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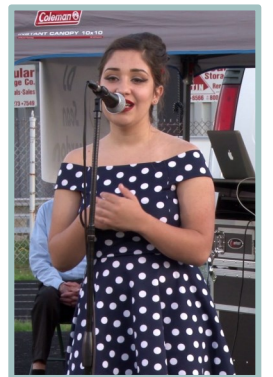
## Salem Celebrates the Fourth of July

Salem Community Television covered all events from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities from morning to night. We started at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Patriotic Walk/Run and got some great footage of the crowd with their game face on, families running together, and Chris Dillon and Doug Cole cooking up pancakes for the après race nutrition. Susan McLoughlin got a great interview with Jim Koczat from the Recreation Advisory Committee who was the organizer of the entire event.

You can watch a 5 minute piece of the race [here](#).

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun resumed at 5pm with dunk tank participants, hot air balloon rides, Salem Idol, and fireworks. Larry Seaman opened the Live coverage of the festivities at 9pm with an interview from Chris Dillon. He told us what it takes to organize the days events, from games to fireworks.

Click on these links to see footage of [Salem Idol](#) and the [fireworks](#).



## JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### Schedule of Meetings

- ~~} July 5 — Conservation Commission, 7 PM~~
- ~~} July 6 — Zoning Board, 7 PM~~
- } July 10 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } July 11 — Planning Board, 7 PM
- } July 24 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } July 25 — Planning Board, 7 PM
- } July 31 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM

## Intern Profile

Matt Hall is interning with the Engineering Division this summer. He is from Derry, NH and is the youngest of three brothers. Matt graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 2016 and is now studying Civil Engineering at the University of New Hampshire in the Class of 2020. His hobbies include hockey, golf, fishing, hiking, and skiing.

Matt is currently working with James Danis on his neighborhood roadway project, and helping Dan Hudson with a conceptual design of a future phase of the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor. "I'm really looking forward to getting exposed into the real world and how civil engineering plays a role in that. Also looking towards seeing the different paths one can go down with a civil engineering degree," says Matt.



# Building Inspectors: The Silent Defenders

By Tony Falcone

Nowhere will you find a museum, monument, statue or even a plaque honoring the heroic efforts of our building inspectors. Although they have saved countless lives over the years, most people are unaware of their silent vigil over our safety.

The fact is that a large segment of our society is complacent about building safety. How many people take it for granted that the buildings in which we live, work and shop are structurally sound and can be safely exited in the event of an emergency? We don't worry about the water coming from our faucets being contaminated, the risk of fire or electrocution when we plug-in our electrical appliances, or the possibility of getting sick due to improper ventilation systems. These examples point out just a few minimum standards that the public at large has come to assume are enforced throughout the country.

How is it that we can be so carefree about building safety? The answer is embodied by the men and women who go about their daily duties as building inspectors to ensure that minimum life, health and safety standards are followed. Their proactive and preventive enforcement of our building codes have afforded this nation a level of

comfort and safety that is unmatched anywhere in the world.

Despite this, how many of the people in our communities know what building inspectors do? Ask any elementary school student to describe the responsibilities of a firefighter or police officer and he or she will almost certainly be able to give you some sort of description, but ask about building inspectors and you will probably get a blank stare. Are these devoted individuals any less heroic because they prevent the fires rather than extinguishing them? The difference is that one is catastrophic and newsworthy and the other unnoticed. When building inspectors are noticed, they are often considered nuisances or agents of an invasive bureaucracy.

It takes years of experience and schooling to achieve the knowledge required to become a Building Inspector. They must understand and apply thousands of ever-changing and evolving code requirements. These professionals have never been self-promoting. They don't wear recognizable uniforms or regularly visit schools to talk about building safety, but maybe they should. Then children would learn early on about *all* of the men and women who serve and protect us everyday.

