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The SalemFest Tradition Continues



Fall in New England is festival time. Salem's long standing tradition is SalemFest! This event occurs every September and has their annual craft fairs, food fests and book sale. The grounds of the Kelley Library is where most of the non-profits in town set up their displays to let people know what they do. The Salem Town Museum had a special display of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. They also had photo opportunities for everyone alongside the horse drawn wagon. Greystone Farm participated with their annual chili and chowder walk, a US Constitution table with free copies of the Constitution, and a raffle for NH Philharmonic concert tickets. St David's and Salemhaven had their craft fair and the Boys & Girls Club was the site of the SHS Robot-

ics Team and Community Emergency Response Team.

This event was founded about 15 years ago by Betty Gay who realized that many of the craft fairs and Museum events happened around the same time, so she organized it into one big event where everyone participates on the same weekend.

Salem Community Television's Susan McLoughlin and Larry Seaman covered the event for channel 17 and the shows can also be found on sctv17.com.



OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Schedule of Meetings

- } ~~October 1 — Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM~~
- } ~~October 2 — Conservation Commission, 7 PM~~
- } ~~October 3 — Board of Selectmen, 6:30 PM~~
- } ~~October 7 — Board of Selectmen, 6:30 PM~~
- } ~~October 8 — Planning Board, 7 PM~~
- } ~~October 9 — Board of Selectmen, 6:30 PM~~
- } October 21 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } October 22 — Planning Board, 7 PM
- } October 30 — Budget Committee, 7 PM

Town Clerk

October 7, 2019

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
LAST CHANCE TO CHANGE POLITICAL PARTY
 BEFORE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The Supervisors of the Checklist of Salem, New Hampshire will be in session on Friday evening, October 25, 2019 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the lower level of the Municipal Office Building. This is a required session preceding the filing period for Presidential Primary candidates.

Residents of Salem may register to vote, make changes or corrections to their existing data, or switch their party affiliation at this session. However, this will be the **last opportunity for a voter to change their party prior to the Presidential Primary.**

Prospective new voters need to be at least 18 years of age, and a picture ID and proof of domicile is required. (A driver's license is acceptable.) Naturalized citizens must show a passport or documented citizenship papers.

Residents who wish to change their party may also do so during regular office hours at the Town Clerks Office up until 5:00 PM on October 25th. Those voters who are registered in a party **must take the ballot of the party they are registered in at any primary.** Undeclared voters have the option of choosing a ballot.

For those who wish to confirm their voter status, there are updated copies of the voter checklist available to view at the Kelley Library Reference Area and at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Presidential Primary is not officially scheduled yet, but will most likely be held in either late January 2020 or early February 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheila M. Murray

Finance

- The Board of Selectmen held their final votes for the 2020 operating budget on Wednesday, October 9th. The BOS recommended 2020 operating budget will be submitted to the Budget Committee for their review. The Budget Committee's review of the Town's 2020 operating budget will begin on October 30th.
- 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 an 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 platform is not available yet. Our team has biweekly meetings with Ti-Sales and WaterSmart. Due to unforeseen events this process has been delayed about a month but we continue to work to get this platform live.
- 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.



The Finance Department enthusiastically participated in the town-wide scarecrow contest!

