

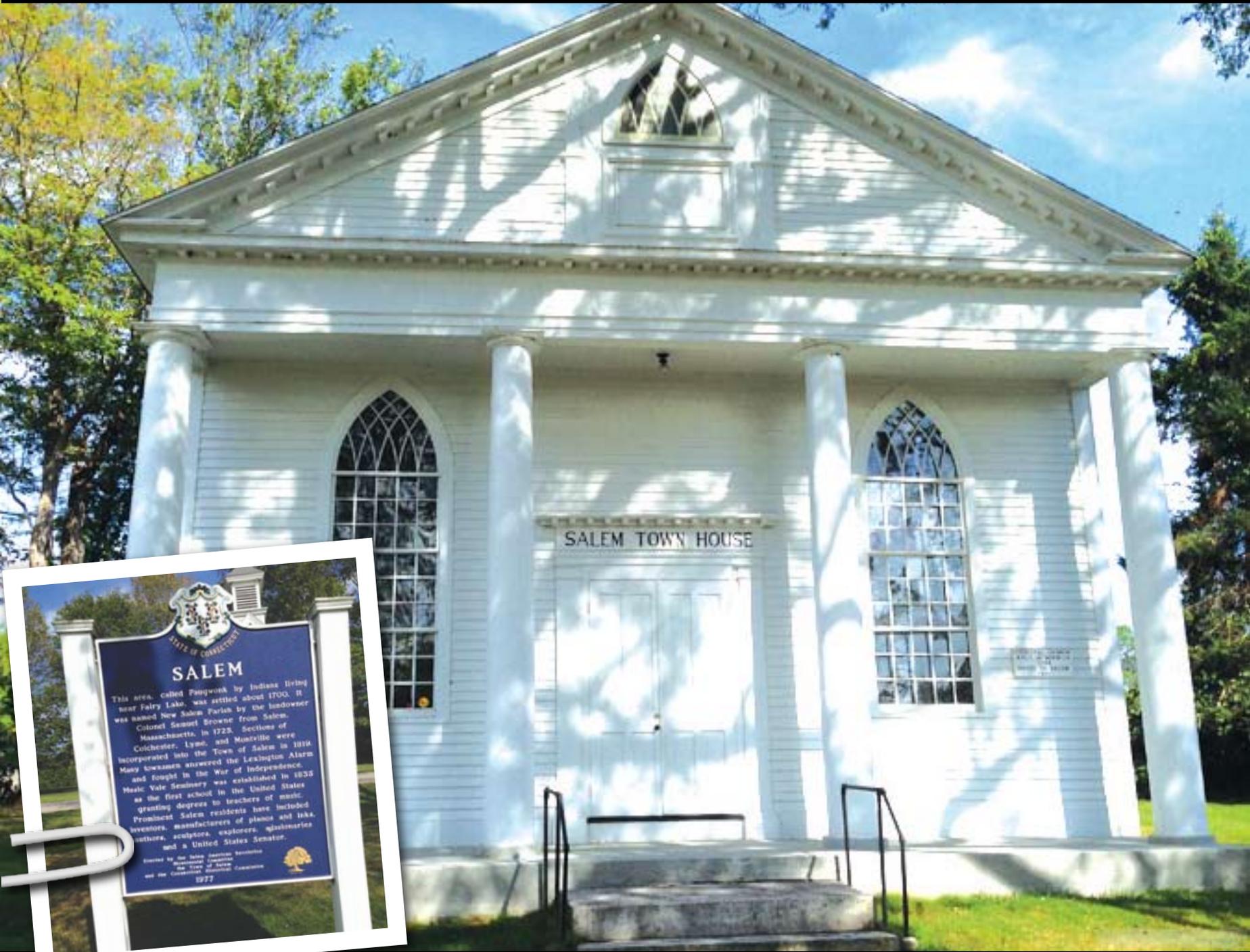
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Dear Fellow Townspeople

I hope you all enjoyed your summer with a host of activities.

The peaceful days of autumn are now 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.

United Way Mobile Food Pantry

The United Way Mobile Food Pantry comes to Town the first Wednesday of each month. The meeting place is at the rear of Salem School. The Food Pantry primarily serves residents of Salem, Colchester and Montville. Last month our volunteers served 84 families. Please feel free to come at 5:00 pm the first Wednesday of the month. If you know of anyone in need of food assistance, please contact our Town Clerk at (860)-859-3873 ext. 170. Our Salem Lions Club members will pick up food for families that find it difficult to attend.

