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Dear Fellow Townspeople:

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

The cooler and peaceful days of autumn are now with us. As I have mentioned before, 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 look at what is happening in our Town:

## Bond Rating Increase

After a thorough review by Moody's Investment Service our Bond Rating has been increased to Aa3. Moody's credits this increase to the strong management by our team of Town Employees, as well as, the fine leadership of our Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen. A bond rating upgrade has a positive impact when borrowing is required. A bond rating represents the stability and fiscal responsibility of the Town. Many thanks to all involved in this significant achievement.

## Insurance Refund = \$8,684

Thank you to all Town and School Employees for their efforts of embracing a safe work environment. Due to effective risk management practices we have again received a Refund/Equity check from our Insurance provider in the amount of \$8,684. This money has been deposited back into the Town's General Fund.

## Assessor's Office-Additional Hours

The Assessor's office hours have been increased to better serve our residents. The Assessor's office is now open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to

align with the Tax Collector's office. The additional professional staffing has proved positive to meet the mandated requirements of this office, as well the needed services for our Townspeople.

## Thank you, Eric Belt

After decades of service to the Town of Salem, our friend, Eric Belt, is moving to Colorado. Eric has served on the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission, Eight Mile River Watershed Coordinating Committee, Multipurpose Path Committee, Lions Club, Mobile Food Pantry and many other volunteer organizations.

Time and time again, Salem would ask for help and Eric would answer the call.

We are so very fortunate to have Eric as a fellow resident. We wish Eric and his family the very best in all of their future endeavors.

In closing, thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents to benefit the Town of Salem.

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,  
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Kevin Lyden, First Selectman



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## SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY HAPPENINGS

Our last fundraising project was our Eighth Annual Chicken and Rib Bar-B-Que dinner held on August 18, 2018.

The members' efforts, with all participating in the prep, cooking, and clean-up, made this dinner very successful. Please mark your calendar with the date and time for next year, August 17, 2019, and remember that all tickets are advance sales only. If you would like to receive a reminder, please call 860-859-0942 to have your name added to the already growing list of those wishing to receive a call. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

We would like to thank our friends and donors for all of their help and support, which made this year's barbecue a huge success.

### Friends and donors included:

*Two Brothers Restaurant and Pub, Panfili's Farm Stand, Salem Prime Cuts, Mini Melts Ice Cream USA, and Witch Meadow Campground.*

In the near future, we will be showing the townspeople the new building we have constructed with all of our fundraising projects over the past years. This new building is located behind our Fire Station and will house fire apparatus and equipment. We will let you know when our open house will be scheduled.

*Submitted by: Eugene R. Maiorano, Fire Chief*



*The following submission was inadvertently excluded from the Summer issue of Our Town Salem. Our apologies to the Salem Volunteer Fire Company for the omission.*

### Salem Volunteer Fire Company Awards Scholarship

The Salem Volunteer Fire Company received eleven applications for its 1st annual scholarship. The committee had a very difficult decision to make. All applicants were highly deserving of the award.

After much deliberation, the committee chose Madeleine Orsini as the recipient of our 1st awarded scholarship. Madeleine is a senior at East Lyme High School and is graduating in June. The scholarship was presented to Madeleine at East Lyme High School's awards night on June 5th.

The second scholarship will be awarded in September, in the amount of \$1,000 to an adult seeking continuing education. First consideration will be given to an adult pursuing a certification or degree in the medical or fire field. The adult must reside in the Town of Salem and provide proof of residency and acceptance into a continuing education program.

*Submitted by: Richard Martin*

*Chair, SVFC Scholarship Committee*



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**Thank you, Harbor Village in New London,** for preparing a pasta buffet for our September meeting. In addition to the salad and multiple pasta toppings\sauces offered, the homemade bread was delightful.

**Thank you, Laura Crews,** the Director of Benefits Access with Senior Resources in Norwich for informing our group about the free services offered to seniors. In particular, she covered the CHOICES program, which helps seniors and persons with disabilities with Medicare understand their Medicare Coverage and healthcare options.

**Want Town of Salem information emailed to you?** Visit the Town website at [www.salemct.gov](http://www.salemct.gov) and click on the "Subscribe to News" rectangle and enter your email address. You can receive updates on anything from road closings in town, meeting updates, recreation programs and everything in between.

