

# OUR TOWN OF SALEM CONNECTICUT

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## *A Message from our First Selectman*

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

### NO TAX INCREASE!

#### "Teamwork" Another Fiscally Responsible Budget passed!

The Town of Salem continues to be in very strong financial health. Together, we passed another fiscally responsible budget. I want to commend our Board of Selectmen, our Board of Finance and our Finance Department for their hard work, collaboration, good fiscal management and teamwork. Our bond rating remains upgraded, our rainy-day fund remains healthy and our town's finances are audited on a regular basis. Thank you to all who participated in the budget process and helped to keep our mill rate from increasing. We are already working on next year's budget.



#### Salem Public Safety

In order to improve and enhance public safety, our Board of Selectman, Board of Finance and our Resident State Police Troopers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Fire Marshals, and Emergency Management officials continue to collaborate, communicate and partner.

For more than two years, the town has hosted monthly Fire Chiefs' round table meetings at Town Hall where Chief Officers from our valued volunteer fire companies meet with our paid Fire Fighter / Emergency Medical Services Supervisor and town officials to de-conflict issues, plan, communicate, coordinate training, problem solve and conduct "lessons learned exercises" where they learn from past incidents.

We have 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-range, mid-range and long-range strategies, goals and professional assessments and recommendations to enhance public safety. It will also help us to use our limited available resources, staff and your taxpayer dollars in the most cost-effective and fiscally responsible way possible. The Board of Selectman will present the findings to the town.

#### Congratulations to the Graduating classes of 2023!

Congratulations to the Class of 2023! In Salem, we invest in our children and value their education. Congratulations to our middle school, high school and college graduates. You are our future!

#### Thank you for your support!

I will continue to make decisions that keep our town and our residents safe, stable and secure. 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

270 Hartford Road, Salem, CT 06420 • Phone: 860-859-3873

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Salem, CT  
860-859-CARE (2273)

### **NIANTIC**

161 West Main St.  
Niantic, CT  
860-691-1300





## Town of Salem Department Phone Listing

Agent for the Elderly	(860) 859-3873, x275
Assessor	(860) 859-3873, x140
Building Department	(860) 859-3873, x250
Fire Marshal	(860) 859-3873, x270
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**

## GARDNER LAKE STATE PARK UPDATE - Ed Chmielewski, First Selectman

The Town of Salem is a beautiful place to live, work and visit. During the summer months, Salem doubles in size due to people visiting open spaces, campgrounds and parks. Trooper First Class Ben Duffy and Trooper Kevin Crosby are working hard to keep our townspeople safe.

Gardner Lake State Park is one of the most visited parks in the area and has been a hot spot for increased activity for years. The Salem Resident Troopers Office is aware of the increase in traffic and behavior in this park. As a result, they have been coordinating with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Town of Salem to increase visibility, patrols and enforcement.

Gardner Lake State Park, like all State Parks, is policed by DEEP Environmental Conservation (EnCon) Police Officers. Some people may recognize their old title of "Game Warden." Traditionally the Connecticut EnCon Police Officer has been charged with the responsibility of enforcing the State's fish and game laws, but their role in law enforcement has expanded. Their duties now include the enforcement of the laws and regulations that concern boating, motor vehicle, criminal and public safety.

EnCon Police Officers serve as the primary police agency within our state parks and forests. Criminal activity of the same type that occurs in urban or residential areas also occurs within our state parks and forests. EnCon Officers are tasked to conduct patrol work within state parks and forests and act as a deterrent to such criminal activity. When crimes do occur in these areas, EnCon Police Officers are tasked with responding to the complaints and conducting investigations with the goal of apprehending those responsible for the criminal activity.

EnCon Police Officers are responsible for patrolling all waters

within the State and Long Island Sound for recreational boating safety enforcement. EnCon Police Officers enforce state boating laws and regulations to ensure a safe and enjoyable boating experience for the many recreational boaters that enjoy Connecticut waterways each year. To enhance the safety of boaters, EnCon Police Officers inspect boats for compliance with safety equipment requirements and check boat operators for compliance with boat operator certification requirements.

