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Public Safety Radio Project

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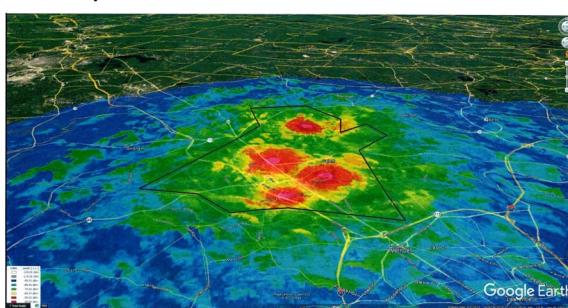
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The Salem Fire, Police and Municipal Services Departments with the support of Town Manager Dillon, Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee has put forth a project to replace the existing radio systems in our community. This Public Safety Communications replacement article will provide the funding necessary to not only replace existing equipment which is ageing and no longer supported by the manufacturers (meaning we have difficulty obtaining replacement parts) it will also expand the system to address areas of the community which have poor to no coverage for our emergency responders. If approved we will expand our receiving sites in the community from the existing 5 sites to 10. The system will also have expansion capabilities for more sites if the need should arise. We will utilize the existing fiber optic network that the town currently owns and maintains along with microwave technology to interconnect these sites thus reducing the number of leased land lines. This could result in an annual savings of \$4,000. This project will also produce a protective redundancy built in between Police and Fire to maintain operational capabilities should one facility fail. This capability does not currently exist.

Through the development process we worked with our vendor to maximize the coverage for our community while keeping in mind the necessity to bring forward a project with the least amount of financial impact. We have negotiated with our vendor terms which will allow this project to be paid for in 3 payments over 3 budget years with no additional interest costs to the community. This is a cost savings of nearly \$300,000 as opposed to financing. Some have asked if we can put it off a couple more years due to other priorities. The annual inflation of this project has been in the 8% range or \$128,000 per year.

We are hopeful for the support of the voters this year as this is a significant public safety issue. Highlighted recently during a high risk Police Action which resulted in officers not able to communicate with officers outside of the apartment they were working undercover within. If approved the construction time will place this new system in service in approximately 8-10 months.

Below you will see some heat maps indicating current conditions and the proposed coverage with the system fully constructed. As you can see the changes are significant.



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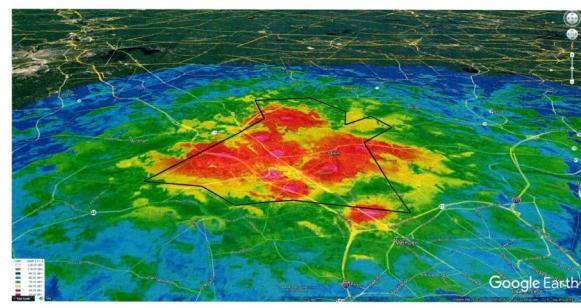
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Proposed All Agencies Talk-in

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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

- } March 6 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
- } March 7 Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } March 15—Planning Board, 7 PM
- } March 19—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } March 26—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } March 27—Planning Board, 7 PM
- } March 28—Budget Committee, 7 PM



Planning Board



The Planning Board will review a site plan for an 18 unit condo building proposed at 10 Sally Sweet's Way at their meeting on March 15, 2018.

Community Services

In the Spotlight - Aquarobics

For exercise and enjoyment.

What is it: Aquarobics is a water therapy and water fitness class

When: Tuesdays 10:30-11:15am (arrive 10:15 to change)

Where: Boys & Girls Club, Geremonty Dr., Salem
Using the 3 foot deep end of the heated pool.

Why water? Water is POWER. The water's natural properties of buoyancy and resistance provide a workout that fits every stage of fitness. Enjoy the benefits of land exercise without the impact. The water provides 15 TIMES more resistance than air and lowers the impact by supporting up to 85% of your body weight. This makes Aquarobics suitable for first time exercisers and those wanting a total body workout.

An Aquarobics workout can be as hard or as easy as you want to make it simply by increasing or decreasing the intensity you work at.

Who can participate/what experience is needed?

No experience is needed and you do not need to know how to swim. Suitable for people of all ages and abilities. There is a chair lift to assist with getting in and out of the pool. Anyone wanting to have fun while exercising and increasing mobility should do it.



What is the background of the instructor, Millie Cartier? Millie has been teaching Aquarobics 11 years for the Senior Center and 30 years overall. She has certifications in Personal Training, Aquarobics, Yoga, Tai Chi, Aerobics and is a black belt in martial arts. Millie also leads our Tai Chi class on Mondays at 11:15am.

What would you like people to know about your group?

Millie - Ability to swim is not necessary, the class is healthful, social and fun. We use things like pool noodles, hand weights, balls or balloons to keep it interesting.

What do you get out of being in this group? Class - "Physical therapy after hip surgery", "Fun exercise", "Socialization".

All you need are some aqua shoes, a bathing suit and a towel.

Water = power = health = longevity.