Salem Seniors

The Salem Seniors had a wonderful luncheon at Witch Meadow Campground. The barbeque was sponsored by the Salem Volunteer Fire Company and was enjoyed by all. If you are 60-years-of age or older and would like more information on Salem Seniors and their activities, please contact Senior Liaison, Pam Henry, at (860) 859-3873 ext.125 for more information.

Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium - ECTC

The Town of Salem through our Senior Liaison, Pam Henry has solidified an agreement with ECTC for transportation to medical appointments. For a fee of \$24.00 a Salem resident over the age of 60 can purchase 36 one-way transportation vouchers to medical appointments. Better yet, join the Salem Seniors and they will

pay half the fee, thus the 36 one-way transportation vouchers cost \$12.00 or .33 cents a piece. Imagine you or your loved one getting door-to-door service to their medical appointments in New London County area safely for .33 cents!

Preliminary Adult Figures

As we close the books on Fiscal Year 2015/2016 the General Government is again projected to be underspent by \$221,000. This was no small feat in such a tight budget year. I want to thank every department for looking for ways to increase efficiencies, and enhance services while still being very good stewards of our Townspeople's money.

Get Involved

If you have thought about helping your town, please come forward. We need good people to serve in many capacities including Emergency Responders, Historical Society, Friends of the Library, PTO, Lions and many more organizations that serve our Town. 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. 100. I will be glad to discuss the many opportunities available for you to serve our town.

I want to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who give so much 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 Annual Book Sale.

I am honored to be your First Selectman.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lyden, First Selectman



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SALEM RESIDENT STATE TROOPER

Greetings from the Salem Resident Troopers Office,

The Salem Resident Trooper office has commenced the first Salem Citizen's Police Academy. A total of nine Salem residents are participating. At our first meeting, participants went to the Connecticut State Police museum located in Meriden. During the tour, participants learned about the history of the Connecticut State Police from its inception to present day. Numerous memorabilia and historical items were available for us to see. On our second meeting, Trooper LaRue and Trooper Pariseau conducted presentations on Motor Vehicle Law and Criminal Law. Topics such as the phonetic alphabet, State Police uniforms and rank structure were also explained. On our third meeting, a member of the State Police CARS (Collision Analysis Reconstruction Squad) gave a presentation to the participants about motor vehicle accident reconstruction. We anticipate having a Citizen's Police Academy for Salem residents on an annual basis. We hope that the positive experiences of those who are currently participating will be shared with members of our Salem community in order for us to have more participants in the future! For those who may be interested in next year's Salem Citizen Police Academy you can stop by the Resident Trooper Office within the Town Hall and speak with either Trooper LaRue or Trooper Pariseau. As we leave the summer months behind and enter into the fall/winter months, please prepare for inclement weather and travel. As always, be safe and have a great day!

Submitted by: Tpr. Chris Pariseau and Tpr. Luke Larue

UNCAS HEALTH DISTRICT

Zika and Mosquitoes

The Zika Virus has been receiving a great deal of media attention. The Rio Olympics were a concern for athletes and visitors alike. Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have said it's unlikely Zika will become an epidemic in the United States, as it has in the territory of Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, Central and South America. Yet, the virus is cause for concern, especially for pregnant women or those trying to get pregnant. The National Institutes of Health has said the virus is likely to persist in the mainland for a couple of years.

It has been known for over a century that certain mosquitoes can harbor and transmit the microorganisms that cause diseases. These disease pathogens are often viruses which are contracted or "picked up" by the mosquito when it bites (feeds on) an infected host including domestic or wild animals or people. The virus develops and multiplies inside the mosquito. The infected mosquito then transmits the virus through its saliva when it bites another, uninfected host. By passing on the virus, the mosquito acts as a "vector" of the disease.

Yellow fever, WNV and EEE are some examples of mosquito-borne diseases or "arboviruses" (arthropod-borne viruses). Although these viruses have probably been around for centuries, only within the past 100 years has it been determined that they were spread by mosquitoes. Mainly because of organized mosquito control efforts, better sanitation and vaccines, many of these diseases are kept in check and not usually thought of in today's modern society.