In addition to increased patrols, the Town worked closely with the Connecticut Department of Transportation to obtain the new "no-parking signs" that were installed along the front of the park on Old Colchester Road. These signs allow officers to ticket improperly parked vehicles and have helped with the traffic issue outside the park to some degree.

Unfortunately, like so many other Law Enforcement Agencies around the country, the Connecticut State Police and DEEP Law Enforcement are understaffed.

**For Law Enforcement matters at Gardner Lake State Park, Contact: DEEP Law Enforcement at 860-424-3333**

To learn more about DEEP and the EnCon Police <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Environmental-Conservation-Police/Environmental-Conservation-Police-Officers>

If there is an **emergency**, dial **911**, not Troop K.



# SALEM TREE TRIMMING INITIATIVE

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND EVERSOURCE COLLABORATIVE

The Town of Salem Public Works Department is partnering with Eversource to remove trees and trim branches that could damage power lines. Incidents related to trees are a major cause of power outages during storms in Salem.

Work will include maintenance of tree trimming and pruning and, when necessary, extensive tree trimming or removal of trees that are decayed, insect-infested, or otherwise damaged or structurally weak and pose a danger to power lines.



Dear Salem Neighbors,

Eversource and town officials are working year-round to strengthen the grid through upgrades, maintenance, and proactive vegetation management. Connecticut's roadside forest is not only getting older, but it also continues to suffer the effects of environmental factors ranging from severe storms and recent droughts to a growing list of insect infestations and diseases. Trees are the number one cause of power outages and removing hazard trees that threaten overhead electric lines can improve reliability for the town, your home, and businesses.

The electricity that powers Salem originates from two locations: one in New London and the other in Colchester. This year, tree trimming is occurring along the power lines that lead to both power sources. In Salem, Eversource has hired two contractors, Asplundh and Lucas Tree, to carry out these tasks. Last year, Eversource removed more than 125 compromised or dead trees in Salem and Salem removed dozens more.

Eversource values its strong partnership with the town of Salem and is grateful for the support of the town's First Selectman Ed Chmielewski and Public Works Supervisor / Tree Warden Tony Gallicchio who work with our arborists to manage trees on town property. In addition, First Selectman Chmielewski has granted extra time for the cleanup of dead or hazardous trees on the opposite side of the road where our crews are working to reduce road closures and enhance public safety. This collaboration ensures an efficient and comprehensive approach to address any particularly challenging or hazardous tree identified in town.

Eversource also appreciates the relationship they have with the residents of Salem and has a long history of working closely with property owners to identify and mitigate hazard trees along power lines.

While trees cause the majority of outages, it is important to balance the need for electric reliability with the natural beauty that trees bring to Salem. Eversource Arborists Sabrina Steel-Ganacopolos and Susan Stotts have handed out 505 trees and shrubs to students and teachers at Salem Elementary School as part of an Arbor Day celebration. They strongly believe in planting the right tree in the right place. Residents interested in doing their own plantings can find a list of the 30 trees recommended under 30 feet tall on [Eversource.com](https://www.eversource.com).

In addition to all the work crews do to minimize the effects of trees on reliable electric service, it is important for homeowners to know they are responsible for tree maintenance on their own property. This includes keeping branches away from the lower-voltage service wires connecting their homes and businesses to the main utility lines on the street. It is strongly recommended that residents contact a professional tree service company to perform this work if needed. Several tree service providers are owned by Salem residents and are based in Salem. To learn more about Salem-based tree service providers, contact [salemedc@salemct.gov](mailto:salemedc@salemct.gov)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding vegetation management along the power lines, please don't hesitate to reach out to Eversource Arborists Susan Stotts at: [susan.stotts@eversource.com](mailto:susan.stotts@eversource.com). Text STAT to 23129 to get power alerts and restoration times. For Tree Trimming, call: 844-275-3302. To Report or Check a Power Outage call: 800-286-2000 or visit <https://www.eversource.com/cg/customer/reportoutage>

Working together, we can ensure Salem maintains a strong, resilient grid while maintaining our cherished rural character and our beautifully forested community.





