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WaterSmart Portal Now Available to Salem Water Customers

The Town of Salem, NH has partnered with WaterSmart Software to provide our customers with the ability to see their water consumption data. The WaterSmart portal is a great resource for customers to better understand their water use. Customers can sign up for automated alerts that will notify the customer of potential high volume or continuous flow (which may be indicative of a leak) as well as bill forecast notifications. WaterSmart is a data driven customer engagement and analytics platform, offering greater insight and control over water use in your home or business. The best part is that it is free for our customers.



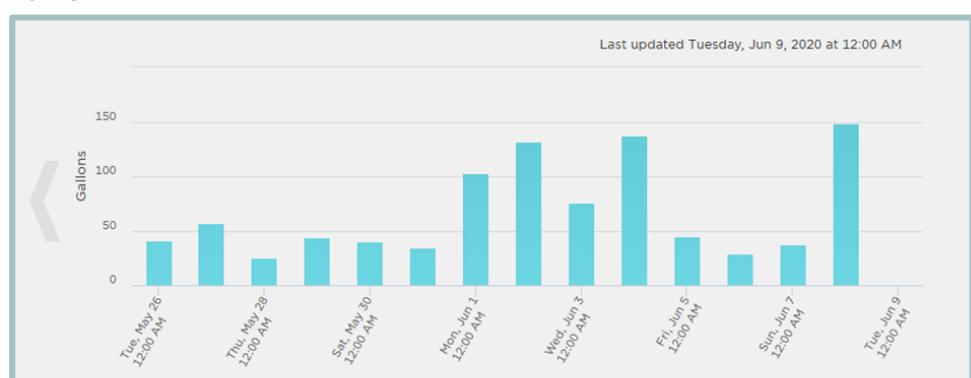
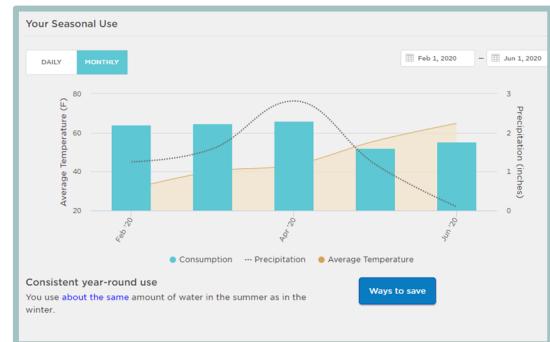
Once you become an active participant on your WaterSmart page, you'll learn about your home's water use, compare your water use to similar sized homes in your neighborhood, and learn about ways to save water and money. By improving the efficiency of your water use, you benefit from smaller water bills and a more reliable long-term water supply. Once you are registered you can start taking full advantage of this free program.



Click the icon above or visit salemnh.watersmart.com to register your account. It's free. All you need is your water account number and zip code.

You can also visit the [Utility Billing](#) (Departments – Finance – Utility Billing) page on the Town's website to get access to WaterSmart and view a short video that explains WaterSmart.

Below are examples of the type of consumption data you can view on this free portal.



JUNE 2020

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	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				

Schedule of Meetings

- } June 1—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } June 2—Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
- } June 3—Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } June 10—Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } June 15—Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } June 23—Planning Board, 7 PM



Planning Board



Southwest Perspective

Town Hall closed to public access in mid-March due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Planning Board began holding remote meetings on April 14, 2020, in accordance with Governor Sununu's emergency orders. Public participation is possible through email and telephone calls before and during any meeting. Also, the public can watch the meetings at www.sgc23.com or on local cable station 23. Applicants, Board members, and various Town staff have worked hard to make remote meetings work and continue the development review process.

One recent approval granted by the Planning Board is for the former D'Angelo's sub shop on the corner of South Broadway and Pattee Road. The existing building will be removed and Century Bank will construct a new building on the lot, furthering the Town's goal to encourage redevelopment of older commercial sites on South Broadway.

Fire Department



It is our pleasure to announce the recent promotions of Lieutenant Corey Ward to Captain and Firefighter/Paramedic Gerald Mackey to Lieutenant/Paramedic.

