

# OUR TOWN OF SALEM CONNECTICUT



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| Salem Free Public Library           | (860) 859-1130       |
| Salem School District               | (860) 859-0267       |
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| Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company | (860) 859-1743       |
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| CT State Police, Troop K            | (860) 465-5400       |
| <b>ALL EMERGENCIES, CALL 9-1-1</b>  |                      |

*thank you*



The Town of Salem would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. The Town would like to further request that citizens, in response, patronize these businesses first when given a choice as these businesses are saving each citizen tax dollars.

# *A Message from our First Selectman*

## **Happy New Year!**

It has been said that the part of the original meaning of "Salem" translates to "Peace". I wish you and your loved ones Peace, Happiness and Prosperity in the new year.

Salem is a small town, but we're like a big extended family. We look out for one another; we listen to each other's opinions and we value each other's contributions. In Salem, we pick each other up if we fall, and we cherish peace and civility.

As your new First Selectman, I will continue to work for everyone in Salem. I will continue to collaborate with Board and Commission members and will continue to champion programs, budgets, and agendas that benefit all Salem Residents, from our children to our seniors.

## **Congratulations to newly elected Board and Commission members!**

The Salem Election process is exciting, vibrant, alive and well! Forty-four Salem residents volunteered to run for 32 vacancies and 1417 Salem Residents exercised their Constitutional right to vote. Our municipal election voter turnout was the highest in the last 21 years. Salem voters were very motivated to let their voices be heard. Congratulations to the winners and a heartfelt "thank you" to those who ran but did not win. In addition, I am happy to report that several post-election appointments have been made to fill vacancies on Boards and Commissions. The spirit of civic minded service remains stronger than ever in Salem.



## **Thank you, Kevin Lyden!**

Kevin has faithfully served Our Town, Salem, as First Selectman for 12 years. As our First Selectman, he kept us all safe and ensured that

our Town Hall, Public Works, Police and Fire services remained operational during the COVID crisis. Kevin was always fiscally sound and conservative. Having served with Kevin as his Acting First Selectman, I know I have some big shoes to fill. I am pleased to report that our roles will switch. The town is fortunate that Kevin has agreed to serve as the Acting First Selectman, or 2nd Selectman. Thank you, Kevin and Kathleen, for your service, commitment, and loyalty to the residents of Salem.

## **Volunteers - Call to action**

Salem is always looking for volunteers who want to serve their fellow townspeople. We are always looking for Emergency Responders and members of boards and commissions. Our Lions Club, PTO, Friends of the Library, Salem Historical Society, youth sports teams, and other Civic Groups are always looking for new energetic members.

## **Open and transparent government**

In the interest of open and transparent government, our town website, **SalemCT.gov** can provide you with access to town board and commission meeting agendas, minutes, the town budget, annual audits, Town Charter, Town Ordinances, and municipal contact information.



## **Fiscal Responsibility**

As a result of the strong fiscal management and leadership of our Board of Finance, the Board of Selectman, other boards and commissions and Town Department Heads, our town is in Strong Financial Condition. Our bond rating remains upgraded and our rainy-day fund remains healthy and sound.

## **Thank you, Emergency Responders!**

Salem is fortunate to have many dedicated Emergency Responders. In addition to Salem's two paid full time Firefighter / EMT's and several part time Firefighter / EMT's, The Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company and the Salem Volunteer Fire Company work hand in hand for the good of the residents of Salem. Thanks to the strong leadership of Salem Emergency Services Director Mike Bednarz, Salem Volunteer Fire Company Chief Chip Weston, Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Chief Pete Silva and their command staff, our town has remained safe and secure during these extremely challenging times.

The Connecticut State Police Resident Trooper Program is alive and well in Salem. We are fortunate to have two excellent Community Police minded Troopers in Salem. Please take a moment to thank them for their service next time you see them.

## **Thank you, Town Staff and Public Works Department**

Our Town Hall, Library Staff and Public Works Department employees are dedicated, friendly and service oriented. They do an excellent job serving our community.

## **Thank you for your support!**

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Salem First Selectman.

May God bless you and May God Bless and watch over Our Town, Salem.

