

OUR TOWN OF SALEM CONNECTICUT

Fall 2022

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Mandie Lee Photography



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A Message from our First Selectman

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

The old meaning of Salem is "Peace". I wish you Peace, Happiness and Prosperity. Salem is a big extended family. We look out for our children, our seniors and each other; we value each other's opinions and contributions; we are kind and courteous.



Another School Year!

I had the privilege of speaking at the Salem School District Convocation Program. I was happy to see that Salem School Administrators, Teachers and Staff were excited for a new school year.

Salem has a new D.A.R.E. Officer

Salem Resident Trooper Kevin Crosby recently graduated from the 50th Drug Abuse Resistance and Education (D.A.R.E.) Officer Certification Class at the CT State Police Academy. As a retired police Sergeant and a 1990 graduate of the 8th D.A.R.E. Officer Class, I want to congratulate Trooper Crosby for his willingness to teach the nationally recognized anti-drug program and graduating from the 50th D.A.R.E. Officer class..



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Thanks to the teamwork of our staff and citizens, the Town was able to minimize the inconveniences and enhance public safety.

"Teamwork" No more Route 82 Detour!

Thanks to our engaged citizenry who partnered with our Resident State Troopers, Public Works Department and Town Emergency Services Department, we were able to minimize the inconvenience caused by the CT Department of Transportation construction project that created the Route 82 Detour. Many residents said that these combined efforts enhanced public safety during a challenging situation.

Fun events sponsored by the Recreation Commission

Our hard-working volunteer Recreation Commissioners have been busy working on fun events this summer, including some amazing summer concerts under the pavilion at the Salem Community Park!

Salem Recreation's August Summer Concert. Photo by Debbie Delorimiere.



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Recreation	(860) 859-3873, x275
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Tax Collector	(860) 859-3873, x150
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A Message from our First Selectman continued from cover

Disk Golf Course update

The Disk Golf Course remains a work-in-progress while safety-related updates, enhancements and improvements are being implemented. I have received exciting updates from the Recreation Commission, our Public Works Department and the Disc Golf Course working group. The finished product will be worth the wait!

Open and Transparent Government

Our Salem Town website, **SalemCT.gov** provides access to town board and commission meeting agendas, minutes, calendars, the town budget, annual audits, Town Charter, Ordinances and municipal contact information.

Fiscal Responsibility

Our mil rate was reduced to 28.8 mills due to the strong fiscally conservative management and leadership of Salem Department Directors and Staff in the Finance and Building Departments, Assessors Office, Tax Collectors Office, and the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning and Economic Development Commissions. Thanks to their good teamwork, our Rainy-Day Fund remains healthy and financially sound.

Thank you for your support!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Salem First Selectman. May God bless you and watch over our beloved Town of Salem.

Respectfully,
Ed Chmielewski, Salem First Selectman



CIRMA Representative Jake Duckworth, present Salem's CIRMA Liaison and Finance/Human Resources Director Lisa Jablonski and First Selectman Ed Chmielewski with the Town's \$11,262.00 dividend check.



Town Hall Staff: We're here to serve.



The new owners of the Salem Town Center, located at 1 New London Road, have been busy working with Town Hall Staff and making upgrades to the plaza, including re-paving the parking lot.

KID'S PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP

Mandie Lee Photography, LLC in partnership with Salem Recreation hosted two sessions of Kid's Photography Camp this summer. The first session was held in June and the second session in August. Children from Salem and neighboring towns signed up and spent five 1/2 days learning the basics of photography. The camp curriculum consisted of learning about different types of photographers, gear, history of photography, creative composition, camera presets, white balance, and photography terms.



Miss Amanda (Mandie) worked to ensure the children were learning while also having fun. The junior photographers walked outdoors photographing nature, vehicles, buildings, and one another practicing their skills. They also visited the Salem Free Public Library and Town Hall and put their newfound skills to work. By the end of each week, all of the campers had improved in their compositions and created stunning images.



First Selectman Ed Chmielewski welcomed campers to our Town Hall and encouraged children to take photos with the staff.

Be on the lookout for future photography camps!