There are 9 arboviruses that have been isolated from mosquitoes collected in Connecticut among which 6 are known to cause human disease.

So, what can we do to be proactive when it comes to illnesses caused by mosquitoes? The best way to protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease is to take precautions against mosquito bites.

- Use insect repellent when outdoors. Make sure the repellent contains the chemical DEET. Before you start applying, read the product instructions carefully. Put repellent on exposed skin and clothing, but not on skin underneath your clothing. To protect your face from bites, put some repellent on your hands and then apply to your face. Wash your hands afterward. Keep mosquito repellent away from the eyes and mouth.

- When possible, wear clothing that fully covers your arms, legs and feet. Wearing light-colored clothing is even better, as mosquitoes are attracted to dark and bright color.

- Avoid using scented fragrances or scented lotions that may attract mosquitoes.

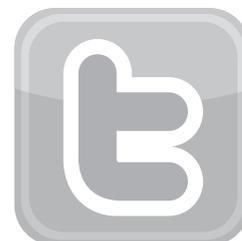
- Avoid outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours from dusk until dawn.
- Install screens on the windows in your home and repair screens with rips or tears.

- Mosquitoes lay their eggs in water, so regularly get rid of any standing water around your home, such as water that has collected in flower pots, trash cans, rain gutters or swimming pool covers.

You are your own best advocate when it comes to the health of you and your family. Having knowledge and some simple steps to protect yourself can lower your anxiety and improve your health.

To learn more about the work of the Uncas Health District, please contact us at (860) 823-1189 or www.uncashd.org. The links to access us on Twitter and Facebook can be found on our website.

Submitted by: Patrick McCormack, Director of Health



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SALEM FREE LIBRARY

2016 FALL/WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

2016 Fall Story Time - Held the first Friday of the month. September 2, October 7, November 3 & December 2. 11:00 A.M. Ages 2-5, limit 10. *Call 860-859-1130 to register.*

Salem Art Group - Fridays: September 9, October 14, November 18 & December 16. The group meets monthly at the library from 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. This is not a class, but a supportive art group. Please bring your own supplies. *Just drop in, no registration required.*

3D Printing Basics - Saturday, September 17, & Saturday, October 22. 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Ages 9 to adult; maximum 8 participants. Introduction & demonstration of our new Makerbot 3D Printer by staff member, Kathy Sasso. Participants will learn to use Tinkercad to create a 3D file. Please reserve a computer in advance or bring your own laptop. (5 computers will be available). *Call 860-859-1130 to register and to reserve a computer.*

Paint Party! - Saturday, October 1. 1:00 P.M. to 3:15 P.M. Teens (13 & up) and adults. Presented by "Private Art Parties with Cheri Kelley." Participants will each create a fall scene on canvas, with step by step instructions from Cheri. Limit 12. Call 860-859-1130 to register. *Waiting list only!*

Halloween Masquerade: Mask Making Workshop - Saturday, October 22. Two sessions: 2:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M. & 2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. 16 per session, for ages 4 & up. Mask making workshop presented by the Art Truck. Create your own Halloween mask using pre-cut mask bases and add glitter, wacky papers, faux fur, ribbons and more! *Call 860-859-1130 to register.*

Katharine Hepburn: from Hartford to Hollywood - Saturday, November 5, at 1:30 P.M. Presented by Natalie Belanger of the CT Historical Society. The story of Hepburn's life-long ties to Connecticut offers a complete picture of how she became the woman and the star she was. *Limit 40; call 860-859-1130 to register.*

Introduction to Photography Presentation - November 9 at 6:00 P.M. Jake Snyder of Red Skies Photography will show a selection of his work, how he got started in photography and how he got where he is today. Limit 25. *Call 860-859-1130 to register.*

Photography 101 series: Class 1 - Basics of Photography - November 30, at 6:00 P.M. Presented by Jake Snyder of Red Skies Photography. Learn where the settings are on your camera, which ones you need to learn, exposure triangle (ISO, shutter speed, aperture) & more. Please bring your camera to class. Class size limited to 10 participants. *Call 860-859-1130 to register.*