Respectfully,  
*Ed Chmielewski*  
*Salem First Selectman*

## STATE CAPITOL UPDATE

*By State Rep. Holly Cheeseman & Sen. Paul Formica*

The General Assembly received the latest consensus revenue estimates (when the governor's budget office and the legislative office of fiscal analysis come together on the revenue numbers) which gives lawmakers a glimpse into how projected state revenues are faring, and whether they are meeting state budget expectations.

What the consensus revenue numbers revealed was that while Connecticut is projected to have more than \$800 million in surplus revenue for this year and another \$500 million next, those robust savings will quickly disappear in future years without the benefit of federal Covid funds that the state has received the last two years, leaving the state in significant deficit.

Many of the tax gains in the report are attributed to the high rate of inflation, including the state tax on petroleum, and

an overreliance on tax withholding on high income earners which suggests a lack of employment or stagnation in key economic sectors like restaurant and hospitality industries.

Also, this week, Gov. Lamont said he has shelved a proposed regional tax on gasoline (Transportation Climate Initiative -TCI) especially with gas prices approaching their highest level in seven years. That is welcome news to thousands of state residents who are already facing high energy prices from filling up their car or truck with gas to getting a delivery of home heating oil to keep their home warm for the winter.

The message continues to be loud and clear from Connecticut residents: we need to maintain our fiscal discipline and not double down on negative and harmful state tax policy that could potentially hurt working class families or push high income earners out of state.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Fellow Townspeople,

Thank you for your support in November for electing me as Town Clerk for another two years. It is a joy to serve the many wonderful residents of our Town. It is amazing to me that I have worked in the Town Clerk's office for over 12 years now.

In 2021, we again applied for and received an Historic Document Preservation Grant from the Connecticut Office of the Public Records Administration. This year small municipalities with a population of less than 20,000 were eligible to receive \$5,500. We are limited in what these funds can be used for so this year we chose to use the funds to enlarge our online database of land records. We contracted with our vendor to enter the data and images into our online

system. We now have almost 75 years of land records available for searching and viewing from the comfort of your home. Visit our website at [www.salemct.gov](http://www.salemct.gov) and navigate to the Town Clerk's department. You will find a blue button on the left for "Public Search". Set up a free account for viewing all documents available online and you will be able to search by name, date, document type, or book and page. Documents can also be printed from any computer for a small fee.

I hope you enjoyed your holidays and look forward to seeing you around Town.

*Linda Flugrad, CCTC  
Town Clerk*

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

After more than fifteen months of conducting regular meetings virtually by Zoom, the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) began "in person" meetings in June. The primary item on the agenda since then has been completing a state-required Affordable Housing Plan and updating the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The POCD, a document required by the state to be renewed every ten years, suggests land use and regulation changes that could or should be addressed in the next ten years.

The PZC took the Affordable Housing Plan to public hearing and enacted it in September. PZC members with input from other boards and commissions are presently working on drafts of POCD chapters 2-10 where the bulk of the assessment and future planning occurs.

When a preliminary draft is complete and put onto the

Salem website, public hearings will be held to get ideas from citizens and suggestions on the plan either oral or written. We welcome your input on land issues and regulation in your town.

By virtue of the recent Municipal Election, the Commission welcomes new alternate members Steve Shelley and Dave Knopf. The voters also re-elected commissioners Carl Fontneau, John Gadbois, Diba Kahn-Bureau and Walter Volberg. In addition, Jennifer Lindo and Gary Closius have been appointed to fill open seats. Congratulations and welcome to all new and returning commissioners. I look forward to our time of service together.

*On behalf of the Commission,  
Vernon Smith, Chairman*

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Town of Salem sponsored a Connecticut Fire Academy Certification Class for Fire Aerial Ladder Truck Operator. This certification class provided hands-on practical instruction of the operational use of Aerial Ladder Trucks such as our own Ladder-121, stationed at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company. Utilizing Ladder Truck-121, our two paid Firefighters and one part-time paid Firefighter, received advanced high-level training that led to proficiency in Aerial Ladder Truck operations. The class included spraying water from an elevated vantage point, tactical applications of using the Ladder Truck for rescue operations, and overall operational safety.

I want to thank both the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company and the Salem Volunteer Fire Company for their support of this class. This certification class was offered and open to both fire departments for any interested qualified members to participate in. We also opened it up to surrounding mutual aid towns that our firefighters may work with in fire event emergencies. Aerial Ladder Fire Trucks were driven to various locations and businesses throughout our town where participants were presented with instructional simulated emergency event operations. I also would like to recognize the tremendous support received from our local building/business owners throughout this training.