Municipal Services— Engineering

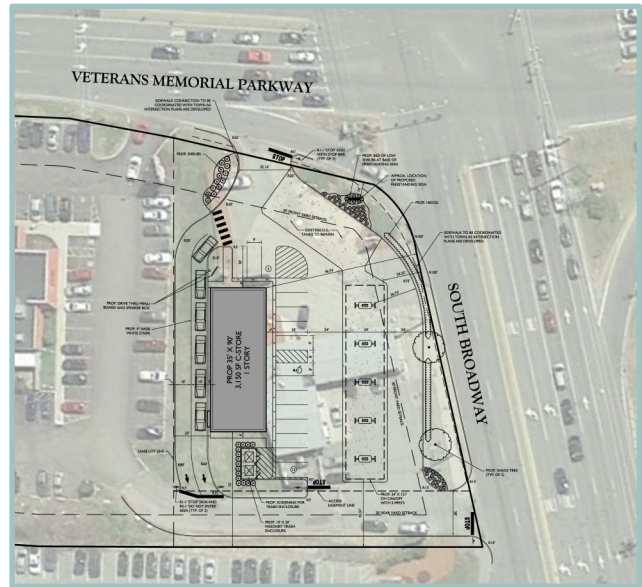
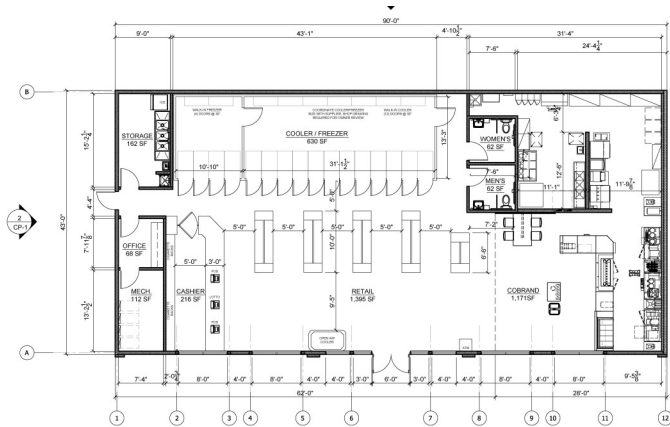


The Municipal Services Engineering Division is pleased to announce the addition of Project Engineer Lyndsay R. Butler, PE to the team. Lyndsay is a licensed professional engineer with over 15 years of experience in providing engineering services for a variety of civil engineering, infrastructure, land development, and water resources projects. She grew up in Maine, went to college in Massachusetts, and then moved to New Hampshire about a decade ago. *"I really enjoy living and working in southern New Hampshire and look forward to being a part of the exciting projects going on in Salem,"* says Lyndsay. She will be instrumental in helping administer the Division's \$27 million in active design and construction projects.



Planning Board

The Planning Board will review a conceptual plan for the replacement of the existing gas station/convenience store on the corner of Veterans Memorial Parkway and South Broadway with a new 3,150 sq. ft. gas station/convenience store/coffee shop. The applicant is Petroleum Marketing Group. Two similar projects are currently under construction for different applicants at South Broadway/Lawrence Road and at Mall Road/Artisan Drive.



This is the latest rendering of the Hanover Tuscan Village apartment project (281 units) which is currently under construction

Fire Department



A Proud Night for SFD

On Monday night, September 30, 2019 the Salem Fire Department had the privilege of attending the 28th Annual New Hampshire Fire and Emergency Medical Services Awards and Recognition Ceremony in Concord.

At this ceremony, SFD Firefighter/Paramedic PJ Comeau was awarded the "Paul W. Sypek Medal of Valor," which is the highest award for bravery, along with 18 other members of SFD who received a "Unit Citation" for their actions taken during the initial dispatch, response, fire attack and search & rescue operations at the China Star building fire in June of 2018. Members of Engine 1, Medic 1, Engine 2 and Rescue 3 were attacking the fire to try and hold it in check as members of Tower Ladder 1, Rescue 4 and Squad 1 were searching the 10 apartments for potential victims that could not be accounted for by those who lived there.

During these few first minutes of the fire the second floor collapsed into the first floor, trapping members of Engine 2 under the debris. Firefighter/Paramedic Comeau, who was operating the nozzle on the Engine 2's hoseline, was able to uncover and free himself from the debris. He then removed debris and a large beam to free Lieutenant Chris Hamilton. During this time a mayday was called for by LT. Hamilton, which was managed by the Shift Commander Battalion Chief Francis Enos.

Once the members of Engine 2 were able to get free, they evacuated the building along with all the other members. During all of this, Fire Alarm Dispatcher Jay Heath was calling many additional resources and managing all the radio traffic from the SFD Dispatch center.

