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Salem's Bike-Ped Corridor Continues to Move Forward

Tuscan Village, the Depot Intersection and the Salem High School addition and renovations projects seem to garner much of the community's attention lately. A project that has been slowly gaining recognition is the development of Salem's Bike-Ped corridor. A few years ago, Salem was successful in receiving a grant, in collaboration with the Town of Windham, to build the first phase of the Bike-Ped corridor in Salem and the continuation of the Bike-Ped corridor in the Town of Windham. The second phase of the project, from Old Rockingham Road to Willow Street, started earlier this year, and is currently under design with an anticipated construction date of Spring 2018. Tuscan Village will be constructing the bike-ped section in front of its development, which will complete a major part of the corridor from the Salem/Windham town line to Rockingham Park Boulevard.

The present Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project includes approximately 0.3 miles of paved rail trail running from Rockingham Park Boulevard to Cluff Crossing Road. At the intersection of Rockingham Park Boulevard and South Broadway (Route 28) two significant road crossings will be created. The bike-ped corridor will cross Rockingham Park Boulevard with a series of three crosswalks separated by refuge islands. This intersection will also include a crosswalk across Route 28, which is a significant barrier to bicycle and pedestrian travel in Salem. Connecting sidewalk segments will be constructed along the northeastern corner of the intersection to strategically fill a gap in sidewalk infrastructure. At the southern end of the project bounds, two additional sidewalk segments will be constructed to connect with the existing sidewalk on Cluff Crossing Road, providing access to a large high

-density residential area. These crosswalks and sidewalks all contribute toward creating a network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure spanning out from the bike-ped corridor and increasing its connectivity value.

There are 4,800 households along and within a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of Route 28, many of which work, play, and shop in the surrounding retail districts. On the west side of Route 28 alone there are multiple dense commercial zones, large parking lots, seventy curb cuts, and nine large intersecting roadways. These existing conditions are anything but continuous and inviting for pedestrian travel. As a result, residents have no other viable option than to use motor vehicles for short trips that could otherwise be achieved on foot or by bicycle.

The goal of this project is to provide a safe alternative transportation opportunity for Salem residents, as well as to decrease motor vehicle usage and congestion on Route 28 in Salem. To accomplish this goal, our proposed project will add 0.3 miles to the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor, which runs along the abandoned Manchester & Lawrence rail line parallel and adjacent to Route 28. This will create a direct pedestrian link to neighboring commercial districts, including Rockingham Plaza and Tuscan Village, to which many of these household members travel to work, shop, and play. This project builds upon the success of earlier efforts to extend pedestrian and bicycle access along the entire Route 28 corridor. The first completed phase of Salem Bike-Ped Corridor has been received with enthusiasm in the community and there is great excitement to see these efforts continue south along the rail corridor.

(See map on page 3)

Schedule of Meetings

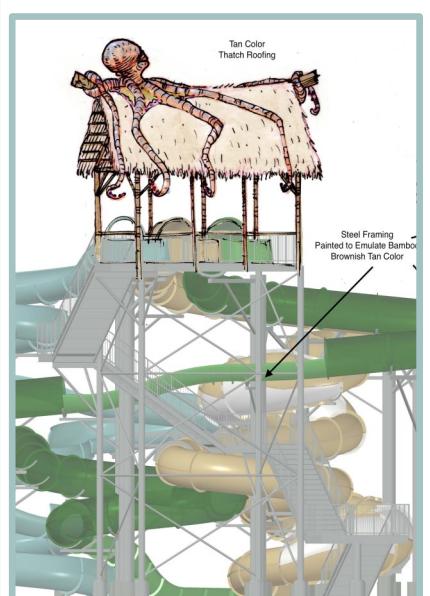
NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- } November 1— Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } November 1— Budget Committee, 7 PM,
High School Auditorium
- } November 2— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } November 6— Board of Selectmen— 7 PM
- } November 7— Zoning Board, 7 PM
- } November 8— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } November 9— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } November 13— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } November 14— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } November 15— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } November 16— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } November 21— Planning Board (Tuscan Village), 7 PM
- } November 27— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } November 28— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } November 29— Budget Committee, 7 PM



Planning Board Review



Canobie Lake Park is proposing a new water attraction called Tidal River. It includes a 66' tall water slide, wave pool, river ride, with lounge chairs, cabanas, food and drink stands, and restrooms. The Planning Board reviewed this project at their meeting on Oct. 24, 2017. One of the great benefits of serving on the Planning Board is being among the first people to see the new rides proposed at Canobie Lake Park!

