

DIVORCE COURT SEASONAL UPDATE

Have you noticed the new blue Christmas banners downtown and the absence of the ratty old wreaths? Why is Christmas blue? Is Santa not feeling it this year? Are the elves depressed? Does this mean Santa and Mrs. Santa are getting a divorce? Oh, no, ho, ho, ho, no.

Maybe the city's staff should not have chosen to advertise the demise of Santa's marriage in quite such a public display. Children across Salem are concerned this depression and disillusion could spread to the reindeer. If that happens there is a back up plan in place to substitute Donner, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolf with elk. The elk will be larger so Santa can save fuel by using fewer flying elk.

Elves are worried about who they will be placed with in the custody hearings. It is rumored Mrs. Claws has requested custody of all baking elves while Mr. Claws has petitioned to retain custody over all toy-building elves. If the judge agrees to the custody restrictions, the divorce could be finalized in 30 days. Rumors are spreading Mr. Claws has already been dating. Shame on him, don't leave him cookies.

CANDO MEETING DECEMBER 18

December 18, 2018 @ 6 p.m.
First Crispy Churp
685 Marion Street NE

- [1] OPENING EXERCISES (Includes call to order, cocktails, approval of minutes and show and tell)
- [2] REPORTS (includes time for existential questions):
Downtown Enforcement Team-do we have one?
Interesting Citizen Comments (5 min per citizen but no limit on staff and city councilor!)
- [3] PRESENTATIONS: Why the City is holding meetings in a church?
- [4] UNFINISHED BUSINESS (all our business is unfinished)



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Senior Citizen Haul Nov 17-Dec 8
www.cityofsalem.net

CITY OF SALEM
POLICE SERVICES

Dump your pesky old folk for free!

PROGRESS MADE FOR DOWNTOWN HOMELESS

The City Council and Mayor announced today the Civic Center will install hundreds of tents and cots in the atrium, Mirror Pond and around the Library lawn to house our homeless population in a safe, dry and comfortable space. From Monday forward, all homeless persons will be welcome to join the encampment at the Civic Center. The Council and Mayor understand how difficult it is for the downtown businesses to deal with mental illness, alcohol and drug addiction, and violent criminals. Outside of law enforcement, most universities fail to adequately educate their business majors in mental illness, addiction and violence standards and procedures.

For months Puntland jails have bussed newly paroled homeless folks to downtown Salem. This has brought more of a festive "camping" contingent into the downtown.

The City Council's newest, newest, newest task force on homelessness wrapped up their work by recommending the following:

- The city will provide portable showers
- The city will provide storage lockers
- The city will provide restrooms
- The city will provide trash cans
- The city will provide washer/dryers

What the city forgot was "housing".

If the city provided housing for homeless folks, they wouldn't need all the above promises. So, take your homeless neighbors to the Civic Center. Enroll your homeless at the Police Department by Tuesday for Winter Encampment first semester.

CITIZENS CONFUSED ABOUT NEW BRIDGE SHAPE

The final design of the Peeter Tourtney pedestrian bridge in Riverfront Park has citizens confused by the shape. Several citizens have taken to calling the bridge the "Taco Bridge" due to its similarity to a tortilla. Other citizens see a labia and several have fallen from the pedestrian bridge seeking to find the clitoris for the labia bridge. Others have been fined for tap dancing in the middle of the decking trying to cause the bridge to orgasm. The bridge has filed a #MeToo complaint. All citizens agree, the bridge does not look like a rabbit on roller skates. Very confusing indeed.

LOCAL NUTS LOST DOWNTOWN, REWARD OFFERED!

