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News and Notes from . . . **OUR TOWN**

Read about what's new in Salem and learn how to become more involved in shaping the town's future

From the Office of the First Selectman

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

The peaceful days of autumn are with us. My understanding of the original meaning of "Salem" is "Peace." What an appropriate meaning of our town with its peaceful attributes of natural beauty and friendly townspeople.



Let's review what has been going on in our town.

Selectman Richard Asafaylo Moving

Our friend and fellow Selectman Dick Asafaylo and his wife Linda are moving to Pennsylvania. We are very thankful for Dick's years of service to our town. We wish Dick and Linda the very best in their next chapter in life.

Sidewalk is Coming!

The sidewalk between Salem School and the town library and Municipal Complex has been funded. The project was chosen for funding as a high priority safety issue by both the Connecticut Department of Transportation and Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG). Eighty percent of the project cost is being reimbursed to the town.

Pavilion Update

The pavilion which has been approved for the town owned property on Route 82 has been ordered. The site work will begin shortly. We are looking forward to many activities at our new pavilion. The Department of Economic and Community Development is administering the \$150,000 grant we have received for this project. A special thanks to Selectman Fogarty and the members of the Pavilion Committee.

Energy Efficient Upgrade

Our four PV Solar Systems are working well and on track to save the town \$10,000 a year in energy costs. Please go to our salemct.gov Web site, click on "Library Solar," and you will be able to track the energy produced and carbon offset on that building.

High Efficiency HVAC Systems have been installed in Town Hall by way of an Energy Assistance Grant. Salem Fire Department and the Old Town Hall have had High Efficiency Heating Units installed after their aging systems failed.

School Renovation News

The Building Committee is doing a fine job planning and executing the repairs and renovations to our Salem School. A contractor has begun work on installing the new High Efficiency Heating System to replace the 40 year old system currently in use.

Town Budget

Through firm enforcement of our purchasing policy, strong negotiations with all vendors and fiscal responsibility by all departments, we will be returning approximately \$234,000 from the 2010/2011 General Government Budget to our town's General Fund. Thank you to all departments for this combined effort in using our town's funds wisely.

Get Involved

If you have thought about helping your town, please come forward. We need good people to serve as part of the Emergency Responders, Friends of the Library, PTO, Lions, Historical Society and many more organizations that serve our town. Salem runs on volunteers. Many volunteers comment to me that the rewards they receive from sharing their time and talents are priceless. Please call my office at 860-859-3873 ext. 110. I will be glad to discuss the many opportunities available for you to serve our town.

I want to thank all the dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to make our town of Salem a better place to live.

Enjoy the season. I hope to see you at the Apple Festival and the Book Sale.

I am honored to be your First Selectman.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lyden



Dnt Txt N Drv

By State Sen. Andrea L. Stillman, 20th District



‘Dnt txt n drv!’ Anyone who uses texting technology – and the associated shorthand – will recognize this warning and pay attention to the advice, I hope. ‘Don’t text and drive’ is not only a useful public safety suggestion for Connecticut drivers, it is also state law,

included among a growing list of dangerous, all-too-frequent ‘distracted driving’ practices.

The issue is comparable to the common sense ban on under-the-influence and impaired driving, because using a cell phone while driving – no matter if it’s hand-held or not – is said to delay a driver’s reaction time as much as a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 percent – the legal limit in Connecticut.

Sobering statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) make the need for these recent distracted driving prohibitions – strengthened again in our state each of the past two years – self-evident. Those who use hand-held devices while driving are said to be four times as likely to be in a serious car crash and an estimated 20 percent of traffic accidents causing personal injury reportedly involve distracted driving.

Connecticut took a step beyond enactment of new laws. A campaign to raise public safety awareness was launched to discourage distracted driving in a concentrated area in greater Hartford. The federal government paid \$200,000 of the \$300,000 cost; results released in July suggest drivers were responsive to the initiative. Federal officials say their effort will now be tried in several other states.

Each year our state spends vast amounts of money to design, build, maintain, and patrol state roads in the name of traffic safety so it pleases me to see how effectively this common sense, low cost prevention campaign complemented those efforts. Every licensed driver is repeatedly encouraged to drive defensively, and in practical terms that means paying full attention to driving while doing so.

Nevertheless, many drivers continue to endanger themselves and others in defiance of all laws, advertising, and public awareness initiatives. With these distracted drivers in mind new, graduated fines became effective earlier this summer. We hope these serious consequences will serve as a deterrent: conviction for a first offense now

yields a \$125 fine; the fine doubles for a second offense and then increases to \$400 for a third conviction.

We have also worked to protect young drivers because again, facts spell out an urgent need to do so. The NHTSA says 16 percent of all young drivers – those under the age of 20 – involved in fatal car accidents were said to have been distracted drivers. To combat this, minors in Connecticut are simply prohibited from using cell phones and other mobile electronic devices, hands-free or not. Minors convicted of distracted driving face an automatic \$100 fine in addition to the graduated schedule described above. This month, as the school year begins and teen drivers resume their busy schedules, it’s important to be aware of this prohibition.

There are many who still defend the innocence of making a quick call or sending a short text while behind the wheel and I have to think they didn’t know or weren’t related to the nearly 5,500 people killed in the U.S. in 2009 in accidents involving distracted driving. They must not be acquainted with the estimated 450,000 people injured in comparable crashes. Conversely, others think consequences for distracted driving should be more severe because of that grave risk of killing or maiming innocent victims.

We know we’re making progress and we’ll continue working to eradicate this looming threat on state roads and highways.

Andrea Stillman represents the 20th Senatorial District, which includes New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem and Montville.