Salem Bike-Ped Corridor (Continued)



Community Services

Recreation Division:

- Current programs taking place:
 - * Adaptive Bowling: Fridays from 3:45-5:00PM at Park Place Lanes
 - * Adaptive Soccer: Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM at Michelle Memorial Park (ends October 28th)
 - * Soccer Jamboree: Saturday, October 28th from 11:00am-1:00pm
 - * Adult Dance Aerobics: Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00PM at the Fisk Elementary School
 - * Karate: Fridays from 4:00-5:00PM at Salem Kenpo Academy
 - * Session 2 for the fall begins on Friday, November 3rd
 - * Men's 18-39 Basketball: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:30PM at the Barron Elementary School (FREE to residents)
 - * Men's 40+ Basketball: Sundays from 7:00-10:30AM, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30PM at North Salem Elementary School (FREE to residents)
 - * The Palmer School still has one (!) opening for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact the Recreation Office at 890-2003 for more information or to request a registration form.
 - * Fall Flag Football: Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00PM at the Michelle Memorial Park baseball fields.
- Scarecrow Contest
 - * Congratulations to the Burns' Family for winning the 1st Scarecrow Contest with a total of 127 Facebook 'LIKES'. Thank you to all who participated and voted!
- Pumpkin Carving/Painting contest
 - * Congratulations to Kaila McSweeney for winning the Pumpkin Carving/Painting contest held at the Town Halloween Party. Her pumpkin is displayed on our [Facebook page](#).



Senior Division:

- On October 18th we celebrated our 43rd annual Health Fair at the senior center. This year we had 30 booths representing a variety of companies and nonprofits that brought the latest health and resource information to our seniors. A half dozen social Butterflies that volunteer for senior services were out and about that day helping make the day extra special for everybody and a huge success. Susan and Judy from our local channel were there with us filming the event.
- October 13th two busses of seniors enjoyed the day at Indian Head Resort
- New Tai Chi class starting November 13, on Mondays 11:15- 10wks \$20
- Tai Ji Quan (for balance) held Wed & Fri @11:30 Free
- Looking for Cribbage players Monday afternoons, 12:30
- Building Bones, Wed & Fri 8:45-9:45



Town Halloween Party



The Salem Recreation Department held the annual Town of Salem Halloween party on Tuesday, October 24 at Salem High School, and Salem Community Television was there to cover the festivities. This event has grown from a low attendance of 42 to the current level of 400 people. Pizza, cupcakes, games and prizes all add up to a fun party. Enterprise Bank provides the food and refreshments and the students from The Salem High School Key Club organized the games and the popular new addition this year, the Halloween Hallway. Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers!

A big theme this year is ghouls and zombies and many of the zombies took home a prize for "Best Representation of Halloween". This show will play in its entirety next week on SCTV 17 and www.sctv17.com as Salem Today-Town of Salem Halloween Party.

Tax Collector

PRESS RELEASE

October 13, 2017

The Town of Salem, New Hampshire will be mailing the second installment of the 2017 Property Tax bills by October 20, 2017. The first bill that was sent to property owners in May 2017, represented approximately one-half of the 2016 assessment. This bill is for the entire 2017 Property Tax minus the amount previously billed in May.

The 2017 Property Tax Rate is as follows:

State Edu.	\$ 2.28
County	1.06
Local Edu.	10.90
Municipal	6.60
Total	\$ 20.84

The 2017 Property Tax rate of \$20.84 per thousand is an increase of \$.41 cents per thousand from the 2016 Property Tax rate of \$ 20.43 per thousand.

The overall results of the rate are: Municipal portion of the bill remained the same as 2016; the Local Education rate increased \$.48 cents; State Education rate decreased \$.11 cents; and the County rate increased \$.04 cents.

