Salem City will be closed Monday & Tuesday, December 25th & 26th for Christmas, and Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year’s Day. Garbage pickup will be affected with both of these holidays and will be picked up Wednesdays December 27th and January 3rd. Please make sure your garbage and recycle cans are curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the appropriate days.

Remember the annual Candles at the Cemetery on Christmas Eve. For those of you who are not familiar with this tradition, you can go to the cemetery between dusk and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and leave a lighted candle or luminary on the grave of a loved one. If you do not have loved one in our cemetery and you would like to participate, you can “adopt” a burial marker or put a candle on the Veteran’s Memorial.

In behalf of myself, the city council, and city employees, we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe this holiday season and may the New Year bring you much happiness and prosperity.

Mayor Randy Brailsford

2017 Election was canvassed on November 21, 2017 during a special council meeting.

Here are the final results:

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Salem City would like to congratulate Kurt Christensen (Salem City Mayor), Sterling Rees and Howard Chuntz (Salem City Councilmember). They will take office January 3, 2018.

Salem City would like to thank all of those who voted this year by the Vote By Mail. We had a 56% turn out for voting, which is double what we have done in the past. We would like to know your thoughts and feeling about the Vote By Mail. Please go to the city’s web page (www.salemcity.org) and click on the Vote By Mail survey.
YOUTH COUNCIL: We had a fun last month serving breakfast to first responders on Veterans Day and serving hot chocolate and doughnuts at the Pond Town Christmas lighting. This month we are excited to do sub for Santa again. Please support us by giving your change to one of the many bottles at businesses around Salem. We will also be lighting the cemetery’s with luminaries on Christmas Eve. Thanks for your support!!

-Mayor Whitney Graham

Senior Citizens - Lunches and Activities

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<td>Homemade Chicken Pot Pie</td>
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<td>Hearty Beef and Vegetable Stew</td>
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*Each day you have the option of the Entree of the Day or a Chef Salad.
**Please RSVP the day before by 4:00 pm. 801-423-1035
***All lunches and activities for Senior Citizens are held on the main level of the building. There are ramps and handicap accessible sidewalks to enter the building. Please, come join us.

Seasonal Tips for Protecting Our Waterways in Winter

Winter is here, and with it comes road salts, piles of snow and uninvited house guests (the furry kind). By making smart decisions while battling winter, we can prevent additional stormwater pollution.

♦ Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas. The more water can be absorbed by plants or sink into the ground, the less water will run off, carrying pollutants into streams.
♦ Use safe and effective alternatives to salt for ice, and follow the application rate on the label. Salt is damaging to plants, animals, concrete and water quality. Instead of focusing on melting the snow on your driveway, use sand to help gain traction or a salt-free de-icer.
♦ Use natural and non-toxic alternatives to chemical pesticides, and reduce indoor and outdoor chemical use. Boric acid is a low-toxicity mineral that is highly effective over time, and bait boxes are another great alternative. There are also many herbal pest deterrents; for example, mint detracts mice.
♦ Salt piles should always be stored under a roof.

Have a safe and happy winter, and thank you for keeping the health of the watershed in mind.

Wade Reynolds, Water Superintendent / Storm Drain Coordinator/Safety Coordinator
**Salem City**

**Salem Library**

801-423-2622

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Storytime with Mrs. Tischner, is Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and with Mrs. Lew is Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

**Community Enrichment Activities**

Christmas time is fast approaching. With the kids out of school for the holidays we have some fun activities to help keep them busy. **Dec 26th** will be a movie day. At 10:30am we will have our own mini drive-in theater so bring your vehicle (a box or laundry basket work well) and pull in to enjoy the movie with us. For the older bunch we'll have another movie at 3pm, bring a pillow, blanket, and a friend to enjoy the movie with. **Dec 27th** will be our arts and crafts for all ages, as well as some Lego building fun, from 1 to 2:30pm. **Friday the 29th** we’ll have a game day. Grab some friends and head to the library; we’ll have lots of games available including Dungeons and Dragons, Sorry, Betrayal at House on the Hill and many others.

S.T.E.A.M. activities are every Thursday at 4:00 pm. Hands-on creative learning and different projects for kids every week with Ms. Nielson.

