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A Message from our First Selectman

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

Watching the news can be stressful and discouraging. In Salem, we are kind and courteous to one another. We value each other's opinions and contributions. We look out for each other's children and our seniors. We are always willing to help one another.

Memorial Day – Memorial Day Parade Monday May 29 9:30 am

Salem residents cherish peace, civility, and freedom, but freedom is not free. Monuments honoring our fallen military service members on the Salem Town Green remind us of the great cost for peace and freedom. These monuments list the names of Salem Citizen Soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom.

On Memorial Day, please join us at the Salem Memorial Day Parade as we honor the patriotic men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and died while in military service to the United States of America. Additional details can be found on the Salem Town website.

"Teamwork" - Salem Remains Fiscally Strong and Sound

The Town of Salem continues to be in strong financial health. With the help of many volunteers, Salem continues to shine with community spirit. Our active community donates countless hours to our Boards and Commissions, Emergency Services, Sports Programs, Library, and many other areas to make Salem a very special place to live.

Salem Public Safety Study

In order to improve and enhance public safety, our Board of Selectman, Board of Finance, and Resident State Police Troopers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Fire Marshals, Emergency Management officials, and Salem School District Officials are collaborating, communicating, and partnering together.

The town has retained Municipal Resources, Inc. to conduct a town-wide Public Safety Services Organizational Study and Analysis. This impartial analysis will provide the town with short-term, mid-range, and long-range strategies, goals, and recommendations.

The Board of Selectman will publicly present this Public Safety Services Organizational Study and Analysis to the Salem Townspeople.

These proactive safety initiatives will provide us with professional assessments and recommendations that will help us further enhance public safety while ensuring we use our available resources in the most effective ways possible.

Thank you for your support!

I will continue to make decisions that benefit Salem and all our residents, young and old. I wish you and your loved ones Peace, Happiness, and Prosperity. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Salem First Selectman.

May God bless you and May God Bless Our Town of Salem.

Respectfully,

Ed Chmielewski, Salem First Selectman



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Town of Salem Department Phone Listing

Agent for the Elderly	(860) 859-3873, x275
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First Selectman's Office	(860) 859-3873, x100
Public Works	(860) 859-3873, x451
Recreation	(860) 859-3873, x275
Registrar of Voters	(860) 859-3873, x230
Tax Collector	(860) 859-3873, x150
Town Clerk	(860) 859-3873, x170

Zoning/Inland Wetlands Dept	(860) 859-3873, x260
Animal Control Officer	(860) 848-3529
Uncas Health District	(860) 823-1189
Salem Free Public Library	(860) 859-1130
Salem School FVW	(860) 859-0267
Transfer Station	(860) 859-2964
Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Co	(860) 859-1743
Salem Volunteer Fire Company	(860) 859-0942
Resident State Troopers	(860) 859-2507
CT State Police, Troop K	(860) 465-5400

ALL EMERGENCIES, CALL 9-1-1

OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT

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

SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S SQUAD 121



Emergency Management Director/Emergency Services Coordinator Mike Bednarz and Interim Fire Marshal Thomas Main stand before Squad 121, the Fire Rescue vehicle.

TOY DRIVE



Salem's Career Firefighter/EMTs Ryan Teixeira and Travis Roberts and Resident State Troopers Ben Duffy and Kevin Crosby (*left to right*) received a countless number of unwrapped gifts during their 2022 Annual Holiday Toy Drive held in the Two Brothers' Parking Lot. Thanks to all who took the time and energy to donate toys, gift cards, and funds and brought smiles to all of the children during the holiday season!

RESIDENT RAY EVANS MAKES HIS FATHER'S DREAM COME TRUE

THE SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS SUPPORTIVE

By: Ed Chmielewski, Salem First Selectman

Former New York Jets Football player and longtime Salem resident Ray Evans is working to make his father's dream come true by quarterbacking the restoration of his father's old school, the Pleasant Grove School, located in the lumber town of Alcolu, South Carolina.

In 1933, Pleasant Grove School was established as the first public school building for African-American students in the Clarendon County School District. When the school closed in 1953 as a result of the South Carolina equalization program, there were five teachers and 159 students attending the school. Sadly, the building fell into despair until Ray's father, Joe Louis Evans told Ray of his dream to restore the historical old school that he attended as a child.

