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SFD Takes Delivery of New Pumper



On Thursday, June 8, the Salem Fire Department took delivery of a new pumper. Funding for the 2017 Pierce Impel pumper was the result of a positive vote of the 2016 budget. The specifications were compiled by a committee of fire officers and firefighters led by Assistant Chief Larry Best. The apparatus has a 1,000 gallon water tank, 1,500 GPM pump, a 28' ladder, a class A and B foam system, automatic tire chains for snow, and a sophisticated passenger air bag system not found in other types of fire apparatus for the safety of the occupants. The pumper cost approximately \$620,000, including equipment and radios.



The new pumper will be assigned to Engine 1 (Central Fire Station). A graphic, designed by Firefighter Matt Bartlett, adorns the driver's side of the cab. "Depot District" depicts a train, a horse, and a Ferris wheel to honor the traditions and past activities that occurred in Salem Depot and the surrounding area. The members of the SFD will undergo training for the next two weeks, and we anticipate Engine 1 will be in service by July 1. We thank the community for supporting this project, and look forward to seeing her serve the community for the next 20 years.



JUNE 2017

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Schedule of Meetings

- } June 5 — Board of Selectmen, 8 PM
- } June 6 — Zoning Board, 7 PM
- } June 7 — Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } June 13 — Planning Board, 7 PM
- } June 14 — Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } June 19 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } June 20 — Planning Board, 7 PM
- } June 26 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } June 27 — Planning Board, 7 PM

Finance

- Finance and Human Resources are continuing our effort of reviewing and analyzing the costs and benefits of time and attendance software. We have met with several vendors and are working with our current payroll software system to see if time and attendance software will be compatible with our payroll software. If it is, we can make a formal recommendation to the Town Manager.
- Patty Gaddis, the Town's utility coordinator's, work anniversary is June 14th. Patty has been with the Town for over 20 years. Congratulations Patty!
- Finance is starting the prep work for the fiscal 2018 budget.
- The Town has seven bids pending for June so far. Please check the Town's [website](#) for bid opportunities
- The Finance Department is hard at work processing payroll, paying vendor invoices, answering utility billing questions, ensuring departmental purchases comply with the town's purchasing and procurement policy, and providing support for all departments in town.

CSA Program

The Town's Wellness Program has started the CSA shares again. Through Cigna (NO TAXPAYER DOLLARS!) we receive 12 boxes of fresh, organic vegetables each week from Brookford Farm in Canterbury, NH. The program is intended to encourage employees to try new vegetables that they might not have tried before, like kohlrabi, garlic scapes, etc., and just to add more fresh vegetables to their diets. The boxes are distributed to each Town building for employees to share. We also include recipes. The HR Department welcomes recipes that employees may have for summer vegetables. People can submit recipes to Robin Lynch, rlynch@ci.salem.nh.us.



Electrical Safety

around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas

For many of us, water activities equal fun. But it's important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.



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KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water. Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call **9-1-1**.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.

FACT

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reports of 14 deaths related to electrocutions in swimming pools from 2003 to 2014. Hot tubs and spas may present the same hazard as swimming pools.



Master Plan Update

Over the past two years, Salem's planning staff, with the assistance of interns Scott Fox and Leigh Komornick, developed an update to the 2001 Master Plan. The following chapters are the focus of the update:

- Population and Housing
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources and Conservation
- Historic Resources
- Recreation
- Transportation

What is a Master Plan?

A master plan is a planning document that serves to guide the overall character, physical form and development of a community (RSA 674:2). It describes how, why, where and when to build or rebuild a city or town. It provides guidance to local officials making decisions on budgets, ordinances, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision matters, and other development-related issues. While the master plan is not a legal document, it does provide the legal basis for zoning and other land use regulations. Specifically, in order to adopt a zoning ordinance (RSA 674:18), the planning board must have adopted a master plan with, at a minimum, vision and land use sections (RSA 674:2). In addition, certain types of ordinances



cannot be legally adopted or certain grants may not be feasible unless an up-to-date master plan is in place.

Work still needs to be done on the above chapters and, in accordance with RSA 674:2, Salem must develop a vision statement for the plan. Staff will discuss with the planning board the next steps to complete this update.

A master plan is a pre-cursor to the preparation and adoption of a Capital Improvements Program (CIP). In accordance with RSA 674:5 Authorization, "In a municipality where the planning board has adopted a master plan, the local legislative body may authorize the planning board to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years." Even though a master plan is not a legal document, it does set the stage by which a community plans its budget including a capital budget and develops zoning, subdivision and site plan regulations to guide the community towards the vision it has set for itself.



Housing Resources

The Human Services department has recently compiled an updated list of local landlords, housing authorities, shelters, and other housing resources. This Apartment Search Guide is available on the Human Services website or by clicking on this [link](#).



SALEM MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Roy E. Sorenson - *Director*

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The 2017 Road Program is in full swing with many projects underway. Drainage work is continuing on Haverhill Road and Klein Drive including removal of ledge. Woodland Ave has been reclaimed, graded and base paved while crews begin to mobilize for work on Commercial Drive and Parker Circle. The mill and overlay program was busy with work on Hampstead Road and Equestrian Drive which are now complete with new asphalt. Work on the new intersection for the Tuscan Village is continuing with the foundations being poured for the new traffic signals. The BOS approved funding for water and sewer work that will be done in the limits of the intersection project including removing the concrete slabs under the pavement in the middle lanes of Broadway. Work is expected to begin over the coming weeks and will be done by American Excavating.



PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION



All the gravel roads in town have been regraded and stabilized. The grounds around the public buildings have all been cleaned and mulched and the comprehensive turf management is underway. The cemetery was busy with 6 cremations and 7 burials performed for the month of May. Crews were busy with the construction of the Rail Trail parking lot, a collaborative effort with Windham DPW. A drainage swale and headwall were installed along with the excavation and regrading of the area. The banners were installed along Veterans Parkway and Geremonty Drive. The mill and overlay program was started and completed on Hampstead Road and Equestrian Drive. Nine bids were prepared and put out for the Backhoe, Utility truck, 6 wheeler plow truck and appurtenances. Fleet work has been busy and continues to struggle with short staff as some minor work is done by heavy equipment operators from streets and shops when they can.

UTILITIES DIVISION

The Town water source is Canobie Lake which reached its maximum elevation of 220' MSL on May 15th and continues to be at that level through June. Demand has been steady averaging 2.2 million gallons per day and 63,131,020 gallons of water was pumped in May. The Exit 2 project - Manor Parkway Fire Booster Station is fully operational at this time and a new floor coating was applied to the Commercial Drive Station. JP Cardillo is installing the new 6" water main on Fairmont Road and temporary services have been installed on Howard Street and McLaughlin Avenue where improvements will be made next. Manhole repairs have been ongoing along Broadway with another 10 repairs over the past week including near the state line. Monitoring continues after water sampling indicated a breakout of blue-green algae (Cyanobacteria) on May 31.





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Planning Board Reviews New Development Plans

One of the new development projects under review by the Planning Board involves a 12-screen movie theater and several restaurants at the Sears Auto Center parking lot on Mall Road. The applicant, Seritage Growth Properties, is currently working on similar redevelopments of Sears and Kmart stores and parking lots in 33 other locations around the country. The Planning Board is discussing parking, traffic, and impacts on nearby residential abutters. More information about the project can be found on the Planning Board [website](#).