Salem Career Firefighters were presented with a Town of Salem Emergency Services badge identifying their profession during a ceremony at the Town Hall.

Family members of our Career Firefighters were invited to participate and "Pin" or attach the badge to their uniforms, which is a typical tradition of many departments for recognition of the chosen commitment towards Public Safety.

Following the badge pinning, the Firefighters took an Oath of Service, and were sworn in by our Town Clerk Linda Flugrad. Our two Career Firefighters are also Emergency Medical Responders. They are on duty 5 days a week between the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. One Firefighter/EMT is normally stationed at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company and the other is stationed at the Gardner Lake Volunteer Company. Our volunteer firefighters provide coverage to our town outside of normal work hours.

We are extremely fortunate to have two dedicated First Responders in Firefighters Ryan Teixeira and Travis Roberts who supplement the decades of committed emergency services provided by our two Volunteer Fire Companies.

Respectfully,  
Michael Bednarz  
Director of Emergency Services, Town of Salem, CT



*Emergency Services Liaison First Selectman Chmielewski witnessing the pinning of Firefighter Travis Roberts by his mother.*



*First Responders Firefighters Ryan Teixeira and Travis Roberts being sworn in by Town Clerk Linda Flugrad*

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## SALEM RESIDENT STATE TROOPER UPDATE

Salem currently has two full time Resident State Troopers: Trooper First Class Ben Duffy and Trooper Kevin Crosby. In addition to patrolling our town, investigating accidents, enforcing motor vehicle law, and conducting criminal investigations, they focus on good old-fashioned community policing. On any given day, you can see a Connecticut State Police Trooper at the Salem School, at a Salem Seniors meeting, at a local business and patrolling our neighborhoods. They maintain a high level of visibility in Salem and that high visibility enhances public safety.

Our Resident Troopers have provided traffic safety at the Salem Lions Club 5k Road Race, Salem AppleFest and the Memorial Day Parade. They are very active at the Salem School. In addition to talking to parents, teachers and students, they have assisted school administrators and staff by participating in safety meetings, by facilitating safety training and lock-down safety drills. Our Troopers often provide added security at the School in response to school issues around the state and often provide added safety with dismissal traffic.

Resident Troopers assisted Town staff by facilitating safety meetings, provided added election day security, and organized a Drug Take Back program sponsored by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). They also plan, organize, and staff a yearly holiday toy drive at the Salem Marketplace.

After receiving complaints from residents about speeding vehicles, they took the initiative to research, recommend, and install the Speed Safety Signs that are visible throughout Salem to reduce speeding in town.

Our Troopers are issued Town fire department and EMS pagers which allow them to decrease response time to non-police calls and enhance the public safety.

We are fortunate to have two outstanding Police professionals in Trooper First Class Duffy and Trooper Crosby. Please join me in thanking them for their service and for keeping us safe next time you see them.

Submitted by;  
*Ed Chmielewski*  
Salem First Selectman

## SALEM SENIORS

It has been an honour to serve as the Salem Seniors President for the last two years. Together, as an organization and as a community, we have weathered the COVID storm and come out stronger.

I am happy to report that our town's advocacy for senior housing will soon be rewarded with the near completion of the 48-unit senior housing complex. These units are located at 470 Norwich Road (Route 82) and will fill the need for seniors who are downsizing but want to continue to live in Salem. Each is a one-bedroom 950 square foot unit with an attached garage. This is the second of two senior housing complexes in town, the other being a six-unit complex located at 15 Centre Street.

The Salem Seniors recently showed their appreciation for the selfless service and sacrifices our firefighters and medical responders have made during the COVID crisis by rewarding them with a nice "hot meal" in the form of a \$20 gift card from *Two Brothers Pizza Restaurant & Pub*.

In the interest of everyone's health, we have paused our monthly meetings and annual Christmas party due to a spike

in COVID, Flu and Common Cold cases. Otherwise, we normally meet at 10:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department.

Seniors wishing to join the Salem Seniors or who need non-emergency assistance may contact a club officer or Pam at Salem Town Hall at 860-859-3873 (ext. 125). Emergency contact is always 911.

Applications to join the Salem Seniors can also be obtained by making arrangements with Pam at Town Hall or from an officer. Membership is only \$5 per year. A check made out to the Salem Seniors for \$5 stapled to the application is best.