General Assembly Passes Bill to Foster Recreational Land Access

By State Rep. Ed Jutila, 37th District



Many Connecticut towns and cities, including Salem, make public land available for certain types of recreational activities. In 1996, however, the Connecticut Supreme Court held in the case of Conway v. Wilton that municipalities were not “owners” under

then current statutes and, therefore, not entitled to immunity from liability for injuries sustained on municipal lands. The holding in this case has had a chilling effect on some towns, resulting in reluctance to open up certain lands for recreational purposes.

This year, the General Assembly corrected this situation

by passage of House Bill 6557 – AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR THE RECREATIONAL USE OF LANDS. HB 6557 provides immunity from liability for municipalities and other municipal entities that make certain types of land available for public recreational purposes at no charge. “Land” is broadly defined to include not just land, but also roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures and machinery or equipment attached to the realty.

The bill covers an extensive range of recreational purposes, including hiking, bicycling, picnicking, camping, hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, pleasure driving, skiing, ice skating and sledding, as well as others; however, with regard to municipalities, swimming pools, playing fields and courts, playgrounds, buildings with electrical service, and machinery attached to the realty, as well as paved, public through roads that are open to the public for vehicular traffic are specifically excluded.

The bill retains the current statutory provision that renders the immunity inapplicable in the event of willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity.

This new legislation, signed into law in July by Governor Malloy, should offer great comfort to towns such as Salem that either already offer public access to recreational lands or are contemplating doing so. As a result of the passage of HB 6557, the Salem Multi-Purpose Path is just one of a number of great examples of recreational land that the town can now make available for the public to enjoy without the risk of costly lawsuits.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or if you would like to learn more about this legislation.

Ed Jutila represents the 37th Assembly District, which includes Salem and East Lyme.

From the Desk of the Town Clerk

JOHN D. CROCKER

By Pat Cristanti

If you are an art expert or you have an interest in old paintings, you might find this article of interest.

Salem has had quite a varied history including many well-known writers, artists, musicians, actors, a music school, etc. This is a story about an artist named John D. Crocker. Every indication points to the fact that he was born in our little town of Salem, Connecticut around November 1822. (We have not been able to locate any birth record, even after contacting the Health and Vitals department in Hartford to confirm this. It is a known fact that not all records were written down.) He moved several years later to Norwich, which is where he spent the rest of his life as an artist, inventor and family man.

One of the many paintings he created was one of Abraham Lincoln which was painted around 1865, the year of Lincoln's death. Lincoln spoke at Norwich City Hall on March 9, 1860, at which time he stayed at the Wauregan Hotel. This is an original banner on display from his visit:



The original painting of Lincoln was stolen from City Hall and removed from its frame in 1994. It has not been found. Vivian Zoe, curator of the Slater Memorial Museum; City Manager, Alan Bergren; and a grant from the Sachem Fund jointly sponsored a recent contest to create a replica painting to replace the one stolen, with a prize of \$8,000. The winner's painting will be mounted in the original frame and will take the place of the one stolen.

The Salem Town Hall became the recipient of one of the paintings that were not chosen (out of 66 entries)...and we are so lucky! The painting is magnificent. It stands approximately 3 feet by 4 feet. It is mounted (without frame) in the inner hallway of Town Hall. The individual who painted it is a young, very unassuming man.

He built the frame and canvas the way it was done during the 1860s period. He even went so far as to make his own paints as they were made during that time. He did not have any place to hang such a large painting, so he gave it to the town. Stop by Town Hall and see this great work of art.

You can see 40 other paintings at the Slater Museum done by John D. Crocker as well.



Local Voices are the . . .

TALK OF THE TOWN

Residents share their stories in columns related to various aspects of Salem life

From Cougars to Vikings: Words of Wisdom on the Transition from Salem Middle School to East Lyme High School

By Claire Tocheny

Claire Tocheny is currently embarking on her first year at the College of William and Mary, where she is a member of the James Monroe Scholars program. The following is an excerpt from the speech she gave this past spring to the graduating class at Salem Middle School. Now that the Salem students have begun the process of settling into life at East Lyme High School, Claire's words about the difficulties and triumphs in store for each student take on a renewed significance.



Are you guys nervous?

You should be - it's normal.

Everyone is. Even the people who say they aren't nervous—and you know who you are—are nervous.

I don't know if this makes you feel any better, but you aren't the only one going through this. You might think so, but it's not the case.

Four years ago, when I was sitting in those exact same seats, wearing a white gown and yearning for the maroon, in the back of my mind I was completely terrified. Because I had my own thing to deal with, in addition to the typical anxiety of becoming a little fish in what I thought was an ocean. I am legally blind in one eye; I was born with a cataract, and sometimes my eye drifts.

In the summer before my freshman year, that terror grew until I was absolutely sure that within the first two weeks of school, I would be known as "that girl with the eye." That I would be the one who everyone laughed at, the one who would have no friends and would end up eating lunch in a bathroom stall.

But guys, you know what? It didn't happen. People didn't treat me differently. And you want to know why? I showed up. I didn't let my eye or anything else control who I was going to be for the next years. I got involved from the start, and threw myself out there.

I played field hockey during the fall of my freshman year. I had never heard of it, and quite honestly knew

nothing about it either. But I gave it a shot. This sport, which by the way is a lot tougher than it seems, invited me into the high school atmosphere and helped me meet over thirty girls, most of them freshman and most of whom I still have strong friendships with. It opened my eyes to what high school really could be: opportunities.

As I went through high school, I worked my butt off. I studied for hours, and excelled in my classes. BUT I played hard too. I participated in field hockey, jazz band, basketball, lacrosse, and

track, volunteered with Special Olympics, made a lot of friends and plans. I also squeezed in a totally awesome major knee surgery—yeah, that part wasn't so awesome.

And you guys are in for a sweet surprise with spirit week (my advice? Find lots and lots of yellow). As I excelled, my confidence grew, which made me want to do more.

