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From the Editor

Wow, when I signed up to be the editor of *Our Town*, I did not realize that I would have to battle with a hurricane and a nor'easter in less than a two-week period. Like many of you, I was without power for six days and the internet and television for ten. I did not miss the political ads on the television, but I did miss the internet. It is amazing how necessary the internet is to publish *Our Town*.

Although this first issue has been frustrating because of technical problems, I have immensely enjoyed connecting with the people of Salem in a different way than over the circulation desk at the library.

I love learning about Salem's rich past and hope that the articles within this issue will spark some memories and spur you to write articles for this paper. We need your participation to be successful — and I know there are some great stories out there!

Starting with our next issue in March, we will be compiling an events calendar. Please send me your events which will occur on and after March 1st through June. The deadline for all submissions is February 1, 2013. Mail all submissions to ourtownsalemct@gmail.com. If submitting an events listing, please indicate that in the subject line.

Sincerely,

Jackie Hemond

News and Notes from . . .

OUR TOWN

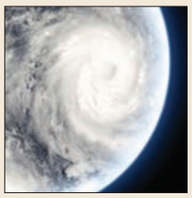
Read about what's new in Salem and learn how to become more involved in shaping the town's future

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

Holidays are upon us again. Kathleen and I wish you and your family a safe and joyful holiday season.
Let's review what has been going on in our town.

Roundabout-Substantial Completion
The Roundabout is substantially complete. This is an important safety upgrade as well as an aesthetically pleasing redesign of our Salem Four Corners. The plantings will be done in the Spring.



Hurricane Sandy
Hurricane Sandy made for a difficult week for all of us. I want to thank our residents for their initial preparation as well as their continued patience throughout the storm.

A special thanks to our Town Hall staff, Emergency Responders and Public Works crew for their dedication and performance throughout the storm. The town of Salem is in good hands with these dedicated professionals.

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Town Hall Upgrade
The Town Hall parking lot and sidewalks are finished with a new flagpole. This safety upgrade has given our Town Hall a fresh look as well as proper handicap accessible parking.

School Renovation
Contracts have been executed with Millennium Construction for the renovations of the school. The competitive bidding process yielded bids that were well within the amount authorized by the town.

Get Involved
If you thought about helping your town, please come forward. We need good people, like you, to serve as Emergency Responders and as members of the 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 x110. 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 to make Salem a better place in which to live.

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SALEM
FROM THE BEGINNING
by Edyta Wolk

Salem is a great place. It is a beautiful town and a friendly community. So what led up to this? How was it incorporated? Well, to answer this question, we have to go back to the 1600s, at the founding of Connecticut.

Algonquion tribes had settled the Connecticut area long before the Europeans came. In 1614, the Dutch became the first Europeans to settle here. They traded furs and protected the area from the Pequot Indians and the expanding English colonies. However, eventually, the English colonists forced them to withdraw from the territory by 1654.

The first English colonists came from Massachusetts. In 1636, they settled in Hartford. Between the years of 1633 and 1637, they also settled Windsor, Wethersfield, the Saybrook Colony, and the New Haven Colony. The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut were adopted on January 14, 1669. They describe the government that was set up for them. On April 22, 1662, the Connecticut Colony gained a Royal Charter that confirmed the self-government which was created by the Fundamental Orders.

The Salem area was originally settled by Mohegans. In present-day Salem, the very first settlement of European origin was deeded in 1664. The towns of Colchester and Montville were formed comprising land from present-day Salem. The settlers who lived on the "Salem" land petitioned the Connecticut General Court for a new parish in 1725 because they were too far from the churches in Colchester and Montville. This new parish was called New Salem Parish in honor of Colonel Samuel Browne, who lived in Salem, Massachusetts. He was the biggest landowner at the time.

Salem was incorporated as a town in 1819, bordering Montville, Lyme, and Colchester. It had a population of about 1,200. It was settled by farmers. The population remained low due to the rocky land. Today, Salem has a population of about 4,000.

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Edyta Wolk is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Sacred Heart School. Her hobbies are singing, acting, playing the bass guitar, crafts, and, of course, writing

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK
MUSIC VALE SEMINARY
Compiled by Pat Crisanti

Looking around Salem today, it is very hard to envision this area during the 1800's. However, there really was a "secluded valley", green and fragrant by nature, and a magnificent music school known as The Music Vale Seminary, just off of Route 85 near Pratt Road. Elegant young ladies of well-to-do families from around the world attended the school. These young women gathered to learn about music and took lessons on how to play on a variety of instruments, mostly on pianos, which were made by the Whittlesey brothers right here in Salem. The gentility of the time and the innocence of that era seems like a story all by itself. The young women of the school created a school paper called **The Gleaner of the Vale**. The stories of Music Vale were spread far and wide by other periodicals of the day as well.

Professor Whittlesey and the young women dressed in costume for an opera.

Excerpted from Dwight's Journal of Music, Boston, Massachusetts, pg. 182, Sept. 8, 1855

One who has read Tennyson's "Princess," can conceive of a mystical community of romantic, beautiful young ladies, segregated from the coarse and selfish world, and leading the happiest life imaginable, a life all music, in a secluded valley, unapproachable to vulgar feet, in the midst of the very land of "blue laws" and of "wooden nutmegs." Of such we have information in a most cheerful little paper called the ***Gleaner of the Vale***, of which a stray number or two have reached us. It is full of the happiest little articles, emanating from the happy members of a female seminary in a happy valley, which rejoices in the name of Music Vale. Music Vale Seminary is the title of the institution; and the life there would seem to be in imitation of the birds, one life-long practicing of pianos and singing of songs, and studying of counterpoint, and rehearsing of original operas, and warbling praises of such paradisiacal existence. Nothing but Music and Happiness are recognized; with these every page and paragraph of the ***Gleaner*** seems to be steeped and dripping. The whole business of the life is learning music; and to this end these heroines make laws and establish order, and Amazon-like, shrink not from athletic (finger) exercise, trying to strength and courage. Here are the "Rules and Regulations":

1. Ladies will commence practice at sunrise.
2. Hour of retiring, 10 o'clock, P.M.
3. Required practice will be four hours per diem. Extra practice will be credited on the bill, by the monitress, to the pupil.
4. The visiting or calling on neighbors, attending parties, or absence without permission, is prohibited.
5. Ladies will be required to dust their rooms and pianos prior to commencing practice in the morning, alternately, and successively taking precedence by seniority.
6. Conversation with ladies at pianos without permission, is prohibited.