Ray, a former Tight End for the New York Jets in the 1980s, recently retired as a School Resource Officer at Norwich Free Academy and was eager to take the ball and run with it to make his dad proud.

Ray said he has been traveling back and forth from Salem to South Carolina to work on this project and said he could not think of a better way to honor his father's legacy than to bring the school back to life for generations to come.

Salem Historical Society President and former Town Selectman Elby Burr said "I have a great deal of experience in building projects and the Society will be monitoring this project and offering support and advice. Some of our members have already donated to this project. We would like to have Ray facilitate a presentation at our newly updated multimedia-capable Historical Society Museum to keep us all updated on his progress."

The Pleasant Grove School Restoration Committee will be working on the school and is passionate about the preservation and protection of the historical, cultural, and agricultural heritage. The Committee has been in touch with the African-American Settlement Historical Commission, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, as well as the New London County Historical Society.

A SON'S GIFT TO HIS FATHER

Time is our greatest gift. Like Ray, many of the Pleasant Grove Restoration Committee's volunteer members are direct descendants of students who attended the school and two board members actually attended the school as students. I'm sure that Joe Louis Evans is as proud of his son as we are. Well done, Ray!

For more information, or to find out how you can donate, please contact Ray Evans at RJEvans34@aol.com.



Former New York Jets Football player and longtime Salem resident Ray Evans



thank you

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





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SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ~ HIGHLIGHTING OUR WONDERFUL STAFF



Written by: *Tristan Mioduszewski*

The Salem Free Public Library is a great place to spend the day and has a wonderful staff!

Sharon Geer has been working at SFPL since February 2009, and is the *Program Coordinator* – amongst other duties. The community has seen various programs and activities planned by Sharon over the years. Some of her favorite programs include: *Birds of Prey: From the Place Called Hope*, *Simply Enchanted* and *Animal Embassy*. There's always planning going on behind the scenes here at SFPL. Coordinating performers, cross checking dates, setting up, packing up after programs, and ordering supplies are just some of what goes into these presentations. Sharon is always busy! Sharon says the best part about working at SFPL is the people she works with, the patrons, and the variety of duties preformed. When asked to pick her favorite moment, she admits she can't pick just one! She does comment that this is the best job she has ever had. This summer, yes we're talking summer already, the theme is "Find Your Voice." Be sure to look for *The Whale Mobile*, and a whole lot more!

Another staff member of The Salem Free Public Library, is Susan Nye. Susan wears various hats too! She works at the Circulation Desk, runs story time occasionally, leads arts and crafts programs, but is mostly the library's *Cataloger*. Susan enters each item that comes into the library – it's no easy task! Every record must be accurate, so this is detailed work. This includes: Books, DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks, Magazines, Kits, and everything else! Susan remembers when we used to have art shows here at the library, and has also lead various art programs. She is a talented artist, and a great teacher. She says she is grateful to be able to work here for so many years. Some of the best things about SFPL are: the wonderful people you meet, flexibility in hours, Shannon Henson – Library Director, great staff, beautiful building, children's activities, art programs, teamwork, The Salem Friends Group.

The role of the public library, in all towns, has evolved over time.

Susan comments that the library is always adapting to the needs of the community it serves. Sharon agrees that the function of a library today is a community center for literacy, technology access and a safe place to meet for cultural engagement. Thank you Sharon and Susan for sharing your stories.



Susan Nye and Sharon Geer

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SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER/FALL 2023 EVENTS

Call 860-859-1130 to register for all events, unless otherwise noted.

Make Music Day Concert – Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Music performed by the local band, the *Too-Timers*. Kip Sturgeon and Phred Mileski will entertain us with music of all genres from folk to classical.

Salem's Got Talent! – Saturday, July 1, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Do you play an instrument, perform magic, sing or dabble in poetry? Come share your talents with the community in this acoustic only talent show. Each participant must register for a 15 minute or less time slot. All ages welcome.