The Paul W. Sypek award is the highest award which may be given for conspicuous bravery at extreme risk to life, above and beyond the call of duty in an effort to protect and save a human life.

- Firefighter/Paramedic PJ Comeau



A Unit Citation is presented to all members of a company or group, operating together, who perform meritorious service at the scene of an emergency incident.

- Battalion Chief Francis Enos
- Captain Stephen Coonrod
- Lieutenant/Paramedic Chris Hamilton
- Lieutenant/Paramedic Kennett Colby
- Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Swanson
- Firefighter Thomas Muise
- Firefighter Thomas Ryan
- Firefighter Bruce Jackson
- Firefighter Brian Delahunty
- Firefighter/Paramedic PJ Comeau
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Whalen
- Firefighter/Paramedic Hassan Hussni
- Firefighter Troy Ward
- Firefighter/Paramedic Corey Greaney
- Firefighter Troy Collins
- Firefighter Dylan Ferguson
- Firefighter Christopher Carrier
- Fire Alarm Dispatcher Jay Heath

An amazing job of heroism and teamwork! I'm proud of all of you for your actions! Chief Best.



Salem Fire Department Open House



The Salem Fire Department is proud to show their firefighting skills at the Annual Salem Fire Department Open House. We saw auto extrication, a propane fire, and a vehicle burn. Fire Chief Larry Best talked about how much the Department enjoys seeing the community come together for the open house and how he appreciates all the firefighters that helped pull it together and volunteered their time to keep it running smoothly. We also saw many members of the community there including: Municipal Services, The Exchange Club and Field of Dreams.

A Salem Fire Department Open House would not be complete without the chili cook-off and we enjoyed all 16 versions of chili.

Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Emanuelson explained the SFD mantra and described how "It may be someone's worst day...but we try to make it a little bit better"

You can watch the full video on SGC-23 with this [link](#).



Police Department



The DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 26 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please bring your unused or expired medications to the Salem Police Station for proper disposal.

DON'T BE THE DEALER

Keep them safe. Clean them out.
Take them back.

Saturday, October 26
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.

DEA NATIONAL TAKEBACK



Community Services



The Intergenerational Collaborative of Salem is a collaborative of organizations, businesses and individuals committed to helping Salem bridge the gaps between older and younger generations. The organization hosts and support events that bring senior citizens and children together for activities that promote mutual understanding and respect. The organization has recently started its Bridges Together reading program at St. Josephs school this week. This program brings seniors for one hour a week for six weeks into the classrooms to read, discuss the book and do a craft project.



TOWN OF SALEM **3rd ANNUAL** **SCARECROW CONTEST!**



Beginning Friday, September 20th, residents, businesses, and Town Departments are encouraged to design and create Scarecrows to be displayed on their property all over Salem! The Community Services Department is asking for picture submissions be sent to the Main Office via email to dcole@salemnh.gov. Emails should include participant names, address, and a contact phone number. Submissions will be displayed on Salem Recreation's Facebook.

On Wednesday, October 16th, contest voting will open on the Facebook page and the picture with the most 'LIKES' by Monday, October 21st will receive a \$25.00 Gift Card, Recreation Coupon vouchers, and a bag of candy!

Official Rules:

- One Scarecrow display submission per household.
- Contest voting will not open until Wednesday, October 16th. Any picture 'LIKES' prior to this date will not be counted.
- Inappropriate submissions of any kind will not be accepted.



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INDUSTRY - COMMERCE - RECREATION

Trick-or-Treat!

Halloween Trick-or-Treat
hours are scheduled for
Thursday, October 31, 2019
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Have fun and be safe!



BATTLE OF THE BADGES

Respond to the call. **Give blood.**

Blood Drive SALEM PD VS. SALEM FD

Ingram Senior Center
1 Sally Sweets Way
Salem, NH 03079

Friday, November 8, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit [redcrossblood.org](#) and enter sponsor code SALEMCOMMUNITY



**Come to donate blood in honor of your favorite agency and get a
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