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FAMOUS SALEM PEOPLE

by Martin Wolk

For a small town, Salem can boast two people who changed history: Hiram Bingham III, the discoverer of Machu Picchu, and Hiram Bingham IV, a man who saved over 2,500 Jews during the Holocaust. Coincidentally, they were father and son.

HIRAM BINGHAM III

Hiram Bingham III was born on November 19, 1875, in Honolulu, Hawaii. His father, Hiram Bingham II, was a Protestant missionary. He attended Punahou School, then known as O'ahu College, in Hawaii from 1882-1892. When he was a teenager he moved to Andover, Massachusetts, in order to attend Phillips Academy, from which he graduated in 1894. He then obtained a Bachelor's degree from Yale University, a degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He then taught history and politics at Harvard University. In 1907, he became a lecturer on South American history at Yale University. On November 20, 1899, Bingham married Alfreda Mitchell, with whom he had seven children. After their divorce in June 1937, he married Suzanne Carroll Hill.

Bingham's first encounter with Incan ruins was on a 1908 trip to Santiago, Chile, for the First Pan American Scientific Congress, to which he was a delegate. On his way home, a local convinced him to visit the ruins of the Incan city Choquequirao. He published an account of the trip called *Across South America*; an account of a journey from Buenos Aires to Lima by way of Potosí, with notes on Brazil, Chile, and Peru, which was published in 1911. This trip sparked Bingham's interest for lost Incan cities, even though he had no training as an archaeologist. The same year his book was published, Bingham returned to Peru with the Yale Peruvian Expedition. On July 24, 1911, Bingham was led to the ruins of Machu Picchu by a local named Melchor Arteaga. It is because of this that Bingham is credited with publicizing the existence of Machu Picchu, which was almost completely unknown to the outside world. He later wrote an account of the expedition, called *Lost City of the Incas*. Published in 1948, the book was an instant best-seller. Shortly after the Machu Picchu expedition, Bingham discovered two more Incan cities. One of these cities, Vitcos, is where the last Incan emperor was assassinated. Supported by Yale University and the National Geographic Society, Bingham returned to Peru in 1912 and 1915.

His expeditions done, Bingham settled in Connecticut. He spent most of his time in New Haven, but he spent his summers in Salem. He joined the Connecticut National Guard in 1916, where he attained the rank of captain. The following year he became an aviator and achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Air Service. For a time he became an instructor in the Air Service. Between 1922 and 1924, Bingham served as the Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut. In November 1924, he was elected to the office of the Governor. In the next month, he was chosen to fill a vacancy in the U.S. Senate following the suicide of one of the senators. Choosing his Senate position over his Governor position, Bingham served as Governor of Connecticut for one day, the shortest term for a governor in Connecticut history. He won his re-election bid to the Senate in 1926. After this second term he again ran for reelection, but lost. Bingham died on June 6, 1956, in Washington, D.C. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

HIRAM BINGHAM IV

Salem was also a hometown to his son, Hiram Bingham IV, who would also make his mark on history. He was born on July 17, 1903. He attended Groton School and later Yale University, from which he graduated in 1925. He worked in the U.S. Embassy in Kobe, Japan, as a civilian secretary. He later returned to America to obtain a law degree from Harvard University. Some of

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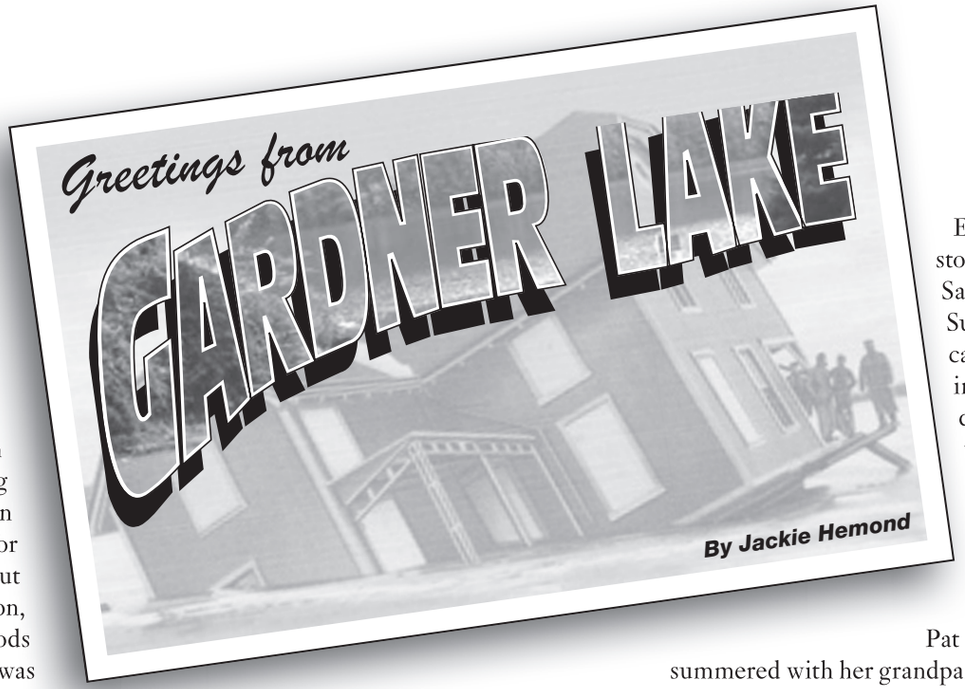

At the start of summer mornings on Gardner Lake, the sound of Reveille echoed from camps scattered along the shore. On stormy mornings, Camp Trupin also blasted the message, "Put on your rubbers, raincoats and rain hats." This was in the years following World War II to the early 1960s. On the Salem side, there were camps for kids from New York and Boy Scout camps where Harold Tantaquidgeon, a Mohegan Indian, served as the woods lore guide. On the Montville side was Milo Light's property that included camps for little girls and boys and a weekend camp for parents. Kate Johnson, a camper, who is now on the Gardner Lake Authority Board, remembers that Milo supplied horses for campers to ride but at summer's end, campers took the horses home to board until the following summer when the camps opened again. Close to 800 kids camped at Gardner Lake each summer during those years.

