

**Restoration of the Historic
Old Salem Library Cupola,
Eagle Scout Project
by Sean Ryan Chmielewski**



Special Thanks to



BMG Construction, LLC of Salem
and T.F. Buxton, LTD



Eagle Scout Sean Chmielewski, 2008

On September 24, 1928 the Salem Library was dedicated and a 10-foot-tall, 800-pound grand Cupola was placed on its roof. In 2008, during re-roofing, the weather worn, rotted 80-year-old cupola crumbled away. All that was salvageable was a 4-foot section of the dome. Salem First Selectman Bob Ross tasked Salem Eagle Scout candidate Sean Chmielewski with salvaging the dome for display in the new Library. Rather than just salvaging the dome, Sean decided to re-build using only a photograph.

At Applefest 2009, Sean turned the Cupola over to the Town of Salem where it has been stored for safe keeping.

During Salem's Bicentennial year, BMG Construction offered to help Sean and the Town of Salem finalize construction to get the cupola ready to go back on the library roof.



CT Valley Field Music Fife & Drum Corps



Time Capsule &
Time Capsule Contents Display
with Special Thanks to
David Kennedy and Kennedy Sheet Metal
kennedysheetmetal.com

Salem's Bicentennial Song
to the tune of
"When Johnny Comes Marching Home"
lyrics by Anita Rothblum

*It's Salem's bicentennial!
Hoorah! Hoorah!
It's Salem's bicentennial!
Hoorah! Hoorah!
From parts of Colchester, Montville, and Lyme,
Came Salem, a farming town so sublime,
And we'll celebrate because
Salem's the town we love!*

*Salem had some major "firsts".
Hoorah! Hoorah!
For knowledge its people had a thirst,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
Music Vale was first to award degrees,
Salem invented hydroelectricity,
And we're proud to live here because
Salem's the town we love!*

*Salem is a lovely town.
Hoorah! Hoorah!
With streams and forests all around,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
To commemorate Salem's two-hundredth year,
Let's throw a party and give three cheers!
And we'll celebrate because
Salem's the town we love!*

Salem Connecticut Bicentennial Heritage Day



SEPTEMBER 14, 2019
11am- 3pm
(Rain Day Sept 15)

**Salem Town Green, Annex,
Library Gazebo and Sportsfield**

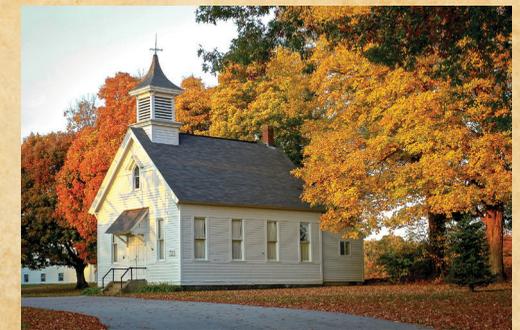
The Salem Bicentennial Heritage Day event is a celebration honoring and showcasing the town of Salem and its people and rich history. Food and Music, and fun events will be located mainly on the town green with various events spread out on the annex, the Old Library Gazebo and the Sportsfield.

Salem Bicentennial Committee

First Selectman Kevin Lyden, ex-officio
Selectman Ed Chmielewski, Co-Chair
Elbert Burr, Co-Chair
Bruce Rodgers, Co-Vice Chair
Shelley Rodgers, Co-Vice Chair
John Cooke, Secretary
Selectman David Kennedy
Ryan Little, Treasurer
Salem Fire Chief Gene Maiorano
Joshua Rehrig
Terri Salas
Agnes Miyuki

