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Salem Digs Out

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SGC 23

Salem Government Channel has covered many storms throughout the years. This week's storm on Thursday, January 4th had many similar issues as past storms, so with a little editing we put together a quick show of snowstorm tips that are relevant for most storms.

Salem Fire Department Chief Paul Parisi and Assistant Chief Larry Best gave us a great rundown on storm safety tips: proper generator installation (20 feet from buildings), batteries preferred over candles, vent clearance on homes and vehicles, downed wires, and shoveling around fire hydrants.

Dave Wholley from the DPW also filled us in on their operations and gave us tips on shoveling downstream, moving barrels, basketball hoops, and cars from the roadways, and please do not shovel plowed snow back into the roadways. You can watch those shows here:



[Snowstorm Safety](#)



[DPW Tips](#)

Salem Fire Department



The blizzard that dumped about 12" of snow on Salem on January 4 buried many of the 900+ hydrants within the Town's water district. The Salem Fire Department encourages and appreciates residents who remove the snow from the hydrant nearest to their home. We also understand that there are some residents that are unable to clear snow. To that end, on-duty Salem Firefighters patrol the town after each storm and clear snow from hydrants that are buried. Pictured is Lieutenant Kennett Colby and Firefighter Bruce "Action" Jackson shoveling a hydrant. Thank you to those who are able to clear the snow away!



JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Schedule of Meetings

- } January 2—Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
- } January 3—Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } January 8—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } January 9—Planning Board, 7 PM
- } January 10—Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } January 11—Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } January 16—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } January 22—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } January 23—Planning Board, 7 PM

Planning Board Review



At their meeting on December 19, 2017, the Planning Board approved the latest conceptual master plan for the Tuscan Village project. The Board held 8 public meetings from January to December 2017 to review this massive development, which includes almost 2 million square feet of retail, residential, hotel, and office space. The conceptual approval is not the end of the review process. It simply allows more detailed site plans for individual buildings to be submitted, which is expected to start in the next few months. Documents related to the Tuscan Village development can be found on the [Planning Board's web page](#).

Community Services

Senior Division:



Happy New Year!

- The New Year began with a sprinkler pipe bursting in our thrift and gift shop. I am waiting for the insurance company and emergency repair crew while writing this.
- Our January, February, March newsletter will be available for pick up Monday January 8th or [here](#).
- Starting Monday January 8th our new 10 week sessions for paid exercise classes begin. Monday Ageless, Tuesday Aquarobics (Boys and Girls Club), Pilates, Zumba Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We are looking for people interested in Tai Ji Quan which is an evidence based exercise done on Wednesdays and Fridays for better balance. Information available at the front desk. Chair Yoga starts January 12th
- Rockingham Rubies Meet and Great at the Blackwater Grille, Salem. Friday, February 9th, 12:00 noon. There will be a buffet lunch served. This is a chance to catch up with friends and meet our new members. Transportation is on your own. Hope to see all of you there for the renewal of our friendships. Cost \$25. Deadline: Friday, January 26th.
- Don't forget to sign up for our Valentine party at Harris' Pelham Inn, Pelham NH. Wednesday, February 14, 11:00am-3:00pm. Line Dancing, fully dressed turkey dinner and entertainment back by popular demand, Flashback Band. Cost: \$30pp incl. dancing, door prizes, dinner & show. *Pre-registration required

REMINDER: If the schools are closed due to bad weather, the Senior Center programs are also cancelled

Recreation Division:

Winter Brochure is available on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) as well as at the Recreation Office, Town Hall, and the Library.

- Pat's Peak Registrations are OPEN until Friday, January 5th. After this date, please call to check on availability.
 - * Fridays from February 16th through March 23rd
 - * Bus departs the Woodbury Middle School @ 3:45PM, returns at 10:45PM
 - * Costs vary depending on lift options
- Arena Flag Football
 - * Tuesdays for 5 weeks beginning January 9th from 4:00-6:00PM @ Barron Elementary School
 - * Cost: \$15
 - * For Ages 8-13
- Dodgeball Session 1
 - * Thursdays for 5 weeks beginning January 11th from 4:00-5:30PM @ Barron Elementary School
 - * Cost: \$10
 - * For Ages 8-13
- Dodgeball Session 2
 - * Thursdays for 5 weeks beginning February 15th from 4:00-5:30PM @ Barron Elementary School
 - * Cost: \$10
 - * For Ages 8-13
- Court Sports
 - * Tuesdays for 5 weeks beginning February 13th from 4:00-5:30PM @ Barron Elementary School
 - * Cost: \$10
 - * For Ages 8-13
- Winter Dance Aerobics
 - * Tuesdays for 8 weeks beginning January 2nd from 6:00-7:00PM @ Fisk Elementary School
 - * Cost: \$40
 - * For Ages 18+
- Old School P.E.
 - * Tuesdays for 4 weeks beginning February 13th from 6:30-8:00PM @ Lancaster Elementary School
 - * Cost: \$10
 - * For Ages 18+