Bill Schultz worked at the Pequot Council Boy Scout Camp many summers and remembers the structure of his days. Just before the 4th of July, Boy Scouts canoed across the lake to get free fireworks from Milo Light. On Tuesdays, Bill did the milk run with Michael's Dairy to all the camps on the lake. Every Wednesday, Martin Branner, who wrote and illustrated Winnie Winkle, a nationally syndicated comic strip, drew cartoons for the kids and Don Frazier performed a circus flea act. At night, campers danced at Sammy Schechter's, with music from his one jukebox and light from the pinball machines.

Girl's Basketball at Camp Trupin on Gardner Lake

Gardner Lake

Sammy Schechter's was famous for curly fries, a large porch crowded with Adirondack chairs, boisterous company picnics at the pavilion, and heavy, square-fronted rowboats painted with layers of dark red lead paint. Often, small and frail Sammy Schechter, wearing his old grey cardigan, played a serious game of checkers with his perennial adversary, a nattily dressed man in white pants and shoes, blue blazer and captain's sailing hat. Sammy always won. His lucky checker piece was a blue cap from a root beer bottle.

Sue Coffee remembers paying a quarter to swim at Sammy's. Each swimmer received a bracelet with a key for a metal basket to guard clothes while swimming. Little swimmers shivered when they swam at Sammy's, not only because they were cold, but also because they were afraid of being hollered at by the lifeguard, Richard, who was Sammy Schechter's nephew. "Don't touch the ropes!" and other restrictions were bellowed by the lifeguard throughout the day. But then Sammy's also had night swimming. Where is that allowed now?

Everyone shopped at Congdon's store on Route 354. The store at Salem Four Corners was worlds away. Sue remembers buying tons of penny candy at Congdon's. Adults waited in line on Sunday mornings to buy donuts and newspapers. Outsiders, who tried to circumvent the line by throwing money on the counter as they scooped up a newspaper, were sternly ordered by Edith Congdon to pick up their money and go to the back of the line.

Pat Lynch, who lived in New York, but summered with her grandparents on Gardner Lake, remembers Congdon's too. To get there, her family had to be conscious of the time of day because cows from the two farms on Witter Road would meander across it twice a day, causing driver and passengers to twiddle their thumbs for many long minutes. In 1909, Lynch's grandfather bought a parcel of land on the lake through the Young Woodman of America Club. He sold lots from the parcel for $5 apiece, with buyers paying him 50 cents each month. Around 1947, Lynch's father brought electricity to the cottages by getting the neighbors to sign up for a party line telephone. Everyone had the same phone number. When telephone poles were set up, then the electrical wires were installed. Lynch also recalls the luscious blueberries that grew rampant along the shore. Children picked bucketfuls every summer. Lynch's grandmother baked six blueberry pies on Fridays when the rest of the family arrived for the weekend. Perhaps it was Gardner Lake blueberries which were cooked in Mary Kobyluck's blueberry pierogies in her restaurant located where the Salem Feed store is now. Bill Schultz ate scores of them.

Today there are no more kids' camps on Gardner Lake. Boy Scouts attend camp in Webster, Massachusetts. The Thomas More School acquired Milo Light's property. Adult campers reside in trailers in the four campgrounds that remain. Sammy Schechter's place burned to the ground. There are more all-year-round houses, and fewer summer cottages with outhouses. There are fewer blueberry bushes too. Weeds sprout in front of the remains of Congdon's store. In summertime, the sounds of motorboat engines, not taps or Reveille, are carried on the summer breeze.

Why has everything changed? In the 1960s, fewer parents sent their kids to camp or they vacationed at swankier destinations. As Little League became more popular in the 1950s and 1960s, more boys stayed home to play baseball. They did not want to camp. When the camps were no longer profitable, they folded and were sold to individuals who built new houses.

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his other assignments were in Beijing, Warsaw, and London, where he met Rose Lawton Morrison, whom he married. They had eleven children.

However, Bingham's largest claim to fame took place while he was posted in France in 1939. Working in the US Consulate in Marseille, he was in charge of issuing entry visas to the US. After Nazi Germany invaded France on June 10, 1940, most of the foreign refugees in France were forced to move to internment camps. Even though the US Government wanted nothing to do with these refugees, Bingham took an active role in helping them. He helped many of them avoid moving to the internment camps, where conditions were terrible. He also freely issued many Nansen passports, which are identity cards for stateless persons. Along with Varian Fry, a rescue worker who helped rescue Jews in Vichy France, Bingham is credited with helping over 2,500 Jews escape the Nazis in France. In 1941, he was suddenly deprived of his position in France by the government and transferred to Portugal, after which he was again transferred, this time to Argentina. Bingham resigned from the United States Foreign Service in 1945.

Bingham died on January 12, 1988. He had never talked about his service in France, even to his family. However, as time went by, the story of his help in saving Jews during the Second World War became widely known. It happened by accident, when documents describing his rescue efforts were found behind a fireplace in his home in Salem. He was posthumously awarded the "Medal of Valor", along with the "Constructive Dissent" and "Courage to Care" awards.

Sources: "Salem" by Cindy Lee Corriveau; Wikipedia.com

Martin Wolk is a sophomore at East Lyme High School. His interest includes history and culture.

GREETINGS FROM GARDNER LAKE *continued from page 8*

The stories of the kids' camps are a chapter in the history of the lake, similar to other chapters, such as the story of Thomas LeCount's house in the 1890s, which bobbed on the lake for years. In 1895 or 1899, Mr. LeCount, a grocer, decided to move his house from one side of the lake to the other. It was determined that the fully furnished house should be moved across the icy lake during the winter. Halfway across the lake, when night had fallen, the movers decided to finish the job the next day. Whether because the house was too heavy for the ice or the mill operators drained some of the lake water for power during the night, the house partially sank and by the following morning, Mr. LeCount deemed it was too costly to retrieve it. LeCount salvaged most of his valuables, but a piano, some furniture and a stove remained in the house. Eventually the structure sank to a resting place about 30 feet deep, near the very deepest part of the lake close by Minnie Island. Legend tells of mermaids who continue to play ghostly piano music from the sunken house.

Other chapters of the lake involve stories of colonial settlers and Indians who lived in the area, then called Paugwonk, and the Gardner family, for whom the lake is named. These stories are less detailed and will require more research at a later time.

