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Memorial Day 2019

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Memorial Day 2019 was observed on Monday, May 27th at the Gazebo in Veteran's Common presented by the Salem NH Veteran's Association. After 25 years as President of the Association, Doug Micklon is stepping down. In his place is Dennis Coleman Commander of American Legion Post 63, who will preside over the Memorial Day Services next year. We thank Doug for all his service. Paul Pelletier, Commander of Squad 63, read the introduction of the Veterans and Patriotic Groups in attendance at the ceremony. The Salem High School Devilettes sang "To Those who Serve" and the Salem High School Band played "America the Beautiful". The weather was perfect and many people attended this annual event. Salem Community Television recorded the ceremony and it is playing on SCTV 17 and can also be viewed with this [link](#).



MAY/JUNE 2019

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Schedule of Meetings

- } June 3— Board of Selectmen, 8 PM
- } June 4— Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
- } June 5— Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } June 11— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } June 17— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } June 18— Planning Board (Tuscan Village), 7 PM
- } June 25— Planning Board, 7 PM

Planning Board/Conservation Commission

Salem Planning Board and Conservation Commission member Linda Harvey recently won the James Hayden Award from the Rockingham Planning Commission. The Hayden Award recognizes residents in Rockingham County who have made significant contributions to their communities or the greater region in natural resource conservation and planning. Linda has been a member of the Conservation Commission since 2000 and a member of the Planning Board since 2007. Some of her many accomplishments include:



- Re-wrote bylaws for both Conservation Commission and Planning Board
- Re-wrote model conservation easement
- Developed spreadsheet of Conservation Fund expenses and additions
- Created spreadsheet with data on over 200 conservation easements held by Town.
- Developed brochure for Town Forest walking trails. Completed GPS inventory of trails.
- Researched history of Town Forest acquisitions and collected copies of deeds.
- Developed Conservation Commission member handbook
- Reviewed and corrected Town conservation lands map
- Inventoried every sidewalk in Town and developed spreadsheet with data.
- Re-organized Zoning Ordinance. Cut 50 pages of repeated wording and made the ordinance easier for staff and public to use.
- Organized and catalogued over 150 legal opinions
- Championed creation of Salem Bike-Pedestrian Corridor for years until it has finally become a very successful reality



Summer Safety Tips

Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

Fire safety



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.



Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.



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Community Services



On Wednesday, May 29th the Community Services Department hosted the Healthy Choice Day at the Ingram Senior Center. The goal of our *Healthy Choice Day* is to promote the importance of regular physical activity for seniors, and to supply examples of healthy snacks for them to enjoy. There were 15 minute demonstrations of various exercise classes. People were free to participate or simply observe. Bottles of water and cups of seltzer were available along with a variety of healthy snacks choices including pretzels, popcorn, fruit, raisins, prunes, cheese, walnuts etc. Volunteers were busy doing Reiki, massage and taking blood pressure. Rockingham Nutrition offered vegetables/hummus and fruit. Greystone Farms joined the event by supplying yogurt with granola and fruit. The Council on Aging provided 50 t-shirts for our event. Walmart and Market Basket donated gift cards that were used to purchase the snacks for everyone. There were an estimated 130 seniors in active attendance.

**Greystone Farms
Healthy Snacks**



**Ingram Senior Center
Outdoor Walking Group**



Seniors Watching Exercise Demonstrations

Police Department



This Friday, the Salem Police Department and the employees of Market Basket located at 265 South Broadway will be teaming up together for another Coffee With a Cop event!

So come on down and enjoy some good coffee and great company on Friday, June 7th, 2019 from 9:00am to 11:00am at Market Basket at 265 South Broadway in Salem, NH!

Hope to see you all there!



Rain Barrels

The Town of Salem has launched a Rain Barrel Program as part of its water conservation initiatives. Rain barrels are used to collect runoff from roofs which can be used for watering lawns, gardens, and plants. The rain barrel connects to a downspout via a diverter which directs the water into the barrel. An overflow hose allows excess water to safely flow away from the house, or can also be used to link multiple barrels for additional water storage.