Captain Corey Ward, Badge #186 has been a member of the SFD since August of 2007. He was promoted to Lieutenant in May of 2014. Corey holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management and Leadership from Daniel Webster College in Nashua. He is a certified NH Firefighter 3 and Fire Officer II, a Nationally Registered and State licensed Advanced -EMT and a Fire Instructor I. Corey was a Firefighter/EMT with the Hampstead NH Fire Department from 2005 until 2007 and is also currently a call member with the Danville Fire Department, serving as the Assistant Fire Chief.



On Wednesday afternoon, the Fire Department responded to Trey Circle for a deck fire. Fortunately after a quick response and knockdown of the fire, firefighters were able to contain it to the deck and there was not any extension of the fire into the house.



Lieutenant/Paramedic Gerald Mackey
Badge #194 has been a member of the SFD since September of 2008. Gerry is a certified NH Firefighter 3 and is a Nationally Registered and State licensed Paramedic. He also is a Fire Instructor I and Hazardous Materials Technician. Prior to being employed by SFD, Gerry was a Firefighter/EMT with the Hampstead NH Fire Department from 2005 until 2008.



Police Department



On June 2, 2020 the Salem Police Department swore in their newest Full-Time Officer, Officer Hanoi Campusano! Officer Campusano comes to Salem PD with a Criminal Justice degree from Merrimack College. He is a Methuen, MA native who now resides in Salem and you may recognize him from working at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem as a Youth Development Professional. Welcome, Officer Campusano!



The photo to the right shows Acting Sergeant Michael White taking his oath of office. Sergeant White has been with the Department since December of 2004, most recently having worked in the detective's division.



Acting Lieutenant Brendan Gleason has been with the department since December 2005. He was promoted to Sergeant in May 2016 and has recently been serving as the Sergeant overseeing the Detectives Division.

Salem Community Television

Salem High School Graduation



A big congratulations to Salem High School Class of 2020. It has been a very strange year for these high school seniors. Many of the traditional end of year activities could not happen due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but everyone was hoping for a memorable graduation experience that would commemorate their time at Salem High School... and they got it! A major coordinated effort brought the students and parents in their cars from the neighborhood schools to the front of Salem High School. The Principal Tracy Collyer, Superintendent Dr. Michael Delahanty, School Board members and other Salem High Staff gave speeches and presented the diplomas as the students got out of their car, walked across the stage, received their diploma and then got back in their cars.

Geremonty Drive was lined with big pictures of the graduating seniors. Many members of the community lined the streets to cheer their graduates on and a big wall of video screens displayed all the action for the seniors as they drove through the high school parking lot. This all came together by a combined crew of Salem School District Media staffers and Salem Community Television. The group picture depicts the crew with the exception of the Director of the night and photographer of the pictures Robert Berthel.

We have heard from many of the students and they all felt like the graduation ceremony was a special, momentous event in their life.

It was very good to take part in this year's successful graduation.



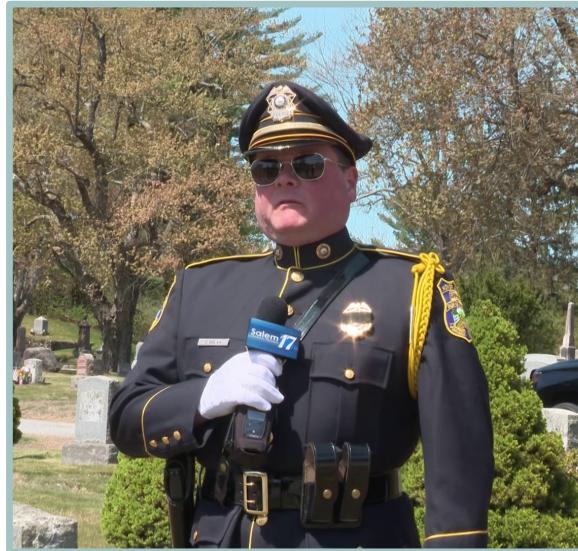
Police & Fire Memorials

The Annual Salem Police Department and Salem Fire Department Memorial Services looked very different this year. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic these events took place without the general public. Even though the usual crowds were not in attendance the speeches were just as heartfelt and the officers that did participate were honored to do so.

Deputy Chief Joel Dolan expressed his appreciation to the residents and businesses of the Salem Community that helped support the Salem Police during the COVID-19 Pandemic with donations of masks, hand sanitizers, food and more. He also said that he thanks all the members of the Salem Police Department and is honored to work with them.