For $310,000, Salem could have bought the area now comprising Forest Drive and the Indianfield campground, but declined the offer. Salem also had the chance to own the rights to the boat launch area, but again declined, because the deal required the maintenance of a public swimming area open to all, along with funds from the state. In 2001, the Department of Environmental Protection acquired the land for a boat launch and paved it in 2008. The state also owns Minnie Island State Park that is both the only island in the lake and Connecticut's smallest state park. The island's .88 acre is rocky and inhospitable, but during the Boy Scout era was used as a survival camp.

Bill Schultz at the Pequot Council Boy Scout Camp

The Gardner Lake Authority collects money from the towns that surround Gardner Lake: Bozrah, Salem and Montville. This money is used to pay for the Montville Police Department's Water Patrol, for the monitoring of the water quality and for the dam management. During the winter months, the water level is dropped three feet, but is raised again in March. Two years ago, The Friends of Gardner Lake, a non-governmental activist group comprised of property owners, was formed. Sue Coffee is the group's coordinator. At a recent meeting with government officials, the group expressed their concerns over safety measures, litter, disturbances and arrests. The group requested more of a presence from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. A new set of rules to address their concerns may include parking fees, lifeguards, an enlarged beach area, better management of the toilet facilities and increased patrol of the area.

FRIENDS of GARDNER LAKE

Gardner Lake is still beautiful. Residents and visitors enjoy the lake's 529 acres of water in all seasons. Fishing is great. Since 1993, the State has stocked the lake with walleye, but there are also plenty of bullheads and catfish. People still dive to see if there are any remains of the sunken house left. There aren't. And Sue Coffee waterskis every weekend morning during the summer.

If you have any corrections to this article or have other memories or comments about Gardner Lake or anything about Salem, I would love to hear from you. JH

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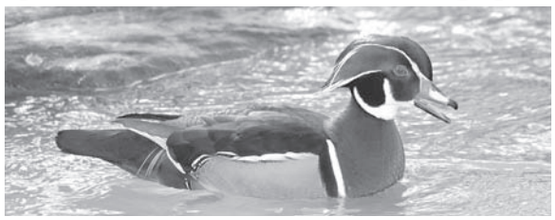

BIRDING AT GARDNER LAKE

By David Bingham

It is remarkable how many kinds of birds find Salem to be an oasis of food, rest and safety. Some nest here, others drop by on their migratory routes north or south in spring and fall. Some visit only in winter. In all seasons, the land and water of Gardner Lake is a great place to go for those who enjoy the beauty and pageantry of birds.

A list of birds found each month in Salem ranks our town among the most diverse in the nation. Geology uniquely shaped the local landscape when the African continent collided with North America within our town borders, sandwiching the island of Avalonia in between. Growing and then receding glaciers left a huge variety of soil types, vegetation and habitats available to support the great variety of plants and animals found here.

As Salem's largest body of water, Gardner Lake attracts some species much less likely to be found elsewhere in Salem. Last week I stopped by the Gardner Lake Park landing. Scanning the lake with binoculars from my car in the parking lot, I watched a Common Loon and small flocks of Ruddy Ducks and Buffleheads, two of my favorite duck species, diving for their lunch. Several other varieties of ducks are often there as well as geese and swans.

Three kinds of gulls are likely to be seen on or over the lake, or picking up snacks on the beach and rocks along the shore. Cormorants, Grebes and Mergansers are often visible as long as the lake is not iced over completely.

The boat launch area and the beach are good places to sit with a guidebook and learn the birds of our freshwater lakes, especially if you have a telescope to zoom in for a close look. Some of our ducks, especially the Wood Duck and the Hooded and Common Mergansers, have exquisite feathering that is dazzling.

Bald Eagles and Osprey can be seen best from a kayak or canoe. You might even see them swooping down to snatch a fish at the surface. The eagles have nested in recent years on Minnie Island, a tiny state park available only to boaters. The island is a good place to find a variety of forest and brushland songbirds in May and June, or a Spotted Sandpiper picking at insects along the shore.

On the north end of the lake, one can stop at the outflow dam in Bozrah on Lake Road. There is a small parking area there, with views from the dam across to a marshy area where herons and other wading birds might be seen, as well as water birds too far away to be seen from the south end.

On Cottage Road in Bozrah there is public parking at Hopemead State Park. The wooded park provides conifer and deciduous forest habitat for birds. The trail leads down to the water's edge and a different view of the lake looking southwest.

Those who like to keep track and enjoy watching the comings and goings of the birds of Salem will be rewarded by the "big sky" feel of Gardner Lake. Its special community of avian residents and visitors is unlike any other place in town.

David Bingham is the Vice President of The Salem Land Trust.

Photo: Wood Duck, Richard Bartz, Wikimedia Commons

AN ESSAY

By Joe Newman

The old Lecce's Pizza, in front of Treasure Hill Farm

There hangs in my closet a pair of blue pin-striped seersucker pants with pink whales embroidered on them. Once upon a time, these pants were the crown jewel in a year-long, pant-buying spree that included not just whales, but marlins, ring-necked pheasants, twelve-point bucks, and shades of lime green and bright yellow. I called it Pantsapalooza and I would walk pants-first into parties exclaiming, "Hey, check out these pants!"

That is what happens when you leave Salem for too long. You become a crazy person.

Readers of the Paugwonk Courant — the official newsletter of Treasure Hill Farm — know that I've spent much of the past year not just horse farming, but identity farming as well — searching for those bits of myself, my childhood here in Salem, that I've lost along the way. You know how many times I've told people, "I used to eat pizza and play Mrs. Pac-Man right there in that building (*Lecce Pizza*)! It's amazing, isn't it! Right there! Thirty years ago! We can't take those buildings down, the Nostalgia Department prohibits it, ahahahahahaha."

It's a wonder I haven't been punched in the mouth.

But it happens to all of us. You are born in a place, you grow up in a place, then you leave. If you're lucky, maybe some day you'll have a chance to return.

The much-used phrase, "you can't go home again," comes from the title of Thomas Wolfe's posthumous novel of the same name. Wolfe's character, George Webber, laments:

> You can't go back home to your family, back home to your childhood, back home to romantic love, back home to a young man's dreams of glory and of fame, back home to exile…back home to lyricism, to singing just for singing's sake, back home to aestheticism, to one's youthful idea of 'the artist' and the all- sufficiency of 'art' and 'beauty' and 'love,' back home to the ivory tower, back home to places in the country… away from all the strife and conflict of the world, back home to the father you have lost and have been looking for, back home to someone who can help you, save you, ease the burden for you, back home to the old forms and systems of things which once seemed everlasting but which are changing all the time — back home to the escapes of Time and Memory."