Best wishes to you and yours for a joyous Christmas and New Year on behalf of our Board of Directors and our members.

*Ed Chmielewski*  
Salem Seniors President

*Salem Seniors Officers: Ed Chmielewski - President,  
Jean Ann Scaduto - Vice President,  
Michelle Horan - Treasurer, Jeanette Girard - Secretary*

### **Volunteer to Serve on one of the town's many Boards/Commissions or Organizations!**

The town currently has vacancies on the Recreation Commission and organizations such as the Salem Lions Club, Historical Society, and Friends of Salem Library are always seeking interested candidates to join in on the fun!

Please contact the First Selectman's office at (860) 859-3873, x100

# LIONS CLUB OF SALEM

For the year 2020, the Lions Club of Salem put all of their events on hold due to Covid. It is now 2021 and we are back. To bring you up to date, here is a summary of the activities we have held this year.

## Election of 2021-2022 Lions Club of Salem officers:

President, John F Houchin, Sr.  
1st Vice-President, David Kennedy  
2nd Vice President, James Moran  
Secretary, Joshua Rehrig  
Treasurer, George Ziegra  
Membership, Bill Martin

## Lion Club of Salem Scholarship Awards Program recipients:

The Lions Club of Salem has been awarding annual scholarships to graduating Salem students for 44 years, since 1977. In the ensuing years, 64 Salem High School graduates have been awarded scholarships totaling over \$100,000.00.

Due to the COVID pandemic, this past year the Club decided, for one-time only, to award three scholarships rather than the usual two.



**The winners were:** Left to right: Cooper Pazzaglia, Grace Vlaun, and Chelsea Weimer.

## Lions Club of Salem Annual Tag Sale August 14 & 15, 2021:

On August 14 and 15, we held our Annual Tag Sale on the Zemko Town property. Lion Jim Moran and his crew raised over \$4,000.00, doubling the previous monies raised by this event. We plan to return to hosting the event at the end of June 2022, at the Zemko property. We thank all the people who supported this event through donations of items.

## The Lions Club of Salem Annual 5k/Fun Run, September 18, 2021

On Saturday, September 18, the Lions Club of Salem held its 27th annual Road Race and Children's Fun-Run. We usually hold the event the second Saturday in April, but because of Covid restrictions, Lion Skip Stangeland and his crew postponed it to September. We had 71 runners, from all over the area. We even had a runner from Rhode Island. There were two events: a one-mile Fun Run (down and

back on Morgan Road) for children up to 12 years of age, and the main event, a 5k Race (RT 85 to Music Vale Rd end and back) for all comers. After the race, participants feasted on pizza and fruit to refuel.

This year's winners of the One (1) Mile children's Fun Run race were:

Girl's winner: Hanna Sullivan  
Boy's winner: Owen Roy



This year's 5k Races first across the line were:

Female overall winner: Sybil Shapiro  
Male overall winner: Derek Breitenstine

The race final results winners, based on Age Graded percentage, were:

Female best Age Graded: Dani Kennedy  
Male best Age Graded: Kevin Glenn



**To get back on our normal schedule, we will be holding our 28th Annual 5k Race, April 9, 2022. So, stay tuned for further information.**

We thank all of the business sponsors, runners and volunteers who helped make this event a success.

All proceeds raised by the Lions Club of Salem from these events goes to such local causes as Salem Youth Baseball, Salem Benevolent Fund, Salem Secret Santa, and Easter Egg Hunt, just to mention a few.

## Upcoming Lions Club of Salem events:

Secret Santa  
Super Bowl Roses Sale

***If you are interested in becoming a member of the Salem Lions Club, please contact Bill Martin at: 860-705-6062.***



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## SALEM LIBRARY

### American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Grant:

The Salem Free Public Library recently received funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Grant to purchase some new items for our patrons' use. Our goal was to provide community resources that would assist with digital inclusion, sustainable energy initiatives, as well as safe work environments during the pandemic.

