

To: Salem Town Council
From: Joseph Devine, Town Manager
Date: October 21, 2024
Re: Town Manager's Report

MEMORANDUM



Events:

Trick-or-Treating

Date: Thursday, October 31st

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Participation in trick-or-treating is entirely optional. We encourage participants to engage safely and request that residents who do not wish to participate turn off their outside house lights during the designated hours.



Halloween Trunk or Treat Event: Salem Recreation's Annual Trunk or Treat event will take place on Thursday, October 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Participants can park at the Salem District Courthouse and enjoy a spooky stroll along the Haunted Pathway, which leads to the Trunk or Treat festivities at the Ingram Senior Center. This family-friendly event promises a fun-filled evening for all!

SALEM, NH RECREATION'S
**ANNUAL
TRUNK
OR
TREAT**
OCTOBER 24
5:30PM-8:00PM
INGRAM SENIOR CENTER
PARKING LOCATED AT
TOWN HALL & THE COURT
HOUSE
COSTUME CONTEST | FREE EVENT | FAMILY FUN
PREREGISTRATION: SALEMNH.MYREC.COM



National Prescription Drug Take

Back Day: The Salem Police

Department will be participating in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 26, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM. This event offers a safe and convenient way for residents to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications, helping to prevent drug misuse and abuse. We encourage community members to take advantage of this opportunity to safely discard their medications and learn more about the risks associated with prescription drug abuse.



**Saturday,
October 26**
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DEATakeBack.com



Fallfest: Join Salem, NH Recreation and the Town of Salem Recreation Advisory Committee for the first-ever Fall Fest at Hedgehog Park on November 16th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This free event is open to the public and promises to be a fun-filled day for all ages. Enjoy the beauty of the fall season while taking part in various activities and entertainment at Hedgehog Park. Don't miss out on this exciting community event.



Winterfest: Salem, NH Recreation and Senior Services are excited to announce their first-ever Winter Fest, a free event open to the public on December 19th from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. The festivities will be held at the Ingram Senior Center, with parking available at the Courthouse and Town Hall. Guests can enjoy a festive walk through the candy cane path leading to the event. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Santa, shop for homemade gifts, and enjoy family-friendly activities, providing a fun and meaningful way to celebrate the season before the holiday rush.



Sweets with the Joe's: Join Town Council Chair Joe Sweeney and Town Manager Joe Devine for "Sweets with the Joes" at the Kelly Library on November 7th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This informal gathering provides a great opportunity for residents to enjoy some treats, connect with local leadership, and discuss any questions or ideas about the community. All are welcome to attend!



Updates:

Pickleball Courts: The new pickleball courts at Michelle Memorial Park are now complete and ready for public use. Due to the seasonal departure of many seniors and pickleball enthusiasts to warmer climates, we have decided to postpone the official grand opening until the spring. This will allow us to host a larger event when participation is at its peak.



Basketball Courts at Hedgehog Park: We are making progress on the new basketball courts at Hedgehog Park. Currently, we are in the final stages of scheduling a date for the contractor to come in and complete the project. Once the work is finished, the courts will be a great addition to the park, providing the community with another recreational space. We'll provide further updates as the project nears completion.

Cyanobacteria Warning for Arlington Mill Pond

Arlington Mill Pond remains under a Cyanobacteria Warning due to elevated bacteria levels exceeding the state limit of 70,000 cells/mL. Recent test results are as follows:

- Shore Drive Beach: 0 cells/mL
- Mary Ann Ave Beach: 174,000 cells/mL
- Cove Rd Ext: 42,000 cells/mL
- Glen Road: 237,000 cells/mL

This warning will remain in place until further notice, as we work with the appropriate agencies to monitor and address these levels.

Items Signed on Behalf of the Town Council Since Last Update:

- Payment Check Register (10-01-24) - \$3,919,207.62
- Payment Check Register (10-08-24) - \$144,937.87
- Payroll Register No. 41 (10-07-24) - \$346,086.84
- Payment Check Register (10-15-24) - \$3,886,937.08
- Payment Check Register (10-15-24) - \$2,135.03
- Payroll Register No. 42 (10-15-24) - \$347,071.66