Geez, Wolfe, lighten up. The traffic on I-95 isn't that bad.

It's unfortunate the author wasn't from Salem. If he was, I like to think here's what he might have written instead:

> "You can go back home, now quit your navel-gazing, put on some real pants, and pick up the damn shovel. This field is lousy with rocks."

I wonder if anyone has yet to write the Great Metaphor Essay about the new rotary, about how time does goes on, things do change, but all we do is go around and around and around.

Not that I really believe that. We all go forward, whether we want to or not. But we do get to choose the scenery. It's funny, I refer to the old pizza restaurant as the building out front, rather than Treasure Hill Farm as the new building in back. We get older. Our points of view change. But to me, that building is beautiful. I'm going to miss it, miss a bit more of myself, when it's gone.

Joe Newman is the Managing Director of ***Treasure Hill Farm*** *(www.treasurehillfarm.com). He never made it past the first board of Mrs. Pac-Man.*

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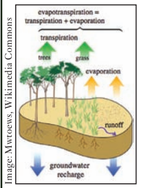
CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER

By Diba Khan-Bureau

Many of us have heard that climate change is not real. But scientists have plenty of evidence that it is real. Yes, climate change is a natural process and is cyclical; however because of anthropogenic (human) causes we have accelerated the cycle. We all have made an imprint and impact on our environment that is more often than not unintentional but real.



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With climate change, impacts to our water quality and quantity will occur. Surface waters as well as ground water will be impacted and water quality will also be affected by climate change. Increased water temperature, increased or decreased precipitation (depending on where in the country you live) will create high water flows or decrease water flow. These will affect the river morphology, stream flow velocities, and hydrology. Increased rainfall will influence erosion, sedimentation, and flooding while low precipitation will cause lower water tables and a fall in biodiversity in our rivers and other surface waters – these issues will impact quality and the quantity of water available to humans and to other organisms. What can we do to protect our groundwater (our drinking water supply) and surface waters? Conservation is a huge contributor to ensuring future supplies but we can also find ways in our daily lives to protect our most precious natural resource. Find ways to limit your global footprint.

For more information regarding water quality and quantity and to find out how you can reduce your ecological footprint see the links below or just google USGS climate change and ecological footprint.

http://www.usgs.gov/science/science.php?term=168

http://www.myfootprint.org/ and http://www.easternct.edu/sustainenergy/education/documents/EcologicalFootprintLessonPlan.pdf

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SALEM'S TOP TEN TREASURES

By Megan Aldrich

Top Ten Treasures **is a regular feature of** ***Our Town – Salem*** **designed to elicit the unique perspectives of various residents.**
Please consider submitting your own Top Ten list to ourtownsalemct@gmail.com.

10 OPEN SPACE

Salem provides something rare, which is hard to find consistently throughout Connecticut: large amounts of open space. Salem people often have a backyard full of woods. There are also many fields and agricultural opportunities.

9 PAVILION (FARMERS MARKET)

As a kid living in our town, having a farmers market in Salem provides a great opportunity to see people we know, sample some great local food, and encourage others to eat healthy. I believe that this is a great asset to our town and can't wait for next year!

8 SALEM VALLEY FARMS MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP ICE CREAM

My personal favorite type of ice cream would be hands-down, mint chocolate chip, and what better place to get it than the ice cream barn right down the street? Although my all time favorite is mint, I have been slowly making my way down the long list of flavors and would recommend any kind. Aside from ice cream, Salem Valley Farms provides a delicious assortment of non-dairy ice cream as well as sorbet.

7 PLUM TOMATO

It has become a tradition in our household to get Plum Tomato pizza. For a while, it was almost every Friday that we had it. (Our favorites being the "Mama Rosa", the "Sinatra", the "Vinny" and my brother's favorite, "no cheese, just sauce.") The staff is always friendly, and the food is always great, no matter what you order.

6 COMMUNITY GARDEN

For the past couple of years my family has owned a plot at the community garden behind the old library. Being part of the garden provides a great opportunity to try new foods, as well as experience growing herbs, vegetables and flowers. And, at the end of the season, there is a party where everyone from the garden brings a dish made from vegetables that they grew in their garden. To me, this is a wonderful excuse to eat a fresh and healthy variety of foods that I can be proud of growing.

5 RECREATIONAL FIELDS

I love the sport softball, and have been playing for almost seven years. Having a place in town to play this sport is why the Salem Recreational Fields are on my list. Aside from softball, soccer, baseball, as well as basketball and tennis courts are included at the Round Hill Road Complex.

4 SALEM SCHOOL

Since kindergarten, I have been going to Salem School. I have been in the same building, with the same supportive friends and teachers, eating in the same lunch room, but am not the same person who entered the school nearly nine years ago. Being at Salem School has helped shape me into the person that I want to be, and will be, years from now. I have made friends along the way, and learned many things about life, as well as the basic subjects. I am extremely grateful to have had such a great place in the community to grow, and will miss the school very much when I go off to high school next year.

3 TEEN SECTION AT THE SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

For as long as I can remember I've been at the library at least three times a week. Since my mom works there it's not for the occasional 10 min. to a half an hour visit, but for close to three or more hours those days that I go. This means exciting new books every week! Along with a great variety of books, the library offers programs for all age groups and likings.

2 MUSIC DEPARTMENT AT SALEM SCHOOL

Ever since I was little, music has been a big part of my life, and I have my music teachers to thank for that. Thanks to Mr. Hebert, the band and choral director and general music teacher, who guided me in music from kindergarten to seventh grade. Now, I have Ms. Hyman to thank for taking my flute playing to the next level. This year, she also directs the chorus. Because of these programs and knowledgeable instructors, I have been able to participate and succeed in drama, chorus, and band.

1 SALEM PEOPLE

I believe that I am lucky to live in a town like Salem because of all the kind and friendly people who live here. To be part of such an active community makes me proud to live in such a town. Rarely have I come across an unkind person in Salem, making the Salem people the number one on my list.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE: PUBLIC HEARINGS

Submitted by Ed Jutila, State Representative, 37th District

It has been a few years since I first wrote in this space about getting actively involved in the legislative process. With the start of the 2013 session of the General Assembly just a short time away, I thought this would be a good time, once again, to offer some tips on testifying at public hearings in Hartford.

