
The FEDERALIST

The Federal Street Neighborhood Association is a registered, non-profit group which serves the residents of the Federal Street Neighborhood

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Save on energy, cut pollution

According to Salem Alliance for the Environment, if everyone in Salem changed just one light bulb to a compact fluorescent, we could prevent the emission of 2.8 million pounds of carbon dioxide, which in such quantities harm our environment and cause global climate change. That's equivalent to taking 250 cars off the road. Shouldn't we consider changing at least one bulb in the coming year?

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) use 1/4 of the energy needed for Incandescent bulbs to produce the same light and last up to 13 times longer. By using less energy,

you reduce the emissions from the source of your power, thus reducing not only carbon dioxide, but sulfur dioxide and mercury, too. By changing just one bulb, the average Salem resident could save \$26 over the life of the bulb from energy savings, even with the higher purchase price. Remember, global temperatures could rise 6 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century. Climate variation will become less predictable and much more dangerous. We can all do something now.

For more information, go to www.SalemSAFE.org and click on "projects."

Salem group offers cleaner, cheaper, renewable energy option

The following is a letter to Salem citizens from Pat Gozemba and Larry Chretien, executive director of Salem Alliance for the Environment (SAFE).

Dear neighbor,

As a supporter of Salem Alliance for the Environment, you have an opportunity to clean our air and water through your electricity bill, while securing the growth of renewable energy in New England.

New England GreenStart enables customers of Massachusetts Electric (a National Grid company, the largest electric utility in Massachusetts) to power their homes and workplaces without relying on dirty fossil fuels or dangerous nuclear power. New England GreenStart is

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Neighborhood Roundup

FSNA councilor debate forum

We have received numerous raves and appreciative responses to Jane Arlander's "FSNA: Meet the Ward 2 Councilor" event which took place last month at the Grace Church. The audience was packed with neighbors and the candidates did a fine job with their presentations, which was followed by a question-and-answer interaction with the audience. Jane did a fantastic job as the Program

Director and emcee. Thanks again, Jane !!! As you know, the Voting Primary results showed Mike Sosnowski as the largest vote-getter and Rose Tarr Kilroy as the second candidate. The final vote will be November 4.

Corridor plan nears completion

Barbara Cleary from our Development Subcommittee has announced that the North River Corridor Plan is about to be complete, thanks to the generous effort of the Working Group, especially the representatives from Federal Street — Rita Markunas, Mary Lee Storrs, John Carr, Joyce Wallace, and Martin and Judith Imm who acted as alternates..

Summertime sidewalk celebration:

Suzie Weldon and Tom Frary were our very gracious hosts a few Fridays ago, when we got together to continue our annual block party and celebrate the completion of the brick sidewalk project on Beckford Street. Jim Levesque (master mason), Bruce Thibodeau (Salem City engineer), Bill Merrill (Project Manager) and Tom Philbin came to help us enjoy the beautiful evening party. Mayor Stan Usovicz also stopped in on his way to a black-tie affair and joked that he was on his way to his second job as a waiter in one of Salem's hot-new restaurants (by the way, Strega is getting RAVE REVIEWS!!). As the festivities continued, FSNA presented Bruce with a plaque to honor him for taking control of our problem of asphalt sidewalks and allocating City resources to help us revitalize our historic neighborhood. Bruce will continue to work with the FSNA Neighborhood Improvements Committee, so look for additional improvements in the upcoming year. One of the big projects that our Committee is currently analyzing is period lighting. We are consulting with the City and our gas companies to review the idea of installing period gas lampposts along our street. Stay tuned.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov 4 — Remember to cast your vote!

Friday, Nov. 7 — Wine Tasting and Fundraising, hosted by Historic Salem, Inc., will take place at 7 p.m. at Hamilton Hall. Tickets will cost \$20 (in advance from Historic Salem, Inc., PO Box 865, Salem, MA) or \$25 at the door.

Please support the important work that HSI does in our community to preserve Salem's unique history. Also, we are looking for auction item donations to be auctioned that night to help with this very important fundraiser (and very fun party.)

December 6 and 7 — Save the date for Christmas in Salem in the Federal and Essex Street neighborhoods.

Home at 143 Federal Street once housed a US marshal, postmaster

In 1785, Joseph Sprague bought the lot which was to become 143 Federal from the estate of John Dowse Esg. The land was originally part of a large tract owned by Dowse that extended from Essex Street to the North River. Sprague himself lived in a large house on the corner of Essex and Flint Streets and most likely built the house on Federal Street as an income-producing property. Sprague owned merchant vessels and had a large distillery on North Street, along with a wharf and warehouse.

