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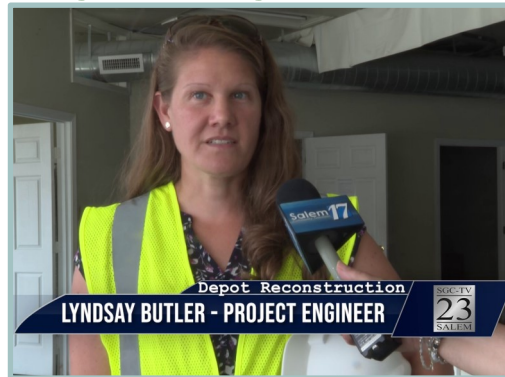
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## Big Changes Coming to the Salem Depot

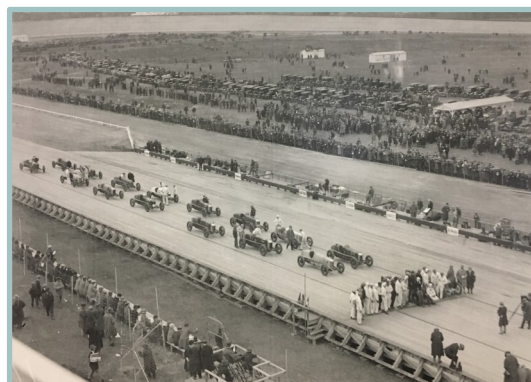
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The Depot intersection at Route 28 and Main Street is changing before our eyes. Salem Government Channel got to talk with Project Engineer Lyndsay Butler about the history of the project. The approval of the partnership with DOT was in 2012 and then the warrant article for Land Acquisition and associated work for \$3.127M was approved in 2017.

She told us about the timeline for the demolition of the buildings which will be late July through August. The challenges of the project include the many utility poles and wires that are now going under ground, right-of-way permitting and the split of work between the State's responsibility and the Town's portion. The ultimate goal for the Depot Reconstruction is additional turning lanes and better traffic flow which will be appreciated by all. Lyndsay's interview can be seen on SGC 23 and with this [link](#).



On that same day, well-known Salem historian Doug Seed spoke with Susan McLoughlin about the buildings in the Depot as he remembered them. That interview is full of accompanying vintage pictures of the businesses in that area including Gelt's Market and Peever's drug store. Doug spoke of an auto dealership in the Karate building and he also provided us with a current picture of a car rack/structure from the 1920s when Rockingham Park had auto racing, and we see great pictures of the racing cars on the track at Rockingham Park. Salem Today with Doug Seed can be seen on SCTV 17 and with this [link](#).



A crew from Salem Community Television and Salem High School Media center made their way into the attic of the Karate building, formerly an auto dealership. They recovered a brand new Plymouth windshield made from a local Salem glass company, an old neon Ford sign, and old receipt books. These items will eventually make their way to the Salem Historical Museum and there will also be an informative show featuring those items and the process it took to retrieve them. Stay tuned for that show coming up soon on Salem Community Television.



## AUGUST 2020

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### Schedule of Meetings

- } August 4— Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
- } August 5— Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } August 11— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } August 12— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } August 17— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } August 25— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } August 31— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM

## Planning Board



• *Tuscan Village Residential* •  
 4-6 Tuscan Boulevard • Dolben Development  
 HDS 6.10.20

The Planning Board is reviewing several new residential projects, including a [12 lot subdivision on Shannon Road](#), a [20 lot subdivision on North Main Street](#), and a [260-unit apartment project at Tuscan Village](#) (shown above).



# Fire Department



After more than 20 years of dedicated service with the Salem Fire Department, Battalion Chief Timothy Kenney, Badge #145 has announced his retirement effective Friday, July 31, 2020. Battalion Chief Kenney was appointed to SFD as a Firefighter on April 3, 2000. He has served the Department and community with dedication and distinction for more than twenty years in the following positions:

- **Firefighter/EMT-** April 3, 2000
- **Promoted to Fire Inspector-** August 17, 2003
- **Promoted to Lieutenant-** July 2, 2006
- **Promoted to Training Officer -** March 16, 2008
- **Promoted to Captain-** February 4, 2011
- **Promoted to Battalion Chief-** March 10, 2016

Battalion Chief Kenney served in multiple positions in Professional Firefighters of Salem Local 2892 including Union President.

