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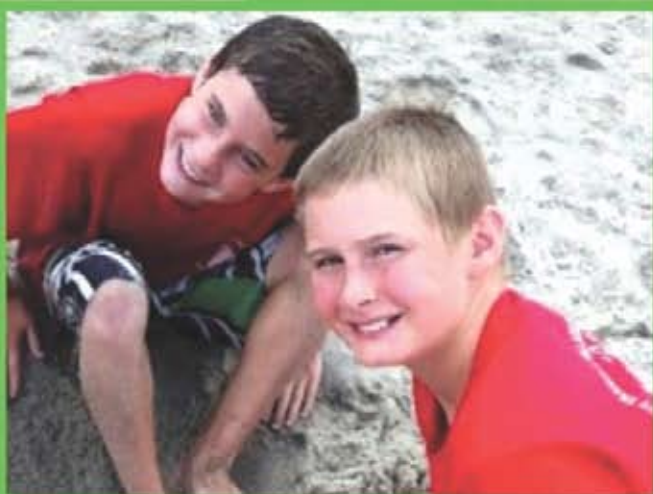
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Dear Fellow Townspeople,

The long days of summer have returned. Our New England summers host so very many activities. I wish you and your family much fun and safe travels during our summer months. Let's look at what's going on in our Town.

Happy Birthday Salem!

The Town of Salem will be turning 200 years old in eighteen short months. To commemorate this important Bicentennial milestone for our town, the Board of Selectman will be appointing a Bicentennial Committee. Please contact Louise at (860) 859-3873 Ext. 100 if you are interested in serving or being a part of the Bicentennial Committee.

Historical Society Upgrades

With the floor refinished and new lighting installed the Historical Society Building on our Town Green is impressive. Special thanks to Mr. Bob Neddo and Mr. Bill Schultz for the countless hours that they have worked on organizing and displaying the items that are the Legacy of our past Townspeople.

Some items of particular interest on Memorial Day were the Honorable Discharge Papers of Salem's Henry Avery dated June 27th 1865; and sadly the exhibit of Salem's Lieutenant, John Maginnis, who gave his life serving our country in the Battle of Piemont on June 5, 1864.

Consider joining the Historical Society as with many organizations in our Town they are looking for and welcoming new members.

If not you who? If not now when?

This phrase dates back nearly 2,000 years and was first spoken by Hillel the elder, yet still holds true today.

There are so many opportunities to serve our Town including elected and appointed Boards and Commissions, Emergency Responders, Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Lions, PTO, Mom's Club and many more organizations. Volunteers often comment to me that it is very rewarding to share their time and talents to benefit our Town. Please contact Louise at (860) 959-3873 Ext. 100. She will be happy to forward your information to the appropriate organization.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education- D.A.R.E.

On June 8th our Salem 5th and 8th Grade Students completed the age appropriate D.A.R.E. curriculum as taught by our Resident Trooper, Luke LaRue. The D.A.R.E. Mission is: "Teach students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives". This important proactive program empowers our students, as they continue their path to high school and beyond.

Thank you Trooper LaRue and Trooper Pariseau for your commitment to our students. A special thanks to our Salem Lion's Club for sponsoring the D.A.R.E program.

Congratulations Graduates!

Our Town has many of its sons and daughters graduating this month. We are proud of each and every one of you. You have been given a firm foundation from your family and your community. We wish you much success as you continue to travel your path in life. Enjoy your summer.

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Respectfully,

Kevin Lyden
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SALEM LIONS TALES

District 23-C Governor, Lion George Salpietro, visited us on April 27 to bring his greetings and to deliver an inspiring message. We were honored to have Governor George present Melvin Jones Awards to Lion Norm Rabe and Lion Skip Stangeland for their outstanding contributions in our community and to Lionism. Thank you, Governor, and CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Norm and Lion Skip. Governor George also inducted Nikole Zis as our newest Lion in Salem. CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Nikole.

Our Salem Lions Annual Road Race on April 8 kicked off with a one mile Kids Fun Run followed by the 5-K Run for all ages. After the races, prizes were awarded and food (pancakes, fruit, beverages, and pizza) was served in the School cafeteria. All results are available online at saalemctroadrace.org. We wish to thank all of our volunteers for their help and support. See you all again next April!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 was a great success. Followed by jelly bean races, many prizes were awarded. Many thanks to the Shoreline Leo Club for their super help – great manpower, Easter Bunny, and face painting. Look for us in 2018 the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

Remember our Annual Lions Tag Sale to be held on Saturday, June 24 on Rt 82. Something for everyone. Donations are being accepted. Contact Lion Norm Rabe at 859-0165 about donations. Watch for signs and flyers.

