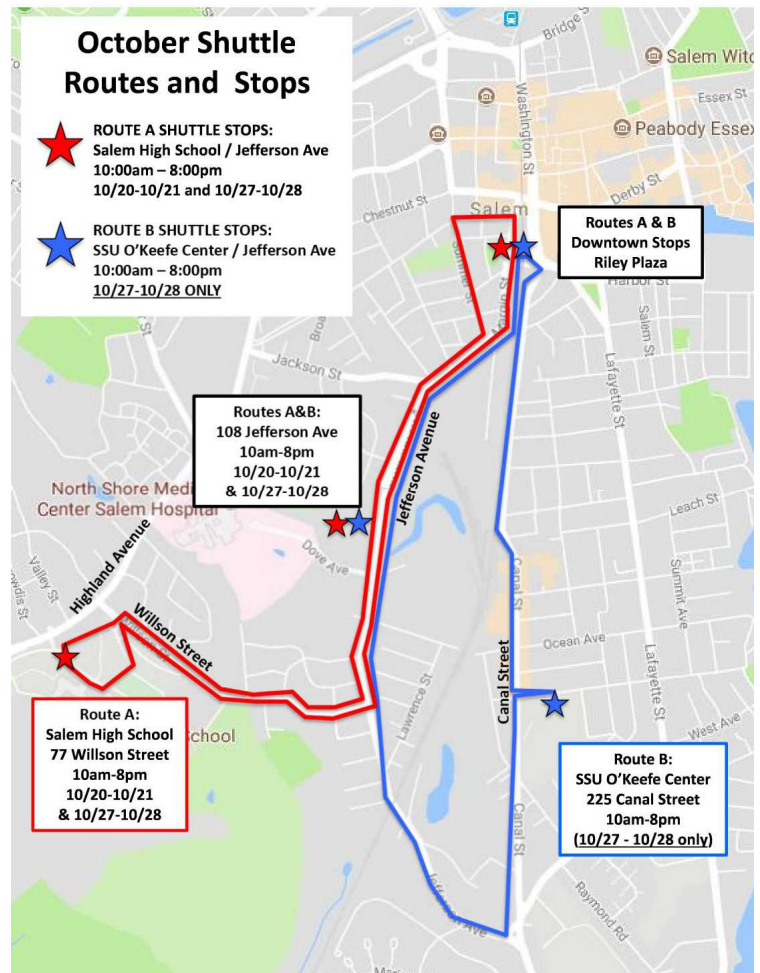
Saturday, October 27, 8am-1pm

Free October Shuttle

Salem offers free satellite parking and shuttle service on late October weekends, in an effort to encourage visitors to park outside of the downtown and lessen traffic congestion, and to provide residents of those neighborhoods with an alternative method to visit downtown.

Route A picks up at the Salem High School parking lot, 77 Willson St, and the North Shore Medical Center parking lot, 108 Jefferson Ave. **Route B** picks up at the Salem State University O'Keefe Center parking lot, 225 Canal St, and the North Shore Medical Center parking lot, 108 Jefferson Ave. Cars parking at SSU should not park in reserved areas designated by "M."

Both routes drop off near downtown on Riley Plaza: Route A on Mill Street and Route B on Margin Street. Shuttle buses will circulate on both routes from 10am-8pm. Parking at both lots and the shuttle itself are free of charge. Last year, close to 9,000 passengers rode the shuttle over the final two weekends of October, displacing thousands of vehicles from downtown Salem.





Tuesday
Oct. 23, 2018
6:30pm-8pm



Neighborhood Meeting

at the **Carlton Innovation School**
10 Skerry Street, Salem

- PURPOSE** ❖ Give us your input on what makes sense for the future of Bridge Street Neck.
- ❖ The City will use your feedback to develop land use regulations that will guide future development.

- FORMAT** ❖ Introduction from Ward 2 Councillor Christine Madore.
- ❖ Brief overview of prior planning efforts.
 - ❖ Open house: provide input at various stations focused on use and design.

Sandwiches and Beverages will be provided

**Help Shape
the Future
of Bridge
Street Neck**

We hope you are able to attend the Neighborhood Meeting but if you can't, please join the conversation by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8XCH5VP>.