Photography 101 series: Class 2 - Practical Applications - December 14, at 6:00 P.M. Presented by Jake Snyder of Red Skies Photography. Learn composition, lens and filter choices & more. Please bring your camera to class. Class is limited to 10 participants. TBA: a class for field work will be scheduled at a later date. *Call 860-859-1130 to register.*

Party like a Cupcake Chef! - Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m. Ages 4 & up. Presented by the Art Truck! Participants will make a cupcake flag, decorate a stained glass cookie & will decorate a cupcake using edible decorations such as frosting, gels, sprays and sprinkles in holiday style. The program will be held inside the library's meeting room. *Call 860-859-1130 to register. Limit 32.*

Eight Mile River Band - Saturday, December 3 at 2:30 P.M. Salem Free Public Library's annual anniversary concert with the Eight Mile River Band. Cake will be served!

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ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Salem Library will hold their Annual Used Book Sale on Friday, October 28, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Current members of the Friends may enter the sale at 6 p.m. Friday. Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door. The "Bag Sale", where a bag of books is \$5.00, is planned for 1 p.m. on Saturday. Bags are provided.

We expect to fill the Salem School Gym with over 20,000 books including fiction, non-fiction, and children's books. Changes this year include a Nautical category and reducing the price of Romance paperbacks to twenty-five cents. This year we are investigating and hope to have the ability to accept major credit cards.

The Annual Used Book Sale is a major fundraiser for Salem Library and its profits fund adult and children's programs, passes, additions to the collection and Summer Reading. Come and purchase books at bargain prices and support your library.

HELPING OUT AT THE USED BOOK SALE

Each year, 80 plus volunteers from the Friends, Clubs, Scouts, and library patrons do a masterful job conducting the sale. We welcome returning volunteers and new people.

We have all kinds of tasks starting around 9 a.m. on Friday and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday. You can volunteer for the entire sale or for a few hours. We have tasks that involve lifting and tasks that can be done while sitting. If you want to do your part, there are sign-up sheets at the Circulation Desk in the library or call Carole Eckart at 860-859-1641.

3-D PRINTING AT SALEM LIBRARY

Earlier this summer, the Friends purchased a Maker Bot 3-D printer for the library. The printer allows patrons to bring their ideas to life by creating three-dimensional models. 3-D printing is growing rapidly. Exposure to this technology will keep Salem in tune with the future.

The printer will be available for patrons to create designs although the actual printing of the designs will be performed by the staff. There will be a charge of \$1 per hour along with a limit of a two hour run time per printing.

There are plans to hold classes on the capabilities and use of the 3-D printer. These classes are scheduled for September 17, 2016 and, again, on October 22, 2016. Both classes will start at 1 p.m. The classes will be conducted by Kathy Sasso, staff member and technology instructor at ELHS. She will teach 3-D printing and the use of Tinkercad (a 3-D design app). Library computer space is limited but you can bring your own laptop. There is additional information available at the library including a sign-up-sheet.

The Friends hope the 3-D printer will bring a new dimension to the library experience for our patrons as well as for the whole community. Salem School is planning a 3-D Printing Club where students can design projects using software programs available at the school and then bring their creations to life by printing the project at the library. The Friends are excited about the prospect of this collaboration between Salem School and the Salem Library.

Submitted by: Carl Nawrocki, President

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SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

THANK YOU TO THE CITIZENS
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The 6th Annual Bar-B-Que Dinner was held on August 20th. We had such a wonderful turnout and the event was a huge success. We once again collected canned goods for the local food bank and were able to contribute to their shelves. The mom's club was on hand conducting a bake sale to help families in need in our town. Mark your calendars for August 19th, 2017 for our 7th annual BBQ. Get your tickets early.

We are always looking for volunteers, and if you are interested, please stop by the station to pick up an application or call 860-859-0942 and you too can become a member of SVFC.

The Salem Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. is a charitable organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3)

Submitted by: Richard W. Martin, Chief

SALEM SENIORS

ATTENTION
SALEM SENIOR CITIZENS

The Salem Free Public Library offers a room every Tuesday from noon to 4pm to our Salem Seniors. We've been meeting here for the past 5 years and enjoy this time to relax with friendly competitions of card games, WII bowling and light conversation. The most popular card games are cribbage and setback (pitch) but numerous other group card games are also played.

Refreshments are served.

Stop in and meet us!!