Chaired by Lion Nikole Zis, preparations for our Salem Community Calendar (Sept 2017 to Aug 2018) are well underway. Delivery will be to every Salem residence in late August. For more information, visit our booth at the Memorial Day festivities, or contact any Salem lion.

Our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will take place on October 2 at Shennecossett Golf Club in Groton. Get your foursomes together. Look in the future issues for updated information.

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

SALEM LIONS CLUB'S 24TH ANNUAL 5K ROAD RACE EVENT

On April 8, 195 participants from all over the State took part in the Salem Lions Club 24th Annual 5K Road Race Event. The Lions Club would like to congratulate the winners of our 5K Road Race and One Mile Kids Fun Run for children 12 years old and younger, which was held prior to the 5K Road Race:

5K Road Race Start



Children's Mile Run Start

5K Race:

Female overall winner:
Sybil Shapiro of Clinton, CT

Male overall winner:
Samuel Whittalser of Salem, CT

Team Winners: Mohegan Striders

One Mile Kids Fun Run:
Girl's winner: Isabelle Pazzaglia
Boy's winner: Tyler Bouquet

Thanks to all of the participants, sponsors, and those who helped us before, during, and after the event. The monies raised from this event will go to such causes as Camp Sunrise, Low Vision Center, Salem's D.A.R.E. program, Scholarships, Diabetes, and Salem Youth Baseball, just to mention a few.



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This is the Salem Volunteer Fire Company's 74th year proudly serving the residents of Salem! At our annual May meeting, the following officers were elected to serve the fire company for the 2017-2018 year.

Richard W. Martin, Chief
 Charles (Chip) Weston, Deputy Chief
 Ryan Teixeira, Assistant Chief
 Alex Blais, Captain
 Deborah Cadwell, EMS Captain
 Warren Wright, Fire Police Captain
 Eugene Maiorano appointed as Safety Officer

The following personnel were elected Lieutenants of equipment: Kyle Burke, Jeff Martin, Robert Pokrinchak and James Rybak; Secretary, Lisa Martin; Appropriated Treasurer, Eugene R. Maiorano; and Non-Appropriated Treasurer, Marcella Maiorano.

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. We also have a junior program for young adults 13 to 17 years of age.

The plans are ongoing for our Annual Bar-B-Que Dinner for August 19, 2017 starting at 5 pm. We once again will be collecting a canned good item for the local food bank. The need for food at the food bank never stops and the summer is especially a time when the shelves are a lot more bare than any other times of the year, so mark your calendars for August 19! To purchase tickets, call or stop by the station or go online at: www.salemfireco.com.

Submitted by: Richard Martin, Chief

The first meeting of the year was held on April 11 at the Salem Volunteer Firehouse and officers for the coming year were elected. They are: Nancy Dytko, President; Caren Jackson, Vice President; June Dion, Treasurer; Irene Jarvis, Secretary; and Cindy Soler, Correspondence Secretary. The members are very thankful to have First Selectman Kevin Lyden and Resident State Trooper Chris Pariseau at our meetings to keep us informed as to what is happening locally. We are grateful to have Pam Henry as our Senior Liaison Officer as she tells us about all of the programs available to seniors, many of which we didn't know existed. Our guest speaker for the meeting was George Jackson who gave a presentation on the Education budget. We were all amazed at what it costs to keep our students educated. We thank him also for answering the many questions from the floor. Lunch was also served after the meeting.

Our May meeting was held at the Salem School and we were pleasantly surprised with a singing program featuring pre-school students whose average age was three. They did an outstanding job. Following the program we were served lunch. Thank you to Superintendent Joseph Onofrio and your staff.

The Salem Seniors meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Salem Volunteer Firehouse on Route 85 unless otherwise designated. It is a great way to learn about our town and to make new friends.

Every Tuesday afternoon from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., a group of seniors meet at the library to play Wii and card games. We wish to thank the library staff who provide us each week with tea and coffee and set up the gaming system. Numerous card games are played: Cribbage, Set Back (Pitch), Golf (a card game) and other suggestions are welcome. Light refreshments are also served during our game playing.

In addition, this group also conducted a plant and used book sale in May. Thanks to the hard work of Elizabeth Lane and her volunteers it was a huge success. Hundreds of plants sold out quickly along with children's books and games, romance novels and cookbooks. Everything sold is donated and all of the money made is given to the library to be used for whatever they need. We wish to extend a special thank you to the volunteers who worked out in the damp and cold weather to promote the sale of plants this year.

Submitted by: Irene Jarvis

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Happy Spring!

Happy Spring! The Salem Seniors would like to thank Salem School for hosting May's meeting and providing a wonderful luncheon after the "Dinosaur Theme" songs sung by Mr. Hebert's 3 year old preschool group.