This year, I was elected Homecoming Queen; that rocked my world. And I also was an Academic All-State basketball player, which was pretty cool too.

So now I'm getting ready to go to college.

Think I'm nervous?

Nope...

I'm terrified!!

Now, through my experiences, I've come away with some "words of wisdom" that I'd like you to know. They worked well for me.

1. Take advantage of high school's freedoms. You will be able to form stronger relationships with your classmates and teachers than you have ever been able to do before. You will be able to pick classes like never before. I don't mean the generic language arts, history, etc. I mean electives: lifeguarding, anatomy, advanced furniture making, those kind of classes. And you will be able to do a lot more with clubs and extracurriculars

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than you have ever been able to do. There are countless clubs at the high school, from Cancer Action Club to Key Club to the knitting club. And if you can't find that one club that's for you, you can make one yourself. Junior year, I helped start the geography club with a few of my friends, and we have competed at UConn the past two years in a statewide competition; in fact, this year we finished fourth out of over twenty teams. With so many opportunities out there, why not take advantage?

2. Study really hard, because this is why you go to high school in the first place. I know, all of this other stuff is going on, and studying might be the last thing on your mind, but I promise that you'll never regret it.

3. When you start thinking about the next step of your lives, whether it be now or after high school, ask for help. Remember, to each one of you, you aren't the only one going through this. If you don't ask for help, you won't get it. I have my parents, my teachers, my classmates, and my friends to thank for helping me throughout my high school journey. Without them, I don't know where I would be.

4. *Have fun. High school's exciting, cool, amazing! Relax... Just enjoy it.*



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Salem Cares (and Shares)

By Elizabeth C. Regan

Kathy Lauzon, a mother of two who came to Salem in 2006 when her husband's job took them from Pfizer Canada to the company's southeastern Connecticut outpost, has sown a life for her family in this small town that has taken root for the betterment of the community. Her involvement in Care & Share of East Lyme, a volunteer-run non-profit

that provides food and financial support to those who need it, is strengthening the organization's commitment to the residents of Salem.

"When I got involved, I was really surprised that, considering we're such a small town, we had quite a few clients," Lauzon says, referring to the Salem families that had availed themselves of the services provided by Care & Share through its emergency food deliveries, seasonal food and gift baskets, and one-time or protracted financial assistance. That year—it was 2009—the organization made food deliveries to 19 Salem families and provided monetary support, usually toward rent or utilities, to seven families.

Care & Share president James Hall estimates that between 10 and 15 percent of the 280 families served during his two years as president have come from Salem. While the amount of food delivered to clients this year did not change much from the year before, the total amount of financial assistance increased by approximately 25 percent. "It's very heartening that while the need has grown, so has the generosity of the community, and we've been able to keep up with it," Hall says.

Care & Share relies wholly on the support of the communities of East Lyme, Niantic and Salem. The group receives no money from the state or federal governments. While the town of East Lyme has donated the space in which the food pantry operates, Care & Share does not receive town funds. "All the food, all the money, all of the gifts, all of the coats we give out in the winter—all of that is donated by the community," Hall says.

Kathy Lauzon emphasizes the importance of that local, volunteer-centric focus. "If you're going to do some-



thing and you're going to donate, you want it to be in the community," she says in explanation of her viewpoint on service. Many large, well-known nonprofits with paid staff do not depend on volunteers to the extent

that Care & Share does. "I didn't want the fundraising that I do or the food that I bring in to have to be diminished in some way by salaries and things like that. So I really like the fact that Care & Share is totally volunteer-based. Everything we do is for the communities that we serve," she says.

Kathy's involvement in Care & Share has bolstered the Salem manifestation of the organization's Campership program. Under the leadership of Stefanie Hall—Jim Hall's wife and partner in service—the campership program pays tuition for as many campers as its fund allows to a variety of town-run and private summer camps. Steffie Hall and her committee members work with elementary school principals and middle school guidance counselors to create a list of students who would benefit from the summer camp experience. The only financial prerequisite is that each student qualifies for free or reduced lunch.

The relationship Care & Share has fostered with the East Lyme Parks and Recreation department allows for a generous number of camperships to town-run day camp programs. Unfortunately, only East Lyme residents can participate in those camps. Kathy Lauzon's arrival on the campership committee worked to address this disparity. She brought the Care & Share campership program to Salem in 2010, when she was able to help send a family of five children to camp. This year, two families with three children each were able to select the day camp of their choice. A total of 65 students went to camp this summer through Care & Share's campership program.

"We work with the families to try and find something

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that would be interesting to the kids and stay within our budget,” Lauzon says. “It’s really the families that decide. We don’t mandate that they go to a particular camp. It just needs to fall within our budget.” Of the six children from Salem that attended camp this year through Care & Share, half went to a full-day camp in Norwich while the others chose from the offerings of the Salem Recreation department.

Kathy has also been instrumental in bringing another one of Care & Share’s unique services to the Salem community: she offers support to the nurse at Salem School. The program originated back when one of Care & Share’s presidents was a school nurse who understood the specific needs of others in that role. The School Nurse Support program keeps nurses’ offices in East Lyme, Niantic and Salem well stocked with such items as juice, snacks, and clothing. Cold weather has led to specific requests for coats, while cramped toes have spurred Lisa Gardiner, the Salem School nurse, to ask if Lauzon could find an extra pair of shoes for a student.

Jim Hall acknowledges that the school nurse program fills an interesting niche. “I’ve always found it to be almost humorous because, on our 990 tax form, part of our reason for being is to supply school nurses with extra underwear. And they do need it from time to time because children have accidents. So we can do that,” he says.