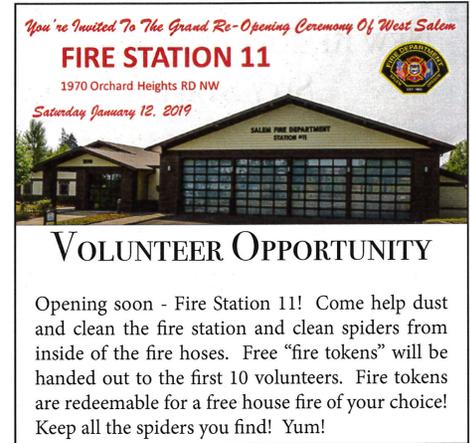
The new Salem Lane Street Association produced a shiny, new color flyer inviting Salem shoppers to find all their lost nuts downtown. There was no clarification on what type of nuts the Lane Street Association was hoping to identify or find, why they are "lost" or why they are downtown.

Of the 500 businesses located in the downtown Parking District only 20 businesses were listed in the brochure as "having nuts". Apparently the rest are "nutless". Everyone is wondering why.

The goal of the flyer is to award some lucky shopper a \$600 prize for "finding all the missing nuts". Again no description of the nuts accompanied the flyer. Updated reports are coming in that only the downtown mailman has been looking to collect all the nuts because he goes to all those "nut-stores" every day, anyway.



Join the Salem Lane Street Association. The next city reincarnation of Go Downtown Salem!



You're Invited To The Grand Re-Opening Ceremony Of West Salem
FIRE STATION 11
1970 Orchard Heights RD NW
Saturday January 12, 2019

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Opening soon - Fire Station 11! Come help dust and clean the fire station and clean spiders from inside of the fire hoses. Free "fire tokens" will be handed out to the first 10 volunteers. Fire tokens are redeemable for a free house fire of your choice! Keep all the spiders you find! Yum!

IMMIGRATION CARAVAN ALERT FOR SALEM!

This fiscal year the Public Works Department eliminated rat control from their budget. This action has forced thousands of rats to form a caravan and immigrate to build a better quality of life for themselves and their nippers in nappies.

The rat union for the lab-rats at Willamette University have lodged a complaint against the infiltration of this caravan of immigrants to our community by very dangerous MS14 gangs, middle eaters, and general bad rat dudes. The lab-rat contingent is working with Public Works to build a wall around all toilets in Salem to prevent the new immigrants from entering your homes and eating your peanut butter.

It is unknown at this time whether the lab rats will prevail with funding for the new wall, as the Mayor's office is waffling on dedicating funds. All the new immigrants need to hear is "waffle" and they are on it! Stay tuned for more on this issue in the future - unless the lab-rats lose, then all bets are off, hide your peanut butter!

NEW BLAND HOTEL COMING TO DOWNTOWN

Recent communications from the Hysterick Landmonk Commission indicate a new hotel is being planned for the NW corner of Trade/Commercial Streets NE on the old "Marion Auto Park" site.

The current boarded-up, vacant ambiance of the site across from the Conference Center is preferable to the brutalist architecture of this proposed bland building. Only a collapsed mind could conceive a design so totally devoid of any personality and presence. Just what Salem loves and deserves! It will enhance the "gas station" design look of the Conference Center.

Book your next stay at
BLAND HOTEL



Bland Hotel was designed using only a wood, grade-school ruler! No need for round shapes when you can have squares and rectangles. Rent your rectangle or square today for the holidays. All rooms have in-room monkeys. Room rates for every pocketbook. Suites are only \$2,345 per night without bed. Bring your own linens and pillows. Single rooms are not married. Double rooms are weird, but only cost \$1,232. You do your own cleaning before you leave, shovel that hovel for more discounts.

You will love how Bland Hotel mimics our community. We don't deserve more and we certainly won't ask for more!

HOW SMALL IS THAT NEW POLICE STATION AGAIN?

Hey, Salem voters - did you know you voted to build a new police station that is only 10% larger than our entire city hall - for only one department?

What were you thinking, we could have built an even larger one if you had tried harder. With the present administration in War-shington DC, we should have built a bunker to fit all Salem citizens, not just police!



ORBIT AND REINCARNATION NEWS

Sadly on Friday, November 31, Honesty passed away while on vacation in War-shington DC. Honesty worked hard for his family and leaves behind many happy memories. Honesty will be reincarnated as a hummingbird.

The refrigerator at 754 State Street died on November 21. She was survived by the microwave and toaster and many grand-toasters and great-grand-toasters.