We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10:30am at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company on Route 85. If you have topics of interest that affect senior citizens, please let us know and we can see about getting a speaker for an upcoming meeting.

*Submitted by: Pam Henry, Agent for the Aging*

## Salem Senior Citizens 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Flu Shot Clinic

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## Find Your Footprint in Salem this October

Walking on the trails and in the beautiful woods of Salem is a frequent activity for many town residents. In an effort to encourage even more people to explore and enjoy the incredible rural landscape of Salem, the Salem Recreation Commission is inviting you to get out and into the woods and look for hidden Salem Medallions. October or "Walktober" is when 25 Salem Medallions will be hidden along the trails of Salem.

Hand-made glazed pottery discs with "Salem 2018" and a footprint on one side and the number of the disc on the other, have been made by the Red House Cultural Arts Center on Darling Road.

Artists Kim and Barry Ford have done an incredible job creating our first medallions to be hidden within a foot or two along certain trails in Salem. If you find a medallion, it's yours to keep, we only ask that you let the Rec Department know so that we can post who found it and where it was located.

Hoping that "Walktober" 2018 will be a fun new activity for many to enjoy, the Rec Commission is looking forward to expanding the search next year as we celebrate Salem's Bicentennial.



## Trick or Trunk

We are delighted to announce that the Salem Volunteer Fire Company and the Witch Meadow Campground will once again host Trick or Trunk. Check out the Rec website for more details.

## East Lyme and Salem Youth Basketball Have Joined Forces



The East Lyme Youth Basketball (ELYB) league is now open to East Lyme and Salem resident boys and girls who will be in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Both new and experienced players are encouraged to join. For additional information and to Register online please visit:

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## Events Fall 2108

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**Seniors Drop-in** - The seniors meet every Tuesday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the program room. Come to the library to play WiiU Sports games, such as baseball, boxing, bowling, golf and tennis as well as card and board games. Potluck refreshments are served. This program is sponsored by the Salem Recreation Department.

**Mah Jongg** - Meets every Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the library's program room. New players welcome! Just drop in!

**Story Time for 3's and 4's** - Five week session on Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m., running September 27, 2018 to October 25, 2018. Story time will include stories, rhymes and a craft. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

**Salem Library Book Group** - The library's adult book group, moderated by staff member, Sam Harfenist, normally meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Registration is suggested by calling 860-859-1130, but walk-ins are welcome! Book titles to be announced.

**Queen Victoria** - Saturday, October 13, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m. Dressed in proper 19th century clothing, Sally Mummey performs a living history of Queen Victoria, including selected readings from the Queen's journals. Refreshments will be served. The program is suitable for teens and adults. Limit 30. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

**Hungrytown Concert** - Saturday, November 3, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m. After more than a decade of world-wide touring and album releases, the folk duo Hungrytown, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, have earned a reputation for great vocal harmonies and the quality and authenticity of their songwriting. Refreshments will be served. Limit 40 teens/adults. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

**Author Event: Ghosts & Mysteries of Connecticut** - Wednesday, November 7, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. This program will introduce you to three Connecticut authors, Carol Matsumoto, author of the non-fiction book, *The Ghosts of Captain Grant's Inn*; Rose Young, author of the fictional, *Roses, Wine & Murder*, and J.M. Walker, author of *The Case of the Flying Corpse*, a Sherlock Holmes mystery. There will be a brief reading of their work, along with a book signing. Cider & doughnuts will be served. This event is suitable for teens & adults. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

**Alice in Wonderland & the Mad Hatter** - Saturday, November 10, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m. Presented by Simply Enchanted. Come meet Alice in Wonderland and The Mad Hatter! This program includes games, songs, beverages and treats! This program is suitable for ages 4 & up. Limit 15 children. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

**Card Making Workshop** - Saturday, December 1, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. Work at your own pace to create four different Christmas greeting cards, using cardstock, designer paper, colored markers, and embellishments. Learn techniques such as paper layering, water coloring, embossing and die cutting. All supplies provided. Limit 12 teens/adults. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

**Bird Seed Feeder Craft** - Saturday, December 8, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. An easy and fun winter project for feeding your feathered friends - a small, wooden birdhouse covered in birdseed! Use for gift giving or just hang in a tree to feed your backyard birds. The program is suitable for ages 5-12. Call 860-859-1130 to register. Limit 20.

