



# Town Manager's Report

April 7, 2025



Pickleball  
Courts Grand  
Opening!



Hydrant Flushing  
Spring 2025



Mosquito  
Control  
Program -  
Spring 2025

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**To:** Salem Town Council  
**From:** Joseph Devine, Town Manager *[Signature]*  
**Date:** April 7, 2025  
**Re:** Town Manager's Report

## MEMORANDUM



### **News and Noteworthy:**

#### **Salem Police Department Moving to Temporary Facility**

Starting on Monday, April 7th, the Salem Police Department will commence a phased movement of all police operations to a temporary facility. The temporary facility is located at 21A Cross Street and will be co-located with the Town's Municipal Services Department - Department of Public Works. The department expects to have completely transferred operations to the temporary facility by Thursday, April 10th, at which point, our current location at 9 Veterans Memorial Parkway will be closed for eventual tear down. There will be signage directing people to the new location once the current location has closed.



There will be public access at the temporary facility for people wishing to file a report, request records, or for any other reason individuals visit the police department. This movement of operations to the temporary facility may cause a slight delay in the processing of records requests, however, all records requests will be answered. The Salem Police Department would encourage residents seeking to make a records request to use our online Records Request available on our department webpage, or through the following link:

<https://salemmpdnh.policetocitizen.com/Home>

Also on our webpage, or by using the same link above, you can file an online report. This is for incidents that are not an emergency or "in progress." By utilizing the online report, a citizen can file the details of the incident, along with other information that will be required for a report and will later be contacted by a police officer if further information is required. Salem merchants are strongly encouraged to utilize the online report system to report past shoplifting incidents. The department plans on being at the temporary facility for between 16 and 18 months, with the expected move back to the new police facility at 9 Veterans Memorial Parkway taking place in the Fall of 2026.

## First Responders Wellness Seminar

Second Annual SNHCISM Team's First Responder Wellness Summit focuses on equipping New Hampshire's First Responders with essential connections to manage stress and reactions to critical incidents will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Summit is hosted by the Salem NH, Police Department Wellness Team and provides training on decreasing stigma, normalizing stress responses, implementing strategies to minimize these effects, family support, lived experiences, suicide prevention, and identifying resources for seeking help when needed.

## Litter Week – Help Keep Salem Clean!



The Town of Salem, through its Municipal Services Department – Public Works Division, will begin its annual roadside litter pickup starting the week of March 31st. We are asking for the community's help in supporting this important initiative as part of our ongoing commitment to a Litter-Free Salem, NH.

### How You Can Help:

We welcome individuals, groups, local organizations, and businesses to join the effort. Volunteers will be provided with blue bags and assistance in identifying areas in need of cleanup. If you're interested in participating, please contact Kim Babaian at Municipal Services at (603) 890-2150. Blue bags will be available for pickup at 21 Cross St.

Salem is a proud member of the Litter-Free New Hampshire Program and has collected over 19 tons of litter in the past six years—that's 38,000 pounds of roadside debris, with an annual average of 3.16 tons. Your help in keeping our town clean is greatly appreciated!

## Salem Town-Wide Yard Sale – Registration Closing Soon!

Don't forget to register for the 3rd Annual Salem Town-Wide Yard Sale! Don't miss out on this exciting community event. If you plan to participate as a seller, you must sign up by noon on Thursday, April 17th. If you register online, be sure to stop by the Ingram Senior Center at 1 Sally Sweets Way (M-Th 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, F 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM) to pick up your two yard sale arrow signs.

For those looking to shop, yard sale maps will be available by noon on Thursday, May 1st.



## Grand Openings Alert!

Join us on Tuesday, April 8th, from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM to celebrate the grand openings of the Pickleball Courts at Michele Memorial Park and the Basketball Court at Hedgehog Park! These exciting new recreational spaces are now open for the community to enjoy.

### Schedule of Events:

- 2:30 PM – Arrival at Michele Memorial Park
- 3:00 PM – Ribbon Cutting for Pickleball Courts
  - 175 - 190 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH 03079
- 3:30 PM – Arrival at Hedgehog Pond
- 4:00 PM – Ribbon Cutting for Basketball Court
  - 53 Lowell Road, Salem, NH 03079



We hope you can join us in celebrating these new additions to our town!

## Mosquito Control Program Update - Spring 2025

The Mosquito Control Program will begin the week of April 7, 2025, in the Town of Salem. Crews from Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. will be inspecting swamps, marshes, woodland pools, ditches, catch basins, storm drains, and other areas of shallow, stagnant water to identify mosquito larvae. If larvae are found, treatment may take place using one or more of the following insecticides:



At this time, there are no plans for emergency spraying for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Should the need for adult mosquito spraying arise, town officials will consult with Dragon Mosquito Control. The decision to spray on town and school-owned property will be based on mosquito surveillance data, disease test results, weather conditions, and other relevant factors. If emergency spraying becomes necessary, the public will be notified accordingly.

