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Salem Kicks off the Holiday Season with the Night of Lights

The 4th Annual Night of Lights put on by Salem Pride was held on Thursday, November 29th. This year the festivities were held at Salem High School and the big beautiful Norway Spruce at Town Hall is the newly decorated Christmas tree! A big thank you to SCTV's Aaron Shamshoyan and SHS's Bob Berthel for decorating the tree and putting up all the decorations at Salem High School. The cutouts, inflatables and many areas of lights made for a winter wonderland. Parents of the Salem High School Band provided cookies and Salem Police Department was there with their tent of police safety tips and hot chocolate from Heav'nly Donuts. Hosts Peter Rayno and Donna Morris from the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce kept the whole night moving as they introduced the choruses from elementary schools, Middle School and Salem High School. The evening concluded with a visit from Santa as he rode atop a Salem Fire truck and magically lit the tree.

This show will air on SCTV 17 and the Salem Learning Channel 6.



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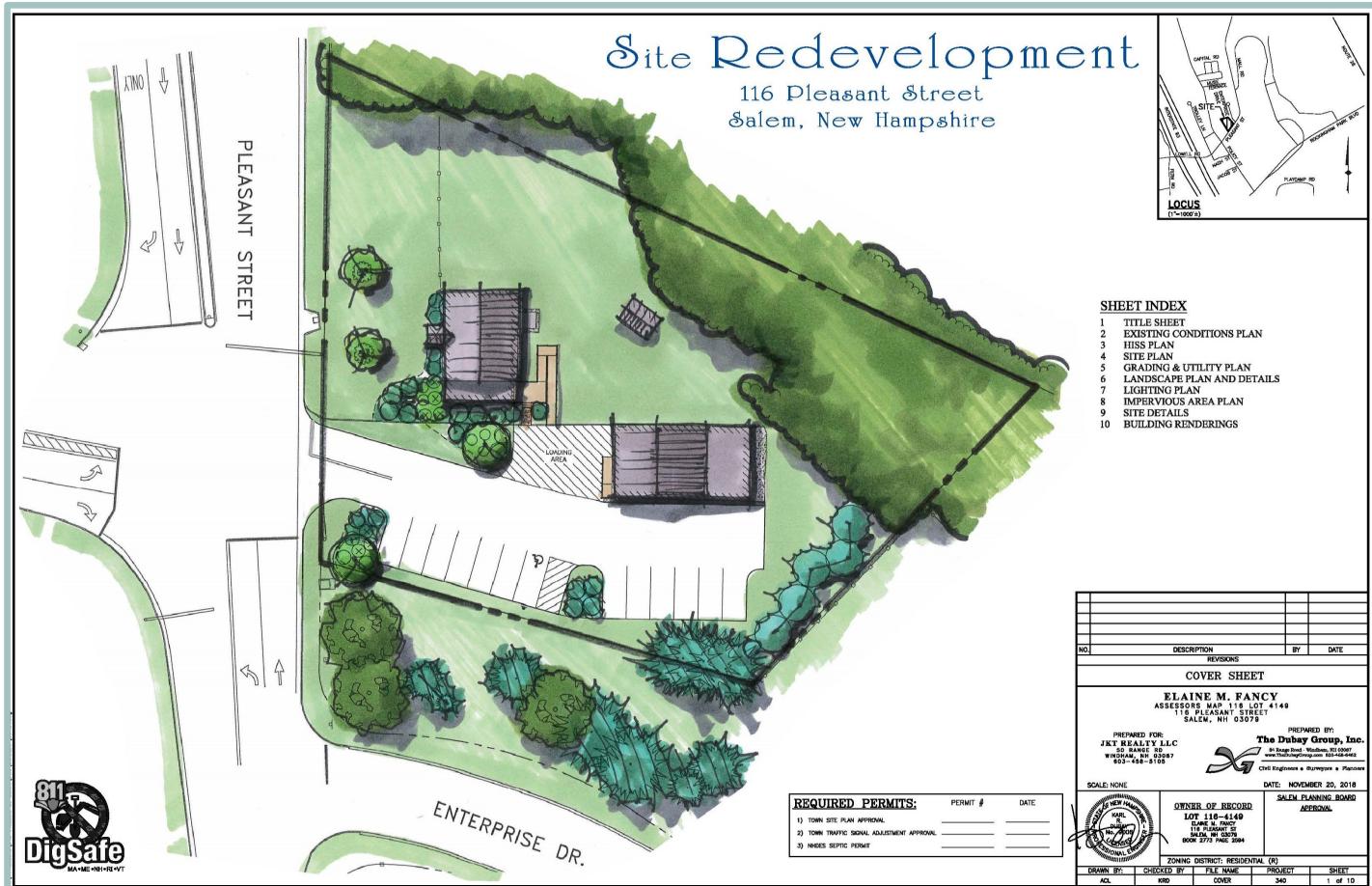
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Schedule of Meetings