BORING LEGAL STUFF

This is a sporadic publication of Salem's Downtown. Any similarity to any person living or not, is a mistake and probably not true. Caution: this newsletter includes parody and satire! Like us on Facebutt!

COURT AND LIBERTY POND NOW OPEN

The fall/winter pond located downtown on the SE corner of Court and Liberty Streets is now open for all angling and other water sports.

As a symptom of global warming, the pond evaporates during the spring and summer. The Pubic Works Department created the pond inadvertently by sloping the drainage away from the curb and toward a manhole with a few leaf sized holes. The drainage principle was driven by gravity but fouled by the fall undressing of the trees downtown. It only requires 5-6 leaves to dam up the hole and create the downtown pond.

This winter the Urban Devolement Department is using \$25,000 of Parking Tax funds to program and promote the pond for water skiing, snorkeling, spear fishing, and other fun boating and water activities. Bring your towel, swimming lessons for all ages. The All-City Championship try outs for Mr. and Mrs. Pond Scum are in February! Come try out in person or send a reasonable facsimile. Winter Olympic Committee has contacted the committee about scheduling winter sports in 2040.

FOR SALE

Slightly used municipal police station. Very lightly used, original owner, low mileage. Comes with introductory inmates to populate your new station and plenty of records to read at your leisure. Dazzle your community and recycle, reuse and repurpose this building and save money, money, money. Well wait, maybe we shouldn't sell it.

No delivery of building. Contact US Post Office to get bids on mailing this station to your community. Place bids between now and Dec 31, 2014. Bid information is available from the City Manager's office nightly after 10 PM.

RESTAURANTS BUY BACK FOOD!

Restaurants in Salem are joining the Salem Chamblor of Commerce's program to issue a partial refund for any food a diner leaves on their plate. The program is designed to reduce the amount of food Salem citizens eat in restaurants to assist in the obesity problem throughout Oregon.

Diners are free to sell their left-over food back to the restaurant, to neighboring diners, or to sell the un-chewed food to the homeless community which abounds throughout downtown.

The one exception to this new dynamic program are drinks. Backwash prohibits diners from selling back their left over beverages. The exception to the exception is if a diner pours their beverage directly into their mouth without touching lips, teeth or tongue, or boofing.

In the keeping with other projects in the new "sharing economy" the Chamblor hopes Salem residents are early adopters of this program.

NEW BUSINESS OPENS DOWNTOWN

A box has been built in Riverfront Park to allow Salem citizens to have a private space where they can destress anytime. The box has air, but no other accoutrements. No light, no electricity, no windows, no sky - but it is gluten free! Can also be experienced as an escape room. Bring your friends and sit silently in the dark until you move to the "escape room" adventure.

Allow your inner anxieties to melt away in your flowing back-sweat while you experience claustrophobia for maybe the first time! Bring your journal and waterproof ink to record your experience. Can be rented for birthdays, weddings and company team building experiences.

Doctors on-site. Side effects may include migraines, sudden loss of rhythm, and ear wigs.

NEW RESIDENCY RULES FOR CITY STAFF

Beginning in January 2019, all persons employed by the City of Salem will henceforth be required to live within the city limits of Salem for life. The City Council made this surprise move when the city finance department made a presentation showing 17,000 cars a day leave Salem going north on I-5. City Councilors realized this may be the answer to their current budget deficit. Requiring all city employees to live within the city limits for life will increase home values which increases property tax income to the city. By corralling those 17,000 escapees in Salem instead of letting them flee daily to Punttown and Lazy Segoe, we are capturing their spending dollars for our businesses and our deficits. Lets build a wall too, those Sity staff are wily.



NEW MAYORAL HOME PURCHASED

To keep up with the Oregon State Governors Mansion, the Sity of Salem has purchased a modest mansion to be dedicated as the Mayoral Mansion for all duly elected Salem Mayors. The mansion has 15 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and hooker racoons.