Residents who own wetlands and wish to opt out of any treatment can register through the No-Spray Registry on Dragon Mosquito Control's website at [www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry](http://www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry), or by mailing a request to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Please include your name, physical address, phone number, house color, and acreage.

For further information about treatment dates, locations, materials used, precautions, or any other concerns, residents may contact Dragon Mosquito Control at 603-734-4144 or via email at [www.DragonMosquito.com](http://www.DragonMosquito.com).

## Hydrant Flushing Program – Spring 2025

Salem's annual hydrant flushing program begins Thursday, April 11, 2025, and will continue weekly on Thursdays from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM for several weeks. Visit the Utilities Division page for details.

Crews will inspect and maintain hydrants by checking for damage, lubricating parts, flushing under full flow, verifying proper drainage, and clearing vegetation. Any issues found will be logged, with repairs scheduled as needed. Hydrants that do not self-drain will be pumped out and rechecked to ensure they remain dry.



This program helps keep hydrants operational and contributes to Salem's favorable ISO fire insurance rating, benefiting property owners. Crews typically complete 25 to 35 hydrants per shift, taking about 4 to 6 weeks to finish the process.

Challenges include hydrants blocked by fences or landscaping, high water flow requirements, traffic hazards, and occasional vandalism. Residents are encouraged to keep hydrants clear and drive cautiously in flushing areas.

## 275th Anniversary Commemorative License Plates

We're celebrating Salem's 275th Anniversary with limited-edition commemorative license plates!

- ◆ Valid in place of your front plate until the end of the year
- ◆ Limited availability – only 275 plates produced
- ◆ \$50 each – Get yours before they're gone!

Plates are available for purchase at the Ingram Senior Center during normal operating hours. Don't miss out on this special way to honor Salem's history!

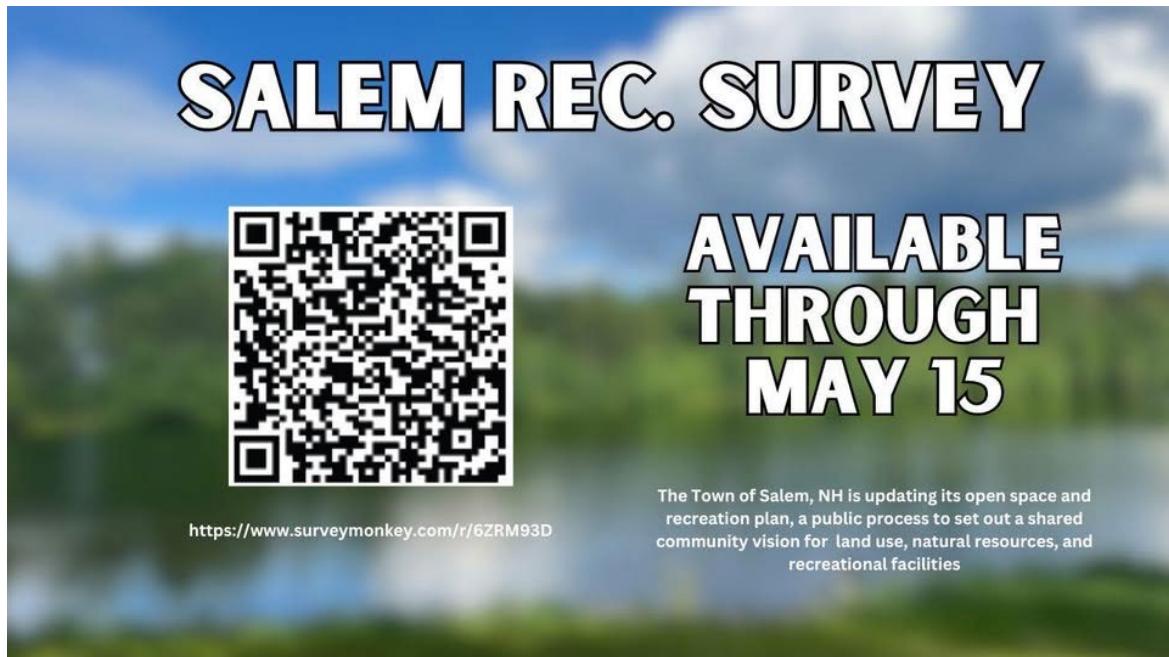


## Shaping the Future of Recreation in Salem

The Town of Salem is seeking community input to help shape the future of recreation and open spaces in town. We want to hear from residents of all ages about what recreational opportunities and improvements matter most to you.

Please take a few moments to fill out our short survey and share your vision. Your feedback will help guide future projects, park enhancements, and recreational programming.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZRM93D> to participate. Thank you for helping us create a better recreational experience for Salem!



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

- Payment Check Register (03-24-25) - \$3,595,952.56
- Payroll Register No. 13 (03-24-25) - \$328,962.33
- Payment Check Register (03-25-25) - \$126,725.78
- Payment Check Register (03-28-25) - \$200,000.00
- Payroll Register No. 14 (03-31-25) - \$319,035.59