During his career Battalion Chief Kenney has always maintained a high professional standard, which has earned him the respect of the Department and his peers.

We would like to extend our warmest wishes, thanks and congratulations to Battalion Chief Kenney, his wife Kim, and his family. Be safe, we will miss you,

It is our pleasure to announce the recent promotions of Captain Corey Ward to Battalion Chief-Shift Commander, Lieutenant/Paramedic Timothy Sice to Captain and Firefighter Nathaniel Breton to Lieutenant.

**Battalion Chief Corey Ward, Badge #186** has been a member of the SFD since August of 2007. He was promoted to Captain in June of 2020 and 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.



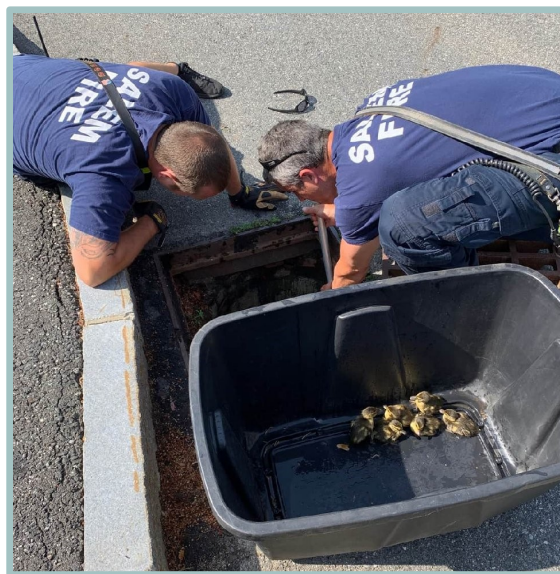
**Captain/Paramedic Timothy Sice, Badge #182** has been a member of SFD since August of 2007. He was promoted to Lieutenant/Paramedic since March of 2016. Tim is a certified NH Firefighter 3 and Fire Officer II, a Nationally Registered and State licensed Paramedic-EMT, Fire Instructor I, and a Hazardous Materials Technician.

**Lieutenant Nathaniel Breton, Badge #175** has been a member of SFD since January of 2007. Nate is a certified NH Firefighter 3, a Nationally Registered and State licensed EMT, Fire Officer I, and Fire Instructor I.

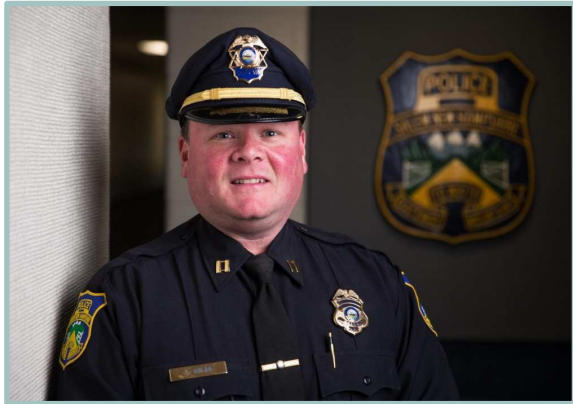


## Salem Firefighters at Work

Group I Engine 1 rescued some baby ducklings from a storm drain. All were re-united safe and sound to a happy mama duck!



# Police Department



## Promotions

On July 24, 2020, the Salem Police Department had some notable promotions! Friends and family were in attendance to witness Sergeant Justin Bagley be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Captain Shane Smith promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief. Both Lieutenant Bagley and Deputy Chief Smith have family in Law Enforcement. Lt Bagley's little brother, Officer Jeremy Bagley, followed in his older brother's footsteps and became a Full-Time Officer here in Salem a short time ago. DC Smith's brother, Chief of Police Phil Smith Jr (Roswell, NM) and his father, Ret. Salem Detective Phil Smith Sr. were also in attendance. Congratulations to these well deserving men!