As part of this initiative, the library has acquired a new charging station for mobile devices that is currently open for all to use in the Teen Room of the library. In addition, new lounge chairs that are easier to clean, while still providing a great deal of comfort for our patrons, are now available in the main reading room. In the spring, new outdoor solar charging stations for mobile devices will be available at both the main library entrance, as well as near the benches outside of our charming former library building next to Salem School. In addition, we plan to install a new metal picnic table with solar canopy outdoors on the south side of the current library building. Not only will patrons be able to charge mobile devices via solar-powered USB ports, but with access to our building's free Wi-Fi, it will make a nice spot for remote workers to enjoy a beautiful day outside while still remaining on task.

This project is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act, administered by the Connecticut State Library.



### Knitting & Quilting Holiday Sale Benefits the Friends of Salem Library:

The library's knitting and quilting groups once again had many of their beautiful wares for sale at the Salem Library over the holidays. Both groups generously donate their time, talent, and finished handmade knitted and quilted goods to benefit the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library each year. Revenue generated from this sale, as well as other fundraising and membership initiatives, help our Friends of the Library group to fund the library's collections, museum passes, curbside craft kits, and programs throughout the year. Many thanks to all who participated!

## FRIENDS OF SALEM LIBRARY

### Used Book Sales Are Back

After a hiatus caused by the pandemic, the Friends of the Salem Library Used Book Sales are back. We started with a small sale in conjunction with the Lion's Tag Sale. When we were able to take your donations, we collected enough books for a sale on Halloween/Apple Festival weekend at Salem School. We had little time to collect and sort a large amount of books so we had to reduce the volume and categories. Despite that, our patrons welcomed us back and made the sale a success. We were happy to host the Salem Library Crafters and the PTO Basket Raffle in the Gym creating a wonderful community event.

As usual, we had plenty of volunteers, from ages 11 to 82, to help conduct the sale. Thank you all.

The Friends collect your donated used books throughout the year in the donation bin outside the Salem Library entrance. Please check your books for dirt and mold, as those donations have to be discarded. With your support and donations, we look forward to an even better sale next year.



Carl Nawrocki  
Friends President

# SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT



*PTO Book Fair*



*Cross Country*



*Unity Day*

It is an honor to be writing to you as the Superintendent for the Salem School District. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the families, students, staff, and greater Salem community.

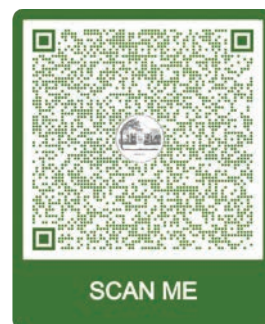
Please know that, in addition to maintaining high expectations for academics and good citizenship, we are working diligently to enhance communications between the school and the Salem community. I encourage you to visit our newly updated website, read our online Wednesday Folder and Weekly Snapshot, visit and like our Facebook page, and subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep current on all of the key events happening within our District

As always, thank you for your partnership and support as we navigate unprecedented times in public education.

Sincerely,  
*Brian Hendrickson*  
Superintendent, Salem School District



Scan the QR code below to view a snapshot of the 2021-2022 highlights from this school year!



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# RECREATION

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS:



### Barre

Mondays, January 10 – April 4 (no class January 17 or February 21), 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Requirements: water, mat, 2-3 & 5-8 pound hand weights  
Recommended: 9-inch ball, resistance loop resistance bands

\$66 Residents | \$71 Non-Residents

### Pilates

Tuesdays, January 11 – April 5, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Requirements: mat, water, green (or medium weight) flex band, 7.5-9 inch stability ball

\$78 Residents | \$83 Non-Residents

### High Interval Training

Wednesdays, January 12 – April 6, 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.

This class may not be a suitable for individuals with certain knee or ankle injuries

Requirements: mat, towel, 5-8 lb. hand weights, jump rope  
\$78 Residents | \$83 Non-Residents

### Core Strength

Wednesdays, January 12 – April 6, 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

\$78 Residents | \$83 Non-Residents

Thursdays, January 13 – April 7, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Requirements: yoga mat, water, light weights, bands  
\$78 Residents | \$83 Non-Residents

### Tighten & Tone

Wednesdays, January 12 – April 6, 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Requirements: mat, blanket, 2-3 lb. weights  
Recommended: 9-inch ball, resistance loop resistance bands  
\$78 Residents | \$83 Non-Residents

### Meditation

Thursdays, January 13 – April 7, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

\$65 Residents | \$70 Non-Residents

### Lunch and Learn Workshop Series

Wednesdays, January 19 - February 16, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