**Anniversary Concert with the Eight Mile River Band** - Saturday, December 8, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m. We will be celebrating the 14th anniversary of the Salem Free Public Library's current location. Cake and beverages will be served. Call 860-859-1130 to register. Please join us!

All programs sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Library

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## Power Outage

Please remember to do the following if you connect a generator to your house when the power goes out: disconnect your power at the main breaker to the street. This will insure that you are not back feeding the power lines.

Place your generator well outside your house. Chain and lock it to a tree. The exhaust will emit carbon monoxide (CO, The Silent Killer) into your house. This may cause headaches, and possibly death.



Check your CO detector batteries often to ensure that it is active and replace them in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation, generally 5 to 10 years. Change the batteries every 6 months. Change them when you reset your clocks for the time change.

## Wiring your generator

Consult a Licensed Electrician on the wiring of your generator. All generators are different. Proper amperage, plugs and outlets may make a difference to your risk of a fire. Do not cut the end off of a plug and stick it into the generator as this will cause an electrical shock,

## Carbon Monoxide

When the snow builds up, please clean around all vented gas appliances, wood stoves and dryer vents at the exterior of your house. This will help eliminate CO buildup in your house.

Check your CO detector batteries often to ensure that it is active and replace them in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation, generally 5 to 10 years. Change the batteries every 6 months. Change them when you reset your clocks for the time change.

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*Submitted by: Chief Jim Savalle*

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As the new school year begins, there is plenty of excitement here at Salem School. We have been very busy registering new students over the summer. Our student enrollment is changing daily with numbers at 415 as of the first day of school.

This past school year, our Long Range Strategic Planning Committee, comprised of many community members, teachers, Board of Education members, and our administration met on a regular basis. One of the outcomes of this committee was a subcommittee to rewrite our mission statement. The members of the mission statement subcommittee review group were: George Jackson, Joan Phillips, Pam Munro, Barbara Leyden and Tiffany Cunningham.

I would like to give credit to Tiffany Cunningham for her wording and description of our thoughts and process in determining our mission statement. Below is an outline of the discussion process the subcommittee went through to come up with our mission statement:

## **Salem inspires learning, creativity, critical thinking, personal integrity and citizenship.**

Our goal was to create a simple, carefully worded and understandable mission statement. It was our intent that students and staff would be able to memorize the mission statement and that it would be something that could have a prominent place in the school both visibly and in the minds of the community members.

How we decided on the phrasing of our new mission statement:

### ***Salem***

Possible alternatives included:

The Salem School, The Salem School District, The Salem Community.

The single word “***Salem***” was chosen to provide inclusivity. Simplifying to the single word, Salem, all members of the Salem School Community are included: students, teachers, administrators, parents and support staff. There was discussion concerning whether it was too broad. In other words, as a Salem School District Mission statement, this inadvertently includes the town of Salem. If confusion exists, the ambiguity is favorable.

### ***Inspires***

Possible verbs such as empowers, creates, prepares, educates, etc. were discussed. The verb inspires was chosen after much discussion; it conveys filling a person with an urge or passion, neither limiting to a concrete amount in the case of a gifted child, nor expecting a specific outcome, as in the case of a student with disabilities.

Possible verb tenses were discussed.

The present tense was chosen deliberately. “***Inspires***,” being the present tense, means that people are being inspired now, as opposed to “***will inspire***” which implies that the inspiring will be taking place in the future. The present tense also gives the message that the ***inspiring*** continues to be ongoing and does not stop simply because students graduate from eighth grade and that the inspiration continues long after they’ve left the school.

### ***Direct Object: None.***

Example of options: students, children, the community

It was decided that the mission statement was stronger without a direct object in that it was broader and more inclusive than limiting the inspiring to just the students or children. It gave strength to the possibility that all members of the Salem Community are inspired: staff, employees, students, BOE, administration, parents. We inspire each other.

There was much discussion about what words most succinctly described the important threads of the education provided at Salem School, i.e., the important educational strands that are being inspired. After much review, the following five concepts were chosen: ***learning, creativity, critical thinking, personal integrity and citizenship.***

### ***Learning***

The process of learning was felt to be integral in the educational process.