*This article appeared in the April 2005 issue of Building Safety Journal and was used with permission of the author. Tony Falcone also wrote and produced a short video on the subject, called ["The Quiet Heroes"](#). It is used in educational presentations to help communicate the important work of building safety professionals.*





# Salem Fire Department



## Salem Fire Trains on Dementia

Members of the Salem Fire Department were recently trained on how to handle dementia patients by 2 members of the staff at Residence at Salem Woods. Alyssa Mackey, Reflections Director and Katrina, Resident Care Director had Probationary Firefighter Corey Greaney put on filtered glasses (to simulate loss of sight); corn kernels in his shoes (to simulate arthritis and other podiatry issues); a clothes pin on his nose (to simulate loss of smell and difficulty breathing); gloves with fingers tied together (to simulate loss of dexterity); and headphones (to simulate loud voices that lead to confusion and anxiety). The officers and members learned how dementia patients think and react to Ems providers, and how best to treat them. We thank them for their time and experience!



## Annual Memorial Ceremony Conducted

The Salem Fire Department held its annual Memorial Ceremony on June 11 at the Pine Grove Cemetery on North Main Street. The ceremony is intended to honor the lives of the members of the Salem Fire Department who have died. Special tribute is paid to Firefighter Charles Lester Kimball, who died in the line of duty on July 19, 1954. The event is attended by dozens of current and retired members, and their families. After the ceremony, everyone is invited back to Central Fire Station for breakfast provided by the Salem Firefighters Relief Association. If you know a deceased family member served the Salem Fire Department but is not on the monument, please contact Chief Paul J. Parisi at (603) 890-2200 so we can add his/her name and invite your family to the ceremony.

## Engine 1 commissioned in service

Engine Company 1 was officially put in service on Monday evening, June 26 by Captain Craig Lemire and the members of Group 1. The Pierce pumper arrived in town a couple weeks ago, and the officers and members of the Fire Department have been hard at work training on the new engine, as well as mounting equipment and installing radios. Fire Department Chaplain Eric Redard blessed the new apparatus Monday afternoon, saying that he prays that all who ride upon her and all who are served by her will be safe. Thank you to the voters for supporting this piece of equipment in the 2016 budget.



# SALEM MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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## ENGINEERING DIVISION

The main building at the former WWTP has been demolished and dewatering of the basement is expected to begin in the coming weeks. Haverhill Road and Klein Drive drainage work is ongoing with roadwork boxing and grading expected to begin shortly thereafter. Bradford Drive and Woodland Avenue have been base paved; final paving will occur next week. Reconstruction of Stanley Brook Drive and Commercial Drive is underway with drainage improvement work being done over the next two weeks. Construction is ongoing on the first 50-acres of the Tuscan Village project. Road widening is complete on South Broadway at the Post Office intersection and planning and scheduling is being established for the new water main along Broadway. Geotechnical efforts have started for the properties along Broadway that will be acquired for the Depot Project including ground penetrating radar that detects unknown underground features in the parking lot areas.



## PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION



Public Works has had an extremely busy season thus far. Fourth of July preparations were handled by getting town buildings and parks looking perfect for all the festivities. 75% of the town has been completed with street sweeping. New speed "humps" were installed on Shore Drive for the APPA. The second phase of the milling and overlaying work has been completed with Brookdale Rd., Marianna Rd., and Sullivan Ct. all finish paved and completed. All school zone signals were shut off at the end of school year. A Town Hall building assessment is underway and the curb weed control program has begun as well. Coming up in July we will begin painting stop bars and pavement markings town wide. Catch basin repairs and cleaning and the third and final phase of the milling and overlaying program will be scheduled to begin soon.

## UTILITIES DIVISION

Water demand picked up with the warmer temperatures over the last few weeks and averaged around 2.5 mgd. For the month of June demand was down 40% from last year at this time. JP Cardillo has completed all new water main work on Point A Road, Fairmont Road, McLaughlin Avenue, Howard Street and Crestwood Circle and began installing the house services. The Lawrence Road Tank altitude valve was repaired and back online. Manhole repairs have been ongoing along Lawrence Road and Main Street with over 35 castings repaired to date. To date over 30 various manhole covers have been rehabilitated and repaired throughout the town. The Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) breakout on May 31 at Arlington Pond has dissipated and no longer presents an issue to recreation use.







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