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## THE FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY SET PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

On May 8, 2023, the Friends of the Salem Library held their annual meeting and approved plans and a budget for their next fiscal year. The budget includes \$15,000 of direct support to Salem Library for the collection, museum passes, and funds for Summer and Winter Reading, Storytime, and other programs. The budget also provides a \$5,000 one-time indirect funding for things like a de-humidifier for the basement of the old library, a large screen TV for behind the circulation desk, and aprons for the staff members working at the used book sale.

Revenue will come from our used book and plant sales, donations, and membership. If each family who partakes in a Friends-sponsored event would join the Friends for \$20, it would make our job a lot easier. Membership forms are available at the library and on the library website.

Leaving the Executive Board are two long-serving members, Martha Giegel, Secretary, and Carol Irwin, Membership Chair. Thank you for your decades-long support of the Friends. Replacing Martha is Teri Natoli as our new Secretary and Jane Coffey as our new Membership Chair. Welcome to your new positions. Also at the meeting, Carl Nawrocki was elected to a two-year term as President.

We will be spending the summer collecting used books and sorting them for used book sales. Our next Used Book Sale will be held on August 19 & 20 in conjunction with the giant Lions Tag Sale.

Sorting books give our youth an opportunity to volunteer. We usually work in the morning a couple of days a week. For minors, we strictly enforce all the rules regarding minors working with adults. If you're interested, contact Carl Nawrocki at [Carlybilly@aol.com](mailto:Carlybilly@aol.com).



## SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY - HIGHLIGHTING OUR WONDERFUL STAFF



Danielle Casey has been working at the SFPL since June of 2022. She has always loved libraries and reading so it is a perfect fit for her. She primarily works at the circulation desk while also learning other tasks. Danielle loves to step in and occasionally will run a program if needed. One of her favorite things about working at SFPL is meeting and engaging with the patrons. She loves to chat with patrons about the news in their lives and any other topics they want to discuss. Some of her absolute favorite topics include travel and baseball. Danielle is grateful to work at the library and states it is the best job she has ever had. Her coworkers and Library Director Shannon Henson make the environment a great place to work. She states that the environment within the library is comforting and an enjoyable experience. She invites you all to come take a look this summer. Grab a book, come in for a program, use some of our museum passes, or just come in to chat!

Hannah Lynch has been working at the SFPL since May of 2022. She wanted to work at the library because it was a much-needed deviation from her previous fast-paced jobs working in retail. She mostly works at the circulation desk, but loves thinking of new and creative programs and activities for the Salem community. She takes most pride in the Seed Library that she helped establish alongside Master Gardener Veronika Burlingham, and is always searching for new ways to share her love of gardening with library patrons. Aside from gardening, she enjoys talking about everything from cooking to cheesy action movies, both of which she can't get enough of. Hannah has greatly appreciated her time at the library because it gave her the opportunity to live a slower and more peaceful life while being able to contribute to the community. For Hannah, the best part of the job has been reconnecting with the joy and wonder she experienced at the library when she was a child and thinking of ways to recreate that for others.



*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.





## SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER/FALL 2023 EVENTS

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

**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+.

**The Carroll Sisters** – Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Celtic fiddle concert with the Carroll Sisters, Emilie and Nora Carroll. They are known for their lively traditional tunes, beautiful harmonies and unique musical arrangements.

**Art Class: Still Life Drawing Class** – Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. 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.

**Beekeeping 101** – Wednesday, August 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. You will learn the basics of beekeeping, with Caitlin Stevenson of Stonewall Apiary. Limited to 30 attendees.

**Life on 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.

**Dahlia Bouquet Workshop** – Saturday, September 16, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Presented by Pamela Gray of Winter Bee Garden. Limited to 10 participants, ages 13+.

### **Summer Reading: Find your Voice!**

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

Register beginning Wednesday, June 14, 2023 on READSquared.

<https://salemlibrary.readsquared.com/>

**Sounds of Nature** – Monday August 7, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. Presented by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Sounds of nature are music to our ears! Meet some of the DPNC's animal friends who love to make interesting noises, and learn how and why animals communicate with each other. Suitable for ages 4 & up. Limited to 30 participants.