Art Class: Paper Quilling – Saturday, July 15, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. Learn the fine art of paper quilling! Quilling is the art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and glued together to make decorative art. Taught by staff member, Miss Tristan. Limited to 15 participants, ages 13+.

Growing Mushrooms Outdoors – Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. ***Second workshop for those on the waiting list from the last class.** Intensive workshop presented by Mark Gostkiewicz of *Tri Lea Gable Farm*. You will learn how to grow shitake, oyster and wine cap mushrooms, the lifecycle and needs of fungi, tools needed, safety issues and more! **Limited to 10 adults. Only 3 spots available at this time.**

The American Chestnut – Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Presented by Fred Behringer, board member of the American Chestnut Foundation. Come learn about the environmental and economic value that the American Chestnut once provided, the pathogen that resulted in its demise and what is being done to restore this valuable tree.

The Language of Flowers – Saturday, August 5, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Learn what each flower means and create a bouquet to convey your message. Limited to 10 participants, ages 13+.

Dolly Day – Saturday, August 5, 2023 @ 12 noon. Celebrating Dolly Parton! Miss Hannah will be reading *A Coat of Many Colors*, followed by a craft. Ages 5+. Limited to 10 participants.

Art Class: Still Life Drawing Class – Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Art session facilitated by staff member, Hannah K. Please bring your own materials. A small amount of materials will be provided, but this is an opportunity to use your preferred medium. Limited to 10 people.

Birding the High Seas – Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Program presented by Allison Black of NOAA, about her adventures at sea while observing and studying birds. Limited to 30 participants. Suitable for teens and adults.

Flower Arranging with Dahlias – Saturday, September 16, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Taught by Pamela Gray, of *Winter Bee Garden*. Limited to 10 participants, ages 13 to adult.

Summer Reading: Find your Voice!

Summer reading begins on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 and ends on Saturday, August 12, 2023.

Register & log your reading on READsquared starting June 14, 2023 @
<https://salemlibrary.readsquared.com/>

Participants Pre-K and K can opt to log their reading on a paper form with stickers!

***Paper logs will be available to other grades for participants who don't want to log their reading online.**

Footprints, Fossils and Butterflies! Saturday, June 24, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Presented by Dinosaur State Park. Did dinosaurs and butterflies live at the same time? Could they have seen each other? Come learn about dinosaurs, fossils, and their relationship with butterflies.

Dancin' with Hoops! Tuesday, July 12, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. Hooping fun for all ages with Judi Jones of Creative Dance Parties. The program will be held on the library's front lawn, if weather permits.

The Whalemobile – Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 1:30-3:30. **This program will be held at the Salem School Gymnasium.** There will be different sessions of 30 minutes each, for a maximum of 20 participants per session. When participants come to the event for their 30-minute selected time slot, they will go inside Nile—the life-sized inflatable humpback whale, learn about how whales and humans are similar and different, and have a chance to touch baleen, teeth and bones. There will also be another station set up that patrons can interact with, play games or color pictures! **Limited to ages 5 and up.**

STEM Kits—These will be available throughout the summer, while supplies last! Kits are prepared by the 4H/UCONN Extension Center.

Watch for story times, craft programs and more!
Please check our website, salemct.gov/library
as well as our Facebook and Instagram page for updates!





LIONS CLUB OF SALEM

Salem Lions Club 2023 Humanitarian Award

It gives us great pleasure to inform Salem that Mr. Gary Closius was selected by the Salem Lions Club as Salem's Humanitarian of the Year for 2023. The Salem Lions recognize that volunteering supports the Town of Salem. Gary's work with the Salem Boy Scouts, Adventure Crew Advisor, Special Olympics, Care and Share of East Lyme, Salem Seniors, Salem Green Cemetery, and the Friends of the Salem Library Book Sale over the past 15 plus years has not gone unnoticed.

The District 23C Lions Club held a banquet dinner on January 22 at the St. Clements Castle in Portland, to celebrate the selected recipients of the Humanitarian Award from local Lions Clubs.

During the event, the District also recognized one of the Humanitarians for outstanding volunteerism. The person who is selected and recognized at the international level receives the Lions International Club's highest honor – the Melvin Jones Award. This year, Gary was recognized for this honor.

