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The Community Services Department, along with the Recreation Advisory Committee and the Field of Dreams Organization, were busy celebrating the 4th of July. Beautiful weather drew large crowds with several hundred patrons enjoying the day's festivities beginning with the Fun Run in the morning and ending with the annual fireworks display at night.



The 3rd Annual Fun Run consisted of two distances, a 1 mile and 2.5 mile course and had the highest participation numbers to date thanks in large part to the organization of Jim Kocza and the Recreation Advisory Committee. Rockingham Café donated the pancake fixings and volunteers flipped many pancakes for the participants after the race. Jack Richard was the winner of the 1 mile race with a time of 09:13 and the winner of the 2.5 mile race was Alicia Amico with a time of 22:28. Congrats to the winners and thanks to all who joined this new Salem tradition. Susan McLoughlin from Salem Community Television is happy to be a part of this event. This show can be viewed on SCTV 17 and with this [link](#).

As always, Hedgehog Park had its busiest day of the summer with people from all over enjoying the water and gathering to celebrate the holiday.



Later in the day, Larry Seaman from SCTV 17 captured all the fun at Salem High School. There were games and dancing including Cotton Eyed Joe, the Macarena and the Hokey Pokey, because that's what it's all about. Larry has many interviews with members of the community including Pat Hargreaves from the 9/11 Memorial Monument Committee and Danny Hopkins Community Services Director. Thousands of people showed up to enjoy the music, food trucks, games, and a special visit from Miss



New Hampshire for the Town's fireworks display. A special thank you to the Salem Police Department and Fire Department for all of their assistance in contributing to making the Town of Salem's 4th of July Celebration a safe and enjoyable experience as well.

The night was all capped off with a great fireworks display. View it on www.sctv17.com or with this [link](#).



AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		29	30	31	1	2
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

- } July 29— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } August 6— Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
- } August 7— Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } August 12— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } August 13— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } August 14— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } August 26— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } August 27 — Planning Board, 7 PM



Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has taken up a monarch butterfly conservation project through the planting of milkweed. Monarch butterflies are a species in decline, largely due to habitat loss. The butterflies make a fascinating migration to overwinter in central Mexico and are an important pollinator species. After researching native varieties of milkweed, 6 swamp milkweed and 6 common milkweed plants were planted in an area adjacent to the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor. Milkweed is an important plant for many pollinators, and is the sole food source for monarch caterpillars.

Conservation Commission member Linda Harvey has kept a watchful eye on the milkweed throughout the summer and has recently spotted some monarchs feeding on it. If this trial is successful in supporting monarch butterflies, the Conservation Commission will pursue additional planting areas in the fall.

The photos to the right, taken by Linda Harvey, show a monarch butterfly visiting the swamp milkweed.

To learn more about monarch conservation efforts, visit www.monarchjointventure.org



Fire Department



A new show called "First Response – A Day with the SFD" is airing on SGC 23. This is an exciting new show by Producer Briana Demers.

Briana spent some time with the Salem Fire Department talking with the firefighters, getting some great footage of a ride-along and showcasing their 4 minute response with a count down clock.

This is a great inside look into the Salem Fire Department. We hear from many members of the SFD including Chief Larry Best, Asst. Chief Jeff Emanuelson and you get to see the department in both a casual setting and a more formal one. This show also includes some of North Salem Fire Station and Lawrence Road.

You can see First Response on SGC 23 and with this [link](#).



Community Services



On June 19, two buses (99 people) of our seniors went to see The Pajama Game at the New London Barn Playhouse in New London, NH and had lunch at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester. As you can see by the photos, a good time was had by all.