I'm sure that during the recent election season, many of you have thought about issues you would like to see the legislature tackle. Maybe you even have an idea for a bill.

Of course, I hope you will always contact me, as your representative, with your ideas. But you can also get directly involved by coming up to the Capitol to address legislative committees directly at public hearings. This is where citizens can have the greatest impact.

There are twenty-eight permanent committees of the General Assembly. The information gathering, fact-finding and initial policy discussions take place here. Public hearings conducted by the committees present citizens with the opportunity to weigh in with their views on bills before the committee votes on whether or not to send the bill on to the full House or Senate.

These hearings are open to anyone — legislators, constitutional officers, commissioners and the general public — and are usually held on weekdays in the morning or afternoon. Committee members draw on information raised at hearings to gauge public opinion, determine the potential impact of a bill and make informed decisions.

You can find out about upcoming public hearings in the daily bulletins, which are available at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. The bulletins announce meeting times and locations at least five days prior to a public hearing. The bulletins are also available on the General Assembly's website, www.cga.ct.gov.

It is recommended that you arrive early to sign-up to testify. Sign-up sheets are usually posted an hour before the designated start of the hearing, and slots are filled on a first-come first-serve basis. You will need to be concise, as most committees have a three minute limit. It is also important to have written copies of your testimony on-hand to distribute to committee members and for the official record. Procedures sometimes vary by committee, so it is helpful to consult the bulletin for specific information.

It is normal to be a little nervous when testifying for the first time. You should not feel intimidated, however, as the committee chairs and members tend to be very gracious in welcoming citizens who care enough about issues to take the time to drive to Hartford to be heard.

Most hearings last for several hours and legislators may come and go. This is not because they are uninterested or bored, but rather there are often multiple hearings taking place at the same time. This is one of the reasons it is so important to submit written testimony as well. Please rest assured that legislators do value your input, and sometimes one person's remarks can change the course of a bill.

The Connecticut Network (CT-N) televises many public hearings and often re-broadcasts them in the evening. It is possible that you could testify during the day and watch yourself on TV at night. You can visit the CT-N website at www.ctn.state.ct.us to find out what hearings will be televised each day.

For more information on testifying at public hearings, please feel free to use my office as a resource. You can call me or my legislative aide, Jason Knight, at the numbers listed in this newsletter. We can help you look up bills and find other information such as reports by the Office of Legislative Research. I will also make every effort to meet with you personally when you come up to testify.

I encourage everyone to take an active role in state government. I am confident you will find the process interesting and stimulating. Your unique input can truly make a difference in your local community and our state.

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

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HEALTH MATTERS
FIVE WINTER HEALTH RISKS

By Diane Gilbert

Along with the pretty snowflakes and holiday excitement, winter also brings some unique seasonal hazards. Here are some common winter health risks and tips on how to be proactive in evading them.

COLDS

More common in the winter months, there are many viruses that cause colds. The average person gets about three colds a year and usually it lasts a week or two. I think everyone knows the symptoms: sore throat, coughing, sneezing, nasal congestion.

There are ways to lessen your chances of coming down with this ailment. Keep up your natural resistance through good nutrition and getting enough sleep, hydration and exercise. Good stress management helps keep your immune system intact. Turn your thermostat down and keep the humidity up in your home especially if you are burning wood. When mucous membranes in your nose and throat dry out from dry heat they can then crack, creating a place where cold viruses can enter your body. Obviously you want to avoid people who have colds and places where the viruses may linger: shopping carts, touch screens at the library, grocery store, Red box machines, etc.

FLU

Symptoms of the flu usually develop suddenly, about three days after being exposed to the virus. They include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, and soreness and aching in the back, arms and legs. Although these are similar to those caused by cold viruses, flu symptoms tend to be more severe and they last longer. People aged 65 and over and those with long-term health conditions are particularly at risk for the flu. The best way to prevent getting the flu is to have the flu vaccine.

FROSTBITE

One of the more serious winter hazards, frostbite is caused by the freezing of the skin. There is a loss of sensation and color in the affected body area. Commonly affected parts are the nose, ears, cheeks, fingers, or toes. The damage can be permanent and the risk of frostbite increases in people with poor blood circulation or anyone not dressed properly for extremely cold temperatures. The first signs are usually numbness, a white or grayish skin tone to the area and/or skin that may feel harder or firm. If you detect symptoms of frostbite you need to seek medical care. If that is not immediately possible then in the interim get out of the cold and into a warm place. Warm the affected area either with warm, not hot, water or use body heat. Massaging the area can often cause more damage. High heat sources are not recommended because the area is numb and may burn easily. If you suspect frostbite is in the lower extremity you should not try to walk on the affected limb. Remember that many times a person with frostbite may not even be aware that is happening.

DRY FLAKY SKIN

Dry skin is a common condition and is often worse during the winter when environmental humidity is low. Moisturizing is essential during winter. Creams and moisturizers act as a sealant to stop the skin's natural moisture from evaporating away. The best time to apply moisturizer is after a bath or shower while your skin is still moist, and again at bedtime. Use warm, not hot water, when showering or taking a bath.

WINTER BLUES

Is the holiday season the most wonderful time of the year? For many people it is not. Real life rarely lives up to the holiday illusions portrayed in the media. Also, since Christmas falls at the end of the year we often are assessing the year's highs and lows, and maybe dwelling on the lows or feeling stressed about changes that may be coming along with the new year. Perceptions are frequently shaped by making comparisons. So instead of comparing your life to that of some idyllic holiday scene try focusing on the positive things in your life and being thankful for what you do have. Finding ways to help someone less fortunate than yourself will almost always improve your own outlook on life.

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AROUND TOWN

Find out what's happening in Salem this winter

MITCHELL FARM

Submitted by Dee Doolittle, Founder & Executive Director

Mitchell Farm, a non-profit horse sanctuary, founded in Salem nine years ago, is functioning at full capacity with 28 horses and another 50 on our waiting list. Either advanced age or infirmity has caused an end to the useful, athletic lives of these animals. However they are healthy enough to live for many years to come. Ownership of the horses is turned over to Mitchell Farm which takes on the responsibility of full care for the balance of a horse's comfortable life. Our goal is not only to protect them from the horrors which can befall unwanted animals but also help them to remember or learn the instinctual behavior of the horse.