In addition to food, camperships and financial assistance, Care & Share volunteers also coordinate a large-scale holiday program built around a Holiday Store that operates during the fall and early winter. The storefront, which may change from year to year based on available space, is a donation center piled high with gifts that are matched to those who have applied for assistance. The Holiday Store is the clearing house not only for gifts, but also for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Winter coats and—thanks to the generosity of one supporter—refurbished bicycles are available to anyone who walks through the door.

“When I first moved here in 2006, I didn’t even know Care & Share existed,” says Lauzon. “I didn’t know there were resources close. When I got involved with Care & Share and I would talk to people about it, I found a lot of people didn’t know about it. So by bringing the food drive to the school, and having a good relationship with the nurse, I find it really brought awareness of the program to a lot of the community.”

Even though Care & Share is still not as widely known outside of the schools as she would like, Lauzon says that support has been overwhelming from many of those who are familiar with the organization and its mission. The MOMS Club of Salem and the Congregational Church of Salem donated more than 80 coats in 2010. It was enough to fill the entire front end of the Holiday Store. Many Salem families donate baskets of food and boxes of gifts year after year.

Kathy Lauzon cites Care & Share as an opportunity for both those who need help during a difficult time and those who are looking for ways to make Salem a more supportive place. “We’re out there,” she says. “We’re here for you. And at the same time we could use some help.”

To find out about the services available through Care & Share, call (860) 739-8502 or log on to www.careandshare-ofel.org. Those interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities can turn to page 10 for more information.



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How You Can Help CARE & SHARE

The most pressing volunteer needs at Care & Share revolve around day-to-day functions. Kathy Lauzon and Jim Hall recommend stopping by one of the monthly organizational meetings to hear about these needs first-hand. While the meetings are usually held at the East Lyme Police Department, the October meeting will take place at the food pantry to give prospective volunteers a fuller understanding of the ins and outs of Care & Share. The food pantry is located in East Lyme's Midway Plaza (170 Flanders Road). There, you can find out more about volunteer positions like these:

RESPONDERS

Responders answer calls made to the Care & Share hotline. Volunteer responders speak with clients in-depth to find the best way to address their needs, from outside referrals, to food deliveries, to financial assistance. Responders also coordinate food deliveries and guide clients through the process of applying for financial assistance.

PANTRY COORDINATORS

These coordinators maintain the pantry, making sure it is well-stocked, organized and clean. Pantry coordinators are generally scheduled for one shift every other week. The shift could last from a few minutes to a few hours, depending on the amount of food to be put away or re-stocked.

PANTRY INTAKE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on pantry intake days—the first and third Saturdays of each month—to receive donations dropped off by the public.

FOOD DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Those who volunteer to make food deliveries are called upon to assemble and transport deliveries of food from the food pantry to client homes approximately once a month.

Emma, Emma: You Are a Gem-a!

By Sue Weber

This is the true story of Emma and Emma, who live in Salem. Emma turned 9 years old this year, and so did Emma! Emma loves going to the Mystic Aquarium and helping people and animals, and, you guessed it: Emma loves looking at and learning about all the aquatic life!

Besides sharing a first name, the town they live in, their age and where they like to go, Emma and Emma share a lot of the same friends! So Emma and Emma celebrated their birthdays this year with one party at the Mystic Aquarium.

As if at that weren't enough in common, Emma and Emma both have humble, generous, caring hearts: instead of receiving birthday presents at their party, they



asked their friends to make donations to the Mystic Aquarium to help with training and feeding of the animals.

And just in case you are wondering if there are any differences at all between Emma and Emma, no worries: Emma's favorite thing at the Aquarium is the puffer fish, while Emma likes the sea lion show best!

Makes you wonder if Emma really means

Extraordinarily

Magnificent

Marine

Advocate!

No matter how you translate the name, we think Emma and Emma are superb examples of what makes Salem special! Happy birthday, Emma and Emma! Thank you for sharing your story and for being you and you!

From the Land
**A COMMUNITY FOREST
FOR SALEM?**

By David Bingham

Traditionally, most New England towns were centered on a Town Green, often surrounded by community-owned forest. The forest was used for hunting and fishing, and also for forest products, including lumber, bark for tanning hides, etc.

Most of CT was stripped of forest, turning the land into cultivation or pasture, once the forest products were removed. Our forest has been recovering over the past century, but now subdivisions and sprawl are once again diminishing the forest resources.

Sustainable forestry, in the meanwhile, has developed into a science which allows forests to be harvested in a way that augments the diversity of wildlife, plants and insects while providing a steady yield of lumber for many uses. When thinned, the remaining forest can grow even faster, taking even more CO2 out of the environment (helpful for diminishing global warming) and storing it in structures that can last for centuries (witness our colonial houses, still standing since the 1700s!).

Moreover, proper thinning can provide a more mixed forest, harboring not only a greater variety of tree species but a greater variety of trees of different ages within each species type. Over time, more diversity of insects and plant associations can then occur, including ground covers such as lichens, mushrooms, ferns, wildflowers, grasses and mosses.

Throughout New England, towns have begun purchasing, for Community Forests, land that is now in private hands, at risk for development. Working with foresters, these communities bid out forest work to private logging companies using strict guidelines that protect wetlands and other sensitive areas, and provide sustainable yields.



The income from the sale of forest products can make up for the lost tax income of private ownership, and cover, over time, some of the costs of purchase, while protecting a vital natural resource. Development, on the other hand, is often associated with new town service costs, leading to higher taxes for road maintenance, schools, police, fire, etc.

Public forests have value for healthy recreation, nature study and scenic beauty. They also clean pollutants from the air and water, and decrease CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere to lessen greenhouse gas effects associated with climate change. Our large forest areas are also critical to the survival of interior forest wildlife.

Should Salem consider the acquisition of a Community Forest? The people should think about it now, while land costs are low and taxes are already too high.