Submitted by Irene Jarvis

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EVERYDAY HERO CT VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN APPLAUDS 14-YEAR-OLD'S VOLUNTEERISM

The Everyday Hero CT volunteer firefighter recruitment campaign congratulates Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Company Cadet Kevin Fifield. The 14-year-old recently spent a week at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks as a cadet in the 40th class of the "Introduction To The Fire Service" (ITTFS) Program. At the end of the week, he participated in a real-time tactical scenario involving a simulated high rise fire with civilians trapped. Working together as a team with the other 25 cadets and performing every leadership- and task-level assignment (with the exception of driving the emergency vehicles), Fifield utilized every skill he learned over the course of the week to mitigate the incident.

A volunteer member since 2015, Fifield joined the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company so he could give back to the community. He is excited to use the skills he learned at the ITTFS class to benefit his community.

"Kevin Fifield makes our volunteer fire company proud," says Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Chief James Savalle. "He endured 95 degree heat all week at the Fire Academy. Quitting was never in his vocabulary. We are lucky to have him on our team."

Now in its 20th year, the Connecticut Fire Academy's ITTFS Program provides high school students interested in the Fire Service with an immersive educational and training experience. Students from across the state participate in the six-day, residential program that gives them invaluable insights into the core values, character, mission, and skill sets that define the position of Firefighter.

ABOUT EVERYDAY HERO CT

A partnership of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the Everyday Hero CT campaign is a two-year Volunteer Workforce Solutions (VWS) initiative designed to address the shortage of volunteer firefighters in Connecticut. It is helping achieve a viable and sustainable volunteer firefighter workforce for 15 Connecticut fire departments: Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department, Cromwell Fire and EMS Department, Gales Ferry Volunteer Fire Company, Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. (Salem), Greenwich Fire Department, Killingworth Volunteer Fire Department, Middlefield Volunteer Fire Company, Old Mystic Fire Department, Rocky Hill Fire Department, Somers Fire Department, Stamford Volunteer Firefighters Association, Trumbull Volunteer Fire Services, Westfield Fire Department (Middletown), Windsor Volunteer Fire Department, Wolcott Fire Department. Everyday Hero CT is funded by a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant awarded to the CFCA by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a model to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. For more information, visit www.EverydayHeroCT.org.

ABOUT THE GARDNER LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Incorporated in 1956, the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company (GLVFC) in conjunction with the Salem Volunteer Fire Company, proudly protects more than 4,200 people living in the 30 square mile area that makes up the Town of Salem. The Company's mission is to provide fire suppression and prevention, life safety and rescue support, as well as other community support to the citizens of the Town of Salem. In addition, the Company provides mutual aid support to those surrounding communities that, in time of need, may request such assistance.

Staffed by both career and volunteer firefighters, the GLVFC prides itself on the selflessness and dedication of its members. The Company operates at 429 Old Colchester Road and has six pieces of apparatus, including a rescue, an engine, a boat, an ambulance, a tanker, a forestry vehicle, a support vehicle, and a Polaris UTV.

Anyone interested in learning more about the GLVFC should call (860) 859-1743, visit <http://www.gardnerlakevolfireco.org>, connect on Facebook at GLVFC and Twitter @GlakeFire, or stop by the fire house located at 429 Old Colchester Road in Salem, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company is currently participating in Everyday Hero CT, a program dedicated to increasing the number of volunteer firefighters throughout the state. More than 80 percent of all fire personnel in Connecticut are volunteers, and the majority of fire departments throughout the state are experiencing a volunteer shortage. Local fire departments need volunteers of all skill levels and abilities, people willing and able to respond to emergencies whenever called upon.

"The skills and experience gained as a volunteer firefighter are invaluable and have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others," says Chief Fred Dudek, Everyday Hero CT program manager. "Those who join their local fire departments sign up for one of the most rewarding opportunities they'll ever have."

*Submitted by:
Assistant Chief Brian Ennis
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THE SALEM LAND TRUST WELCOMES NEW TOWN RESIDENTS!

Our Salem School population has unexpectedly increased this year with the arrival of new families in Town! Welcome to Salem!

Getting to know your new town can take some time, but one of the first things you will likely learn is that we are a town of volunteers. From the many municipal Boards and Commissions, the Fire Departments, the Salem Church, Library and a number of local non-profits, volunteers handle most of our community activities. Joining in is a great way to meet your new neighbors.