Thank you, Gary for your volunteer support to the Town of Salem and congratulations for being honored by the District 23C Lions Club with the 2023 Melvin Jones award!



Welcome new Lion Club members Vivian and Rachelle



The Salem Lions Club would like to welcome two new members, Vivian Waters and Rachelle Weimer. The two were inducted by our District 23C Governor Sue Fisher at our January 26 meeting.

Salem Lions Club Annual Easter Eggs Hunt (Sponsored by the Salem Recreation Commission)

On April 1, the Salem Lions Club held its Annual Easter Egg Hunt event at Salem School. Kids, pre-K to 4th grade, participated in the event. The rain that day did not deter the kids from attending and scrambling for the eggs and candy. The hunt was held under the portico off the gym.

The kids then participated in jellybean races. There was face painting by the Shoreline LEOs and an egg decorating and a drawings contest. Prizes were given to the winners of the races and contests. The kids also got an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny. Regardless of the rain, all had great fun.



Salem Lions Club 30th Annual 5K/Fun-Run Race

On April 8, the Salem Lions held its Annual 5k/Fun-Run race. We had over 200 runners from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, and even Tennessee.

In recognition of the 30 years the Salem Lions Club has been hosting this event, State Representative Holly Cheeseman presented Club President Bill Martin and Race Chairperson Skip Stangeland with an Official Citation from the Connecticut General Assembly.



The Kids Mile Fun-Run was held at 9:00 AM. The kids ran down and back Morgan Road. The winners were: (girls) Cammie Breiterstien and (boys) Stephen Gavin.



In the 5k race, the first to cross the finish line were: (women) Carley Dolan (Lebanon, CT) and (men) David Corcoran (Wethersfield, CT)

The winners of the 5k Age Graded results (the persons time compared to the top time for their age) were: Females, Linda Begley (Enfield, CT) and males, Kevin Glenn (Bolton, CT).

After the race, the participants gathered in Salem School's Multi-purpose Room for pizza, water, and fruit to recuperate from their endeavors. From the feedback the runners had a great time, and this year the weather was great.

New Salem Lions Vo-Ed Grant

Over the past years, the Salem Lions have been discussing establishing a new support for students who want to go into the Vocational, Agricultural, and Technical Trades. In our continuing effort to serve the community of Salem, the Salem Lions Club is awarding two (2) grants totaling \$1,000 each, to two deserving graduating 8th Grade students residing in Salem who are planning to attend a local Vo-Ag or Technical High School in the fall. Applicants will be evaluated on their letter(s) of recommendation and 150+ word essay. Many students are completely undecided and choose vo-tech because they want to explore different ideas and/or would prefer the hands-on learning to traditional classroom learning.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. An 8th Grade student in good standing, graduating from Salem K-8 school.
2. A resident of Salem, Connecticut.
3. Student must use these funds for high school expenses related to their trade, e.g., necessary tools, uniforms, work boots etc. during 2023.

Further information regarding the Grant application will be sent to the Salem School. This will now be an annual grant.

Salem Lions Club annual Scholarship award

Again this year the Salem Lions Club will be awarding up to two \$2,000.00 Scholarships to a 2023 High School graduate including home school graduates and Vo-Tech Schools graduates residing in Salem. Information regarding these scholarships is available in the Salem School District office.

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 fundraisers 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, support the D.A.R.E project in the Salem School, Salem Youth Baseball, and annual scholarship to two graduating Salem High School Seniors.

A big thank you for your support of these events!

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 hosts fundraisers with 100% of the money raised going 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 us!

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

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brian Hendrickson, *Superintendent*

We hope this Spring Edition of *Our Town Salem* finds everyone healthy and safe. 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, read our online **Cougar Tales** and **Weekly Snapshot**, visit and like our **Facebook page**.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,



Brian Hendrickson

Superintendent, Salem School District

Scan the QR code right to view a snapshot of the highlights from this school year since the Winter *Our Town* publication.



TOWN CLERK UPDATE

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

Here it is the middle of spring and we are enjoying some warmth and sunshine that has caused our spring flowers to burst into bloom.