Rain barrels can help reduce peak water demand in the summer when outdoor water use is high. Just 1/8 inch of rainwater can fill a 60 gallon barrel, if it is well-situated. That 60 gallons of water can then cover about 100 square feet with 1 inch of water when it is needed later. This saves homeowners money on their water bills, reduces stormwater runoff, and reduces water demand. Plus, plants actually prefer natural rainwater over treated tap water.

The Great American Rain Barrel Company is locally located in Hyde Park, Massachusetts. The owners run a food importing business, with products arriving in high-quality, food grade plastic shipping drums. The company has repurposed over 100,000 of these shipping drums into rain barrels. The barrels have a removable lid with a screen to keep insects and debris out. Painted barrels cost \$69 (compared to \$119 full retail) and are available in three colors: Forest Green, Nantucket Gray, and Espresso Brown. Unpainted barrels are available for \$64. Orders



are placed directly with the Great American Rain Barrel Company on their website, meaning that no money passes through the Town of Salem. This program is simply being provided as a service to make discounted rain barrels available to Salem residents who wish to purchase them.

This program will only be available for a short time, so please visit The Great American Rain Barrel Company's [Community Programs website](#), select "New Hampshire" and "Salem", and place your order today! Orders must be placed by June 12 at midnight.

On Wednesday, June 19, the orders will be delivered to Salem Town Hall for pick up from 5-8 PM. If you are unable to attend the pick-up event, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your order, as storage will not be available after the event. Volunteers will be on hand to help load the barrels into your vehicle.

We can all do our part to help reduce water consumption, and rain barrels are a great tool to help do just that!

Salem Bike-Ped Corridor

The Salem Bike-Ped Corridor Phase 2 held their ribbon cutting and Trail Opening on May 21st on a rare sunny day in May. Friends of the Salem Bike Ped Corridor Larry Belair and Dave Topham hosted the event that included rounds of thanks and appreciation to all who participated in the completion of Phase 2 and were instrumental in donating money and services to the project. Community Development was well represented with André Garron talking about the success of the Bike-Ped Corridor and Karri Makinen presenting Larry Belair with a plaque of appreciation that included a bronzed spike from the rail road bed. The Knights of Columbus were represented by Ron Bourke. He too expressed his gratitude to the Knights that worked tirelessly in creating a resting stop with benches and a landscaped garden wall that honors the railroad heritage. The ceremony concluded with a short walk down the rail trail for all to enjoy its beauty. The Salem Government Channel is happy to be covering all phases of the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor for posterity and viewing. This show can be seen on SGC23 and with this online [link](#).





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Tax Collector

May 21, 2019

PRESS RELEASE

The Town of Salem, New Hampshire will be mailing the first installment of the 2019 Property Tax bill by the end of the month. This bill is due on or before July 1, 2019, or there will be a 8 % per annum interest charge. The total dollar amount due should be approximately one-half (1/2) of last year's total taxes for the year except those properties which are new construction or the assessed value has changed.

The bill will come in a first class envelope which includes a return envelope for the taxpayer's convenience. By using this return envelope, the tax payment will be sent directly to the Town of Salem's bank for processing. The remittance stub from the bill must be included with the check. If you wish to receive a stamped paid receipt please mail the entire bill with your payment and include a self-addressed envelope. We encourage you to mail your property tax payment in the return envelope provided or directly to the Tax Collector at the Town Hall. If you choose to pay the bill in person, we urge you to come in to the Town offices before the final due date of the bill.

You may also view/pay your bill online [here](#).

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

If you have not received your bill, please call the Tax Collector's office at 890-2109.

Please note the **Town Hall hours per the Salem Board of Selectmen:**

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM -5:00 PM. Thank you.

Cheryl-Ann Bolouk, Tax Collector