### ***Creativity, critical thinking***

The Strategic Plan targets the goal of teaching ***critical and creative thinking for problem solving***. Critical and Creative thinking for problem solving is also central to the Strategic Plan for the East Lyme School System. The driving force behind developing a new mission statement was to include this primary focus.

Modifying ***creativity and critical thinking*** with the prepositional phrase “***problem solving***” limited the critical and creative thinking to being exclusive to problem solving and added a level of unnecessary complexity to the statement. While ***Problem Solving*** is critical in the learning process, it is arguably non-extractable; it is intrinsic to the existing teaching methodology. It was felt that the statement was strengthened by leaving it out rather than including it.

### ***Personal integrity***

The importance of making moral choices, being nice to one another, being truthful, and developing ethical standards was encompassed by the phrase ***personal integrity***.

### ***Citizenship***


Considering the good of the community, working together, being an important part of a larger whole, and possibly being inspired to be an active part of government in the future, were all aspects of the reason behind the choice of the word ***citizenship***. Its inclusion to the statement invited a sense of cooperation, community and possible involvement that was valuable.

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There were significant modifying phrases that were intentionally left out.

## Through what means;

It was decided that a prepositional phrase would not be included that described through what means the goal would be achieved. Two examples of this type of phrase are:

“through partnerships with family and community”

“through a challenging and progressive child-centered educational program”

## Description of the Environment/Community

It was decided that a noun phrase would not be included that described the environment and/or the community. Two examples of this type of phrase are:

“a diverse community of individuals”

“a safe and healthy learning environment”

## Description of the Times

It was decided that a prepositional phrase would not be included that described the climate of the times. Two examples of this type of phrase are:

“in an ever-changing global society”

“for the twenty-first century.”

A common mission that identifies the kind of learning we want to achieve here in Salem can help keep our school and the efforts of our staff and students on target. Our mission statement will help us plan our action plan that helps our school achieve its vision. We feel our mission statement will prompt change and growth.

Thank you to all who contributed and supported our efforts.

**Submitted by: Joan Phillips, Principal**

## Hepatitis A

In early September 2018, the Connecticut Department of Public Health confirmed two cases of hepatitis A in a 4-week time period. Both cases reported being intravenous drug users residing in transient congregate housing.

Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease. It is caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). HAV is spread from person to person through contact with the feces (stool) of people who are infected, which can easily happen if someone does not wash his or her hands properly. You can also get hepatitis A from food, water, or objects contaminated with HAV. Hepatitis A can cause liver failure and death, although this is rare and occurs more commonly in persons 50 years of age or older and persons with other liver diseases, such as hepatitis B or C.

You should consider getting the hepatitis A vaccine if you are traveling to countries where hepatitis A is common, have a chronic liver disease such as hepatitis B or hepatitis C, are being treated with clotting-factor concentrates, work with hepatitis A-infected animals or in a hepatitis A research laboratory.

You can contact the Uncas Health District's Public Health Nurse, Sue Dubb, for more information on hepatitis A.

**Submitted by: Patrick McCormack, Director of Health**

*Patrick McCormack is the Director of Health for the Uncas Health District. To learn more about the work of the Uncas Health District, please contact us at: (860) 823-1189 or [www.uncashd.org](http://www.uncashd.org). The links to access us on Twitter and Facebook can be found on our website.*



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## Annual Fall Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Salem Library will hold their Annual Fall Used Book Sale on Friday, Oct. 26, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Current members of the Friends may enter the sale at 6 p.m. on Friday. Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door. The "Bag Sale", where a bag of books is priced at \$5.00, is planned for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Bags are provided.

The sale takes place in the Salem School Gym, located at 200 Hartford Rd., We expect to fill the gym with over 20,000 books, including: fiction, non-fiction, and a large number of children's books. The books are sorted into over 70 categories on 90 tables to make your shopping easier. Most major credit cards are accepted in addition to cash and checks.

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

## Helping Out at the Used Book Sale

Each year, more than 80 volunteers, including members of the Friends, local 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. Our truckers start around 9 a.m. on Friday and we end about 6 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.