In future articles I will describe fascinating observations of completely domesticated horses making the transition to relaxed members of small herds having learned or remembered the social equine etiquette and behavior necessary for success. Our oldest horses today are Chill Factor and Walter at 32. Both are handsome Thoroughbred geldings fully enjoying life as "horses".

We are pleased and proud to announce that Mitchell Farm has achieved full accreditation with the *Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries*, putting our farm in the forefront of equine welfare organizations. GFAS is the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate sanctuaries. Accreditation signifies that Mitchell Farm meets rigorous and peer-reviewed equine care standards and has also demonstrated adherence to standards addressing the sustainability of the organization, ethical principles, finances, staffing, educational outreach, security and safety aspects.

"Mitchell Farm is an incredible role model in combining the compassion of equine welfare with "no nonsense" nonprofit management best practices," said Jeannine Alexander, GFAS Deputy Director-Equine. "They have built a structure that protects the long term welfare of the horses in their care. We believe that any equine organization that ultimately wants to function in the best interest of their horses will follow their example."

Unwanted horses are stressing overburdened rescue organizations who are desperately attempting to address the problem. With more retirement sanctuaries such as ours, the older or unusable horses can be taken out of the mix – a benefit to the horse as well as the horse world. Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement serves not only as a permanent home for a number of these animals; it also serves as a model for retirement sanctuaries.

With the exception of one paid staff person, Mitchell Farm operates on the generosity of volunteers. With winter upon us we are looking for volunteers weekday mornings. Our volunteers fulfill every aspect of care and cleaning. It is hard work but very rewarding. There's nothing better than a grateful nicker or warm nuzzle from a giant furry beast on a brisk winter day. Check our Web site or give us a call for information on becoming a volunteer.

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LIONS TALES

Submitted by Lion George Ziegra

Happy Holiday Season to all! Another year is quickly coming to a close.

Since our last issue, Salem Lions have been busy as usual — working with Hebron Lions at the Hebron Fair, and holding a number of wood cutting, splitting, and stacking parties to replenish our wood sales/donations requirements. We have seasoned firewood (mixed species of hardwoods) available at $180 per cord delivered in Salem, and free to Salem Seniors and other families in need. Contact Lions Jim Fogarty at 860-859-0108 or Bill Martin 860-859-1881.

Along with other Salem organizations, we are again participating in the annual Secret Santa program to help provide some holiday happiness to some of our less fortunate young folks. We are coordinating our efforts through town officials.

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Governor District 23C Lion Jan Miller presenting Jim Fogarty with Ambassador of Sight Award, the highest award for humanitarianism

LIONS CLUB *continued from page 9*

Our October 25th meeting was a special night with our guests, District 23C Governor, Lion Jan Miller, Region 3 Chairman, Lion Larry Updyke, and District Chairman, Lion Ulric Tetrault.

After a great Chinese food dinner, and dessert of homemade pineapple upside down cakes by Lion Bill Martin, Governor Jan gave us a very interesting summary of his experiences as governor from the past Lions International Convention to his current visits to District 23C clubs.

Governor District 23C Lion Jan Miller presenting Bill Martin with the Melvin Jones Award, given for humanitarianism

Governor Jan made a number of presentations during the evening. He presented a **Melvin Jones Award**, given for humanitarianism by Lions Clubs International, to Lion **Bill Martin**. Congratulations, Bill!!

Lion **Jim Fogarty** received the **Ambassador of Sight Award**, the highest award for humanitarianism given by District 23C. Congratulations, Jim.

Governor Jan recognized Lion Jim Fogarty as the most senior member of Salem Lions; he presented District pins to our two newest Lions, Dan Holle and George Householder, and a number of longevity pins to the following Lions:

30 years: Jim Fogarty, George Ziegra

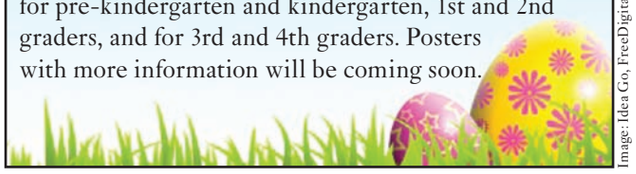
15 years: Jim Krodel, Norm Rabe, Skip Stangeland

Congratulations to all the recipients.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Super Bowl Roses Fundraiser — Treat your spouses to a dozen cut roses which will be available on **Thursday evening or Friday prior to Super Bowl weekend**. Watch for coming notices. Roses will be sold at $15 per dozen by all Salem Lions. Contact any one of them to place an order.

Lions Easter Egg Hunt — Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-sponsored with Salem Recreation, is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23rd.** In addition to the Easter egg/candy hunt, we will have an Easter Bunny, face painting and jelly bean races. Prizes will be awarded for best picture coloring, best decorated eggs, and jelly bean race winners. Competitions are for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders, and for 3rd and 4th graders. Posters with more information will be coming soon.



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20th Annual Salem Road Race — **Saturday, April 13th** is our 20th Salem Road Race. Warm up your running shoes and join in for a morning of fun. Two races are planned – a **1 Mile Kids Fun Run** for the young folks, and the **5K Race** open to all runners. For more information and registration forms, visit our website, **www.salemctroadrace.org**

Thank you all for supporting our projects and fundraisers. 100% of all donations and all the profits from our fundraisers are returned to our community charitable projects. Salem Lions are proud to be of service to Salem.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

The Salem Community Garden is moving to a new location at the Salem Community Park, beside the pavilion where the Farmers Market is held during summer months. At this new location we will have the huge benefit of plenty of water. Over the winter and early spring we will be digging plots and preparing the ground. Plot fees remain at $20 for the season. Several plots are available.

If you would like one, please contact:

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FRIENDS OF SALEM LIBRARY

by George Ziegra, President

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS = $$$ TO LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Big doings in Salem School Gym on October 26th and 27th. After a year of collecting used books, sorting, storing, and categorizing, the Friends Annual Used Book Sale opened on Friday at 6:00pm after the arrival of about 110 tables, 15 trucks loaded with of boxes of books, and many volunteers, composed of Friends, Lions, Girl Scouts, neighbors, and students set up the tables and arranged the boxes by category on the tables. Business began briskly as book dealers, members of The Friends, and public vied for position to get first pick of the boxes. Business continued at a brisk pace throughout Friday evening and again Saturday, culminating with our famous $5 a bag sale from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Within an hour of closing, the gym was empty. All unsold books were gone, all tables removed, all empty boxes trucked back to the old library for next year. By 4:00pm, the gym was again ready for students on Monday morning.