Congratulations to our Democratic Registrar of Voters, Betsy B. Butts, and Republican Registrar of Voters, Athena Sartori, for their win in last November's election. Their four-year terms will run until January 6, 2027.

Though we have only issued a few marriage licenses since the beginning of the year, we anticipate that will increase dramatically in the coming months. We expect to see many excited couples come in for their marriage

licenses for their spring and summer weddings.

Please start thinking about updating your dog's rabies if necessary. We will be looking for updated rabies certificates in June when you register and/or re-register your dogs. If we already have your dog(s) updated rabies certificates, we do not require the rabies certificate. All dogs must be registered at six months of age or within 30 days of them joining your family. If your dog is recently altered, we will also need proof of that.

We are looking forward to seeing you around Town.

Linda Flugrad, CCTC, Town Clerk

CARE & SHARE ~ NEED IS NOT SEASONAL

Submitted by: *Debbie Delorimiere, debbiedelorimiere@gmail.com*

The season of food baskets, gifts, and winter coats is over, but that doesn't mean the need is over. We will continue our mission to help! The season of sunshine and sand buckets bring us an increase in requests for food because kids are out of school.

Care & Share supports residents of East Lyme, Niantic, and Salem. Clients can call to request food, which can include household and hygiene items, as well as shop from a variety of free items donated by our community. Our free store area has nonperishables, personal care and household goods, seasonal items, and gifts as donated. The East Lyme Public Library provides free books for all ages, and we are sometimes gifted with harvests from neighborhood gardens and chickens.

Our food pantry accepts unexpired food donations every Saturday from 11 to 1 at 12 Roxbury Road, Niantic. Thank you to the Salem Seniors and all who donate at the Salem Free Public Library donation box.

We offer many programs besides food. We provide emergency and designated financial assistance, scholarships for camps, education, and child care assistance.

Call 860-739-8502 to speak with a responder. Follow us on Facebook @careandshareel for the latest happenings, new offerings, and weekly pantry needs. Visit our website for more information about programs and additional resources, www.careandshareofel.org.



EHLS FOOTBALL INDUCTEES



East Lyme High School 2011 Alumni and Salem resident Eric McGlone, pictured with his wife, Katelyn, was one of ten members inducted into the East Lyme Football Hall of Fame.



East Lyme High School 2019 Alumni Dalton Franco, pictured with his parents, Judith and Steven Franco, was awarded East Lyme High School's Alumni Memorial Award.

FIRE MARSHAL SWEARING IN



Town Clerk Linda Flugrad swearing in Thomas Main as the town's Interim Fire Marshal.



First Selectman Chmielewski congratulating newly appointed Interim Fire Marshal Thomas Main.

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TVCCA (Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.) – A non-profit organization providing such services as Energy Assistance, Employment Assistance, Senior Programs, Housing Assistance, Financial Services, Education, and Family Support. Visit their website at tvcca.org, in Facebook at facebook.com/TVCCArsvp, (860) 889-1365 for more information.

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SALEM SENIOR CITIZEN'S GROUP

The Salem Seniors Group had a busy year in 2022

2022 in Review

- We started 2022 with 59 members, we currently have 97 members, an increase of 38
- We elected a slate of officers
- We started a monthly newsletter
- We held an ice cream social
- We started art classes provided by ArtSpace
- We supported Mitchell Farms Equine Retirement with a bake sale
- We supported the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
- We conducted a senior hike in Walden Preserve
- We refurbished gardens and landscaping at the Salem School
- We held a senior dance
- We supported the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Co. Trunk or Treat
- We collected food items for Care & Share at every meeting
- We put together the Salem School wish list
- We held a holiday luncheon
- We help the VFW with cemetery clean-up
- Approved revised by-laws