## Charter Oak Gift Matching Program

Last year, members of the Charter Oak Credit Union doubled their donations to the Friends of the Salem Library by taking advantage of the Credit Union's gift matching program. Charter Oak Credit Union is repeating its gift matching

program this year. The program started on August 14, 2018 and will run through November 21, 2018. If you are a Charter Oak member and plan to donate to the Friends, fill out a Charter Oak donation form at the circulation desk or mail your donation to Friends of Salem Library, c/o Salem Library, 260 Hartford Road, Salem CT 06420. The Friends will take care of everything else. Please include your full name, address, telephone number, and email address. Donations need to be in increments of \$25 (i.e. \$25, \$50, \$75) up to \$500. Minimum donation is \$25 and the maximum is \$500. We hope you can take advantage of this great program to support Salem Library.

## Our Treasurer is Retiring

Our long-serving Treasurer, George Ziegler, is retiring in May 2019. George's decades of service to the Friends, Salem Boards and Commissions and non-profits is to be admired and praised. George has donated his time freely to the Town of Salem and we are all in his debt.

George's retirement places the Friends of Salem Library in the position of seeking a new treasurer. Over the years, the Friends have developed tried and true financial procedures that work well for both the Friends and Library staff. The Treasurer works with the President of the Friends and the Library Director to help manage the Friends substantial donations to the library and keeps tabs on our accounts at Chelsea-Groton Bank. The Treasurer submits financial reports four times a year, helps produce the annual budget, pays bills related to library initiatives, and makes very simple annual reports to the I.R.S. and State of CT. You do not have to be a C.P.A., but understanding how to maintain a spreadsheet would be helpful. All of these are important tasks and can be accomplished in just a few hours each week, on your own schedule at home.

If you are interested in making a difference in our community but cannot commit a large amount of your time, becoming the Treasurer of the Friends of the Salem Library just might be the right fit. If you are interested, email Carl Nawrocki, President of the Friends of Salem Library at: Carlybilly@aol.com or call at: (860)-859-1641.

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## 2018-2019 Salem Lions Club Officers

At the Lions Club's Annual Induction/Scholarship dinner, the following members were inducted as the 2018-2019 Salem Lions Club Officers:

Len Giambra, President  
John Houchin, 1st Vice President  
Dave Kennedy, 2nd Vice President  
George Ziegler, Treasurer  
Will Evanson, Secretary  
Bill Martin, Membership Committee

## Annual Salem Lions Club Picnic

Congratulations to our newest Salem Lion, Shawn Tierney. He was sponsored by Zac Adams. Region Chair/2nd Vice-District Governor Lion Frank Rowe inducted Shawn at our annual picnic on August 21, 2018 at the Fox Farm Brewery. We all welcome him to our Club.

Also honored at our annual Salem Lions Club picnic was Gordon Gillespie. Gordon was awarded the Ambassador of Sight Award, the District Lions Clubs' highest award dedicated to our mission of helping save eyesight. The award was presented to him by Salem Lions President Leonard Giambra, and District 23-C Governor Laura Rowe.



**Lion Gordon Gillespie receives Ambassador of sight award.**

At that same time, Dan Holle was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest award given to a Lion in honor of our Founder Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman. Dan received the award for his dedicated work on behalf of Salem Lions Clubs International.

## Salem School D.A.R.E. Event

On June 20th, a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony was held for the 5th and 8th Grade Salem School students. The students participated in a contest to develop posters and essays on what D.A.R.E. means to them. The top three posters and essays were given a prize provided by donations to the Lions Club. At the Ceremony, Lions Club representatives (Kevin Lyden, William Martin and John Houchin) presented Principal Joan Phillips with a "Drug Free School Zion" sign to be posted at the school. The Salem Lions Club is proud of its participation in this program.

## Annual Lions Scholarship Award

The Annual Scholarship dinner on the 28th of June, was a great success. The first scholarship recipient, Isaac Tomblin, was an outstanding academic student, as well as a musician and athlete, at East Lyme High School. He will be attending Georgia Tech. The other recipient was Luke Wojcik, who will be attending a prep School for entrance into one of the Military Academies. Luke is known for his many volunteer activities (as a LEO, you have probably seen his photo in the Easter Bunny outfit at the Salem Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt). Each young man represents a great choice

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**Dan Holle receives award.**

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by the Scholarship Committee. The Salem Lions Club was proud to present each recipient with a \$2,000.00 Scholarship.

At that same meeting, the Club voted to help the Salem Volunteer Fire Department with their new building by donating \$1,200 for rain gutters.