*See R. Kim Bingham and
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News from the Salem School District

By H. Kaye Griffin, Interim Superintendent

The Salem School District completed another productive, successful school year in June 2011, just in time for the very warm weather and the long, lazy days that our New England summers promise. As usual, this summer vacation break in the Salem school community has provided our students, and their parents, a respite from backpacks, books, and buses. Quality time with family and friends and a chance to reenergize for the upcoming school year is the ultimate summer experience for Salem students.

Summertime is also a time when Board of Education members, school and district administrators, district support staff, and facilities staff take advantage of a break from the routine of the school year to launch an ambitious schedule of special summer projects and tasks that make it possible for the new school year to begin successfully.

This summer has been no exception to the rule. Projects such as the hiring of new and/or replacement staff, the preparation of classrooms, the receipt, processing, and distribution of instructional materials, the maintenance of technology equipment, and various other tasks that school administrators and office staff must complete during the summer months are well underway and approaching completion.

Any visitor to the Salem School during the past two summer months was apt to see empty classrooms and hallways chock full of desks, chairs, boxes of teaching materials, and instructional equipment. This chaotic state has all been a part of a grand plan to clean, improve, organize, and ready the school, from ceiling to floor, for the return of students and staff. As the citizens of Salem already know, the school environment is critically important to the learning process for students. Now that Salem students have returned to school, they will benefit from the school environment improvements that have occurred this summer and those that will continue throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

Specifically, the replacement of tile in a hallway in the elementary school will provide a cleaner, healthier environment for students and complete yet another section of the flooring project improvement plan. Additionally, the installation of a new boiler in the elementary school will provide students and staff a much more comfortable learning environment over the winter months.

In the spring of 2012, improvements will continue with

the replacement of windows and doors in the elementary school, providing our young students a more climate-friendly environment in which to learn. Thanks to the hard work of the school principals, the Director of School Facilities, the Manager of Maintenance and Custodial Staff, and, of course, the highly qualified vendors conducting the work, the Salem School will become a more inviting, comfortable learning environment for our students.

Over the summer months, the Board of Education continued their monthly meetings and conducted a search for an Interim Superintendent and Director of Special Programs, filling two important positions at the district level of the school organization. Dr. H. Kaye Griffin was appointed to the position of Interim Superintendent, a position that has been restructured as a part-time in keeping with administrative models in other small school districts throughout Connecticut. Dr. Griffin has had experience working as a part-time superintendent and will assist the Board in their efforts to refine the new administrative model as the school year progresses.

Also joining the administrative team, along with Dr. Griffin, is Benjamin Dix, who will serve the school community in the role of Director of Special Programs. Mr. Dix has strong experiential background working with special populations of students, including those with special needs and those with special gifts. Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, Mr. Dix will play a major role in assisting the school administrators, teachers, and support staff in the ongoing development, implementation, evaluation, and revision of Pre K-Grade 8 programs.

All members of our school community thank the Salem town officials and citizens for your ongoing support. We are dedicated to providing educational experiences for the youth of Salem so that they can “*Believe, Achieve, and Succeed*” as students and as future citizens in our society.



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Nature Abounds All Over Salem and In Your Own Backyard

By Diba Khan-Bureau

Do you know what is in your water bodies (i.e. wetlands, lakes, ponds, streams, river, etc.)? There are all kinds of living organisms. Some you can see with the naked eye (macro) and others you can only see with a microscope (micro). All of these organisms, large and small, can tell us something about water quality. Some of those organisms include turtles, fish, frogs, birds, salamanders, snakes, insects, aquatic plants and algae. Depending on where you are, you may or may not see some of these fauna and flora. It really is dependent on what type of water body you are exploring.

Exploring any of the different types of water bodies will give you great pleasure whether you love the tranquility of a flowing river or are fascinated by what you may see. In Salem we are very fortunate to have some of the most beautiful wetlands, rivers, lakes and ponds.

Some wetlands are developed by one of the many animals native to this area: the beaver. They are quite skilled at making dams to block the flow of water and thereby creating a large pond. The habitat you will see can be different in a stream, bog, wetland and lake but will offer you an education, peace and tranquility, and a place to enjoy with your friends and family.

Some of the places to visit in Salem are Walden Preserve, the Zemko property, Darling Road preserve and anywhere along the Eightmile River and its tributaries.



The wetlands in your own back yard, such as vernal (meaning spring) pools, have so much to offer for exploring and watching quietly. Along the Eightmile River I have seen eagles, osprey, hawks and herons as well as owls and other birds of prey hunting for fish and other good things to eat.

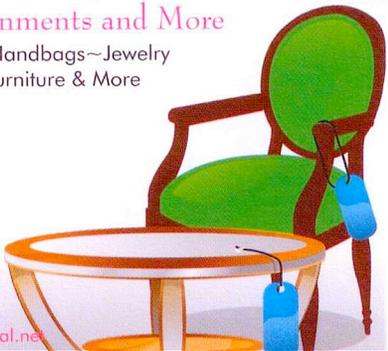
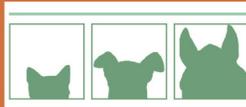
Go and enjoy what we have here in Salem. Take an hour or a day to hike and play. Go online to see where the trails are and the special places that may be right down the road from you. Get out and have fun!

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Salem History Trivia Quiz

By Jackie Hemond, Salem Free Public Library

At the Salem Library, we had a lot of fun this summer with summer reading prizes, candy guessing games and trivia games. Trivia, how we love it! I've collected some trivia pertinent to Salem. Want to take a Salem trivia quiz? The credit for the information in the following trivia quiz comes from David Wordell, who wrote a wonderful piece on Salem history back in the 1960s for the Salem Historical Society, of which he was a founding member. The piece is entitled "Historical Sketches of Salem, Connecticut." Another fascinating article on Salem appeared in the Hartford Courant on September 29, 2002, titled "The Plantation Next Door," which was written by Joel Lang. Both articles can easily be found on the Internet.