All seniors are welcome to attend our monthly meetings – 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Salem Volunteer Fire Co (unless otherwise designated) on Rt. 85 at 10:30am. Some months, we have informal speakers who let us know about events, trips and general information related to senior citizen interests. Other months, we have speakers from state-run programs who provide information about programs or benefits that seniors may qualify. One thing we can count on most months is Mind Aerobics with Kathy Civardi. It's a fun way for both men and women in our group to keep our brains sharp through word games, puzzles and simple brain exercises that we do together as a group which at times, has left us all laughing with each other. First Selectman Kevin Lyden joins us monthly for an update on our town.

Each meeting adjourns with a luncheon.

The Municipal Medical Transportation Service program will renew on July 1st. If you need a renewal application please let me know (860) 839-3873 ext 125 or email pam.henry@salemct.gov

If you've not taken advantage of the program please contact me for more information regarding the Municipal Medical Transportation Service.

Submitted by: Pam Henry



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Greetings from your Resident State Troopers!

On May 2, 2017, the Salem School eighth grade students, along with the Salem Resident Troopers, visited the Connecticut State Police Museum located in Meriden, CT. The students were provided a tour of the museum by retired State Police members. During the tour, students learned about the history of the State Police, viewed various pieces of equipment used by Troopers in the past and watched a video of a State Police recruit class going through the training academy. On May 24, 2017, the Salem Resident Troopers partnered with the Salem School and hosted the second annual Safety Day. The students rotated through the following exhibits: Lifestar helicopter, State Police K-9, Colchester Police Department Narcotic Detection K-9, State Police Major Crime Unit, State Police DUI station, State Police Motorcycle Unit, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and Salem and Gardner Lake Fire Departments. The 5th-8th graders gave a presentation which educated students about staying safe when home alone. Safety Day was an overall success and we are looking forward to another one next year. We are honored to serve the community of Salem and thank you for your continued support. Enjoy the summer and please be safe!

Submitted by: Troopers LaRue and Pariseau



*Salem School
D.A.R.E. 8th Grade Class
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By now, most people have heard about the opioid epidemic in our country. In the State of Connecticut, opiates contributed to 90% of unintentional drug overdose deaths in 2015-2016. Heroin and Fentanyl were among the most common opiates involved, contributing to 53% and 41% of unintentional drug overdose deaths, respectively. The Office of the Connecticut Chief Medical Examiner's Office has seen a 65% increase in autopsies since 2012 because of law enforcement requests due to heroin overdoses. In fact, Connecticut residents are now more likely to die from unintentional drug overdose than a motor vehicle accident.

There are common risk factors for opioid overdoses. Mixing opioids with other drugs, particularly alcohol or sedatives can lead to an overdose. Some overdose when they resume the use of opioids after a period of abstinence, such as recent release from a rehabilitation center or from incarceration. Emergency Medical Technicians tell us that elderly people may forget that they already took their medication and accidentally re-take the same medication. Finally, younger age individuals, specifically those in their teens or early 20s can be exposed to peer pressure or a social environment where drug use is prevalent.

Signs of an overdose include a face that is extremely pale and/or clammy to the touch, a body is limp, fingernails or lips with a blue or purple cast, and vomiting or making gurgling noises. Individuals that overdose cannot be awakened from sleep or are unable to speak, and their heartbeat and breathing are very slow or stopped.

While we hope it will never happen, there are things you can do if you see someone overdose. First, call 911 immediately. Next, you should support the person's breathing. If you have naloxone (Narcan), please administer it. Lay the person on their side once they have resumed breathing and stay with the overdosed person until the ambulance arrives.

Finally, you can take steps to prevent an overdose before it happens. You can take your unused prescription drugs to one of the many local collection boxes. A list is available at <http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?q=501922>. You may support elderly residents by sorting daily medications in advance. Finally, you can have an honest discussion with young people to educate them on the risks of drug use and abuse.

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



In 2007, we were accepted to be a Heart Saver Community by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and Office of Emergency Medical Services. Since 2007, The Salem Elementary School adopted the CPR/AED program into their curriculum for 7th and 8th grades. This program has continued with the support of Principal Joan Phillips and Superintendent Joe Onofrio. We wish to thank CPR/AED Instructor EMT Sue Leuck for her many years in making this program successful.

Ten years later, Amie Hoinsky, a Salem resident and Active Emergency Medical Responder, will be posting and providing CPR/AED classes. Classes begin June 24 at 9:00 am at the Gardner Lake Fire Company, 429 Old Colchester Road, Salem. Please encourage your family and neighbors to participate in The Town of Salem Heart Saver Program. Train together as a family for some summer bonding.