Consider the Salem Land Trust [SLT]. We are an all-volunteer, private 501(c)(3) non-profit; we are not part of your town government. We own 332 acres of permanently conserved land in Salem, and manage the 400-acre Walden Preserve, owned by The Nature Conservancy. Some of this land was donated to SLT by private landowners; other acreage was purchased with private individual donations, grants from state and federal agencies or grants from private foundations. In 2007 the Town gave SLT a \$20,000 grant to help purchase a \$400,000 property which is now our Darling Road Preserve.

Use of the marked hiking trails on our land is always free and open to the public, dawn to dusk, every day of the year. We hold educational nature walks and events, all of which are free of charge. Volunteers do all the work for these outreach events; volunteers maintain the hiking trails and volunteers administer the organization. We have opportunities for people interested in all these listed activities, and more! We are always looking for committed people to serve on the SLT Board of Directors or one of our Committees. We are now looking for a new Secretary, as our wonderful Secretary of many years, Camy Melnyk, will be leaving.

Do you love nature and the outdoors? Maybe you and your family would like to become more confident hiking on trails through the Salem woods? Do you think you might like to volunteer and learn more about land and habitat conservation?

If this sounds like fun to you, please contact us. You will get to meet some of your neighbors!

Linda Schroeder, President, 860-859-3520 or Lschroeder@snet.net
Maureen Cain, Membership and Outreach Chair, mcain@cshore.com
And follow the Salem Land Trust on Facebook!

Submitted by: Linda Schroeder, President

CARE & SHARE OF EAST LYME HELPS THE TOWN OF SALEM

Care & Share of East Lyme provides emergency food, heating and other assistance to residents of Salem, East Lyme and Niantic.

Serving local families, the elderly, the disabled and those down on their luck is the organization's only mission. The organization offers a food pantry where those in need can pick up a week's worth of groceries once a month. The majority of their clients have jobs but struggle to make ends meet. Financial assistance for rent or utility bills is also available as well as holiday food baskets, bicycles, college scholarships for continuing education and camperships for school-aged children.

**If you need help, please contact:
Care & Share at 860-739-8502**

If you can help, donations of unexpired food may be dropped off at the pantry located at 16 Roxbury Road, Niantic on Saturdays from 11-1. Food bins are also located in Salem at the Library & Town Hall. Monetary donations can be sent to Care & Share at P.O. Box 114, East Lyme, CT, 06333. "The dollars that come in, stay right here. We're proud of the work we do and humbled by the support we receive," says C&S President Norm Bender. "This year, please consider a cash donation to help the good work continue." Care & Share of East Lyme is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt public charity. C&S is an all-voluntary organization with very low operational expenses. For more information please visit our web site at careandshareofel.org.

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- Antifreeze - (coolant) check the proper ratio of coolant and water for your vehicle.
- Tires - Whether you're switching to snow tires or using all weather tires - be sure to check the tire treads and pressure regularly.
- Brakes - Have the brake system checked. Brakes are critical to vehicle safety and particularly important when driving on icy or snow-covered roads.
- Oil - Good idea to have oil checked at this time. During the cold months you'll want to know your oil, air and transmission filters are in good condition as well.
- Wiper Blades and Washer Fluid - Check for cracks or rips in the blade rubber. Check your washer fluid level in the reservoir and be sure you're using a non-freeze winter windshield washer fluid.
- Battery - Know how old your battery is and whenever purchasing a new one - never buy one with a six-month-old manufacture date.
- Emergency Kit Items for your car. Flares, Blankets, Boots, Radio, Engine oil, Washer fluid, Coolant, Flashlight

For a more detailed list, visit the DMV website at: <http://www.dmv.org/how-to-guides/winterize-car.php>

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SALEM RECREATION NEWS

Salem Recreation would like to say thank you to Bob Appleby for his time and service with the Salem Soccer Club. This year Bob has retired as the Salem Soccer Club President. His countless volunteer hours, dedication to the club and the youth in our community has been greatly appreciated. Thank you Bob for all that you have done and continue to do with the Salem Recreation Commission, and the Salem Community!

SOME EXCITING CLASSES COMING THIS FALL!