## Press Release from Town Manager Chris Dillon

It is with great admiration and excitement that I announce the promotion of Deputy Chief Joel Dolan to Acting Chief Dolan. For over 25 years the newly appointed Acting Chief has been a dedicated member of law enforcement. Each year growing in educational and professional attainment, he has sought to have the optimum balance of experience and knowledge to perform his position to the highest extent possible. Except for a few short terms in Conway, NH and Portland, ME at the beginning of his career, he has been part of the Salem, NH force since 2003. His background includes: a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration, a Master's Degree in Administrative Leadership, participation in the 238th session of the FBI Academy in Quantico, among several other certifications and affiliations. What provided the clear evidence for this opportunity to move from Deputy Chief to Acting Chief was his management of the force during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent civil unrest. A steady hand and professional demeanor provided the community an outcome that was and has continued to be appreciated as a professional response for the demands of these times. As the Town Manager I am looking forward to Acting Chief Dolan's new role and how he uses this opportunity to further enhance the foundation he has already set forth.

Chief of Police  
(Roswell, NM) Phil  
Smith Jr., Deputy  
Chief Shane Smith, &  
Ret. Salem Detective  
Phil Smith Sr.

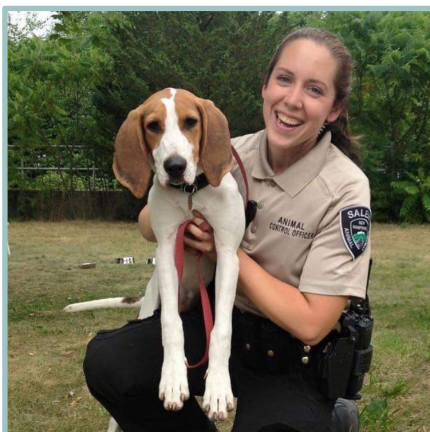


Officer Jeremy  
Bagley &  
Lieutenant Justin  
Bagley



## Best Wishes, ACO Bliss!

ACO Bliss will be leaving the Salem Police Department in August for a new and exciting opportunity as a Veterinary Science teacher! Although it is a great opportunity and we are very happy for her, the Department will miss her and her expertise. Thankfully she will be staying on with us as a Part-Time Police Officer. ACO Bliss has been with us for just under 10 years and has been one of our most valuable employees. She has been very active with the New England Animal Control Humane Academy, is on the board of directors for Salem Animal Rescue League, is the current President of the Animal Control Officer Association of NH, is a certified RAD instructor, and was the Civilian Employee of the Year in 2018. We are proud of ACO Bliss and wish her all of the best in her new career!





# Community Services

Although there was limited access the Ingram Senior Center, the center stayed busy and saw a number facility improvements. Most notably, 17 additional parking spaces made possible by the generosity of the Salem Council on Aging Inc. A great big thank you to them for their ongoing support and dedication. Other improvements include a partition separating the cafeteria from the kitchen, which lessens some of the acoustics in the building during activity and allows the Meals on Wheels staff to go about their affairs without outside interference. Additional building modifications are also taking place to best accommodate the required social distancing and keeping our seniors safe, such as table dividers, hand sanitizing stations and touchless light switches. The requirements for the social distancing will result in smaller class sizes for the time being.



The Ingram Senior Center staff made adjustments as needed to accommodate AARP Tax Preparation of many seniors up until the deadline of July 15th. The Senior Center became a much needed resource center for residents to stop by for provisions, including toilet paper, puzzles and magazines, all of which were located outside the main entrance. Senior participants also were gracious enough to start donating home-made face coverings, which staff at our Department handed out upon request. Meals on Wheels has been collecting letters from residents involved with the Intergenerational Collaborative of Salem, NH at a drop box located next to the center's mailbox to be distributed weekly on their visits to patrons receiving food.