On June 30th and July 1st, the Lions Club held its Annual Tag sale. For the first year, the sale lasted two days. The sale was held all day Saturday and again on Sunday morning. Salem Residents generously donated sale items and shoppers crowded the yard to buy them. The event raised over \$3,000.00.



*Isaac Tomblin, left, and Luke Wojcik, right, Scholarship recipients*

### Future Lions Club Events

Through the hard work of Lion Nikole Zis, chair of the Lions Calendar, you should have received the calendar hanging off your mailbox in early September.

Lion Dan Holle and his committee are very busy working on the 3rd Annual Salem Lions Fall Golf Classic to be held on Monday, October 1,

2018, at the Shennecossett Golf course at 93 Plain Street, Groton, CT. If you are interested in participating in the event, please go to: [www.planmygolfevent.com/31830-SalemLionsGolfTournament](http://www.planmygolfevent.com/31830-SalemLionsGolfTournament). There will be a hole-in-one event sponsored by Valenti Automall, plus other great prizes.

### Wood sale

This year, the Club will only have about ten cords of wood: four cords cut and split to 16" and about six cords cut and split to 18". The hardwoods are offered on a first come first service basis. Call Lion Bill at: 860-859-1881. (P.S. We do not stack!)

### We Serve the Community

Just a note, the Lions Club is an organization that provides funding support to various local, regional and national organizations/services. It is a voluntary group that puts 100% of the money it raises back into the community. The Salem Lions club supports the following groups through its annual fundraising events:

Camp Rising Sun for Children with Cancer, Community Calendar, Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, CRIS Radio, Salem Easter Egg Hunt, Fidelco Guide Dog Fund, Journey for Sight, Kid Sight Vision Testing, Lions Club International Fund, Lions Diabetes Fund, Lions Hearing and Speech Program, Lions Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut, Salem Little League, Salem's Secret Santa gifts, Southeastern CT Center for the Blind, The Salem School's D.A.R.E. program, The United Way, and local Town needs.

As you can see, the community benefits greatly from the Lions Club's efforts. We support and endorse our motto, "We Serve." If you are interested in becoming a Lion, please contact Bill Martin at: 860-859-1881.

*Article and photos submitted by: Lion John Houchin*

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In the cases where vehicles were stolen, the key or key fob (key frequency operated button used in vehicles that are equipped with remote keyless entry systems) to the vehicle were reportedly left inside the unlocked vehicle. Efforts to detect and deter those committing these criminal acts have been made; however, we need your help to reduce the criminals' opportunities to commit these crimes.

We ask that everyone please lock your vehicles, do not leave keys or key fobs inside your vehicle even if your vehicle is locked and do not leave valuables (for example: iPads, cell phones, laptops, purses, wallets, backpacks, money, GPS, jewelry, cameras) in your vehicle even if your vehicle is locked.

Parking your vehicles in a secured garage is preferred over parking it outside. Please ensure that your garage doors



are closed/secured during the night time hours in order to prevent anyone from walking into the garage and accessing your vehicle. Most of the reported cases occurred during the overnight hours.



That being said, the use of exterior lights on your home and property is encouraged and could act as a deterrent. Video surveillance cameras are beneficial in helping to identify those who are involved in suspicious or criminal activity. Video surveillance cameras can also give you the peace of mind of being able to view/monitor your home/property while you're away. There are many various types of video surveillance camera systems on the market that are also affordable.

In closing, with help from the community, we can work together to help reduce opportunities for crime. If you have any questions related to enhancing the security of your home/property feel free to contact the Salem Resident Trooper office at (860) 859-2507. We thank you for your continued support!

*Submitted by:  
Troopers LaRue and Pariseau*



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# A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF SALEM

In 1664, Captain Sannup, a Niantic Indian Sachem, deeded a tract of land eight miles square to six individuals: Major John Talcott, Captain John Allyn, Major Edward Palmes, Henry Wolcott, Cary Latham and Matthew Griswold. This land transaction was confirmed by the Colonial Court in 1686. On April 6, 1669, Uncas and Chapeto, both Mohegan Indians, deeded to William Lord an eight-mile tract of land either within or adjacent to Lyme known as "Paugwonk lands".

The records describe this land as the "valley of Eight Mile River and its branches". It appears that the same piece of land was deeded twice to two separate grantees by two separate Native American groups, the Niantics and the Mohegans. This land, now the southern part of Salem, was known as Paugwonk Lands, taking its name from Paugwonk Lake, now Fairy Lake.