Detective Mike Geha and Sergeant Justin Bagley read the roll call of the fallen police officers and placed the wreath at the foot of the Police Memorial.

Salem Government Channel is happy to cover this annual event which happens in the third week of May and can be seen on SGC 23 and with this [link](#).



The Salem Fire Department held their memorial service on Sunday, June 7th at Pine Grove Cemetery. Fire Chief Larry Best said that the Salem Fire Department lives up to its mission of "Here to Help" which is steeped in a long standing tradition. The SFD has a long legacy of people who came before them. Chief Best said that the Salem Fire Dept. is about family, brothers and sisters who come together to serve the community. Fire Chaplain Eric Redard read the blessing and Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Emanuelson read the sincere and emotional Firefighters Prayer. Deputy Chief Brian Murray laid flowers at the foot of the memorial to honor Carl Lester Kimball who died in the line of duty on 7/19/54. Chief Larry Best read the names of the fallen firefighters and then thanked the community for all their support during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SGC 23 was there to cover this event and play it on SGC 23 and Facebook. The Salem Fire Department memorial Service can also be seen with this [link](#).



Conservation Commission

Town Forest Graffiti Removal

Graffiti clean-up at the Salem Town Forest was a great collaborative effort by the Conservation Commission and Chandler's Power Washing Company. Ruth Isaks and Glen Edwards of the Conservation Commission discovered some graffiti on several rocks at the Salem Town Forest. After trying to remove it themselves they reached out to Gage Chandler of Chandler's Power Washing Company who has prior experience from cleaning up the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor. He generously offered to clean up the graffiti on the rocks and donate his material, time and labor. It was a big success. Thank you Chandler Power Washing Company. That show can be seen [here](#).



Zoning Code Enforcement

Zoning code enforcement efforts have continued steadily during the past few months despite the pandemic. So far this year, 73 zoning complaints have been received. Many of the complaints we receive involve disturbance of wetlands, businesses at residential addresses, unregistered vehicles, noise, and a variety of miscellaneous issues, even including an encampment on Town land. Approximately 65 complaints, including 12 complaints that have carried over from previous years, have been resolved so far this year. We continue to address the backlog of persistent violations, some of which have been in place for years. Please contact Assistant Planner Jacob LaFontaine at jlafontaine@salemnh.gov or 603-685-6439 or visit the Town's web page at www.townofsalemnh.org/planning-division/code-enforcement if you have a complaint about zoning.





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Community Services



The Recreation Services Division Palmer Pre-School program held its Annual Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 6th at 11:00AM. The 2019-2020 school year was unique in more ways than one, specifically with this year's graduation taking place via a Zoom video conference call. Fortunately, the Palmer School staff, parents, and participants put aside any disappointment in not getting to graduate at the Palmer School and were more than willing to carry on with the ceremony, which is the culmination of the many months and hours of hard work put in by everyone throughout the school year.

Since March, the Palmer School has been conducting its classes via small Zoom classroom sizes, led by the Palmer School Director, Maria Thibodeau. She was able to continue teaching the programs' lessons by adapting to the current state of the world and using innovation and creativity in educating all 18 of our 3 and 4 year old participants. Of course, a special thanks and appreciation needs to be given to each of the participants' parents as well for the time and energy they demonstrated each week for the benefit of continuing their child's education. Parents were quick to step up and fill the major void left by not having a full Palmer staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic, who work extremely hard each week from September through June each year. A special 'Thank You' needs to be given to Linda Beaton, Michelle Cirella, and Lynn Murray as well!

The Palmer graduates worked very hard in the weeks leading up to the ceremony in learning various songs, dances, as well as their typical education curriculum. Trial runs were taken by each participant in preparation for their big day. On June 6th, the graduation ceremony was a success with all participants in attendance, joined by their family members, Palmer teachers, and various staff from the Community Services Department. Each participant received their diploma and officially graduated from the 2019-2020 Palmer School Year. We want to wish everyone 'Congratulations!' as well as share our enormous appreciation for all of the effort and dedication demonstrated by all throughout this school year, especially in the past couple of months. Graduating was a well-deserved and hard-earned achievement by all involved!