The Recreation Division was creative in modifying a number of programs that started in June with Monday and Thursday Dance Aerobic programs, instructed by Marie Cammarata. The dance program takes place outdoors in the Ingram Senior Center parking lot, where participants partake in social distancing, while still being able to take part in a popular activity, which takes place consistently throughout the year. In July, recreational programming expanded to include Monday and Thursday tap dance classes, tennis lessons for ages 8 to 17 years old,



Adventure Camp for ages 11 to 15 years old, a virtual track and field program, and a number of weekly and bi-weekly programs taking place at the Ingram Senior Center parking lot which include – but are not limited to – yoga, outdoor walking groups, story time nature walks, corn hole, painting classes, photography groups, outdoor bingo and arts/craft projects.



Community Services was also thrilled to organize a concert for our seniors that honored our dedicated first responders, firefighters and police. The event was held in the parking lot of the senior center at 6:30pm on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The sun had dropped beneath the trees leaving a nicely shaded, comfortable and bug free seating area. Everyone brought their own chairs and sat safely distanced from one another. The gathering included 90 seniors, the staff of Community Services and more than 20 members of the Fire and Police Departments. Everyone was elated to get out of their homes and have something enjoyable to do.

The entertainment, provided by Chris and Donna Colella of Another Shot Acoustic Duo, filled the parking lot with beautiful music that had the group singing and smiling. The evening closed with a patriotic song, paying tribute to Fire and Police, with members of the departments lined up at the front and everyone in attendance standing, singing, and applauding. SCTV recorded the event; the video is available [here](#) for viewing.

Since the event was so successful, we are in the planning stages for another concert at the end of August.



# Finance

- Voters approved bonding the West Duston water and sewer services expansion project in March (article 9). On August 12<sup>th</sup> the Town will sell a bond anticipation note (BAN) for this project.
- The Finance and Human Resources departments are working together to implement Kronos, a time and attendance platform for certain town employees. This system will reduce the amount of paper we use as well as provide for a more efficient payroll process.
- The Town of Salem is offering a free portal to our water customers that allows customers to view their water consumption data as well as sign up for automated alerts that will notify you of potential high volume, continuous flow, and bill forecast notifications. Register today at [saalemnh.watersmart.com](http://saalemnh.watersmart.com)
- 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 Town departments

## Conservation Commission



Thanks to the generosity of Salem's Bill Dumont, the Town Forest sign on Shadow Lake Road has been given new life. Bill, a former Conservation Commission member and Chairman, has been giving of himself to the Town, and particularly to the Town Forest, for many years. Each year he heads up the clean-up and trail maintenance of the forest both on the annual clean-up day and throughout the year. When trees fall down across trails Bill is there to open the trail up again. He mows the sides of the popular A trail. Bill also posts the hunting signs. Without people like Bill the forest would not be the clean, accessible, and welcoming place that it has become. Thank you, Bill!

## Public Works



Social distancing safety bollards have been installed at the Transfer Station to help ensure visitors remain six feet apart while off-loading their trash.







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## ***SALEM CARES ABOUT CLEAN WATER BODIES***

Salem cares about clean water and is doing its part to help prevent pollution in local water bodies. As part of Salem's Stormwater Management Program, the Town has launched a Public Education and Outreach campaign. The Municipal Services Department will periodically post messages related to stormwater management, common stormwater pollutants, and best practices for pollution prevention. Please take some time to explore the Public Education and Outreach section of the Town's [Stormwater Webpage](#) to learn more about what you can do to help protect our valuable water bodies and natural resources.



Spending more time than usual at home these days? Whether you're looking to enjoy more time outside or engage your kids in a project, this season is a great time to develop some new habits that will improve your green thumb, help protect the environment, and save money. By adopting a few simple practices, we can protect the health of water bodies we love while staying at home taking care of ourselves and the people around us. Learn more about water quality friendly lawn care practices [here](#).