**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](http://salemct.gov/library) as well as our Facebook and Instagram page for updates!

Salem Free Public Library

### Life on the High Seas

Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Norwich native, Allison Black, spends weeks at a time each year at sea searching for marine life as a contracted Seabird/Marine Mammal Observer for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Join us for her presentation where she'll talk about life aboard a research vessel, the research she contributes to, and what we can learn from studying marine animal occupancy and distribution. She'll also speak about related careers in marine biology and share tips and tricks for seawatching from a boat.

Sponsored by the Bobbie Ziegler Memorial Fund

### Still Life Drawing Workshop

Limit: 10 people Saturday, August 19th 11a-1p

Bring your own materials!

A small amount of materials will be provided, but this is an opportunity to use your preferred medium!

Registration Required!  
860-859-1130

## TOWN OF SALEM CITIZEN ALERT SYSTEM

Scan or visit [bit.ly/salemeverbridge](https://bit.ly/salemeverbridge) to register and receive e-alerts regarding severe weather conditions, unexpected road closures, and town emergencies by telephone, text, and/or e-mail.





## SALEM SCHOOL

Jaycelyn Aldana	Savien Diaz	Sophia Gibson	William McKiernan	Brianna Unger
Justin Blezard	Jedidiah Donovan	Angelina Huang	Philip Mills	Amelia Vaillencourt
Willa Buller	Laurn Drago	Cayden Johnson	Kyle Miranda	Emma Van Dusen
Juliet Card	Joshua Fear	Kristina Kreft	Alexander Pflugbeil	Isabella Vivas
Arthur Charbonnier	Zane Flickinger	Evan Labrie	Lily Phillips	Jordan Washington
Joseph Chechile	Brayden Foster	Lucas Leyko	Ava Pomerence	Makayla Wilkey
Edward Chopp	Ilena Fradette	Mia Lloyd	Summer Stefanelli	Aaron Woods
Gabriel Costales	Lauren Gault	Karl MacGregor	Tyler Syman	
Brynn Currier		Dean Marvin	Brianna Tinsley	

## EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL

Sydney Arustei	Kevin Filewich	Patricia Huang	Jack Mauri
Rosemary Barba	Clark Flickinger	Lacy Januszewski	Arleen McKiernan
Zackery Bednarz	Jameson Foster	Kayleigh Jensen	Isabel Pazzaglia
Abigail Belleville	Giana Franco	Jason Jiao	Cameron Pearl
Hannah Bergeron	Abriel Garcia	Kylee Johnston	Lauren Pflugbeil
Theodore Bergman	Alex Gilbert	Jack Kelly	Noah Poulin
Graison Blais	Benjamin Glover	Cameron Laymon	Tolby Regan
Anna Brown	Patrick Gorman	Ethan Len	Aiden Rodgers
Colin Bunkley	Peyton Gorman	Anna Limburg	Tucker Simes-Vandersloot
John Michael Bureau	Kenya Greene	Jonathan Limburg	Katie Teixeira
Nicholas Carlson	Mary Haburay	Rachel Limburg	Dominic Tuccio
Emily D'Aiuto	Ethan Hatcher-Pecoraro	Xander Lopez	Mykhaila Whitcomb
Hannah DuBrava	Jacob Hatt	Ava Mauri	

## LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Nataile Murray

## NORWICH TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Hannah Isabelle Armstead	Seth Alexander Howe	Matilda Cecylia MacGregor	Aidan R. Pomerence
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## AND ALL OF OUR GRADUATES FROM

Grasso Technical High School  
Interdistrict School for Arts Communication  
Regional Multicultural Magnet School



## SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT

We hope this Summer Edition of Our Town Salem finds everyone healthy and safe. As a school district we are excited to be celebrating another successful school year. We can't thank our students, families, staff, and the entire Salem community enough for everyone's support as we navigated a very challenging and rewarding year.

Throughout this year, we have worked hard to maintain high expectations for academics and good citizenship, and we will continue to 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 as we enjoy the spring months and look forward to summer.