TOWN CLERK UPDATE

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

As I write this, we are in the "dog days of summer." It is hot and humid and we are grateful for a beautiful Town office building!

Speaking of dogs, as of the third week of July, we have registered over 300 dogs. We know there are more dogs out there seeking their registration. The fee is \$8 per altered dog and \$19 per intact dog, as well as a \$1 per month per dog late fee for all dogs over 6 months of age.

We are excited to report that we obtained our Historic Document Preservation Grant in the amount of \$5,500. We have contracted with our software vendor to continue inputting land records into the online system. We will be able to backfill decades more years into the system for viewing and printing.

The election season is upon us. We have been issuing absentee ballots for the Democrat and Republican primaries and will have moved into preparing for the November election by September. Legislation has changed reasons for requesting an absentee ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Town Clerk's office. Also please contact me if you have difficulty appearing at the Town Hall for voting and we can discuss other options.

*Best wishes to you for health and peace.
Linda Flugrad, CCTC, Town Clerk*

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Fall Used Book Sale

We are back. The Friends of Salem Library are planning their Annual Fall Used Book Sale at full capacity this year. The sale will take its pre-pandemic form and occupy all of the Salem School Gym. It will start on Friday, October 28, opening for Friends of the Library at 6 p.m. and the general public at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the sale is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. giving you plenty of time to attend both the Salem Apple Festival and the book sale. Bag sale starts at noon. It takes a lot of volunteers to conduct the sale, so if you would like to help out, contact Carl Nawrocki at carlybilly@aol.com.

Summer Reading

Also back this year is Summer Reading. The program has been reduced over the last couple of years, due to funding and pandemic issues. This year, with reduced restrictions and monies provided by the Town's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds and the Carole Eckart Summer Reading Memorial Fund, Summer Reading has returned to its former self. There were over 75 children sign-ups and a full slate of interesting programs at the library and town pavilion.

The Friends of the Salem Library have been funding Summer Reading for nearly 30 years. We started with reading at picnic tables behind the old library and graduated to the robust program we have today. We are very proud. If you would like to become an active member or contribute to the Friends of the Salem Library, you can find forms on the Salem Library web page.

SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Wizard Walk – Saturday, October 15, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come celebrate all things wizard! There will be craft stations for wand painting, quill pencils & wizard journals and a non-edible potions class with Wanda Wiggins. Cyril the Sorcerer will present a magic show at 1:00 p.m. Limited to 20 participants, ages 5 & up. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Storytime for ages 3-5. Amazing Bats! -Monday, October 24, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and a craft. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Monster Donuts! – Monday, October 31, 2022 @ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come decorate a "monster donut" to take home! Limited to 18 participants. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

A visit from Mrs. Claus – December 3, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m. Songs, stories and activities for ages 3 and up. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Holiday Music with Harpist, Debra Vinick – December 3, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m. Come celebrate the Library's 18th anniversary in the new building. Light refreshments will be served. Seating will be limited.

Holiday Greens Centerpiece Workshop with Kim Hargrave from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center – December 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Come and learn how to make a centerpiece with greens for your holiday table. All supplies included. Limited to 10 adults. Call 860-859-1130 to register.



Presenter from the Kellogg Environmental Center



Kim Hargrave from DPNC presenting on Reading the Map program



Chalk Walk on June 29, 2022



Chief Ranger Bill Reid from the Last Green Valley presenting on Wild Animals of Our Region



State Representative

HOLLY CHEESEMAN

37th Assembly District: East Lyme and Salem

INFLATION AND THE STATE BUDGET

In recent months everyone has felt the effects of inflation on our household budgets, from rising costs for food and groceries to fluctuating prices at the pump. While this inflation has many causes, I believe at the level of state government, we should do what we can to provide relief for struggling residents. This has become especially important as state revenue collections have profited immensely from inflation, as people pay more for goods and services, the amount of taxes collected on those goods increases.

July marked the start of a new fiscal year, the adjustments for this fiscal year – passed largely on party lines and signed into law by the governor – increased spending by 6.4% over the previous year adding \$1.4 billion to the budget. However, at the same time, the budget only offered one-time tax relief and credits totaling roughly \$600 million. This modest relief comes after nearly \$2 billion in additional taxes included in the governor’s first biennial budget.