- } December 4— Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
- } December 5— Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } December 10— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } December 11— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } December 12— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } December 13— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } December 17— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } December 18— Planning Board (Tuscan Village), 7 PM
- } December 27— Planning Board, 7 PM



Planning Board



JKT Realty plans to renovate and reuse the former Salem Press site on Pleasant Street, across from the Mall at Rockingham Park. The existing buildings will be used for a real estate office. The Planning Board will review this project on December 11, 2018.

Community Services

The Senior Center is looking very festive! Hector, our custodian, has been working hard to decorate for the holidays. One of our new intergenerational programs is letters to Santa. We have a mailbox for children to drop off their letters to Santa and we have senior volunteers that will answer each letter. The program is off to a great start, with 24 letters received this week. Please make sure your letters are dropped off by December 14, so Santa's helpers have time to respond!



Nancy, one of our Bridges Together volunteers, poses with a group of preschoolers.

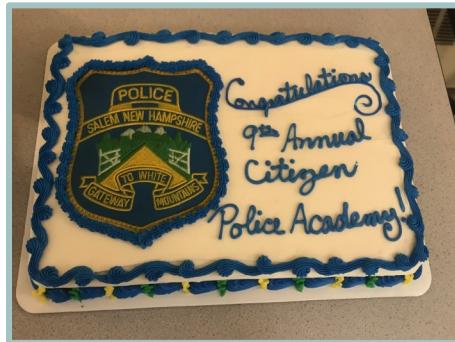
We are always looking for volunteers to work with children through our intergenerational programs. We have 33 seniors working in the community at this time at Salem Family Resources, St. Joseph School and Boys and Girls Club. New opportunities continue to present themselves, so if you have any interest in volunteering or getting more information on our intergenerational programs in the community, please call Nancy D'Agostino 401-7811 or Karen Bryant 890-2191.

The 2018-2019 Winter Brochure is now available online! It includes program offerings for both youth and adults. Click [here](#) to view the brochure.

Police Department



9th Annual Citizen Police Academy Graduation



On Tuesday, November 20th the 9th Annual Citizen Police Academy concluded its program with a graduation ceremony held at St. Julie Hall at St. Joseph's School. The 15 students spent the past 3 months visiting us here at the station every Tuesday night from 6-9 PM and learned about everything the Salem Police Department does. Each student was afforded the opportunity for a ride-along with a Salem Officer as well as a "Use of Force" simulation where the students were put in different scenarios while utilizing simunitions. Among our graduates was none other than our own part-time HR employee Rena Webster! We had a great time with the participants and look forward to next year's class!



Toys For Tots

SPD's Toys For Tots campaign is in full swing! Please bring new, unwrapped toys to the Salem Police Department lobby and place them in the bins located within. This campaign will run until mid-December.