At the time of Sprague's death in 1808, the Georgian-style house sat on a lot that

was twice its present size. It included the land on the west that extended to Flint Street. The house stayed in the Sprague family until 1847 and was occupied by family members until 1831 when Joseph E. Sprague moved out. Sprague was a Salem lawyer more interested in politics and office-holding than in his practice. He served as a U.S. marshal and postmaster. In addition, he held several state-elected offices. Sprague introduced Federal period details to the house.

When Benjamin Glover bought the property in 1847, the house was separated

from the corner lot. Glover died soon after, in 1849, and his heirs sold the home-stead to a dentist, Joseph Farnum Jr. Almost 18 years after purchasing the property, Farnum sold in to George Woods, a shoe-cutter. By 1880 Woods had sold the property to Mrs. Lydia J. Dole, a widow, who lived in the house with her daughter, Nellie. The Doles made changes to the house including the addition of a rear ell. Nellie remained in the house until the 1920s, when William J. Murphy, leather worker, bought the property and lived there until the 1970s.

Opting for clean, renewable energy

Continued from previous page available through a new Mass Electric program called GreenUp, which enables customers to pay a little extra for their electricity each month to ensure that their power is sourced from renewable energy generators. As a New England GreenStart customer, you can help increase energy independence while reducing reliance on dirty fossil fuels and dangerous nuclear power by "greening up" either 100% or 50% of your electricity.

Following are some of the many reasons SAFE encourages you to choose New England GreenStart:

- Mass Energy partnered with fifteen environmental non-profit organizations and municipal governments to develop green electricity products that reflect the highest environmental values and priorities.
- Since Mass Energy and SAFE are partnering to promote cleaner, healthier energy sources, when you choose New England GreenStart a portion of your payment will go to support SAFE's advocacy and outreach programs.
- Mass Energy is a non-profit organization. Proceeds from New England GreenStart support green energy growth and environmental advocacy in New England.
- New England GreenStart 100% includes more New England-based,

"new" (built after 1998) renewable content than any other product offered through the GreenUp program. Purchasing a product with a high percentage of new energy sources is the best way to further the development of additional new renewable energy projects in the region.

- New England GreenStart comes from wind, solar, small hydro and biomass generators that are all located right here in New England. The wind turbine in the town of Hull is one of the featured resources, as it is the single largest source of emission-free wind energy in New England. Based on an average household's monthly usage of 500 kWh, New England GreenStart 100% would cost about \$12.50 extra per month, and New England GreenStar 50% would cost about \$6.25 extra per month. We encourage you to offset the added cost of green electricity by implementing cost-saving energy efficiency measures in your home (check out www.massenergy.com for ideas).

For more information or to enroll, please go to www.massenergy.com or call Mass Energy at 1-800-287-3950. When you enroll, make sure to indicate that you are a supporter of SAFE. We look forward to working with you to build a green energy future together.

Candidate asks for write-in vote

The following is a letter from Douglas Sabin, candidate for Salem School Committee

Dear Salem Resident:

I have served in public service for most of my adult working life. I miss public service and would like to serve again. I am, therefore, a write-in candidate for the Salem School Committee.

I was born in Salem and have lived in a home we purchased on Northey St. in 1970. Both our children attended Salem public schools and graduated with high honors from Salem High School before going on to college. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Suffolk University and a Master of Arts Degree in American History from Salem State College.

I am retired after 30 years of service from the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service. At the time of my retirement, I held the position of Historian at the Minute Man National Historical Park in Concord.

In the coming years, the Salem School Department will be seriously challenged to maintain the same level of core education without cutting more classroom teachers. To do this we must trim administrative overhead and do away with all unnecessary costs.

Not all classrooms are contained by walls. Teachers should be encouraged to take their students on field trips to area historic and cultural attractions, especially those in Salem. A good understanding of local history is the key to a greater comprehension of regional and national history.

To foster a better sense of environmental awareness in their students, Salem teachers should greater utilize the Salem Woods, which is a prime environmental study area.

The learning process can not function effectively without good order and discipline in the classrooms. Teachers must have the full support of management. Disruptive students, drugs, gangs, or improper dress have no place in Salem schools.

Please give me the opportunity to serve you as a write-in candidate for the Salem School Committee on Nov. 4. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 978 745 2508.

*Sincerely,
Douglas P. Sabin*