As the Ranking Member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, I brought out an amendment during the budget debate to increase tax relief to roughly \$1.2 billion. This substantive package offered relief for working- and middle-class families including sales tax reduction, gas

and diesel fuel tax holidays and other reductions aimed at lowering everyday costs for goods and services. Because of the bipartisan reforms enacted in 2017, this relief could have been offered while maintaining a full rainy-day fund and historically large payments on long-term debt. Ultimately this amendment failed on party lines.

Since then, state revenues have only continued to grow topping out over \$4 billion – all while scheduled tax increases have continued to go into effects, such as the additional 9 cent per gallon tax on diesel.

I will continue to call for an end to this overtaxation and advocate for policy changes to restore affordability.

For up-to-date information on these and other legislative topics visit my website www.repcheeseman.com and sign up for my email newsletter.

As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding state government, or need help working with state agencies please contact me at holly.cheeseman@housegop.ct.gov or (860) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative activity on social media, Facebook ([@repcheeseman](https://www.facebook.com/repcheeseman)).



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HELLO FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF SALEM

We Serve

On June 23, 2022, the Salem Lions Club held its Annual Dinner meeting.

At that time the Club presented its annual Scholarship winners, Inducted a new member and installed its 2022-2023 Officers.

This years Scholarship winners were Delanie Fresco-Hawes and Evan Lombardo.

Delanie Fresco-Hawes had both excellent academically record and a great community service record. During the Extended School year, Delanie spent her summers volunteering as a teachers aide helping teach students needing help with literacy and numeracy as well as with students in the emotional/behavioral programs. Delanie is also a member of Peers Reaching Out, where she gives tours of the school to incoming students, and participates in community services like Care and Share and Breakfast with Santa.

Delanie excelled with a 4.25 weighted GPA, and was elected to both National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Her SAT scores were in the top 15% in the country. She applied to seven schools, was accepted at all seven. Delanie will be attending Southern Connecticut State University where she will study in the Special Education Teacher Preparation program.

Evan Lombardo, during his High School years, was the volunteer coach of the summer crew program. This program helps students that want to try out for crew, learn more about their sport and the necessity to work together to be successful. He also is a member of the Shoreline Leo's where he and a friend saw the need to streamline how people signed up to volunteer for various service organizations. Evan decided to make a mobile app to streamline the process. They began by talking to leaders and students so they could create an effective and user-friendly application, they called it Seaside Service. They submitted it to the 2021 US Congressional App Challenge and they won!

As a student, Evan excelled in the classroom, with a weighted GPA of 4.52 and a SAT score of 1510, his GPA and SAT scores are in the top 1-2% nationwide. One of his letters of recommendation said it well "While Evan has a great many attributes that speak for themselves, I think his commitment to excellence is what truly defines him. In all of his endeavors, he has raised the bar for those around him and for those who follow."

A big thank you to George Householder for chairing this Scholarship Committee

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

After the awarding of the Scholarships, Paul Roswell was inducted as a new member of the Salem Lions Club by Lions Past District Governor PDG, Julianne Shilosky. We all welcome Paul to the group. After the induction, PDG Shilosky swore in the newly elected Salem Lions officers for the 2022-2023 term.

- President:..... Bill Martin
- 1st Vice-President: Skip Dickson
- 2nd Vice-President: Hugh McKenney
- Treasurer:..... George Ziegler
- Secretary:..... John F Houchin, Sr.
- Director: Gordon Gillespie



Left to Right: Bob Ross (Scholarship Committee member, Evan Lombardo Delanie Fresco-Hawes, and John F Houchin, Sr., President

EVENTS:

KidSight Project: During the week of May 16, the we offered the two local Day Care Centers to have their kids participate in the Lions Club KidSight screening program. Flyers were provided to parents about what the project is and a release form allowing their child to participate. The screening process consists of a computerized camera focusing and analyzing the child's eyes. A printed report is provided to the parents with the results. If a child's report shows that there is a visual problem it is noted and suggest. that the parent have their child checked by doctor. This year 32 kids participated with only two (2) showing they needed a doctor follow up.