Anne Santoro's Adult Tennis Session - starts 9/20

Seashell Wreath Workshop - 9/19

Halloween Themed Fairy Garden - 10/17

Terrariums, and Succulent Pumpkin Centerpieces - scheduled for November.

What's better than making the perfect centerpiece or hostess gift with a pumpkin just in time for Thanksgiving.

If you're not quite ready to think about Thanksgiving just yet, how about Halloween? Join us for the 2016 Salem Recreation Trick Or Trunk on Saturday October 29th from 6-8pm (Rain Date 10/30/16 6-8pm). Trick Or Trunk will be held at the Salem Pavilion, Rt 82. This event is a safe family friendly activity where families can decorate their cars and pass out candy to trick or trunkers. To register your car for this event please fill out one of our Trick Or Trunk Registration Forms.

These forms and directions on how to register can be found on our Recreation page at salemct.gov. Stay up to date on programs and classes by signing up for our recreation news on the website or liking us on Facebook.

If you have any ideas or programs you would like to see offered, please contact Salem Recreation Coordinator Vanessa Bunnell at: vanessa.bunnell@salemct.gov or 860-859-3873 ext 275.

Submitted by: Vanessa Bunnell

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SALEM LIONS TALES

Our Annual Salem Lions Tag Sale was a great success. Thanks to our many donors and the hard work of many Lions, we had a banner year. Remember, all our profits are used to support our civic activities. Thanks again; see you next year in late June.

Plans for our first Salem Lions Golf Classic are well under way to be held on October 3 at Shennecossett Golf Club in Groton. Details and information may be obtained from Lion Elby Burr at 860-887-9510.

Our 2016 — 2017 Community Calendar is here. You should have all received your copy by September 1. Important dates include: Salem and East Lyme H.S. school calendar dates; Salem Town Commissions and Committee dates; Town Events; Birthdays/anniversaries/memorials. Please patronize all our local sponsors. Extra copies will be available at Salem Library and Town Office.

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.

Submitted by: Lion George Ziegler



EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL

Beginning of the Year

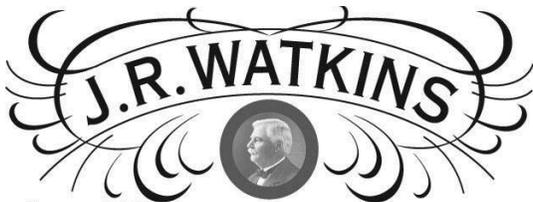
Recent Salem 8th grade graduates: welcome! Welcome to the next four years at East Lyme High School. I speak to you now as a senior of East Lyme High School. I have a sister that will be a freshman this year and I feel like I am experiencing my first day at high school all over again. For the freshmen you are lucky (yes, lucky). You have four more years in the school that will help you develop character, meet some of the best people you will ever meet, and help prepare you for the rest of your life. The rest of us veterans of high school have a few years left, or in the case of us seniors, a year. One final year together.

This year ELHS has changed up a few things. This will be the last year of senior late arrival and early dismissal, my apologies to all you under classmen for this privilege is truly as great as it sounds. The history classes have also been modernized this year, literally. Freshmen will now be taking Modern World History, as opposed to the classic World History where students would learn about ancient civilizations all over the world.

As summer time comes to a close, I am sure many of you are filled with sadness as am I. But I am also filled with energy. The jitters of the First Day of School has begun to set in. Everyone asking everyone about what classes they are taking, what block they are taking it in, and where they are going to sit at lunch. Not only is it refreshing to go into a new school year with new classes and new teachers, but fall sports will be in full swing by the time school starts. The amount of school spirit in the hallways on game day compares to nothing else.

So for those new to the high school scene or those having already lived through it, I hope the beginning of the school year is as exciting for you as it is for me.

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SALEM SCHOOL NEWS

LIFE AT SALEM SCHOOL

As summer ends, and the new school year begins, there is plenty of excitement here at Salem School. It is great to see the smiling faces of students and teachers return to our classrooms and hallways.

I am very excited to continue on the path we have started. Activity Clubs will continue this year. We will have four sessions. Our first session will be from Monday, October 3rd through Friday, October 28th. If you are interested in volunteering to lead an activity for any of the sessions please contact the school.