Property tax bills are due and payable on or before December 1, 2017, or there will be a 12 % per annum interest charge. Just a reminder that the Town Hall is closed Thursday November 23rd and Friday November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

If your bank holds your property taxes in escrow, you will need to forward your bill to them. If you do not receive a bill, especially if you are a new home owner, please contact our office at 890-2109 so we may send one to you. You may also view/pay your bill online by accessing our website at:

www.townofsalemnh.org

PARTIAL PAYMENTS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED! Please mail any partial payments directly to the Town of Salem Tax Collector at the Town Hall.

Please note the Town Hall office hours per the Salem Board of Selectmen: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. Thank you.

Cheryl-Ann Bolouk, Tax Collector

Salem Fire Department



The Salem Fire Department recently completed renovations to the Town's Emergency Operations Center located at Fire Headquarters. This renovation would not have been possible without the Fire Department's efforts in obtaining an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Thank you to everyone who assisted with this project, including Director of EMS Brian Allard who managed the project, and Captain Craig Lemire and the members of Central Station who stripped and waxed the floor, spackled the walls, and painted the room. Thank you to all who helped make this room a reality!



Salem Police Department



Coffee with a Cop was another success! Thank you to everyone who attended! A special thanks to Ashley Turcotte, pictured with Officer Brian Lawrence, who painted us a beautiful painting of the Police Department on a pumpkin. As always, it was a pleasure to speak with all of the citizens we serve.



SALEM MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Roy E. Sorenson - *Director*

ENGINEERING DIVISION

2017 Road Program work has been delayed a bit by rain, but continues on Meadow Lane and Sylvan Drive where base paving has been completed. Work on Carriage Lane will follow. A draft 2018 Road Program will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at their November 6th meeting. The Pleasant Street box culvert has been installed by Tuscan Village contractors. A waterproofing membrane will be installed, water routed to the new box, and the old culvert removed, after which the road can be backfilled and restored. A Public Hearing was held for the Main St./ N. and S. Broadway intersection (the "Depot") project on October 19th. Now that the 10-day public comment period has ended, the Hearing Commission will evaluate the necessity for the project. Our consultants are working to wrap up the NEPA process, which is a prerequisite for right-of-way acquisitions.



Box culvert outlet at Tuscan Village



Inside the box culvert



Box culvert inlet at Pleasant Street

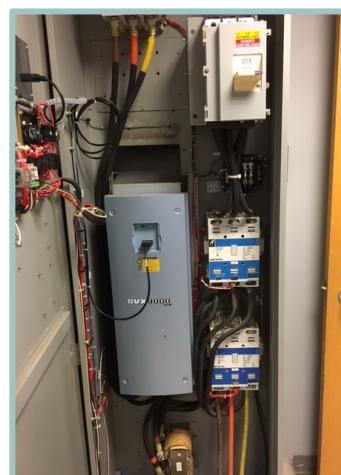
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION



Line painting including hand work has been ongoing at town buildings with stop bars, arrows, and parking lot markings. Grass mowing, weeding, and trimming continue routinely with the completion of fall fertilization application. Over 100 mums and 16 kale were planted around town at welcome to Salem signs. Staff has also been busy cleaning and landscaping various veteran markers throughout the town. A lot of time and effort was put into troubleshooting HVAC issues at multiple buildings in town due to the muggy weather. This is also the time of year when winter preparation begins by sending out contracts to the various contractors. Winter equipment has also been brought in for maintenance purposes. Catch basin repairs also continue as staffing allows entering the end of the construction season. The mill and overlay work wrapped up with final paving on Marie Ave including extensive drainage work.

UTILITIES DIVISION

A new fire hydrant was added to the 6" dead end on Park Street for better water quality. The new project on Lawrence Road (Granite Woods) was pressure tested, chlorinated, and flushed. The new 12" HDPE water main was installed around the box culvert on Pleasant Street as part of the Tuscan Village project. Water production continues to be below average with the daily average demand coming in around 2.3 million gallons. Canobie Lake is 2.5' higher than it was at this time last year during the drought. Systems were busy with repairs and replacements including the #3 high lift pump electrical contact switch, two air release valves for the 24" Arlington Pond raw water transmission line, and various sewer manholes. Millville Lake and Arlington Pond began drawdown. Final trench repair was finished for the miscellaneous water projects throughout the town.





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Trick-or-Treat!

The Town has set Trick-or-Treat hours in Salem for Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Please drive carefully and watch for children so that everyone is safe.