The Club provided this KidSight screening as a part of our ongoing community commitment. We will again be providing a KidSight screening in October, to include the Salem School Students.



Annual Picnic: Again, this year, we held out Annual Summer Picnic at Fox Farm Brewery (thank you Zach Adams and member). We had a great night of good food and fun. After the meal, there was a brief ceremony when Past Council Chairperson, Ken and Past District Governer, Nancy Tucker presented Lion John Houchin with the Connecticut Knight of the Blind Award, and Steve Wlodarczyk, with the Ambassador of Sight Award.

Wood Sale program: The Salem Lions Club will again be selling cords of fire wood beginning in Autumn. We will maintain our price at \$185.00 per cord. If you are interested in buying cord(s) please contact Lion Juston Mac Greger at, 860-930-4955

Annual Tag Sale: On August 20-21, we held our annual Tag Sale at the Town's Zemko sight. We had lots of items to sell. Although ,the temperature was really "HOT" for the two days, we sold over \$2,350.00 worth of items. We appreciated all the people who came and participated in the sale. We hope they are happy with the treasures they bought. "See you next year".



SALEM LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

So, what does the Lions Club provide? the Lions Club international is a global service organization with over 1.4 million men and women in over 200 countries who believe that "Kindness Matters."

Through our various fund raisers (a big thank you for your support of these events) we are able to support these Salem causes; the Salem Town Benevolent fund, Secret Santa, The Easter Egg Hunt event, provide eye screening through KidSight to kindergarten through the 5th grade at the Salem school, Supported the D.A.R.E project in the Salem School, Salem Youth Baseball, and annual scholarship to two Graduating Salem High School Seniors. On a larger level, for example, we support such charities as; Care and Share, Diabetes, Camp Rising Sun, FIDELCO guide dogs, and Hearing and Speech, just to name a few. To support the above organizations, the Club has fund raisers, with 100% of the money raised goes to these groups.

The Salem Lions Club meets every fourth Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM, at the Salem Center School. (If need be because of Covid or another event, we hold meetings through ZOOM.)

If you are interested in further information on the Lions Club, please contact Lion Bill Martin at 860-705-6062.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN!

P.S., If you wish to give a donation to help our efforts, please send it to George Ziegler at: 9 Shingle Road, Salem, CT 06420

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brian Hendrickson, *Superintendent*

We hope this Fall Edition of Our Town Salem finds everyone healthy and safe. We are excited to be starting another successful school year. We will continue to work hard to maintain high expectations for academics and good citizenship, and will work diligently to enhance communications between the school and the Salem community.

As always, to learn more about what's happening in the Salem School District, please feel free to visit our website (salemschools.org), read our online Wednesday Folder (salemschools.org/domain/22) and Weekly Snapshot (salemschools.org/domain/307), visit and like our Facebook page (facebook.com/CTSalemSchool) and subscribe to our YouTube channel (youtube.com/channel/UCmP07zaPe8HZ2bRm7ANwawQ).



Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



SALEM FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS IN ACTION *Motor Vehicle Rescue and Extrication Training*

Salem full-time Professional Firefighter/EMTs trained together with members of the Salem Volunteer Fire Company and the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company to practice motor vehicle rescue and extrication. This valuable training was conducted at the Salem Town-owned Fire Training Facility located on the old Zemko Sawmill Property on Route 85.

The training day began with a lecture by part-time Salem Firefighter/EMT/Training Officer Pete Lynch. Training was developed specifically around emergency motor vehicle extraction, safety techniques, the equipment needed and the potential challenges and dangers faced by our first responder during a motor vehicle extraction.