\$15/person Residents | \$20/person Non-Residents

Recordings available through the end of February for enrollees

Short 30-minute sessions to help you relax, rejuvenate, enjoy moving, and motivate yourself

Register at [saalemct.gov/recreation](https://saalemct.gov/recreation)  
Enrollees must also complete Personal Euphoria's  
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[personaleuphoria.com](https://personaleuphoria.com)

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### DATES

#### SESSION 4

TUESDAYS –  
Mar 8 - Apr 12

THURSDAYS –  
Mar 10 - Apr 14

PRICE: \$198 per six-week session

| CLASSES                     | AGE  | DAY & TIME                                   | CHROMBOOK<br>WILL WORK | LAPTOP/PC<br>WILL WORK |
|-----------------------------|------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| DRAG N DROP CODING          | 7-8  | Tues OR Thurs<br>4:30PM EST                  | ✓                      | ✓                      |
| ROBLOX GAME DEVELOPMENT     | 7-9  | Tues OR Thurs<br>4:30PM EST<br>OR 5:30PM EST |                        | ✓                      |
| MINECRAFT WORLD BUILDER     | 7-12 | Tues OR Thurs<br>4:30PM EST                  |                        | ✓                      |
| VISUAL/GAME BASED PYTHON    | 8-12 | Tues OR Thurs<br>5:30PM EST                  | ✓                      | ✓                      |
| MINECRAFT CODING            | 8-12 | Tues OR Thurs<br>5:30PM EST                  |                        | ✓                      |
| INTRO/ADVANCED PYTHON       | 10+  | Tues OR Thurs<br>6:30PM EST                  | ✓                      | ✓                      |
| ROBLOX GAME DEVELOPMENT     | 10+  | Tues OR Thurs<br>5:30PM EST OR<br>6:30PM EST |                        | ✓                      |
| GAME DEVELOPMENT WITH UNITY | 10+  | Tues OR Thurs<br>6:30PM EST                  |                        | ✓                      |

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The Salem Community Disc Golf Course is temporarily closed for maintenance. There is a group of dedicated people who have agreed to respectfully work together to address the safety concerns and re-open the course.



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# RECREATION

## IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

### Winter/Spring Senior & Stroller Walking at Salem School

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Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays to May 25, 2022, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.  
Please sign in/out at the front desk on the visitor log-in clipboard on weekdays

### Adult Rec Basketball

Open Pick-Up Games  
Open to Salem & East Lyme Residents, 21 & over  
Salem School Gym  
Tuesdays & Thursdays to March 31, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### Adult Rec Volleyball

Open Pick-Up Games  
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Salem School Gym  
Fridays to April 29, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### Basic Dog Obedience with Janet Schultz

Ages 12 & up  
Wednesdays, March 23 to April 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
(6 classes)  
Salem Community Park Pavilion  
Residents: \$100 | Non-Residents: \$105 per session  
This six-week class designed to focus on building reliable basic obedience skills. Items covered will include leash manners, commands such as "Sit", "Down", "Stay". No previous training required.  
Proof of Rabies vaccination required upon registration.  
Only one dog per handler. Please bring water bowl and water, waste bags to clean up after your dog, and a non-slip mat. A 6-8 foot NON-RETRACTABLE leash required.  
Register at [saalemct.gov/recreation](http://saalemct.gov/recreation)

### Skyhawks Beginning Golf Camp

Ages 6 to 10  
Saturdays, April 2 to April 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Round Hill Road Soccer Field  
Residents: \$100 | Non-Residents: \$105 per session  
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Ages 6 to 8: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Ages 9 to 11: 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.  
Wednesdays, May 18 to June 15, 2022  
Round Hill Road Tennis Courts  
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Register at [skyhawks.com](http://skyhawks.com)

*All health & safety protocols will be followed for all in-person classes and activities.*

### Coming Soon: AARP Safe Driving Class for Seniors

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### Spring & Summer Concerts

Salem Community Park Pavilion



### Call for Volunteers!

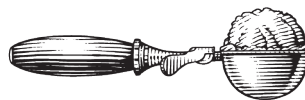
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#### Salem Surge Soccer Club

#### Salem Youth Basketball Board

E-mail us at [recreation@saalemct.gov](mailto:recreation@saalemct.gov), call us at 860-859-3873, x275, or drop us a note in the white dropbox at Town Hall stating your interest and contact info!

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