To register, please contact EMR Amie Hoinsky by e-mail at: damummis@gmail.com

The Town of Salem is very proud of its 792 Residents who have become certified through the Heart Saver Program. To date, there are 24 AED's in service provided by the Town of Salem in various locations throughout the town. AED Units are maintained and serviced monthly by the Career Firefighter/EMT's with funding provided by the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance Fund. Our plan is to purchase one additional AED in July of 2017 for our 2nd Resident State Trooper.

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Submitted by: Chief Jim Savalle



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Spring has been a busy season for Salem recreation. The Salem Youth Baseball League had its opening day in Bozrah on April 29th. Salem SYBL is hosting about 104 players on 14 teams this season including: T-Ball, rookie, softball and majors. If you are looking for summer activities, please check with Salem's Recreation Program Coordinator, Vanessa Bunnell, at 860-859-3873 ext 275. She continually seeks out and provides diverse and engaging programs for our residents.

The Recreation Commission enjoys celebrating the holidays with town residents, and Memorial Day is especially fun with our annual Bicycle Decorating Contest! Upcoming holiday activities include: Trick or Trunk in October, Tree Lighting and Sing-a-long on December 2 at 4:00 p.m., and the wildly popular springtime Easter Egg Hunt with the Salem Lions Club.

We would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to the Public Works Department as they continue to provide outstanding maintenance and upkeep of our pristine state-of-the-art facilities. Salem is lucky to have you all, and our recreation fields are some of the nicest in this area! The tennis courts and basketball courts will get a facelift with resurfacing of both courts this summer. Each court sees a lot of use and the lighting for evening play allows for games to continue into the evening!

The Recreation Commission would like to invite town residents to come to a meeting and share your insights or suggestions about recreation in town, listen to what's on the agenda, or get a first-hand glimpse of new programs. The Recreation Commission meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Our next meetings are June 19 and July 17, and all are welcome to attend.



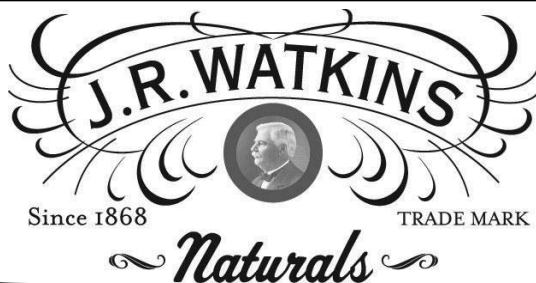
Winners of the Memorial Day Bicycle Decorating Contest:

*1st place Katie Teixeira, age 11
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2nd place Zane Mallory, age 6*

Submitted by: Teri Natoli, Recreation Commison



Lions Club and Recreation Commission Easter Egg Hunt



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SALEM CEMETERY

In May 2017, Association members cleared the cemetery of unsightly holiday decorations, spent plantings, abandoned pots and tattered flags. Now that summer is upon us please be certain to limit your plot decorations to the area specified in our bylaws. This is necessary in order to ease the work of those town employees who mow and trim. We cannot ensure that decorations outside of the prescribed limits will be safe from damage. Also, please note that any plant varieties seen to overwhelm the monuments they decorate will be removed at the discretion of the Sexton. Plastic or artificial flowers are prohibited from April 15 through November. All plot owners have a role in maintaining the beauty of our cemetery by keeping their own plots clean and neat.

Though we have two water sources (pitcher pump and garden hydrant), we recommend the use of the garden hydrant located behind the Salem Historic Society building. The pitcher pump tends to lose its prime making the pumping of water difficult.

The construction of a new roadway has begun. This will allow access to an additional 180 plots in Section IV of the cemetery. A fence consisting of granite posts and chains (similar to that bordering town property and Route 85) is planned to delineate Cemetery from Church property.

At the April 2017 annual meeting of the SGCA, the current slate of officers was ratified to serve from 4/2017 – 4/2018.

They are: Catherine Teel, President
Nancy Dytko, Vice President
Helen Woronik, Historian
Monica McIntyre, Treasurer
Kathleen Lyden, Secretary

Also renewed:

Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton & Michael Teel, Asst. Sexton

For the period 06/01/2016 to 05/22/2017 there have been six (6) interments/inurnments.

Date	Section	Row	Plot	Name	Burial type
08/2016	I	D	38	Catherine McKiernan	Full vault
11/2016	I	A	13	Luella Moore	Cremation
12/2016	I	F	55	John Dytko	Full vault
02/2017	I	B	24+	Marie Hutchison	Cremation
04/2017	IV	G	35	Alan Bray	Full Vault
04/2017	I	B	30	James Valliere	Full Vault

Plot availability: As of 05/22/2017 there is one (1) full sized plot remaining in Section I priced at \$550. Section IV has 96 full sized plots available for \$725 each. Regulations allow for one vault or a maximum of three (3) cremation containers per full sized plot. The cemetery receives only human remains – no animal remains are allowed.