The result of this event infused the Friends' bank account with about $8500.00. All proceeds will be used to enhance the Library's collection and programs, i.e. more books, videos, kids programs, evening and Saturday programs, discounted and free passes to parks and attractions.

The book sale happens only with the dedicated work of many individuals who deserve a hearty thanks for their services: especially to Judy and Norm Rabe who co-chair the sale; to Norm and his crews who gather the donations, truck the cases of books and gather the tables; to Judy and her ladies who sort and categorize all the books by types and subjects, assemble the volunteers and provide the complimentary refreshments for the waiting customers; and to Salem School for allowing us the use of the gym and table. Many thanks to all the individuals and organizations who loan us tables and equipment; and most importantly, all the volunteers who so generously give their time to make this such a great event.

Are we resting on this year's success? No way! We have already collected and screened approximately 50 cartons of books for next year's book sale on October 25 and 26, 2013. Keep watching for future programs in the monthly library newsletters that are available at the circulation desk.

SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Jackie Hemond, Director

ORAL HISTORY

Too often people think of history as important dates and famous people. But memories of home, the family and events can serve as important historical information about a culture or a town.

Two summers ago, Victoria Nortz worked on an oral history project to receive her Gold Award, the highest Girl Scout award. She interviewed Salem people and then compiled two booklets from her interviews. The booklets, titled *Voices of Salem*, are available to check out from the library. I would like to continue her work, compiling the histories of Salem people, especially older Salem residents who were alive during World War II through the 1960s or earlier.

Members of *The Friends of Salem Library* at Treasure Hill Farm's Paugwonk Days

In October, members of The Friends of Salem Library helped me interview a few people at Treasure Hill Farm's Paugwonk Days. We only talked to a few people that day, but I know there are more stories out there. If you have a story to tell, come to the library and let's sit for a spell. I will listen and record while you reminisce.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

8th Anniversary Party at the Library
Saturday, December 1
There will be raffles and cakes and three special programs:

11 a.m.
Sean Donatello – Sean is a local kid with a baseball dream that came true. In 2011 during his second year of college at UCONN Avery Point, Sean was drafted by the Miami Marlins. He is currently with the Jamestown Jammers, one of the Marlin's farm teams. In February or March, he will start a second year of spring training. Sean will talk about his experiences in professional baseball.

1 p.m.
Flock Theater presents The Sunken House of Gardner Lake: A Shadow Puppet Theater presentation. Have you heard about that famous Gardner Lake house? It is a fact, now turned to legend.

3 p.m.
Toe Tapping Music with the Eight Mile River Band Come on down!

Cans for Fines will begin on **Saturday, December 1st through December 8th**. Pay off your fines by bringing in canned goods to help needy families and individuals in our neighborhood. One canned good = $1 in fines. All goods will be sent to Care and Share in East Lyme.

Teen Advisory Group will meet on **Friday, December 7** at **4:30 p.m.,** managed by Pat Aldrich.

Otaku Club for teens begins monthly meetings on **second Fridays** from **4:15 to 5:45 p.m.** Friday, December 14 is the first meeting. Otaku is a Japanese word for over-the-top American fan and encompasses all things geeky, such as zombies, gaming of all flavors, bacon, comics, Marvel movies, anime, Doctor Who, cosplay, etc. Managed by Anne MacFadyen. *Please register.*

Go for the George: Winter Reading Program for all ages **begins Monday, January 17.** Win prizes while reading!

Scrapbooking for Teens and Adults with Jean Wolfgang
Saturday, January 26 at **11 a.m.**
Free. *Please Register.*

Paranormal Activity with Cindy Sherman
Saturday, January 26 at **1 p.m.**
Free. *Please Register.*

Momma and Me Valentine Cards with Jean Wolfgang
Saturday, February 9 at 11 a.m.
Free. *Please Register.*

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party on **Saturday, March 2** at **1 p.m.**

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Please **mail form and check** to:
Our Town–Salem
270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06420

Questions? Please contact Jackie Hemond at ourtownsalem@gmail.com

SALEM TOWN INFORMATION
www.salemct.gov

Salem Town Offices
270 Hartford Road
Phone: (860) 859-3873

Office Hours: First Selectman, Town Clerk, Assessor & Tax Collector
Mon. – Wed.: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri.: Closed for routine business
(elected officials available for urgent matters)

Salem Free Public Library
264 Hartford Road
Phone/Fax: (860) 859-1130

Hours: Mon. – Wed.: Noon to 7:30 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Fri.: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat. : 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(June & July: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Salem School District
200 Hartford Road
Phone: (860) 892-1223 | Fax: (860) 859-2130
www.salemschools.org
Salem School: (860) 859-0267
Special Education Office: (860) 859-3988

Salem Police
(860) 859-3873, ext. 200 or 210

EMERGENCY 911

Salem Transfer Station
189 Rattlesnake Ledge Rd.
(860) 859-2964

Wed., Sat., Sun.: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Permits required – can be obtained by Salem residents at transfer station only

Animal Control Officer
Van Miller (860) 319-1306

State Senator 20th District
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http://blumenthal.senate.gov/contact

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http://courtney.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=148

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At its best, OTS features the people of Salem. We need your participation to be successful. We need YOU to:

- Send us a photo and caption, write a story, or give us leads on stories one of our volunteers could write!
- Take out a personal ad to recognize birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other achievements!
- Give us leads for businesses that would like to be featured in and/or advertise in OTS.

Contact **Jackie Hemond** at **ourtownsalemct@gmail.**com or **860-859-2621**.

The next deadline is February 1 for the March issue.

Find us on Facebook

Volunteers Needed!
Our Town – Salem is looking for a few good volunteers to carry out the following functions:

Event Listings Coordinator
compile a comprehensive events calendar in a reader-friendly format for easy reference

Advertising Volunteer
Responsible for securing the advertising that supports the publication of ***Our Town – Salem*** and for carrying out related book-keeping functions.

Main responsibilities include:

- Building relationships with advertisers by mail, telephone and/or personal visits.
- Maintaining a detailed spreadsheet of all advertisers and revenue.

Please contact **Jackie Hemond**, **ourtownsalemct@gmail.com**, if you would like to find out more about these positions.

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