2023 Activities:

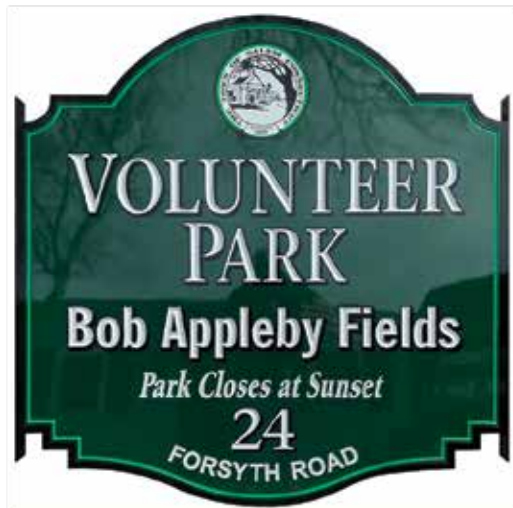
- BINGO – Every 4th Thursday of the month, Salem Volunteer Fire Company
- BOWLING
- ART CLASSES – following Salem Seniors' monthly meetings
- GYPSY, GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE – June 15, 2:00 p.m., \$66
- POTLUCK DINNER/TALENT SHOW
- BUS TRIPS
- FIRST AID/CPR/AED Training Classes

Things In The Works

- Entering a Seniors Float for the Seniors in the Memorial Day Parade 2023
- Senior Yoga and Sittercise or similar exercise program
- Bus Trips
- Nature Walks / Hikes
- Self-Defense Course for all ages
- Senior Night/Day at the movies

Anyone 50 years old or older interested in joining the Salem Seniors Group or receiving the newsletter can contact gclosius@sbcglobal.net, or Salem's Agent for the Aging-Senior Citizen at (860) 859-3873 x275.

Dedication Ceremony Bob Appleby Fields at Volunteer Park



**Monday, May 15
6:00 p.m.
Volunteer Park
24 Forsyth Road**

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Betsy Butts: dem.registrar@salemct.gov



June 20-23

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Age 3: 10-10:45 am

Age 4: 11-11:45 am

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Round Hill Road Tennis Courts

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Intermediate to Advanced Tennis, Ages 9-11, \$145

June 26 to 29, 9 am - 12 pm

Lacrosse Camp, Ages 8-12, \$145

Round Hill Road Soccer Field

July 10 to 13, 9 am - 12 pm

Mini-Hawk Camp, Ages 5-7, \$145

Baseball, Basketball & Soccer

Round Hill Road Soccer Field

July 10 to 13, 9 am - 3 pm

Multi-Sport Camp, Ages 7-12, \$185

Baseball, Basketball, Flag Football & Soccer

Round Hill Road Soccer Field

July 24 to 27, 9 am - 12 pm

Beginning Golf Camp, Ages 5-8, \$145

Salem Community Park

INFO & REGISTRATION: skyhawks.com

Adult Rec Co-ed Pick-up Pickleball

**Open Gym Games for
Salem & East Lyme Residents
Ages 18 & over**



**Salem School Multi-Purpose Room
Saturday mornings, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday evenings, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Sign in upon arrival



Salem Recreation is happy to report that the Disc Golf Committee has begun working on the updates to the revised Disc Golf Course.

The proposed updates to the course were presented to, reviewed by, and approved and/or received the support of all of the town's relevant departments, boards, and commissions, including the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission Planning & Zoning Commission, where they received a Favorable \$8-24 Review, and the Board of Selectmen. They have also consulted with our town's risk management agency, CIRMA (Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency).

The revised course will be comprised of 18 holes and three (3) crossings. Beginning and ending at soon-to-be-dedicated Bob Appleby Fields at Volunteer Park on Forsyth Road, it will loop around behind the corn fields, away from the Pavilion area at Salem Community Park. The course will be slightly longer with an estimated difficulty level of 5 or 6 on a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being an extreme course. A kiosk will be installed at the start of the course and will include a map, emergency information, rules, and a QR code linking players to the information. Signage will also be placed at each hole and at trail crossings indicating the player's location.

The Disc Golf Course Committee has provided site walks of the proposed revised course to the Recreation Commission and the town's Emergency Services and Public Works Departments. Their suggestions and recommendations to ensure the safety of hikers and disc golfers and to provide adequate access to all of the holes for our Emergency Services Departments to help any injured parties will be instituted. A final site walk will be held to confirm and further ensure the safety of the course.

While the process has taken some time, it is our ultimate goal to provide a fun and safe activity for the young and the old members of our community.