Contact the SGCA Sexton, Rev. Tim Dubeau at 860-705-1925 with questions or if interested in purchasing full sized or smaller cremation plots. The information board located near the first row of plots displays maps of the cemetery sections showing plot locations, interment/inurnment records by name/plot, plot pricing and contact information.

Lastly, the SGCA is seeking to train another sexton. Any person interested in receiving training is encouraged to contact Rev. Tim Dubeau at 860-859-1925, 860-705-1925 or at tbdubeau@sbcglobal.net. This is a volunteer position well suited for a person who has a flexible daytime schedule.

Submitted by: Tim Dubeau, Sexton

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Salem Recreation Youth Fitness Challenge Winners:

Sloan D'Aquila Grade K

Alex Pflugbeil Grade 2

Maya D'Aquila Grade 4

They each received a gift
certificate to The Trampoline Place.
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Healthy Recipes they tried:

Kale Chips, Super Smoothies, and Spaghetti w/
marinara sauce, cheese, applesauce, and milk.

What I learned from choosemyplate.gov:

"How much oil was in pizza & how much sugar is
in milkshakes" – Sloan

"The cost to raise a child \$233,610" –Alex

You need to eat a balanced meal for good health;
I learned that milkshakes have 19 cubes of sugar;
I love the squishing food game!" -Maya

Thank you to all the families
that participated!

For more information and to learn how to register for our
summer programs, camps and clinics, visit:
http://www.salemct.gov/pages/salemct_recreation/programs

Salem Surge Soccer Club

Fall 2017 Registration is happening now!



\$45 for Travel players
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Registration Deadline July 15th 2017

For more information, contact club president:
Andrew McKillop at andmck72@gmail.com

For help with registration, contact registrar:
Penina Lopez at PeninaLopez@gmail.com

Sign up at: <https://secure.leaguepilot.com/go/2788>



New to Salem Recreation this summer! Southeastern CT Field Hockey Club

Join us to grow your love & knowledge of the game!
Southeastern CT Youth Field Hockey Club is inviting girls enter-
ing grades 2 through 8 to come out and participate in a six-week
developmental field hockey program. Come learn the fundamen-
tals of the sport, play in games, and have a lot of fun!

When: Week of July 10th through week of August 14th on
Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:30PM

Where: Mondays @ The Lou Uffers Complex in Salem &
Thursdays @ Wide World of Indoor Sports in Montville

Cost: \$90 for Salem Residents & \$95 for Non-residents

What you need: Shin guards, mouth guard, and field hockey eye
protection/goggles. Sticks and balls will be available to borrow!

To Register: Visit Salem Recreation's website via www.salemct.gov
to obtain the registration form or call Salem's Rec department
at (860) 859-3873 x275 or email Amy Lloyd sectfieldhockey@gmail.com
with additional questions.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 23rd

ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Salem Library held their Annual
Meeting at the Salem Library on May 18, 2017. Reelected
were Carl Nawrocki as President and Martha Giegel
as Secretary and Heidi Preston and George Ziegra will
continue to serve as Vice President and Treasurer. The
membership approved a budget of nearly \$18,000 to
support Salem Library next year.

Last year, funds provided by the Friends made possible:

- Thirty programs for all ages
- \$5000 towards building and updating
the library's physical collection
- A 3-D printer
- Membership passes to 6 museums
- A popular Summer Reading program
- Physical improvements to the Children's
Program Room and the Teen Area
- Hosting the Library's Anniversary Party
including refreshments and music provided
by the Eight Mile River Band
- Ready to Read bags including a new
book as part of an early literacy initiative
- Board games and Legos for drop-in and
for on-going programs

All of this is made possible through your support of
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Mobile Food Pantry



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Location: Town of Salem - Salem School
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Date: First Wednesday of the Month
Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Library's Spring Book and Plant Sale

The Friends of the Salem Library held their Spring Plant and Used Book Sale from Thursday, May 11th through Saturday, May 13th. Despite being under the threat of torrential rains, Elizabeth Lane led a group made up of Friends, Salem Seniors, and other volunteers and held the sale. The sale netted over \$1500. In addition to both indoor and outdoor plants, the sale offered an assortment of paperback fiction, children's books, and hardcover gardening and cookbooks. Thank you to all who helped make this sale a success including those who worked at the sale, those of you who donated plants, and our customers.