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,*

Happy Summer! I hope you can enjoy the warmth, sunshine and relaxing days of summer.

The Town Clerk's office has applied for and we expect to receive soon another \$6,000 Historic Document Preservation Grant FY 2024. We will use this money to recreate the older Grantor and Grantee indexes which are needed due to the age and frequent use of the books over the years. We will also be able to recreate four of our older land record volumes. Additionally, for security in the event of a disaster, we will microfilm several thousand more pages of Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Planning and Zoning minutes. These will be stored off-site. Should there be any remaining funds, we will purchase additional archival supplies. The work on these projects should begin later this summer and will take approximately 30-60 days to complete.

Wedding season is upon us. Congratulations to all those who have gotten married and those who are preparing for your wedding this summer. The Town Clerk's office has been very busy issuing licenses to happy couples.

The election season has begun with an endorsement of candidates by both parties due in July. Party chairs are always searching for people willing to serve our Town in either elected or appointed openings. You might just be the person our Town needs.

Have a wonderful summer! Stay safe and remember to use your sunscreen.

Linda Flugrad, CCTC, Town Clerk

## SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Salem Historical Society once again has open door days!  
Stop in and check out the amazing history of our little town.

The dates are as follows:

Saturday August 19, 2023 from 1-4PM

Saturday September 16, 2023 from 1-4PM

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





# ★ 2023 SALEM MEMORIAL DAY

Photographs by Mandie Lee







# 4TH OF JULY PARADE & CEREMONY ★

Photography & Bopha Smith







# LIONS CLUB OF SALEM

## Hello from the Lions Club of Salem

### Celebration of 50 years of service to the Salem community

The Club was formed early in 1973 through the singular efforts of Lion Joseph Raub from New London. One day he visited John Lecce's 354 Club, once a Salem tavern and restaurant. Upon learning that the Town's first Lions Club had ceased to be, suggested forming another one. With John's help, he enlisted the required 39 individuals to begin a new club and arranged for the Niantic Lions Club to be the sponsor. An application for a Club charter was completed on May 1st of that year, and the second Salem Lions Club was recognized as organized on May 17th. The first official meeting, including Niantic Lions President Edwin McDonough and sixteen members of the Niantic Club, was held at John Lecce's establishment on June 27, 1973. Lion George Gillis was elected as the first President and the Club's mission of community service began.



Though part of the largest International service organization, the Salem Lions have, for the past fifty years, focused on serving the community of Salem (and having fun doing so). While funds for donations to worthy Lion-sponsored causes were raised by means of wood sales and raffles, tag sales, calendar sales, the Journey for Sight walkathon, Salem Road Race, dinner dances, hayrides, the sale of Super Bowl roses, and pancake breakfasts, most of the Club's energy was expended to address selected local needs. The service projects themselves were always primary.

On Sunday, May 7th the Salem Lions Club of Connecticut celebrated its 50 years of service to the town of Salem at a luncheon held at the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Department. The keynote speaker for the event was the Lions' Previous District Governor Mary Krogh. She discussed that the Lions Club's role in the community is to support and serve. They especially support charities, local needs, the visually impaired, diabetes, and cancer and are there when disasters occur, no matter where in the world. After her speech, State Senator Marks and Representative Cheeseman presented Salem Lions President Bill Martin with a Connecticut Assembly certificate of recognition for 50 years of service to the community.



A big thanks to the committee for putting the event together: Lions McKenney, Dickson, Martin, Closius, Wiemer, Houchin, Burr, and Zak; the Shoreline LEOS who provided help in serving and cleaning up; Sue Spang for designing and producing the Events Brochure.