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO SALEM SCHOOL STAFF

As with any school, you will find a few changes here at Salem School. As some of you may be aware, Mrs. Elizabeth Marr retired in June after teaching here for 25 years. We wish Mrs. Marr all the best in her retirement. I am very pleased to announce that Miss Emily Alberghini will be joining us as our new kindergarten teacher. We are very familiar with Miss Alberghini's dedication to our students' success as she interned with us as a graduate student from the University of New Haven from January 2014 through December 2014.

Mrs. Jennifer Russell, our Language Arts Interventionist, will be taking a year's leave of absence. Mrs. Michelle Seward will be joining us from Middletown where she was a Reading Intervention teacher to be our Language Arts Interventionist for this school year.

Mrs. Donna Gittleman will be replacing Mrs. Elizabeth Catarius as our Director of Student Services. Mrs. Gittleman comes to us most recently from East Lyme where she was the Assistant Superintendent and supervised the Student Services Department.

NEW INITIATIVES AT SALEM SCHOOL

Salem School has applied to become a local chapter for the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Mrs. Barbara Senges will be the advisor for the NJHS. The purpose of the NJHS at Salem School will be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire for service, to promote leadership, to develop character and to encourage good citizenship in students in the middle school grades. Membership in the NJHS is an honor bestowed upon a student. The selection for membership is made by a Faculty Council. The selection process will begin during the second trimester for 6th-8th graders and the minimum standard for scholarship will be a cumulative average of at least 85%, B, 3.0, or the equivalent standard of excellence. Candidates will then be evaluated on the basis of: Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship.

Mrs. Sharon Osga-Dugger will be the advisor for the after school activity The Alice Project. If you are not familiar with The Alice Project here is a brief explanation from the Alice website at www.alice.org. "Alice is educational software that teaches students computer programming in a 3D environment. Alice is an innovative 3D programming environment that makes it easy to create an animation for telling a story, playing an interactive game, or a video to share on the web. Alice is a freely available teaching tool designed to be a student's first exposure to object-oriented programming. It allows students to learn fundamental programming concepts in the context of creating animated movies and simple video games. In Alice, 3D objects (e.g., people, animals, and vehicles) populate a virtual world and students create a program to animate the objects. In Alice's interactive interface, students drag and drop graphic tiles to create a program, where the instructions correspond to standard statements in a production oriented programming language, such as Java, C++, and C#. Alice allows students to immediately see how their animation programs run, enabling them to easily understand the relationship between the programming statements and the behavior of objects in their animation. By manipulating the objects in their virtual world, students gain experience with all the programming constructs typically taught in an introductory programming course."

Mrs. Jennifer Kayser will lead a new program called Salem Cares about Animals. This program will educate students about rescue organizations and how they help save the lives of animals. She will focus on the importance of good training for dogs. She is also hopeful that the students will be interested in helping local pet organizations. Mrs. Kayser is also offering a book club for students in third and fourth grade. The group will choose a book from the Nutmeg list and meet weekly to discuss the book, and possibly incorporating drawing/art or writing.

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new food service program. We are now contracting with SLA Management for our food service. SLA is dedicated

to providing our students and staff with quality, nutritious meals. They allow each school to partner with them to create their own unique program that will meet the needs of our particular school.

Mrs. Kayser recently created and launched Salem School's new website. It is a single website for the district and school. Previously, there were two sites, one for the school and one for the district. We have created a Community Link for announcements that anyone can access. It is our hope to not only reduce the size of the Wednesday Folder but also to provide access to anyone who desires this information.

Salem School is the recipient of The Frontier Public Educational and Government Programming Capital Improvement (PEG) Grant Award. We received a generous award to create a "broadcast studio" for our students to deliver the morning news over our network as well as for our students, staff, and administration to create short Public Announcements (PSAs) that can be placed on our website or forwarded to our parents/guardians and community.

SPORTS

Our Cross Country and Soccer teams have been preparing themselves for a successful fall season. Coaches Mrs. Mary Sturgeon and Mr. Dan Wilson are coaching our Cross Country team and Mr. Chris Pugliese and Mr. Dan Pignataro are coaching our soccer team. Please come support our sports teams this fall. We wish them all the best.

*Submitted by:
Joan Phillips, Principal Salem School*



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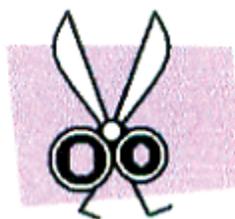
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