"Unwrap a Good Read" during December. Come in and check out a mystery book, unwrap at home, and report to us whether the book was a "Present" or a "Lump of Coal". For readers 12 and up.

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**REMEMBER:** The winter parking ordinance went into effect on November 1st. There is no parking on the street from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to accommodate snow removal. This ordinance is enforced whether it is snowing or not, so please make sure all vehicles are removed from the streets. Also, if you have basketball standards or other items in the streets, please remove them.

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**LETTERS FROM THE NORTH POLE**

Hello everyone, it's Miss Salem-Brylee Ivers. To kick the holidays off, I am raising money for Primary Children's Hospital. My fundraiser is called, “**Letters from the North Pole**”, and it is exactly that--letters from either **Buddy the Elf, Mrs. Claus, or Santa Claus** himself!

The letters are personalized and will be $8 a piece or $20 for all 3 letters. I will start mailing the letters out mid- December, but I am taking orders ASAP. For more information, email me at [bryleeivers@gmail.com](mailto:bryleeivers@gmail.com). Thank you and **Merry Christmas**!
**New Program**  
Indoor Soccer - Pre-K/Kindergarten/1st & 2nd Grade. Early Registration Ends December 6th. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning January 13th. Fee: $25 - $5 Late and Non-Resident fee's apply. All players are required to have a soccer jersey. Soccer jerseys may be purchased for $12 at the Rec. Office - they are the same ones we use for Spring and Fall Soccer.

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**Lil' Flippers Gymnastics** - January 10th - February 14th. Registration begins November 27th, space is limited. These 45 minute classes are kept small and meet once a week for 6 weeks. We have a purchase some exciting equipment to host this program. $45.00 registration fee. ($5 non-resident fee does apply). Register early space is limited.

**KinderKids - Introduction Class (5&6 yrs.)** - Wednesdays @ 9:15 am  
**KinderKids - Level 1 & 2 (5&6 yrs.)** - Wednesdays @ 10:00 am  
**Flippers - Introduction (3 & 4 yr olds)** - Wednesdays @ 10:45 am  
**Flippers - Level 1 (3 & 4 yr olds)** - Wednesdays @ 11:30 am  
**KinderKids - Introduction Class (5&6 yrs)** - Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm  
**KinderKids - Level 1 & 2 (5&6 yrs)** - Wednesdays @ 1:45 pm

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**Soaring Hoopsters Basketball for 1st/2nd graders** - Tuesday/Thursday evenings beginning January 4th with two time sessions 6:00 & 7:00. This program is run clinic style, but they will be placed on teams and be matched up against other teams. Space is limited. For more information go to [www.salemcity.org](http://www.salemcity.org) or call the Recreation Office.

**Dance Classes** - Tuesdays beginning February 6th for 8 weeks with dance instructor Aubrey Snow! The girls will have a simple recital at the end of their 8 weeks. Dance is for girls Pre-K to 6th Grade. Registration is $30.00 ($5 non-resident fee will apply).

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**YOUTH ALWAYS MATTER** - As part of the YAM program Junior High and High School aged kids are welcome to come to the Activity Center, Monday - Thursday afterschool from 2:30-5:00. Some days we will have structured activities and other days they can hang out with friends and enjoy the facility. Parents or kids that are interested are welcome to call or stop by the Activity Center and take a tour or ask our staff questions.

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**Snowman Softball Tournament** - What are your friends and family doing over Christmas Break? Get a softball team together & play in the 9th Annual Salem Snow Softball Tournament! Saturday, December 30th, 2017. Teams will play 3 guaranteed games while enjoying free hot chocolate and doughnuts! Teams should be made up of adults, or anyone over 16 years of age. Teams may be made up of all male, all female or coed, everyone plays in the same bracket. Special Rules: Wood bats-must be used. NO metal. Bats may be baseball bats. (We will have a few bats to choose from.) Open home run rule. If you can hit it that far you are welcome to. A yellow 11 inch softball will be used. It is easier to throw with cold hands. No one walks. Teams will pitch to their own batters. This is a 1 pitch tournament. Cost is $150.00 per team. Registration deadline is: Tuesday, December 26th, 2017.