

Storm coats region in ice, towns lose powe

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A winter storm slipped into the region coating roads and tree limbs with ice, forcing the cancellation of activities, and causing numerous power outages last night.

A winter storm warning was posted for the entire state. The National Weather Service said the southern and western regions of the state were being hit with a major ice storm last night and into this morning.

The storm was expected to dump up to 12 inches of snow in northern New Hampshire and cause coastal flooding before it ended.

The storm left ice hanging on tree branches that started to fall in Derry, Danville, Kingston,

Windham and Londonderry. Roads were closed so the debris could be cleared.

The towns of Danville and Kingston were without power as of 9 last night, a dispatcher for the Rockingham County sheriffs office said.

In Londonderry, a tree fell near Bancroft and Mammoth roads and police had to respond when a car drove on top of it.

A partly cloudy sky with a chance of showers were expected for later today, with clearing tonight and temperatures

between 15 and 25 and 30 degrees.

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Long-term planner



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Ross Moldoff has been Salem's planning director for 25 years. One area along Route 28 that he has helped to beautify in town is the intersection around the Post Office, Citizens Bank and Rite Aid.

Salem's planning director marks 25th year on the job

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SALEM — It was his first day on the job when selectmen decided to fire his boss.

"On my third day at work, they actually fired him and I thought, 'Oh, my God, what have I gotten myself into?'" Planning Director Ross Moldoff recalled.

The ousting of Salem's town manager was an early lesson in town politics for Moldoff, now known for surviving waves of upheaval at Salem Town Hall over the years.

Today, Moldoff marks his 25th

anniversary as Salem's planning director. He has seen the town through some of its most controversial periods and helped usher in its largest commercial projects.

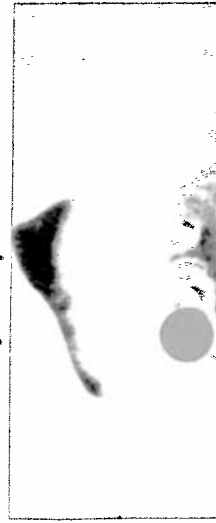
That includes the 1988 development of the Mall at Rockingham Park, which spans 1 million square feet and brings thousands of people into town every day. The mall and its anchor stores alone bring \$3.4 million in annual tax revenue to Salem.

Moldoff, 51, is credited with establishing many of the standards developers must meet when



Ross Moldoff looks over maps in his office.

Mystery Santa



NH dancers perform in 'The Nutcracker'

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Police: \$60,000 stolen from employ

Woman was wo

at Insight Techno

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LONDONDERRY — A former Insight Technology has been accused of stealing \$60,000 from the company.

Meredith Moore-Flores, 30, of Londonderry, was charged Wednesday with falsely expensing \$19,986.90 worth of merchandise, which was never actually purchased for her former employer. She also allegedly presented two tuition reimbursement requests totaling \$42,665 for course work at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass., although she was not enrolled at the school.

Insight Technology reimbursed Moore-Flores \$61,986.90 in total, police said.

Moore-Flores was released on \$20,000 recognizance. She is due in court Jan. 11. Moore-Flores told police she "made a mistake" but she doesn't think she is a criminal.

She was charged with five counts of larceny by receiving for her deception for allegedly stealing the money. She was arrested on Sept. 11 and Nov. 6, while she was an administrative assistant at the Insight Technology contractor on Akira Way.

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Local group helps provide Christmas gifts for foster children

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One hundred dollars doesn't go a long way in this economy.

That's how much Massachusetts