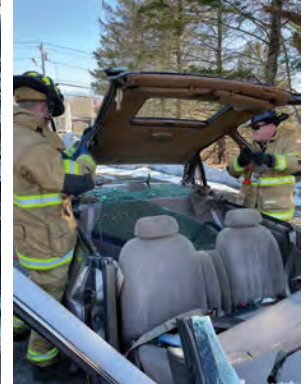
Following the lecture, an extensive hands-on scenario based practical exercise was conducted that focused on patient; access, stabilization, lifting, moving, and extrication methods. This was a fruitful training endeavor and the enthusiasm was indicative of more cooperative training initiatives to come. Salem Emergency Services Director Mike Bednarz stated "We owe a debt of gratitude to Salem First Responders. We all become safer through cooperative training ventures and partnerships like this" All participants learned and practiced useful skills.

Special thanks to Sid's Auto on Forsyth Road for providing the cars for the training. Sid's Auto graciously delivered four cars prior to the start of the training and removed the cars from the Fire Training Facility at its expense and with no cost to Salem.

First Selectman Ed Chmielewski stated that the Salem Board of Selectman is wholeheartedly supportive of our Salem first responders and that "real-world scenario-based training" such as this enhances public safety, reduces first responders' injury and saves lives.

Special thanks to the Salem Public Works Department and Town Crew Members who completed the much-needed preparation and clean-up work to make this training as safe and realistic as possible.

Submitted by: Part-time Firefighter/EMT/Training Officer Pete Lynch, Town of Salem Emergency Services





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SALEM FULL TIME FIREFIGHTER EMT'S *Submitted by: Ed Chmielewski, Salem First Selectman*

Salem currently employs two full-time career Professional Firefighter / Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) who are assigned to Salem Emergency Services. These hometown heroes work out of the Salem Volunteer Fire Company located at 424 Hartford Road / Route 85. The building and property have been owned by the Town of Salem since 1989, when it was turned over to the town by members of the Salem Volunteer Fire Company. In addition, Salem currently employs paid Part-Time Professional Firefighter / EMTs and is fortunate to have two volunteer fire companies. The town of Salem owns all fire trucks parked at both Fire Company's and pays for vehicle operational costs, upkeep, insurance and maintenance.

There is a national shortage of community volunteers. This applies not only to agencies like the Red Cross but also smaller more community-oriented organizations such as: the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Animal Rescue Shelters, Boy / Girl Scouts, and more. Volunteer Fire Companies are no exception. In Salem, in Connecticut and all around the United States there is a critical shortage of volunteers who make up a significant portion of firefighters, medical / rescue personnel, and first responders. Requirements like training, certification hours, inflation, cost of living and rising childcare costs have forced many potential volunteers to work extra hours or take on multiple jobs. Members of the volunteer pool are all working harder just to make ends meet and this has drastically reduced the number of community volunteers.

As a result, Salem and many towns throughout Connecticut, have found it necessary to supplement established Volunteer Fire Departments with hired paid professional emergency services service men and women first responders who specialize in a combination of firefighting, emergency rescue and medical skills in response to the reduction of volunteers. Typically, paid personnel have been hired to supplement the volunteers, but the steadily declining numbers of volunteers has led to more of combined departments, increasing the need for additional paid personnel that not only maintains, but enhances public safety.

SALEM'S CHALLENGE: Both Firefighter / EMT's Teixeira and Roberts have observed throughout their careers that volunteerism has declined and is currently at an all-time low. They urge you to volunteer and implore you to ask your local agencies what you can do to serve your community. They feel that there are many opportunities to help keep our town safe and to help steer its future. Ryan and Travis both request that if you are able, please reach out and volunteer to see how you can make a difference and be the change you want to see...

COMMUNITY ORIENTED: Former First Selectman Kevin Lyden stated that Salem residents are fortunate to have Ryan and Travis as our first responders because they are professional, well trained and community oriented. Within our team of first responders, they are the anchor for our part time firefighters and volunteer firefighters.

Currently the two full-time Firefighter EMT's complete a wide array of tasks within the town and are quite busy. In addition to participating in training and continued education, they conduct station maintenance and maintain fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators (AED's) at the town hall, public works, Salem Library, and Salem School. They raise, lower and care for town flags and participate in teaching fire prevention safety to children in Salem School and local daycares. Frequently, they respond and assist with mutual aid to local towns during emergencies. Additionally, our Firefighter / EMT's perform preventative maintenance on fire apparatus, assist with town and school safety planning and test the dry-hydrants around the town's water sources. Our career firefighters have quite a bit of responsibility and they would love to see you stand beside them!