Membership Chairperson

This summer, we are looking to replace our long-serving Membership Chairperson who is retiring. It is an important task that you can do at home, a few hours a month. Membership provides about 17% of our total budget, so it is critical that we fill this position. It involves keeping track of our current membership database, so some computer and database skills would be helpful. You will also send out renewal letters to our membership. Stamps, envelopes and paper are provided. We will train you. If you have any interest, please contact Carl Nawrocki at: carlybilly@aol.com or 860-859-1641.

Book Sorters Wanted

Now that the Spring Sale is completed, The Friends have turned their attention to our major Fall Used Book Sale. While the sale is not until the last weekend in October, collecting and sorting donated books has already started and will continue throughout the summer months. We need your help.

Last year, we were fortunate to have help from families with teens needing service hours. This is a good opportunity for teenagers to fulfill their service requirements, learn something about literature, and give back to the community. It is necessary that all minors be accompanied by a parent and/or responsible adult.

For those of you who are a bit older, we can use your help also. We usually sort weekday mornings either at the Old Library or at the Zemko Garage (next to the Community Garden).

If you are interested, there is sign-up sheet at The Salem Free Public Library circulation desk or contact Carl Nawrocki at: carlybilly@aol.com or 860-859-1641.

Submitted by: Carl Nawrocki, President

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July – September Events Calendar

Salem Knitters

The knitting group meets on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the reading area of the Salem Free Public Library. The group meets weekly to work on their own projects or to contribute to the annual knitted goods sale to benefit the Friends of the Salem Library. Refreshments are served. You may just drop in, no registration required!

Salem Library Book Group

A new library-sponsored adult book group will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., facilitated by staff member, Sam Harfenist. The book selection for June 27 is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald; August's selection is *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi & September's selection is *The Dirty Life* by Kristin Kimball. Registration is suggested by calling 860-859-1130, but walk-ins are welcome!

The Horseshoe Crab

Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m. - This ancient sea creature has survived in the oceans for millions of years with its primitive design still intact! Join DPNC educator, Laura Craver Rogers, as she discusses the physical adaptations as well as the breeding & nesting habits of the horseshoe crab. Limit 40. This program is suitable for ages 10 to adult. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Presented by Sam Ducharme, who hiked the Appalachian Trail from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mt. Katahdin, Maine. Come join him as he takes you through the trail towns, over the mountains and through the backcountry. Limit 40. This program is suitable for teens and adults. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

CT Author Trail Presentation

The Ghosts of Groton Bank

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. A hair-raising number of historic haunts—from sea captains who never returned home to soldiers who never left—exist in the half square mile called Groton Bank. The authors, Hali Keeler, Leslie Evans & David Rose, navigate Groton Bank's paranormal history as they discuss their book, *The Ghosts of Groton Bank*. This program is suitable for teens and adults. Limit 40. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Hungrytown Concert

Saturday, September 9, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. Concert with lyricist, Rebecca Hall and instrumentalist, Ken Anderson who comprise the folk duo, Hungrytown. This program is suitable for teens and adults. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

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2017 Summer Reading Program: Schedule of Events

Register beginning Monday, June 26, 2017 and receive a reading log. Visit once a week to receive the choice of a weekly incentive or a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$5 gift certificate to Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream in our weekly drawing. For every book read, you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize at the end of the summer reading program. Raffle drawing will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017. Please turn in your reading logs at the end of the summer so we may gather statistics! Thank you.

Parent/Guardian must remain in the library during children's programs.

Call 860-859-1130 to register for programs

Registration Begins!

Monday, June 26, 2017 during library hours. The Program is for grades pre-k through high school. Receive your reading log when you register.

Nature's Architects

Saturday, July 1, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m. The program is presented by Animal Embassy. Be amazed by the talents of a diverse group of animals that build complicated structures! This program is suitable for ages 4 & up. Limit 40 (children with parents).

Nature's Greatest Engineers

Friday, July 7, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m. The program is presented by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Learn all about beavers! Play "dress like a beaver," study a beaver mount and try to build a dam that will hold back water. This program is suitable for ages 6-12. Limit 30 children.

What is your Ecological Footprint?

Thursday, July 13, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. Presented by staff member and science teacher, Sam Harfenist. Participants will learn about ecological footprints, calculate what theirs is and come up with ways to reduce their carbon emissions. This program is suitable for ages 7 and up. Limit 20 children.

Manga Cartooning

Saturday, July 15, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m. Presented by Debi Hamuka-Falkenham, the Super Cow-toonist. Learn all about the world of Anime! Lessons will focus on the Manga cartoon face, expressions and the cartoon manga figure in motion. This program is suitable for ages 10-14. Limit 25.

The Ribbles Build a Residence

Monday, July 17, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. Interactive theater presentation presented by the Traveling Lantern Theater Company. By playing interactive games and discovering basic building techniques the audi-

ence will help draw a ground plan while Thia Tweet the bird architect and Gerry the Ant Contractor from Brooklyn assist the Ribbles in building a new home for a better world! This program is suitable for grade pre-k to grade 6. Limit 40 (children with parents).