Congresswoman Kuster Visits the Senior Center

Congresswoman Ann Kuster recently visited the Ingram Senior Center and was given a tour of the facility. She visited with seniors as they participated in scheduled daily activities. The Congresswoman was very impressed with the warm and friendly atmosphere and variety of programs made available to seniors in the community. She pledged to remain committed to doing all she can to ensure seniors of the Granite State have the support and resources they need.



Annual Fishing Derby

Our Annual Fishing Derby will be held at Hedgehog Park, 53 Lowell Road, on Saturday, April 21st. The fishing derby is free and open to children 15 years old and younger. The Greater Salem NH Rotary Club sponsors this annual event. Participants sign up the day of the Derby. Children 8 years and younger register between 8:30 and 9:00AM and fish from 9:00-10:15AM. Children ages 9 to 15 register at 9:30AM and fish from 10:20-11:20AM. Awards will follow at the end of the derby for each group. Prizes will be awarded to the smallest and largest fish caught per age category. Only one prize per person will be awarded. However other prizes will be raffled off along with one participant from each age group being honored with the "Chuck Black Most Spirited Fishing Award".



Osprey Nest Relocation



Scale photo



Perch form on north side of Platform, facing south.

As part of the Tuscan Village project, an osprey nest was recently rebuilt and installed near Pleasant Street. The nest was previously located on top of a light post closer to Rockingham Park Boulevard. The NH Wetlands Bureau required the nest to be relocated on the site.



Pole set in concrete, 8 feet deep, predator guard (green) 8 feet high



Completed nest

Finance

- Elections are March 13th. We encourage all residents to go out and vote.
- The auditors were in Town Hall the week of the 5th working on the Town's 2017 financial statement audit. This is the beginning of a multi month process. The final audit report will likely come out sometime in June of 2017.
- This is a reminder to check the Town's website to see all of the [Town's bid opportunities](#). We are continuously updating the website with new items.
- This is a reminder that water and sewer demand and benefit annual bills will be sent out by the utility department by the end of April.
- 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.

Fix a Leak Week

The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year and ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.

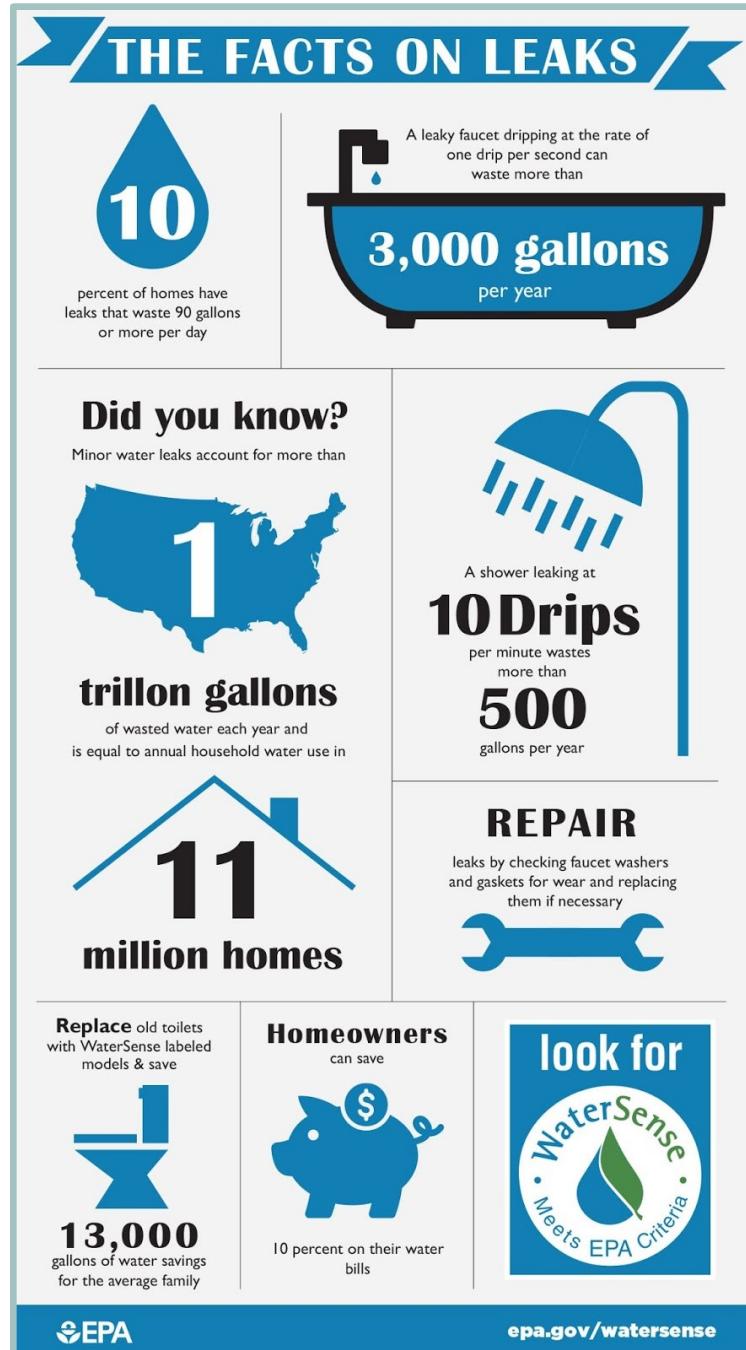
To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water and then identify the source of the leak. Here are some tips for finding leaks:

- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.