MEET YOUR SERVICEMEN

Ryan Teixeira – Is a 27-year Salem resident, is a 23-year volunteer veteran of the Salem Volunteer Fire Company and has been a full time Salem Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician since 2018. When an opportunity arose for a Salem career firefighter/EMT, Ryan answered the call. He applied, was a stand-out and was hired. During Ryans long and distinguished career, he has completed numerous courses such as Fire Fighter 1, Fire Fighter 2, RIT/FAST, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Instructor 1. Ryan is a certified CPR/ First Aid Instructor and has provided this lifesaving training to town hall staff, public works crew members and others. Ryan has served as a mentor and roll model to newer firefighters and is a textbook example of a community-oriented First Responder by demonstrating a willingness to always help others.



Salem Town Firefighter / Emergency Medical Technician Travis Roberts and his fiancé Kristy Roberts is a veteran of the United States Army and was recently recognized for his wartime service and awarded the Connecticut Wartime Service Medal.

Travis Roberts – Is a US Army wartime veteran, serving as an E5, 35M, Military Intelligence specialist. After serving the United States of America in the armed forces for seven years, he earned an honorable discharge and completed his service contract. Travis wanted to continue to serve in order to give back to his community and joined a local fire department. He completed multiple fire and medical related courses as a volunteer while also working separately in the medical field as a Paramedic. This combination of training and experience steered him to pursue a rewarding career in Emergency Services. Travis currently has earned multiple certifications and licenses such as: Paramedic, Fire Fighter 1, Fire Fighter 2, Haz-Mat Technician, RIT/FAST, and several others throughout his nine-year career in Emergency Services. Travis has been a full time Salem Firefighter / Emergency Medical Technician since 2021.



Salem Town Firefighter / Emergency Medical Technician Ryan Teixeira has been a dedicated emergency first responder in Salem for nearly 28 years.

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SENIOR CITIZEN'S GROUP

Submitted by: Joan Gaynor, Communications Co-ordinator

The **Salem Seniors** group has revitalized itself since COVID under the new leadership of President Gary Closius and Vice President Mary Cikat. The group is planning many opportunities for Salem Senior's age 50+ to participate in. Our monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Salem Firehouse on Hartford Road from 10:30 am with a luncheon following the meeting. Our local fire department, EMT, and police are always willing to attend our meetings and keep us abreast of what is happening in our town. On the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays Two Brothers Restaurant opens its doors and has a special lunch menu from 11:30 – 2:00 for a fee of \$5.00 plus tip for the waitress. You can eat in or take out. The additional cost is picked up by the town.

A dance will be held at Gardner Lake Fire House on Friday November 11, 2022 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm with "The Illusions" playing. The cost is \$10.00 pp and **all are welcome**.

Gary Closius and Kay Zak are working with the VFW members to help maintain three of the 30 cemeteries found in our town. The VFW is always looking for help to mow and weed whack the grass. Taking a couple hours of your time to beautify the town is very rewarding.

The team has been working on starting a **bingo night, Self Defense class, Hikes, bird watching, plant identification, Art Night and more**. They are also working on a Health and Wellness opportunity to have **blood pressure checked** and working with our local pharmacy for **flu shots** in the fall. Janet Griggs and Joan Golubeck have setup **knitting and crocheting classes** on Thursdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 at the library. Debra Delorimiere is taking information for anyone who wishes to be added to the **EMERGENCY ALERT SITE**. On Tuesday afternoons starting at 1:00 pm the **library opens its doors for games**. They offer board games, cards, the Wii for a livelier bit of fun and competition.

The annual fee to belong to our group is \$5.00. You will receive our monthly newsletter and are welcome to attend our meetings to give the committee suggestions as to what you would like to see offered.