Henna Workshop

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. Presented by Anne MacFadyen of Temporary Body Art by Anne. Participants will learn about henna and safe body art & how to do a basic design. This program is suitable for tweens & teens. Parental permission form required, available at the circulation desk. Limit 20 tweens/teens.

LEGO Brick Challenge

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m. Presented by The Children's Museum. Come and challenge your creativity by designing with LEGOS. This program is suitable for grades K-5. Limit 30 children. (Please note: Items cannot be taken home).

Building Better Bridges

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 @ 2:30 p.m. Presented by the Children's Museum. How do bridges stay up? What designs work best? Discover shapes and designs that have helped bridges bear heavy loads for centuries. This program is suitable for grades 2-8. Limit 30 children. (Please note: Items cannot be taken home)

Tall Ships & Pirate Tales

Saturday, August 5, 2017 @ 12:30 p.m. Set sail with Sciencetellers on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to build a new ship before all hope is lost...at sea! Volunteers from the audience will help us explore the incredible science behind clouds, combustion, air pressure and more. This program is suitable for grades K & up. Limit 40 (children with parents). *This is our summer reading closing program. Ice cream & toppings will be served at the end of the program. Please turn in your reading logs!*

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Our goal at Salem School is to foster a collaborative, innovative, technology-rich, student-centered learning environment complemented by varied instructional methodologies to meet the needs of our learners. Student voice and problem-solving through safe and healthy choices work in partnership with our academic expectations to inspire our students to be the best they can be, not only in thought, but in action as model citizens of our school. These 21st Century learning skills have served as the foundation for our teaching and learning community as we teach the necessary knowledge and skills to ensure our students are prepared for the world we live in.

As the school year comes to an end, I am very proud to share some of our students' accomplishments and experiences that have transpired during this latter part of the 2016-2017 school year.

Life at Salem School

Environmental Classroom

In May, the third graders from Salem joined the third graders from East Lyme to take part in the Outdoor Stormwater Classroom in Niantic. This is an outdoor environmental classroom that showcases many of the technologies and techniques utilized to treat and reduce storm water runoff. Students participated in presentations such as: a Master Gardener, Recycling, Shoreline Species and Habitat, and Enviroscape models. We would like to thank the organizations that have made this experience possible: East Lyme Town and Engineering, the Public Works Departments, the CT DEEP Marine Fisheries Division, CT DEEP Bureau of Watershed Protection and Land Reuse, Save the River-Save the Hills, Inc., The Niantic

River Watershed Commission, and Southern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority for the Recycling program.

Citizenship

Our sixth grade students created informational books focused on kids around the world working to make their community a better place. Sixth grade continued with this theme through a service project to benefit the students at the Ramses College for Girls in Cairo, Egypt. Throughout these units of study, many good citizenship qualities have been displayed by students. We are looking forward to seeing how they will stay 'active' and continue to positively influence their community. In math, students were 'actively' learning all about statistics.

Technology

Technology classes have been beyond busy! Kindergarten classes have been enhancing their literacy skills while navigating and problem solving in various reading sites. First grade is finishing a dinosaur research project ending with creating talking dinosaur pictures. The second grade just finished an animated book titled "A is for Second Grade." Third and fourth grade continue with Power Point and Word skills. Fifth grade dug deeper into Word, ending with a home-made Bingo review. Sixth grade has finished a bibliography unit and are now working on an art tech project in Sketchbook. They are turning their very own faces into cartoons. Seventh grade shared their Public Service Announcements that were created with videos or still pictures on IMovie. Finally, the Eighth grade shared their stop motion projects at the end of the school year. The Broadcast group continues to entertain the school every Friday with a morning news show. The broadcast

team went "live" for the first time in May!

Music

It's been a busy spring in the music department. The fifth-eighth grade students in the Theater Club finished a very successful three day run of *The Lion King*. A spring concert presented by the students in kindergarten and first grade called "Nuts!" was also presented in May. The theme was about some wild and crazy squirrels. The Pre-K class students also performed in May, not only for their parents, but also for the Salem Seniors who enjoyed a preview of some of their songs for the Senior Citizen luncheon on May 9.

National Junior Honor Society

In this first year of NJHS at Salem School, twenty-one students were inducted into the chapter. The officers are eighth graders Karenna Kung, Katherine Harris, Chelsea Weimer, Ben Sartori and Peter Sorrentino. Other eighth graders include Grace Vlaun, Morgan Vane, Natalie Libby, Lindy-Ann Erikson, Mikayla Smith, Clayton Litchfield, Wes Williamson, Cooper Pazzaglia and Marcus Orsini. Newly inducted seventh graders are Margaret Dunne, Delanie Fresco-Hawes, Sara Gilman, Julia Giegel, Caitlyn Maiolo, Katherine Monarca and Alanah White.