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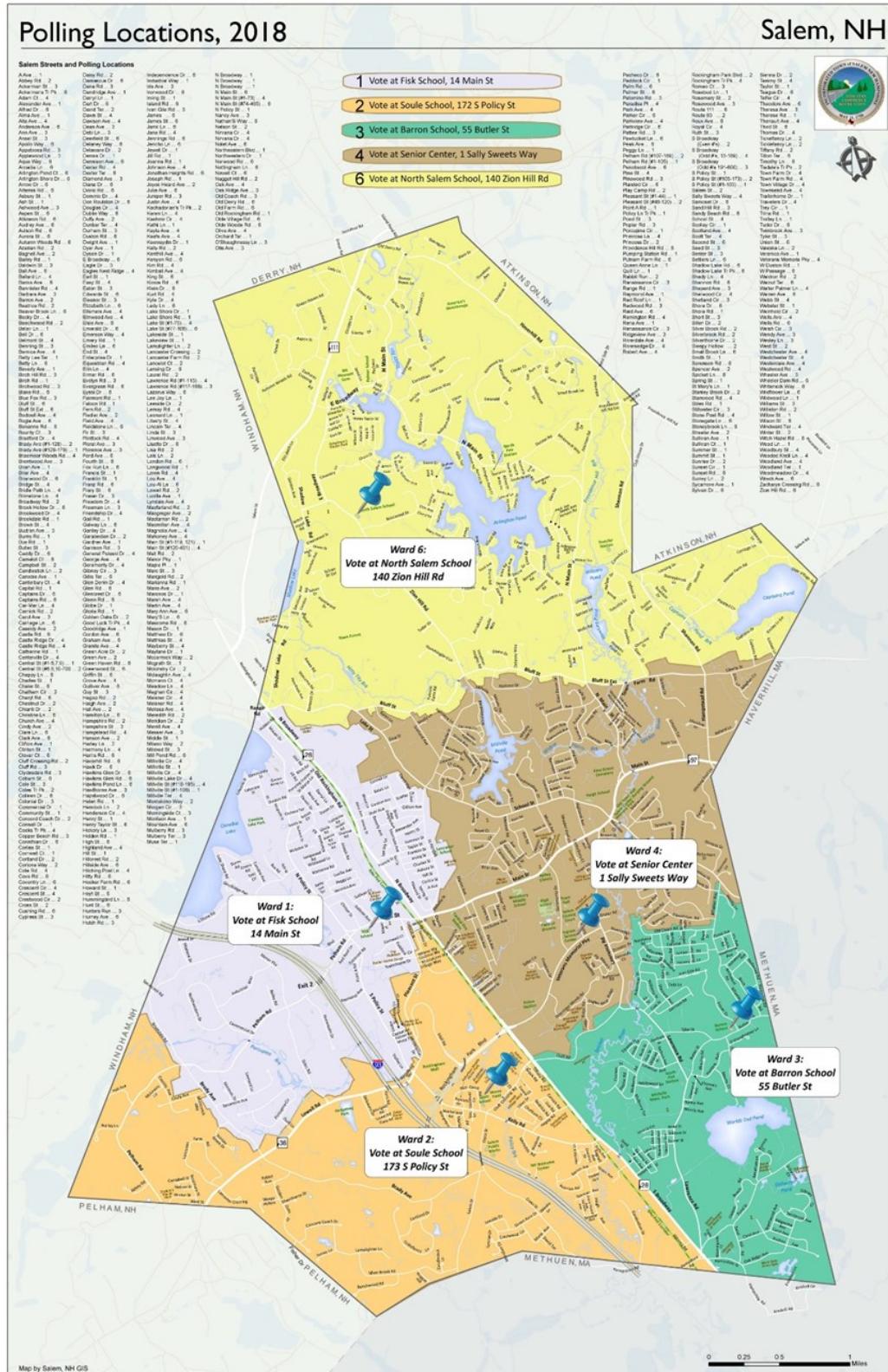
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For more information, please visit the [EPA Water Sense Fix a Leak Week website](#).

Where do I vote?

In preparation for the upcoming election season, the GIS Division prepared this new polling locations map. The map identifies the five (5) voting sites and identifies streets and their respective site. The map can be viewed / downloaded from the Town's website [here](#).





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Hydrant and Catch Basin Clearing

During storm cleanup, Salem residents are encouraged to clear the snow from hydrants and catch basins. This [link](#) will open a web map that will help identify where these structures are located near your homes. It is important that these are cleared and we thank you for the service.



This example from the map identifies catch basins and hydrants in the vicinity of Town Hall. Where are the hydrants and catch basins in your neighborhood?