Our group has also partnered up with East Lyme Senior Center and Colchester Senior Center to offer a wider variety of activities to participate in. There is no fee to join East Lyme and you can contact their office to get on their mailing list and receive their monthly newsletter by e-mail or pick up a copy at locations that distribute them. There are some activities with limited space, the East Lyme Residents have 1st priority. There are other activities that have no restrictions. The Colchester Center has a yearly fee of \$15.00 which allows you to participate in their activities. Check out our Newsletter for details or come to one of our monthly meetings. Your suggestions are welcome and anyone who would like to start up a special activity is welcome to present their ideas.

The group is also looking for anyone who is willing to help out our seniors with small tasks that they might not be able to afford a professional to do. Such as changing a light bulb in a ceiling that is unreachable. Installing a mailbox that has deteriorated. Pulling a heavy cover over their pool or those minor mechanical things like replacing a worn-out electrical outlet, or just change the oil in their lawn mower, not to mention those winter tasks like shoveling their sidewalk to reach their mailbox. If you are willing to give of your time, sign up with our group and tell us what your specialty/skill in and when you are available to support your seniors. I know they would appreciate a helping hand.

For more information visit our **FACEBOOK** page at **Salem CT Seniors** or e-mail us at **saalemctseniors@gmail.com**.

SALEM GREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



The Salem Green Cemetery Association is responsible for managing the 5.2-acre parcel owned by the Town of Salem. All activities with respect to cemetery plot sales, issuance of deeds, opening/closing of graves, placement of grave markers, and funding major capital projects related to the improvement of the cemetery are under the coordination of the Association.

In order to be eligible to purchase a plot in the cemetery, a person must be a resident of Salem, former resident or property owner, their families and/or heirs.

*For interment information, you may contact
Salem Green Cemetery Association Sexton Cathy Benedict at 860-859-8891*



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To register a trunk email Julie Silva glvfcinfo@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!

Salem Recreation's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 4, 4:00 pm
Salem Town Green/Center School

Join us for some Holiday Cheer with hot cocoa & cookies, a holiday sing-a-long with **Fred Marion**, a visit with **Santa** and the lighting of the tree!



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With the help of a few interested parties, we're working on bringing Soccer back to Salem!

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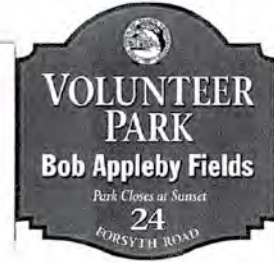


CONGRATULATIONS VERONIKA!

Veronika Burlingham was recently awarded a grant from the Connecticut Master Gardener Association to help revamp our garden at the Round Hill Road Fields which was full of invasive plants. The grant will help offset the expenses to create the Roundhill Wildlife Garden, including native wildflower seeds, native shrubs and other plants, and a birdhouse and sign.

Visit the Roundhill Wildlife Garden in the works at the Round Hill Road Baseball Fields, located just outside the fence near the playground. You can also keep up-to-date virtually, at: fb.com/roundhillwildlifegarden.

Special thanks to Veronika & her team for volunteering to help us beautify the area and support our pollinators!



Please keep an eye out for an invitation from The Town of Salem and Salem Recreation Commission to attend a Dedication Ceremony and Unveiling of a new sign dedicating the fields at Volunteer Park on Forsyth Road to Bob Appleby. Bob was a very dedicated and active member of the community who spearheaded the establishment of the field.

Please plan on joining us as we honor and recognize Bob for his leadership, spirit of volunteerism, and dedication to the Town of Salem.

COMING SOON!



Safe@Home is a program designed for students in grades 4-6 to prepare them to be safe when they are home alone.

Students are also introduced to the SafeSitter® First Aid Chart and learn a system to help them assess and respond to injuries and illnesses.



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Report/View your Footprint at: salemct.gov/recreation/footprintproject

It's never too late to report your found footprint!

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and all of our Volunteers!

VISIT



Visit our webpage to view our upcoming events, programs and class offerings

SUBSCRIBE



Keep up-to-date with our programs, events and activities by signing up to our mailing list

REGISTER



Register & pay online* or Register to hold your spot and mail in/drop off the fee

*Non-refundable transaction fee applies. Payments may also be paid in-person or dropped off in the white dropbox at Town Hall.

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