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to thank you all for your support during the year and to wish you all well for the summer. I am honored to serve the students, staff, and families of Salem as Principal. If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, please contact me.

Submitted by:

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I would like to thank my son, Trayton, and Salem school friends for making donation jars for the Harris family and putting them around town. I am so overjoyed by your generosity and to Salem School for their continued support. Salem School has taught our children the meaning of compassion. Thank you to Salem Volunteer Fire Company, Gardner Lake Fire Company, Life Star and Troop K. Difficulties are opportunities to better things. I thank every person who saved our lives. The people that were our first responders at the accident scene became our first angels, and I really do appreciate all of you being an important part of our lives. Thank you for never giving up on us. It is one of the reasons we can continue in this life.

Thank you to The Moms Club of Salem for your compassion and encouragement. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in bringing dinners, support in doing fundraisers, donation

baskets, care packages and lifting my spirit. Thank you for your motto through this: Support, Love and Care. Thank you for paying it forward for me and giving the firehouses a homemade dinner and goodies. Our sincerest gratitude for all you have done.

Thank you Gardner Lake for hosting the pasta dinner for my family and me. Thank you to every single adult and child who donated their time, served dinner, donations, cooked, baked, sold raffle tickets, made baskets and donated raffle prizes to our pasta dinner. When I walked in that day I was so touched by the response; it made me feel so special. I knew that everyone spent time, effort and energy to make sure it was awesome. Perfect is the word that comes to mind when I try to describe that day. It was incredible seeing so many people that were integral in saving my children's lives, as well as my own.

Thank you to East Lyme High School for all of your support and donations. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Copycats of New London for their generous donation of 600 Flyers to the Salem Youth Baseball and Softball League. The slogan: "no one fights alone and we as a community are better together" meant a lot to me. I could not have said it better myself.

Thank you to Salem Youth Baseball and Softball League for doing an awesome fundraiser. I can't wait to go to a game and I am looking forward to making that one of my goals. Your generosity is truly another blessing.

Thank you to every person that has shown incredible generosity and thoughtfulness through our journey. Thank you to every person who did not know my family before this accident but contributed time and money to help in our time of need. We feel so blessed, and I don't know any other way to explain how much everyone's help means to us. I don't know what we would have done without our community. Thank you.

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SALEM SCHOOL'S SAFETY AWARENESS DAY EVENT

On May 24, the Salem Resident Troopers LaRue and Pariseau, working with the Salem Elementary School, presented the second "Safety Awareness Day."

The day would not have been possible without the help of State Police K-9 Handler TFC Cost, and of course K-9 Nikko; Hebron Resident Trooper Greenwood's DWI simulator; Trooper Dodge with the State Police motorcycle unit; State Police Detectives Wordell and Couco from the Major Crimes Division; State Police Sgt. Martines and Colchester K-9 handler, officer Grose, and of course K-9 Josie narcotics sniffing dog; DEEP Officer Wojcik; Salem and Gardner Lake Fire Department; and the Life Star Helicopter.

The day started with the grade school students initially watching the Life STAR helicopter landing on their soccer field. They then had a chance to see the medical helicopter up close and talk to the crew. The middle school students at the same time were in an assembly learning how to respond in various emergency situations.

All the students then went in groups to various stations to learn about the multitude of emergency services. The stations consisted of: learning about the State's K-9 program, learning about how the Major Crimes Division goes about solving a crime, learning about what the DEEP Animal Division provides, learning about the State Police's motorcycle unit, learning how K-9s are used to sniff out drugs, learning about the effects of driving under the influence; and, of course, learning about Salem and Gardner Lake Fire Departments.

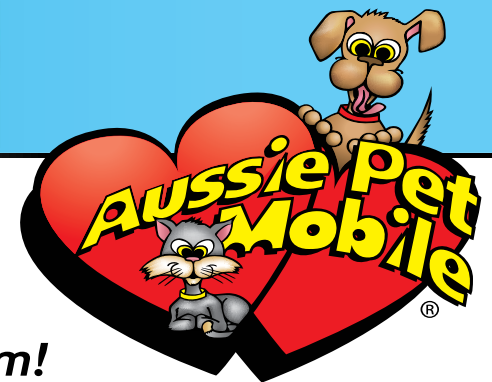
In watching the day progress, not only did the students have fun and ask questions, but so did the teachers and volunteers of the event. The hit of the day, even with the rain, was the LifeStar Helicopter landing and taking off from the school.



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