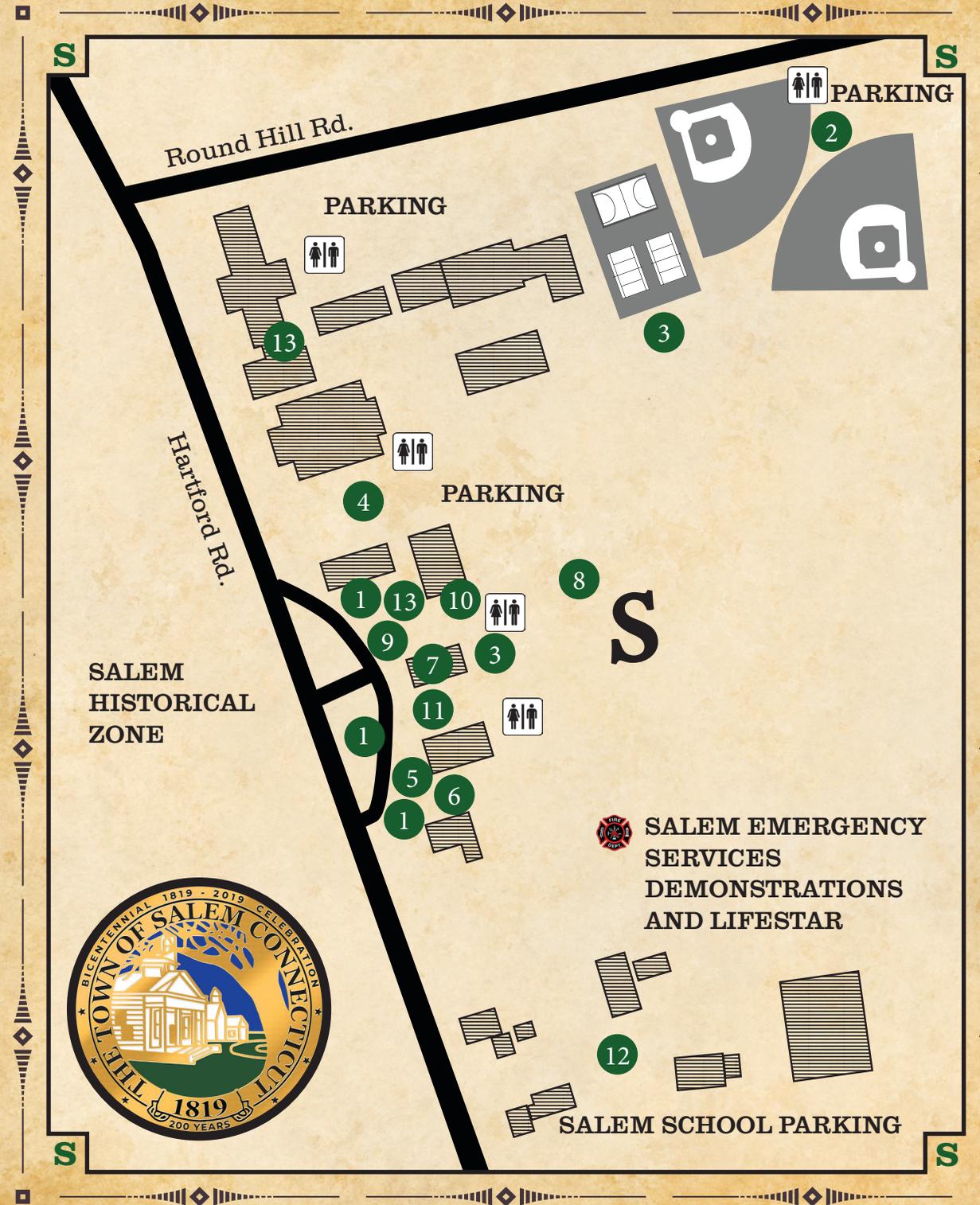
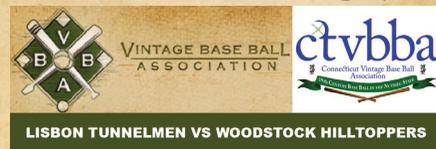


Special Encore
Appearance
by Robert Lecce as the
Salem Town Crier



Salem Bicentennial Heritage Day List Of Events

1. 11am to 3pm - Food And Beverages
2. 12:30 to 2:30pm - Vintage Baseball At Lou Uffers Sports Complex
Lisbon Tunnelmen Vs. Woodstock Hilltoppers
3. Town Green Games, Court Games
4. 11am to 3pm - Hayride
5. 11am to Noon - Eight Mile River Band
6. 12 to 1pm - Town Green Ceremony Including the Reading of the Town Proclamation and CT Valley Field Music
7. 11am to 3pm - Historic Storytime
8. 1pm - Giant S-Formation And Drone Photo
9. 2pm - Cake And Pie Contest
10. Vintage Cars And Tractors
11. Time Capsule And Cupola Display
12. 10am to 4pm - Salem Emergency Services Demonstrations
13. Salem Crafts and Scouts Displays



Salem Emergency Services Demonstrations and Displays

September 14th

(No Rain Date)



Presented by
Salem and Gardner Lake Fire Departments
and the Fire Marshal Department

Come see us in action. Starts at 10:00 AM at the Fire Training Facility (Former Zemko Lumber Yard just north of the Salem School)

Scheduled Demonstrations:

- 10 to 10:30am - Flashover demonstration
- 10:30 to 11:30am - Ladder Drill
- 11:30am to 12:00pm - Simulated Fire, Thermal Imaging camera, bail out
- 12:30 to 1:15pm - Vehicle Extrication "Jaws of Life"
- 1:30 to 2:15pm - Drop Tank Evolutions
- 2:30 to 3:00pm - Propane Fires / Safety
- Time TBD - Lifestar

10:00am - 4:00pm Static Events

- Meet and Greet your Town Emergency responders
- Fire Marshal Table
- Touch a Truck (Fire and Public Works)
- History of the Town Fire Services
- Emergency Services - Ham Radios and will try and contact the Space Station
- Water Games for the Kids
- Fire Police Vehicles and Equipment
- Much more!