Special thanks to Rob LeMire, the Disc Golf Committee, and all of the involved parties for their dedication, diligence, hard work, and efforts and for taking the time to work with us to bring the course to fruition — we couldn't do it without you!

We hope you will all join us as we look forward to re-opening the course during the late spring/early summer.



Salem Recreation

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THURSDAY, JUNE 29

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

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No alcoholic beverages allowed. Please behave responsibly and mind all health & safety protocols.

Salem Community Park Pavilion | 89 Norwich Road | Salem, CT 06420



For Ages 6-14

Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Round Hill Road Baseball Fields

\$120.00

Bring a bat, snacks, lunch, and drink
Free FTLOTG T-shirt and personalized certificate!
Sandlot baseball to end every day!

Extra Sessions Available:

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Register at camp, \$60.00 per session

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The instructor-led class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use manikins to practice rescue skills like choking rescue and CPR!



SAFE SITTER® CLASS INFORMATION

TWO SESSIONS: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9 AM to 3 PM

Saturday, June 24, 2023 9 AM to 3 PM

Salem Fire Department, 424 Hartford Road, Salem, CT

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Residents- \$97 per student. Non Residents- \$102 per student.

Please bring a lunch that does not need to be refrigerated.

This class does NOT include a certification for CPR, but CPR will be taught.

SAFE@HOME

by SAFESITTER

Saturday, July 22, 2023

9 to 10:30 AM

Salem Fire Department
424 Hartford Road, Salem, CT
Residents - \$35 per student
Non Residents - \$40 per student



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



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July 17 to 21

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Salem School Multi-Purpose Room



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Ages 5-6

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Ages 7 to 9

1:00-4:00 p.m.

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SUMMER 23

virtual fitness classes

TUESDAYS

JULY 11 - AUGUST 15

PILATES 6-6:45PM ROB

\$40

WEDNESDAYS

JULY 12 - AUGUST 16

15-MIN. HIIT 8-8:15AM MAGGIE

\$20

THURSDAYS

JULY 13 - AUGUST 17

CORE STRENGTH 6-6:45PM ROB

\$40

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Keep Moving

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TinyTykes Soccer Camp

Half-day Soccer Camp

Monday – Friday, July 24 – 28

Volunteer Park/Forsyth Road

Ages 3-5

TinyTykes

4:00 - 4:45 pm

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July 10 – 14



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**Salem Surge Soccer &
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Salem Recreation Commission has partnered up with the
Economic Development Commission to host

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 29, 11 a.m.

Salem Community Park Pavilion



We are welcoming all Salem bands, DJs, entertainers and
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Salem Recreation | recreation@saalemct.gov | 860-859-3873, x275

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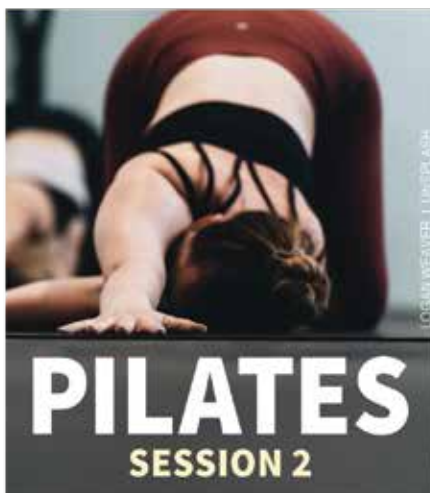


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IN THE WORKS



Trail Run Series

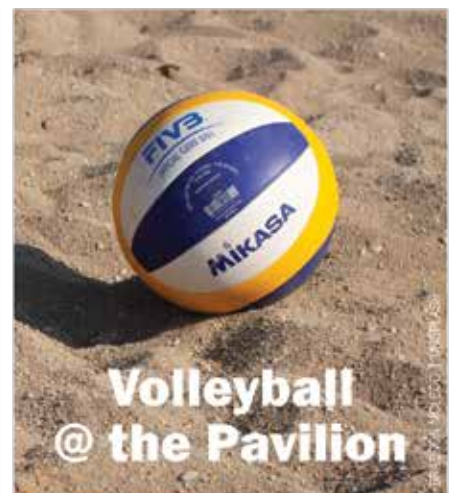


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