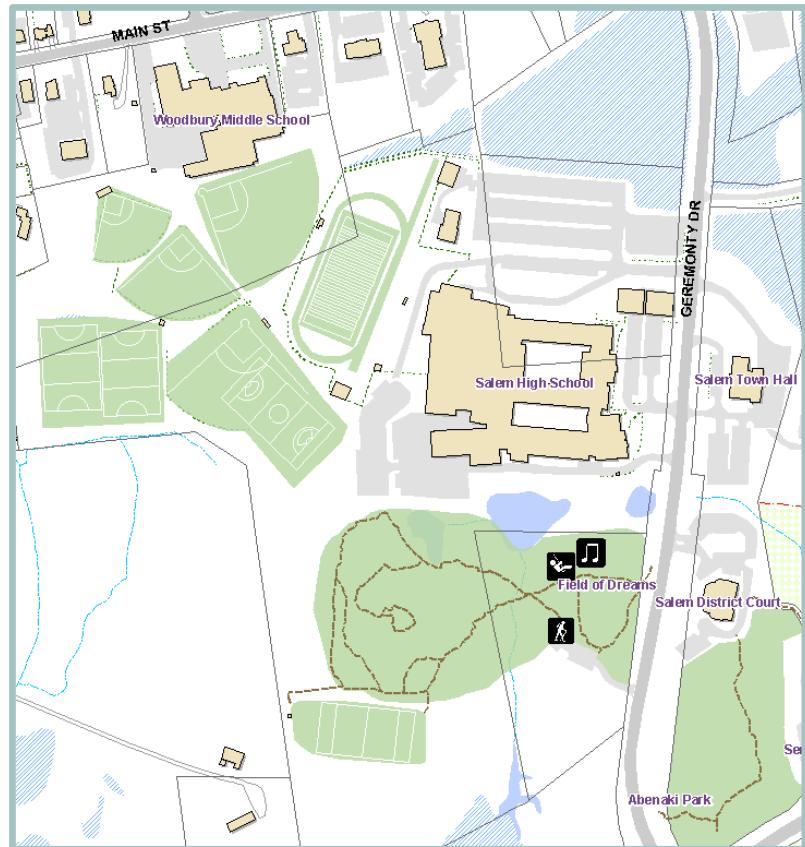


Salem Map Updates

Submitted by John Vogl, GIS Manager/Planning Coordinator

Residents are encouraged to view and download new maps that have been posted to the [GIS/Town Maps webpage](#). The Town's new Street Map and 2017 Tax Maps have been posted along with some smaller maps of the Historic District, Bike-Ped Corridor and Recreational Facilities. The latter three maps were assembled for the recently updated Master Plan. Both the street map and tax maps are relatively large files. The streets map has been formatted for a 24x36" page and the tax maps are presented in an atlas format consisting of 162 pages. Both are best viewed on-screen. As new maps are finalized, they will be posted to this location.

In other news, the base map updates continue for the town's mapping program. While much of the short tenure has been focused on updating roads, buildings and most significantly, parcel boundaries, I have also taken time to capture cultural points of interest, such as the recreational areas and trails. In the instance shown below, features were placed through a combination of submitted site plans, aerial interpretation and GPS data collection. This information fills out a base map at the human, neighborhood scale and adds the landmarks that the public can generally relate to.



Finance Department

- Jean Mayo retired after 28½ years with the Town. She served as the Accounts Receivable Clerk and will be missed. Our best wishes to Jean Mayo.
- The Finance Department participated in and won the “Deck the Halls” contest. Human Resources created a fun contest in which departments could volunteer to decorate their work space/area. The Finance Department worked as a team and decorated our entire office area. Decorations included a gingerbread house for the doorway, a tree made out of the handprints of two employees, a fireplace with stockings holding the names of each member in Finance, trees with decorations, decorations hanging from the ceiling, and the list goes on.
- December 31st was the Town’s fiscal year end. Finance will begin our end of year accruals, reconciliations, and trial balances.
- 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 to all departments in town.