1. What date was Salem incorporated?

- a. 1819 b. 1799 c. 1831 d. 1822

2. Which Indian tribe was settled in Salem?

- a. Iroquois b. Mohegans c. Apache d. Pequots

3. Salem has a Lover's Leap where an Indian girl and her white lover riding a white horse leapt to their death from a ledge into a pond when they were pursued by her father, an Indian chief. On moonlit nights, it is said that the white mane of the horse may be seen floating on the shimmering lake. What pond did they leap into?

- a. Crooked Pond b. Fairy Lake c. Beckwith Pond
d. Horse Pond e. Mountain Lake

4. John Mason, who led an expedition against the Pequot stronghold in Mystic known as the Mystic Massacre, which virtually destroyed the Pequot tribe, lived for a time at Gardner Lake. Captain William Gardiner bought Mason's land. Although Gardiner only lived on the land for six months, the Lake was named after him and not Mason. What are the other names attributed to Gardner Lake?

- a. Massapaug b. Great Pond c. Twenty Mile Pond
d. Mason's Pond e. Spirit Lake

5. Since coming to the library, I have received inquiries from people who mistake Salem, Connecticut for Salem, Massachusetts, home of the infamous witch trials. There is a connection between the two towns. Do you know what it is?

6. Route 85 used to be called the Governor's Road. Why?

- a. A family named Governor lived on the road.
b. Governor Winthrop traveled the road frequently.
c. Governor Gurdon Saltonstall formally established the road from an old Indian trail.

7. What President stayed overnight in Salem?

- a. George Bush b. Andrew Jackson c. George Washington
d. Ulysses S. Grant

8. In 2002 there was an archaeological dig which took place in Salem near the site of the Salem Valley Ice Cream stand. What was the structure which the archaeologists were exploring?

- a. Indian burial grounds b. A tavern c. A slave plantation
d. dinosaurs

Answers

1. a. 1819

2. b. Mohegans

3. This is a trick question as the answers which are correct are c, d, and e. The pond is now called Horse Pond, but it was also called Mountain Lake and Beckwith Pond at an earlier time.

4. All answers are correct except Spirit Lake.

5. It has nothing to do with witches. However, it is believed that this town did take its name from Salem, Massachusetts when Colonel Samuel Browne (1669-1731) of that town purchased, in 1718, a considerable number of acres.

6. c. While Governor John Winthrop the Younger (his father, John Winthrop, was founding governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony) traveled frequently between Hartford and his home in New London, it was Governor Saltonstall that formally established the road.

7. b. Andrew Jackson traveled from Norwich to New Haven with a stopover for the night at the Bland Tavern on Norwich Turnpike Road.

8. c. There most surely were dinosaurs in Salem, but the dig was to find evidence of a slave plantation—the second largest in New England—which had about 60 slaves at its height and covered about half of the land of present-day Salem. It was owned by the Browne family in the years before the American Revolution. The descendant, William Browne, a Tory, fled for his life and the plantation was confiscated and distributed into several smaller farms.

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AROUND TOWN
Find out what's happening in Salem this fall



SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall Programs

Submitted by Jackie Hemond, Salem Free Public Library

Please Register: (860) 859-1130
Programs funded by The Friends of Salem Library

Every Thursday 10 a.m.-12 noon
Knitting Group - all welcome to join
Cookies & Coffee for everyone!

Every Friday, 10:30 a.m.
Story Time & Craft - Pre K-K

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, October 5, 19, at 6:30 p.m.
Pajama Story Time and Craft with Sharon Geer

Thursday, September 14 & 21, 7 p.m.
Ballroom Dancing with Susan Silva and David Van Hamilton

Saturday, September 24, 1 p.m.
Garden Talk: Goodnight My Garden with Colleen Plimpton
Garden expert Colleen Plimpton will explain how to put your garden to bed for the winter. She will also talk about her new book: "Mentors in the Garden," which traces her development as a person and a gardener with the wisdom from mentors in her life. Book available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, September 29, 1 p.m.
Books in the Afternoon Book Discussion discusses *Jamaica Inn* by Daphne du Maurier

Thursday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.
Cooking Demonstration: Nutritional Eating with Dr. Beth Goulding

Friday, October 7, 6 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group with Pat Aldrich
Join together for dinner and fun activities. All pre-teens/teens welcome.

Thursday, October 13, 11 a.m.
Mystery Book Discussion and Swedish Smorgasbord. Enjoy Swedish style food while discussing "*The Laughing Policeman*" by Swedish authors, Maj Sjowall and Per Wahloo. Discussion facilitated by mystery author Carole Shmurak. \$10 fee for the luncheon, although participants can bring bagged lunch or leave after the discussion.

Tuesday, October 18, 7:15 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion Group discusses *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth* by John Muir

Thursday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.
Cooking Demonstration and Book Purchase & Signing with Terry Walters, author of *Clean Start: Inspiring You to Eat Clean and Live Well*

Friends of Salem Library Book Sale at Salem School
Friday, October 28, 7-9 p.m. (Open to Friends members from 6-7 p.m.)

Saturday, October 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Sianna and Madison Ferguson

LIONS TALES

Submitted by
Lion George Ziegra



Here we are again – summer is winding down and fall is rapidly approaching! All our Lions have been working hard with highly successful projects.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners. At our June meeting, we proudly presented scholarships to two Salem students who were graduating from East Lyme High School and beginning their college careers this fall. Teresa Horan and Erin Holle, both excellent students and outstanding young ladies, and their parents were our invited dinner guests.