On October 16, 1681, the Court appointed a representative to ascertain the boundaries of the land in question. In May 1685, the General Court granted to Lyme a tract of land lying north of that township, "nine miles in length and two in breadth". Although the original grantees of Captain Sannup laid claim to the land, Matthew Griswold and his son Matthew Jr. secured possession of the land. By 1700, practically all the land, which is now the south part of Salem, was in the possession of the Griswold heirs.

In 1669, the northern section of Salem, then Colchester, was purchased by Nathaniel Foote, who was acting on behalf of a number of absentee purchasers. The Mohegans objected to this transaction because Owaneco, the Mohegan representative, was under the influence of alcohol when he sold the land to Foote for five or six shillings. This purchase encompassed nearly all of what was called the "Mohegan Hunting Grounds". Because of these transactions, quarrels arose between the local Native Americans and the colonial settlers. This land encompassed portions of Colchester, Lyme and Montville.

At this time the border between Colchester and Lyme, established in 1705, ran east/west, parallel to today's southern border and crossing Route 85 near the northern terminus of Hagen Road.

By 1717, a Lt. James Harris, formerly from New London and now living in Colchester, started buying large parcels of Salem land for re-sale. Although he was listed as a farmer, he became the first real estate agent in this region.

The father and grandfather of Colonel Sam Browne, a wealthy merchant living in Salem, MA, were the wealthiest and most influential citizens of that town and famed for their benevolence to the poor and their benefactions to Harvard College. One historian wrote that he was "by far the greatest merchant of his day in Essex County".

By 1718, Col. Browne started buying large land parcels in Lyme from James Harris and by 1729, he purchased some 8,000 acres, which constituted all of South Salem (Lyme) with the exception of 500 acres owned by Boston Merchants Col. Thomas Fitch and John Dolbeare. His holdings in North Salem (Colchester) were another 1,500 acres. Browne established some 60 slave families as tenant farmers to clear and farm his land.

Records show that a few of these slaves were freed and owned farms in Salem. There are several cemeteries in Salem with unmarked "slave" grave-stones. The Browne's had three superintendents to oversee their operations: James Harris, Capt. Samuel Gilbert and John Mumford Sr. and Jr. Around 1720, Brown commissioned a mansion to be built for Capt. Samuel Gilbert. This house, located on the old Governor's Road northwest of Beckwith Pond (now Horse Pond), became the area's first Inn.

On April 27, 1725, the General Court of CT established the New Salem Parish which constituted the southern part of Colchester, northern part of Lyme, and an eastern part of Montville. Its new name reflects the influence of its largest landowner, Col. Browne, whose family established itself for many years in Salem, MA. New Salem Parish was once again divided in 1769 when the southeastern portion was set off as part of Chesterfield Paris. In 1786, the eastern part of Salem Paris, a part of Chesterfield and New London's North Parish was consolidated into the town of Montville.

Col. Samuel, his son Samuel, and grandson William Gilbert were owners of this property until the Revolutionary War. When William, a Tory, fled back to England, the land, houses and nine slaves were confiscated and divided by the State into many small farms. After the Revolutionary War, the farms were bought from the State and petitions were made to allow the slaves to be freed.

In May 1819, all of the land belonging to the Old Salem Parish, including a part of Montville (formerly New London) on the east, was incorporated as the town of Salem that we know today.

*Submitted by: David Wordell*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SALEM!

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The Salem Bicentennial Committee invites you to join us in a yearlong celebration in 2019 with parades, music, sporting events, outdoor activities, nature hikes and presentations that showcase Salem's rich history.

Together, we will celebrate our past, present and future by recalling our heritage and remembering the citizens that helped shape Salem into the beautiful town we live in today.

The Salem Bicentennial Committee is an official town committee having been appointed by the Salem Board of Selectman. All Salem community groups, organizations and residents are encouraged and welcome to contribute your ideas and participate.

Members of the Bicentennial Committee are in the process of contacting Salem community groups and organizations to provide an overview.

To register your community group or organization for an overview presentation, or for more information, please email:

[Salem2019Bicentennial@gmail.com](mailto:Salem2019Bicentennial@gmail.com).

A schedule of community events and activities will be available in early 2019.

### Salem Bicentennial Committee Members

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