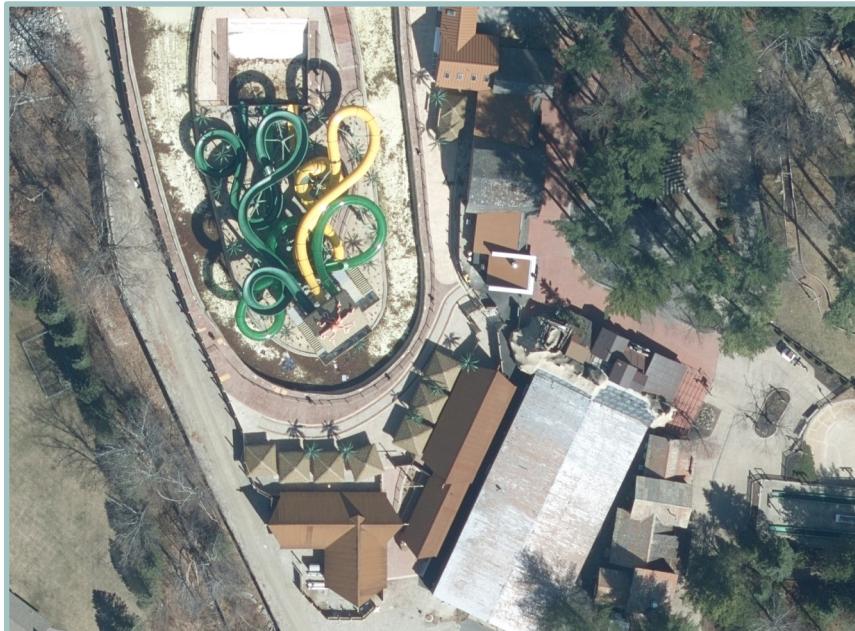
On July 9, two buses (109 people) of our seniors went on a Gloucester Lobsterbake Cruise in Gloucester, MA harbor. They enjoyed a two hour scenic harbor cruise while dining on lobster and a buffet. They enjoyed a stop in Rockport, MA on the way home. The weather was perfect for this enjoyable day on the water.



Finance

- The Town has officially begun the 2020 operating budget process. The Accounting and Budget Manager recently sent out to all department heads a 2020 budget memo along with the template and guidelines for completing their FY 2020 operating budget requests. Departments will have until August 14th to submit their budgets to the Finance department. The Finance Department compiles all budget submissions into one master document and then sends the master document to the Town Manager so that he can begin his review of the budget submissions. From there he makes his budget recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. After the Board of Selectmen make their recommendation it operating budget is reviewed by the Budget Committee.
- The Town has changed the way we process our utility bills. You may have already received the new utility bill.
- The utility billing division of Finance is continuing to work with Ti-Sales to implement WaterSmart. WaterSmart is a cloud based platform that allows customers to see their water consumption data. When viewing their usage they can add a layer on the graph to get the temperature and precipitation data for the time frame they are reviewing. Customers will be able to sign up with through WaterSmart to receive alerts for various scenarios such as a irregular usage alert, if their usage is trending X% higher than their normal usage, bill forecasts (for example if your bill is on track to be \$30 higher than usual). This process will likely take 3-6 months to implement prior to going live. This platform is not available yet.
- Did you know that you can pay your Utility bill online? Simply go to the Town's website and pay through our website. The online bill processing vendor we use is Invoice Cloud. If you ever have any questions about paying your bill online feel free to contact the Utility Billing Division at 603-890-2042 or 603-890-2047.
- Please check the Town's website to see all of the Town's [bid opportunities](#). We are frequently updating the website with new items.
- 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.

Geographic Information System



Salem's new Selfie

The Town's GIS program is in the process of carrying out a "flyover project" to provide a comprehensive update to the Town's base mapping resources. This project will yield new, high resolution, high accurate aerial photography and base mapping for the entire community. The Town contracted with Kucera International, a professional map services company from Willoughby, OH. Salem was flown in early April and deliverables are now starting to come in. To the left is a sample of the new imagery, illustrating the new water park at Canobie Lake Park as it existed on April 11, 2019.



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Touch-a-Truck

Salem Police, Fire, and DPW all participated in a Touch-a-Truck event at the Barron School. Participants in the Recreation Department Summer Camp had a great time seeing a variety of trucks and demonstrations!

