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Salem Prepares for Upcoming Local Elections on March 12

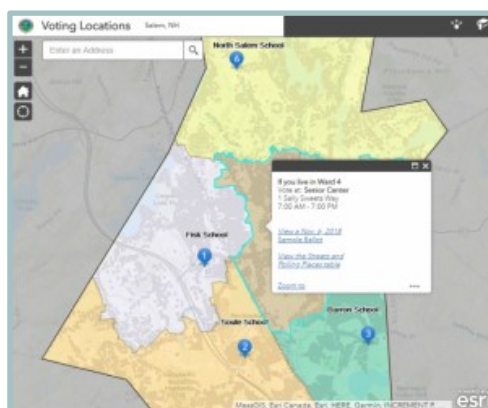
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Candidates Night, presented by the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce, was aired live from the Salem High TV studio at the end of February on SCTV 17. This event brought the candidates together in a moderated event that included panelists questions, candidate rebuttals and a heated discussion on Citizen Petition Article 15 to Establish a Redistricting Commission. The format of this show gives the viewers a chance to see the side by side comparisons of each candidate. It can be seen on SCTV 17 and with this [link](#).

Everything you want to know about this election can be viewed on our [election page](#). It puts *all* election information and candidate interviews on one easily viewed page.



TOWN OF SALEM Election Central

Vote March 12, 2019

SALEM CANDIDATES NIGHT
Arthur Barnes

SCHOOL BALLOT
Paul Donovan

CANDIDATES FOR SELECTMEN 1-YEAR
DJ Bettencourt Stephen Boyd Genevieve Doyle Kenneth Tarara

NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

CANDIDATES FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE
Michael Banks Chris Graham Jeffrey Hatch

CANDIDATES FOR PLANNING BOARD

Where do I vote?

Click on the map image to the left to view an interactive map that provides voting location information.

MARCH 2019

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 4—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM~~
- } ~~March 5—Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM~~
- } ~~March 6—Conservation Commission, 7 PM~~
- } March 12—Town Elections
- } March 13—Planning Board, 7 PM
- } March 18—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } March 19—Planning Board (Tuscan Village), 7 PM
- } March 26—Planning Board, 7 PM
- } March 27—Budget Committee, 7 PM

Salem Bike-Ped Corridor

Salem has been selected as the New Hampshire recipient of \$20,000 toward enhancements along the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor through McKee Foods' Outdoor Happiness movement. McKee Foods launched the Outdoor Happiness movement with the goal of supporting one project in each state that promotes outdoor activity and an active lifestyle. The types of trail enhancements funded by Salem's award could include items such as bike racks, picnic tables and seating areas, an outdoor drinking water fountain with water bottle filling station and pet bowl, solar charging station benches, a wooden train play structure, and public art installations. These placemaking amenities will enhance the safety, appearance, and user experience of the trail while celebrating and preserving Salem's railroad history. Stephen Wilkins, a Salem resident and a district sales representative for

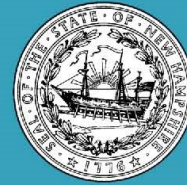
McKee Foods, approached the Town with the suggestion of applying for the funds and supported Salem's application. We are very grateful for his assistance in securing this grant.

On Tuesday, March 5th Andre Garron and Karri Makinen of the Community Development Department and Dave Topham and Mike Banks of the Friends of Salem Bike-Ped Corridor were happy to stand on a snow-covered rail trail to gratefully receive the \$20,000 check from Steve Wilkins of McKee Foods. The Salem Government Channel captured the presentation for posterity. It is airing on SGC 23 and can be viewed with this online [link](#).



Dave Topham, André Garron, Mike Banks, Karri Makinen, and Steve Wilkins

5 Myths About Flooding...Busted!



Myth #1: A flood has never happened near my home or business so I don't need to worry about flooding.

FACT: It can flood anywhere it rains—plus climate change is making weather less predictable and increasing sea levels, which isn't helping. New development in floodprone areas can also make flooding problems worse.

Myth #2: I am not in a flood zone on the FEMA flood maps so I don't need to worry about flooding.

FACT: Flood maps do not show all places where it will flood, now or in the future. In fact, almost 25% of flood insurance claims are outside of FEMA flood zones.

Myth #3: A little flooding won't cause much damage to my property.

FACT: Just 1 inch of water can cause over \$25,000 in damage to your home! Use the **Cost of Flooding Calculator** at [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) to understand how much flood damage can cost you.

Myth #4: I can't buy flood insurance because my building is outside of a FEMA flood zone.

FACT: Anyone who lives in or owns property in a community that participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (most NH communities) can buy flood insurance. Contact your insurance agent or visit [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) to learn more.

Myth #5: My homeowners insurance policy will cover damage from a flood.

FACT: Most homeowners insurance policies **do not** cover flood damage.

The best time to prepare for a flood is right now!

Visit [ReadyNH.gov](https://www.readynh.gov) to learn how to prepare for a flood or other disaster.

Visit [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) or contact your insurance agent to learn more about flood insurance.



**New Hampshire
Flood Safety Awareness
Week**

Fire Department



Congratulations to Ashley Doherty of the Woodbury School for being recognized at the State of NH PTA Visual Arts Reflections Exhibit and Awards Ceremony on March 6th. The theme was "Heroes Around Me." She went to each firehouse in Salem took pictures and sunk them in the wood. Ashely's project won first place in her category and now moves on to the National level for judging! Thank you Ashley for recognizing and honoring the members of the Salem Fire Department. Your project looks amazing! Great Job!



Finance

- The Town's financial statement auditors were at Town Hall the week of March 4th. They kept the Finance staff busy going through various records for fiscal year 2018.
- The Finance Department is working on the issuance of the Depot Land Acquisition bond that voters approved at the March 14, 2017 election. The sale of the bond is March 13th with Board of Selectmen approval of the sale and execution of the documents to occur on March 18th.
- This is a reminder that annual Demand and Benefit Assessment bills (DBA) will be billed around April.
- 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.



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Municipal Services



Two of our foremen have recently celebrated their 10 year milestone with the Municipal Services Department. Geoff Benson (left) was presented with a certificate and a service pin on February 2nd. He was hired as a Heavy Equipment operator in 2009 and was recently promoted to Highway Foreman in December 2018.

James Pacheco (right) celebrated his 10 year anniversary on March 4th. A certificate and pin ceremony was held Monday morning. James was hired in 2009 as a Light Equipment Operator and moved his way up to a Heavy Equipment Operator through the years. James was also promoted to the level of Foreman for the Parks and Properties section of the DPW in November 2018.



***Congratulations to both Geoff and James, and thank you
for your years of service to the Town of Salem!***