Congratulations are also in order for Salem School students. Our 6th and 7th grade Civics Awards were presented at the Salem School Awards Assenbly by First Selectman and Lion Kevin Lyden to 6th grader Lillian Whittaker and 7th grader Megan Whitlatch. Keeping the tradition of the Salem Grange, the Salem Lions (Lion Kevin Lyden, presentor) also presented the annual Grange Award to 8th grader Natalie Andrews. Congratulations to you all.

On June 25, our annual, giant tag sale took place under bright skies and warm weather. We had nearly every item you could imagine (sorry, no kitchen sinks this year). Everything sold well; MOMS Club lemonade was a real hit. Our Lions and numerous volunteers spent many hours of work collecting, sorting, displaying, and selling our great pile of treasures. The sale was a tremendous success. Thank you to Lion Norm Rabe, who chaired the Sale, and to all Lions, their families, and friends who provided all the help. Also, a giant thank you to all of you who donated the multitude of items that made this sale so successful. All proceeds will all be used to fund our charitable projects during the coming year. Mark your calendars on the last Saturday of June 2012 for our 2012 Annual Lions Tag Sale. See you all then.

Our 29th Annual Salem Lions Community Calendar has been completed and delivered free to each of your homes. Lion Gordon Gillaspie and his Lion committee did a great job putting together all the data necessary to publish this calendar and to make delivery by the beginning of September. If you did not receive your calendar, copies are available at the Town Hall and at Salem Library.

Reminder, we have available cut and split firewood delivered free to Salem seniors, and a limited amount for sale to all others in Salem. Contact Lion Jim Fogarty at 859-0108 for prices and delivery. Bundles of campfire wood are available for sale at Maple Shade.

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Submitted by Rev. Tim Dubeau



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

One service at 9:00 a.m.

Childcare available – through age 5

WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning September 11, services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Childcare through age 4 available at 11:00 a.m. service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beginning in September, all teaching of adults and children will focus on our obligation as Christians to support Missions and local Outreach. Our theme is “To the Ends of the Earth and Back.” Our kickoff event scheduled for September 25 will feature an International Pot Providence supper along with reports and a Q&A session with our thirteen (13) member Bolivia Missions team. Our goal is

to complete our theme by Memorial Day, 2012 with the grand opening of our Christian Community Center.

September 24 – Saturday – Dough Day – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Official start of Apple Festival preparation which continues on Monday/Tuesday evenings 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings 8:30 a.m. to noon through October 26. Public invited to assist!

October 29 – Saturday - 42nd Annual Apple Festival – 9:00 a.m. til sold out.

December 10 – Saturday - Bluegrass Gospel Christmas Concert – 6:00 p.m. – Christian Education Building.

December 18 – Sunday - Live Nativity – 5:00 p.m. - Mae-gog Farm - corner of Rts. 354 and 82.

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- ✓ Hold on to your litter until you can throw it away in an appropriate place, and encourage others to do the same.
- ✓ Transform someone's bad choice into a good one by picking up litter. Take responsibility for an area of any size and feel good about it.
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 - o If you want to volunteer to help clean up specific areas through the state's Adopt a Road program, just call Gale Balavender at 860 859 2174.
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Salem Green Cemetery Association

Submitted by Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton

For the period 04/22/2011 to 7/29/2011 there were three interments/inurnments.

Name	Location	Date
Edda Maria Lopeman	IE53	04/20/2011
James Robert Duffy	ID23-	06/02/2011
Olga M. Stodolski	IB09	07/11/2011

Contact the SGCA cemetery sexton, Rev. Tim Dubeau at 860-859-1925 if interested in purchasing one or more plots.

For current plot owners: please adhere to the regulations for plot decorations and adornment. They are posted on the cemetery sign board.



Salem Recreation

Submitted by Diane Weston

Salem Recreation is considering an After School Program for elementary students. If you have a student in grades 1 through 4, please take a minute to answer the survey; this will assist us in making a decision about the future of After School Programs. Go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X6W3PPF> to complete the survey.

A "Day on Your Own" New York City bus trip will be offered on October 1, 2011. The bus will leave Salem School at 7:30 a.m. and leave NYC at 7:00 p.m. Resident fee is \$35.00; non-resident fee is \$40.00.

Go to: www.salemct.gov/Pages/SalemCT_Recreation/programs for a complete listing of programs.

If you have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Diane Weston at Diane.Weston@salemct.gov or 860-859-3873 ext. 250 or 252.

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Dining Around Salem

By Pat Aldrich

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Ok, I know, On the Rocks is in East Haddam, but it's "Dining Around Salem" and this place is less than 2 miles from the Salem border.... I MapQuested it! I have known about On the Rocks for several years now, and without a doubt the best thing about the place is the view. A summer evening on the back porch overlooking the golf course, while relaxing with drinks or dinner, is above PAR (my only golf pun, I swear).

The inside is as nice as the outside, featuring two large fire places, a bar, and plenty of tables. Nice furnishings, but still comfy, and welcoming. This restaurant, like its menu, can be what you want it to be, casual or fancy! I want to love this place! However, I have found in the past that it has sometimes fallen short of my expectations. I have often waited an unusually long time for dinner, or had a disappointing meal. It seems they have had a problem with taking on more than they can handle. They do a lot of weddings, and apparently the kitchen has a difficult time handling weddings and regular diners. Anyway, we keep going back, because the place has so many good things about it—location, menu, and view, just to mention a few.

