
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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Neighborhood roundup: We're getting better all the time

Neighborhood improvements

Will Wrightson, Stan Schwartz, Dennis Gray and Bob Ouellette have continued their meetings with Regina Flynn and Tom Philbin to discuss the neck-down/crosswalk on the corner of North and Federal streets.

Thanks to the neighborhood feedback about traffic direction, and meetings with both Dr. Greg Gordon and Frank Murphy, Dennis Gray will work with Frank Murphy to enhance the streetscape look at the corner, while most importantly improving the pedestrian crosswalks and slowing the traffic coming onto Federal Street.

Tom Philbin will work to synchronize the timing of the traffic lights on Essex Street so that traffic can flow better off of the North Street Bridge and not back up.

Dr. Gordon recommended that we install another brick/cobble crosswalk at the corner of Feder-

al Court as well.

This series of impediments will help to reinforce the message to speeders/cut-through traffic, that they are entering a neighborhood with many pedestrians and school children. Regina is working with the City Council to secure the CIP funding to continue to move our plans forward.

Regina and Tom have also remind us that they have not forgotten about the infamous Ziggy and Martha Map which outlined our brick sidewalks and those that need attention.

Our subcommittee will continue to provide the neighborhood with progress reports; please provide us with your feedback and advice as we move forward.

Our goal is to complete work at the top of Federal Street, then move down toward the Beckford Street intersection where we will address traffic flow and potentially change the direction of Beckford Street and Monroe

Street (something to ponder).

Thanks to Regina, our group has also started to think of ways to improve the streetscape at the corner of Federal and Beckford Street (the plaza in front of The Plant Branch). Possibilities include the use of period lighting, stone surfacing, and other decorative features to beautify our neighborhood and help to slow traffic.

Please feel free to send us your ideas as well.

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Crimewatch:

Pam McKee, Rita Markunas, Judith Im, Ken Wallis, and Suzie Weldon are working with Sgt. Conrad Prosniewski to create and model our neighborhood watch to match what is being done by the Salem Common Neighborhood Association.

They will continue to learn the essentials to putting the program in place for our neighborhood as well.

Next FSNA meeting set for Tuesday

The next Federal Street Neighborhood Association meeting will be a joint meeting with the Gallows Hill Neighborhood. The meeting will be held at the AOH on Boston Street, just past the Dunkin Donuts and Flynnntan site on the right. The meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 17, at p.m.



Woodcut, Ivar Selmer-Larsen, at age 9

New owners at the Osrarn/Sylvania site

At our last meeting, a motion was made and unanimously approved to send a letter to the Mayor of Salem to express our disappointment over the progress (or lack thereof) being made with the planning of the Bridge Street/North River Corridor.

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Woodcut, John Selmer-Larsen, age 10

Bigger picture

As seen in last month's Federalist, Tim Doggett's proposal for the Bridge Street/North River Development Plan continues to move forward. Tim has met with the Mayor and we are hoping to get a Viewpoint Article published in the Salem News. For those who would like to learn more about this ingenious plan for our entry corridor, be sure to mark your calendar for our next meeting at the AOH on Bridge Street on Tuesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. We will be present-



Happy Holidays!

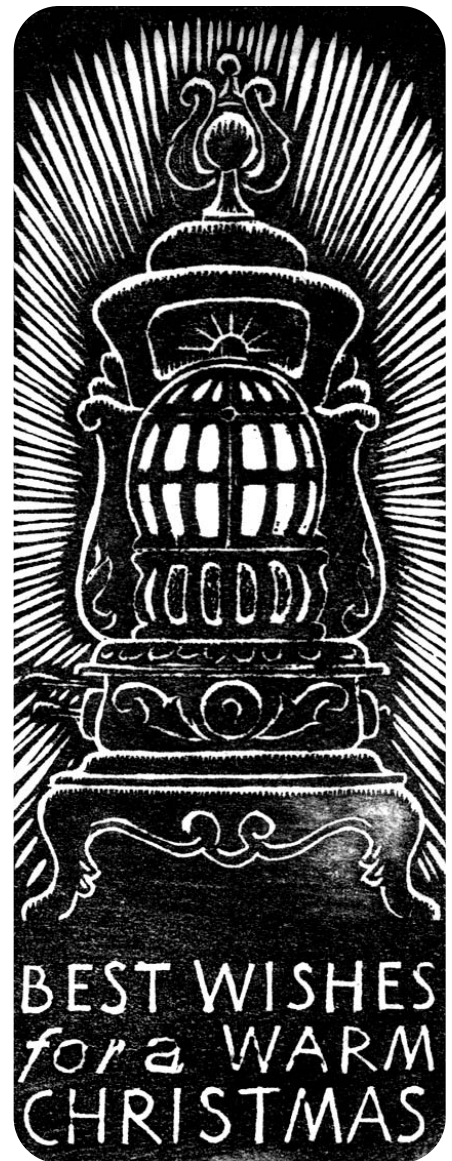
Woodcut, Ingrid Selmer-Larsen

ing Tim's plan to the other impacted neighborhoods, City Councilors and Councilors at Large at the time, so we expect that the meeting will be well attended. The AOH is about two blocks up Boston Street on the same side as the Dunkin Donuts.

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Neighborhood babysitting co-op starting up

With all of the "new neighbors" in the Federal Street area, a group of moms and dads have decided to start a babysitting co-op. The group is planning on scheduling some planning sessions after the holidays, so look for notices in your mailbox. The group has done some research on the internet and have compiled examples of how the co-op model works in other areas. If you have not received any preliminary information but would like to get involved with putting a babysitting cooperative together, please contact Jack Washburn at (978) 745-1137.



Woodcut, John Selmer-Larsen

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