NH Attorney General's Office Teaches Elder Fraud at Senior Center

On Tuesday, November 27th Assistant Attorney General Brandon Garod and Victim-Witness Advocate Sunny Mulligan Shea taught an Elder Financial Fraud class at the Ingram Senior Center. Sergeant Chad Clark and Community Affairs Officer Michael McCarthy facilitated the seminar and contributed to the content during the Q&A section following the presentation. SCTV was on site and recorded the event, which will soon be aired on television.

Fire Department



Topical Fire Report Series

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At a Glance

Winter Residential Building Fires (2014-2016)

Each year, from 2014 to 2016, an estimated

108,200
winter residential
building fires

were reported to fire departments within the United States. These fires caused an estimated 980 deaths, 3,575 injuries, and \$1.9 billion in property loss.



Winter residential building fires accounted for only 8 percent of the total number of fires in the U.S., but they resulted in 30 percent of all fire deaths and 23 percent of all fire injuries.



At 43 percent, cooking was the leading cause of winter residential building fires. Small, confined fires accounted for 90 percent of these cooking fires.

**January
February
March**

Residential building fire incidence was collectively higher in the winter months of January, February and March, peaking in January at 11 percent.



Winter residential building fires occurred most frequently in the early evening, peaking during the dinner hours from 5 to 8 p.m., when cooking fire incidence is high.



Nonconfined winter residential building fires most often started in cooking areas and kitchens (20 percent).

19%
unintentional or
careless actions

14%
12%
9%

In 51 percent of nonconfined winter residential building fires, the fire extended beyond the room of origin. The leading causes of these larger fires were unintentional or careless actions (19 percent), electrical malfunctions (14 percent), open flames (12 percent), and heating (9 percent).



The leading specific factor contributing to ignition in nonconfined winter residential building fires was a heat source too close to combustibles (16 percent).



Smoke alarms were not present in 22 percent of nonconfined winter fires in occupied residential buildings. Additionally, automatic extinguishing systems (AESs) were present in only 4 percent of nonconfined winter fires in occupied residential buildings.

These topical reports are designed to explore facets of the U.S. fire problem as depicted through data collected in the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Incident Reporting System. Each topical report briefly addresses the nature of the specific fire or fire-related topic, highlights important findings from the data, and may suggest other resources to consider for further information.

To read the full report, visit: www.usfa.fema.gov/data/statistics/reports.html.



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Traffic Cameras

Salem now has five traffic cameras streaming live on YouTube. These cameras are located along the South Broadway corridor to show current traffic conditions. To view the video, click on this [link](#) and then select the camera you would like to view. GIS Manager John Vogl created this handy map to show the locations of the cameras.

The video stream is not recorded.



View of traffic at Rockingham Park Boulevard



High School Renovations

The Salem High School renovations are complete and the ribbon cutting was on November 17th. The school opened up and proudly showed the newly updated school to the community. We heard from many people including Dr. Michael Delahanty and Salem High School principal Tracy Collyer. They both expressed their thanks to everyone who helped make this improved Salem High School a reality.

A recurring theme throughout the day was the increased learning opportunities for students. This was showcased in the new Career and Technical Education (CTE) section of the school. The students have the opportunity to study cosmetology, automotive, TV and culinary in new and roomy, well-equipped spaces.

The art wing is designed to display student art and the student commons sections is a great spot for congregating and studying either individually or in small groups.

After a brief overview in the Performing Arts Center the community had guided tours throughout the entire school. Salem Community TV and the school's media center showed everyone the studio and control room and even had some fun free play with the virtual reality sets. This can be viewed on SCTV 17 with this [link](#).



Ribbon cutting at Salem High School



Cosmetology classroom



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Parking Ban

Salem's Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th – April 15th. There is no on-street parking from midnight to 6 am on any street in Salem. This also applies during snow storms. Informational fliers have been handed out for the past two weeks. Beginning December 1st, warnings and tickets will be issued.