This March I went out with my daughter, my sister, and my mother-in-law for dinner. My sister had never been, and instantly loved the place! I don't think she was expecting some place so nice. We had a great time and the food was good—although the menu did not match what was on-line, and my daughter had her heart set on the lobster ravioli. When I asked about the menu, the waitress said they had not updated the Web site in a while and they had a new chef who was in the process of re-doing the menu. She suggested we try the specials, as those were his creations, and were really good! My sister and my mother-in-law did, each having one of the fish specials. The swordfish was served with a fruit salsa and mashed potatoes (\$19.95). My daughter ordered off the menu, choosing the Chicken Madeira (\$16.95), which was chicken with prosciutto, asparagus, and mozzarella



in a Madeira wine mushroom sauce with mashed potato. I had the Brandied Seared Pork Tenderloin (\$15.95), because I had had it last year, and it was divine! Well, while everyone else was raving about their entrées, I was trying to figure out whether I had gotten the wrong thing, or if it was just made differently. It was not how I remembered it. The sauce was different, and the sauce that had made the previous version out of this world turned this dish rather lackluster. All in all, it was a nice night. My daughter and mother-in-law both had Fudge Lava cake for dessert, which was served with ice cream, whipped cream, and raspberry sauce, as sinful as it sounds. There was also an Italian Lemon Cake, Tiramisu, and Carrot Cake...just to name a few (desserts are \$6.50).

The nice thing about On the Rocks is that their menu is very accommodating. Lunch and dinner are available all day, so if you are not up for a big, heavy dinner, you can have something lighter; Baby Spinach Salad (\$7.50) and Warm Goat Cheese Salad (\$8.95) are just a few of the salads offered, and you can add chicken (\$2.00), salmon, or shrimp (\$6.00) to make it a meal. They have sandwiches for all appetites, from the Back Nine Club Burger (\$10.95) Grilled Vegetable Wrap (\$10.95) for veggie lovers like me. Wraps and sandwiches come with fries. They also have a 12 and Under menu.

My sister loved the place so much we went back with our husbands and sons in April. It looks like the new chef, James Martell, is getting his kitchen in order. The food was prompt, fresh, delicious, and beautifully plated. On the down side, I had made reservations, and when my sister arrived before me, they told her they had

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no reservation for 6, and it would be a 45 minute wait. To their credit, after I spoke with them and insisted I had called several days in advance to make a reservation, they quickly put some tables together and seated us.

This time I ordered the fish special, a simple Mahi Mahi served with Roasted Brussel Sprouts and Broccoli Rabe, which was out of this world. Even my picky brother-in-law loved the Crab Cakes (\$9.95) and the Tenderloin Tips Bordelaise (\$20.95).

The service may be spotty, so don't go in a rush; save this place for an evening you can sit and relax, either outside or near the fire place; hopefully it will be worth the wait.

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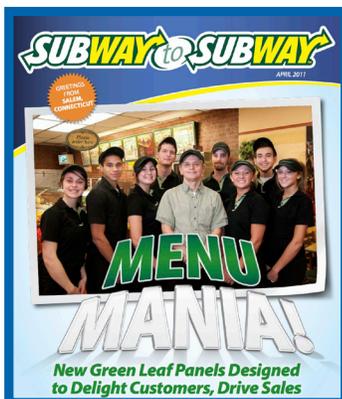
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on September 11th!**

Love, Mom and Dad



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Our Town Salem

Our Town Salem (OTS) is a magazine published quarterly to enhance the lives of Salem residents through articles that inform, encourage and celebrate the people, activities, businesses and organizations in town. OTS is produced entirely by volunteers and is distributed free of charge inside the *Lyme Times*, thanks to the businesses, organizations and individuals who place their ads! OTS producers feel strongly that:

1. Our town is nothing without its people!

2. Salem people are from all walks of life; we work, play, shop, volunteer, help each other out, and use our skills and talents in myriads of ways. We like to know about each other and about what's happening in our town!

At its best, OTS features the people of Salem and that will happen with your participation:

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- Give us leads of businesses who would like to be featured in and/or advertise in OTS. Contact Sue Weber at msweber1@aol.com or (860) 204-9020.

The next deadline is October 21 for the December issue.



What's Selling In Salem

Liz Householder, Realtor

QR Codes have arrived in the world of real estate. By now, you've probably seen those funny, square-shaped barcodes that started appearing in newspaper ads and magazines. If you have a smart phone, there's an application you can get called a QR Reader which will read the barcode and take you directly to a website on your phone. Try it with the barcode on this page.

QR stands for Quick Response, and they were developed in Japan. They are a lot quicker to use to get to a webpage or open text than if you saw a URL for a webpage and typed it in your browser. In real estate, you will be seeing these codes attached to signs in front of houses for sale, including my listings. An interested buyer can simply put their phone in front of the barcode, and their QR reader will then take them to the website for that

house. The buyer will then see photos, information, and the price of the house right on their phone without having to type in a webpage address.

Why is this better? For one thing, the attention of many buyers lasts about as long as the trip past one For Sale sign to the next, and by the time they get home they've lost the phone number off the sign, or decided they aren't interested in seeing the house after all. Instant information is invaluable when it comes to selling pretty much anything these days, and houses are no exception.

If you have a QR application on your phone, use it whenever you see those codes in the paper or on a sign. If you don't have the app yet, consider installing it – mine was free, and I use it a lot. It's just another technology tool that can grab the attention of a buyer and help my seller out too!

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- New Home
- Religious Events
- Sympathy
- Thank You/Appreciation
- Wedding/Engagement
- Other

The order deadline is the 1st day of the month preceding the publication month (e.g., Feb 1st for the March issue). Payment **MUST** be received by that date to guarantee a place in that issue.

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- Text only/less than 100 characters \$ 5
- Business card 3.5" x 2" (photo optional) \$ 12
- 1/4 page vert. 3-7/16 " x 4-7/8" (photo optional) \$ 25
- 1/2 page vert. 3-7/16" x 10" (photo optional) \$ 50

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Photo not applicable emailed

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