SIDEWALK PARKING PILOT PROGRAM DOWNTOWN

Recently Urban Renewal staff reported a recent decision to suspend enforcement in the downtown alleys. This means anyone can now use the pedestrian sidewalk for their own personal parking space with no time restrictions - perfect for your employees 8 hour shifts.

Additionally you will have noticed how many downtown businesses have gotten into the act by decorating our alleys with a myriad of festive garbage can related situational art. The garbage installations are the brainchild of contingent of businesses with extra garbage. The Salem Arts Commission commissioned the work and contributed \$400,000 to the effort for promotion and advertising this great addition to our civic collection.

With the additional sidewalk parking the downtown can now boast over 1,300 on-street parking spaces, an increase from 2016 when we only had 1,200. With only 500 businesses downtown that mean every business can have two employees or volunteers park on-street and we will still have 200 parking spaces left for downtown residents to use. Shoppers will gladly use the parkades.

Currently the alley sidewalk parking program is a pilot program. If the pilot is successful, the program could be expanded to all sidewalks downtown and increase our parking inventory to over 1,500 parking spaces on-street!

While there have been some complaints from mothers rolling their entitled children in strollers,

LOST AND FOUND

A local merchant found an eyelash on the sidewalk adjacent to their business this past Thursday. Anyone missing an eyelash please contact the Salem Police department and describe the eyelash to reclaim it. No questions asked. Small reward offered.

older, free-range children, geeks on crutches, one legged people, lazy people, people without feet, most children, water fowl, elderly folks, drug mules, college graduates, single white males, balloons, and handicap people in wheelchairs, the response from the remainder of the population has been positive overall.

There will be a pubic hearing at the end of the pilot program to gather input from the community. Community input is important for keeping city garbage cans full and the waste stream of citizen's dumb ideas continuing. No date or time for the public input meeting has been scheduled and it seems advantageous to keep it that way.

STREETSCAPE PROJECT CREATES NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

To assist the City of Salem with their current budget deficit, the Downtown Urban Devolement District is offering grave sites for sale during the Streetscape project scheduled for next summer. Graves will be available on a first come, first served basis. All grave-sites will be located under the newly laid sidewalk during the construction of new streetscape plan. Great Christmas gift for that someone you just can't please. Finally a gift everyone can use. Love downtown? Now you can live here forever at low rents and no pesky grave-site clean up for your decedents on Memorial Day. Just sweep the sidewalk and your done - go to the beach and enjoy Memorial Day for a change.

Prices vary depending on where you choose to dump your load. Sidewalks spaces adjacent to big box stores will cost between \$5,000-7,000 depending on which program you sign up for. If you choose to rest for eternity on a sidewalks adjacent to small, locally owned businesses they will sell for \$10,000-11,000. No annual parking tax will be levied on this downtown grave because downtown residents are exempt from parking taxes!



SCOOTERS COMING TO DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS!

After Punttown ended their scooter program this fall the scooter company contacted Salem City Council asking to store their scooters in downtown Salem for the winter. This will give our citizens an opportunity to act like big-wig, big-city dweller and show off our stupidity while hurling our bodies down a sidewalk at 20 miles an hour in the wind, rain and snow, while wearing only our hair but no helmet-Just like Punttown!

The new winter wonderland scooter program will commence January 21, 2019. Scooters will be accessible to everyone with workable feet and some coin of the realm. Scooters will be hidden all over downtown to give more of a "scavenger hunt" feeling to the winter wonderland festivities. Be sure to check out abandon cars, back entries, garbage dumpsters (over 3 yards in size), inside stores, and under counters for the rent-able scooters.

Along with the new scooter program, the City Council has designated priority lanes on our downtown sidewalks. Henceforth, the most westerly 3 feet of sidewalk space is dedicated to police bike officers, the next 3 feet going westerly, is dedicated to homeless shuffling, the next 3 feet is reserved for bikes, unicycles, motorcycles, spacehips, scooters, and roller blading, the remaining 18" adjacent to the curb is dedicated to pedestrians and shoppers so they may more easily access their cars to flee the scene in the event of a bloody scooter massacre.