Salem Bike-Ped Corridor Updates



Despite the winter weather, progress continues on the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor. Final design for Phase II has been completed by the Town's consultant, CMA Engineers, and submitted to the NH Department of Transportation for approval. Once approved, the project will go out to bid for Spring/Summer 2018 construction. Phase II picks up where Phase I left off and runs from Old Rockingham Road to Willow Street.

The Town is consistently pursuing a variety of funding opportunities to continue the Bike-Ped Corridor southward to the Massachusetts border. We have recently submitted an application for funding through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. Salem's application has been recommended for funding by both the NH Department of Transportation and the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT). If approved by the legislature, Salem's CMAQ funding will be used to design and construct Phase VI of the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor from Rockingham Park Boulevard to Cluff Crossing Road, a segment that includes several key road crossings.

Stay tuned for more information on an upcoming Town-wide Winter Carnival on February 18 with some events occurring on the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor!



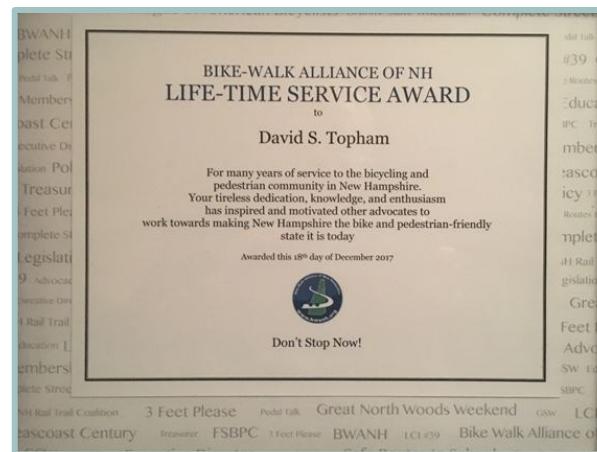
RAIL TRAIL ENTHUSIAST HONORED

David Topham, Co-Chairman of the Friends of Salem Bike-Ped Corridor, was recently honored for his 42 years of volunteer service to the bicycling programs in the State of New Hampshire. At the Annual Meeting of the Bike Walk Alliance of New Hampshire (BWANH), Topham was given the BWANH Life-Time Service Award in recognition of his many years of service to the bicycling and pedestrian community in New Hampshire.

Topham is Founder or Co-founder of several bicycle and pedestrian organizations including Granite State Wheelmen, Seacoast Century, Bike Walk Alliance of New Hampshire, Friends of the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor and the New Hampshire Rail Trail Coalition. He has served on countless boards and committees over his four decades of service. Among those committee efforts were Safe Routes to Schools, NHDOT advisory boards and the New Hampshire Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee.

David's dedication to bike safety in New Hampshire led to where he was one of the first in the country (#39) to be certified as an LAB's League Cycling Instructor, a program started in the 1970's. He is now one of 9,000 certified instructors nationwide. A long-time resident of Salem, David spends much of his time working to improve the rules and opportunities for New Hampshire's bicycling enthusiasts, a task he truly enjoys, dedicating hundreds of hours each season, always getting ready for the next one.

Submitted by Larry Belair, FSBPC, (603) 560-7500





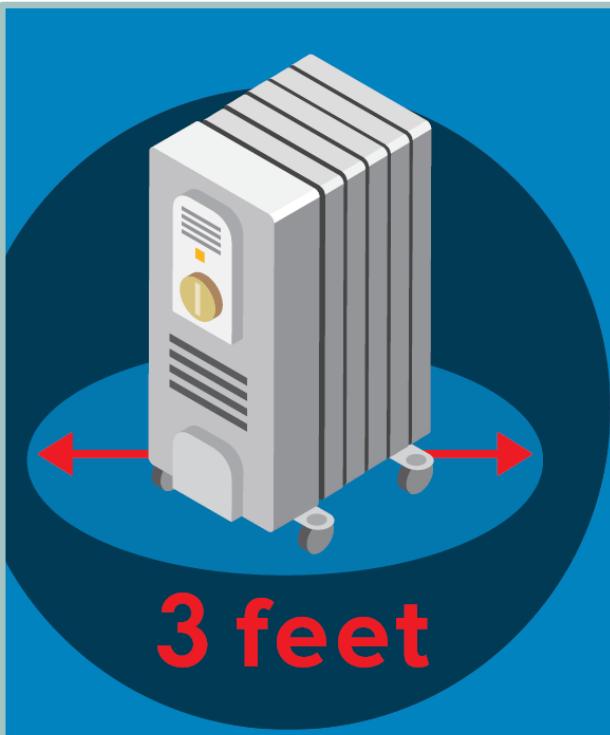
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