### 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, and with a big thank you for your support, we are able to support the following Salem causes: Salem Town Benevolent Fund, Secret Santa, 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, 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 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, 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







## Town of Salem - Open and Transparent Government

In order to better serve our residents, the Town of Salem operates as an open and transparent government. Our town website, SalemCT.gov can provide you with important and timely information. In addition, our website can provide you with access to:

- News and Announcements
- Board and Commission Meeting Calendars, Agendas and Minutes
- Town Budget
- Audits
- Annual Reports
- Departments and Staff Contact Directory
- Town Services
- Town Charter
- Town Ordinances
- Municipal Contact Information
- Library Information
- Forms and Documents
- Other Important Information
- Salem School District
- Transfer Station

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**Tonight! Dedication Ceremony: Bob Appleby Fields at Volunteer Park**  
MAY 9, 2023 - 8:00AM

**Referendum May 10, 2023**  
MAY 9, 2023 - 6:00AM  
TOWN OF SALEM  
Budget Referendum  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

**Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing May 23, 2023**  
APRIL 26, 2023 - 9:00AM  
TOWN OF SALEM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
TOWN HALL, 275 HARTFORD ROAD  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT 06420  
Notice of Public Hearing

**Salem Volunteer Fire Company Blood Drive**  
APRIL 26, 2023 - 9:00AM

**Baseball/Softball Opening Day Update**  
APRIL 26, 2023 - 6:00AM

**Notice of Annual Town Meeting, May 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Salem School**  
APRIL 21, 2023 - 10:00AM  
TOWN OF SALEM  
Notice of Annual Town Meeting

**Celebrate Earth Day with us Tomorrow Morning!**  
APRIL 16, 2023 - 1:00PM

**"Bulky Waste" Amnesty Days**  
APRIL 17, 2023 - 10:00AM  
TOWN OF SALEM  
MUNICIPAL TRANSFER STATION

**Salem Fire Marshal Update**  
APRIL 10, 2023 - 9:00PM

**Board of Finance Public Hearing for 2023/2024 Budget, April 12, 2023**  
APRIL 4, 2023 - 12:00PM  
TOWN OF SALEM  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICEThe Salem Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 12... [more >>](#)



## THE SALEM SENIORS GROUP

### The Salem Seniors Group been busy the first half of 2023

We started 2023 with 97 members, we currently have 130 members as of the end of April, an increase of 33.

#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- After most of our monthly meetings we have art class provided by **Salem ArtSpace**.
- The **Busy Bee Quilters** meet at the Salem Library from 10:00 – 4:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and the **Charity/Community Quilters** meet from 10:00 – 3:30 PM on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.
- A knitting and crocheting circle meets every Thursday at the Library from 10:00 AM – Noon.
- **BINGO** is held every 4th Thursday of the month at the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. Firehouse from 12:30 – 3:00 PM.
- **Seniors' Board/Card Game Day** every Tuesday from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the Salem Library.

#### SUCCESSFUL EVENTS/PROJECTS:

- **Seniors' Bowling Event** Feb. 5 at Norwich Ten Pin.
- **Seniors' Movie Night** Feb. 7 – 80 For Brady at Regal Waterford.
- The Seniors' delivered the **Teacher's "Wish List"** the Valentine's Day Luncheon at the Salem School Feb. 14th.
- Held **First Aid and CPR/AED Training Classes** and 13 Seniors were trained.
- **Seniors' Potluck Dinner/Talent Show** April 27 with special guest CT Attorney General William Tong.

#### **Garden team refurbishes the Salem School gardens**

After successfully restoring the garden by the track at the Salem School, Joan Gaynor and her team have set their sights on restoring the Court Yard Gardens in the back of the school.

After hearing of Joan's efforts and plans to clean up and revive the Court Yard Gardens, fellow members Robin and Andy Pelletier told Joan a memorial to their son Ethan who had passed away was in the Garden. Joan found it and did some rudimentary cleaning up around the marker so it could be seen again. Robin works for **Sprigs and Twigs**, a landscaping company, and they graciously offered to supply labor, plants, and materials to help clean up and restore the Garden.

On April 13th **Sprigs and Twigs** removed the Junipers shrubs and laid down straw to keep the soil turning to mud. For safety reasons and the minimum impact on the school they will return after school is out for the Summer to plant new shrubs and complete the garden refurbishment.

- **Cemetery Cleanup** began again on April 15 at the **Hilliard Cemetery** with more to follow.
- **Seniors Build New Planters** for the memorials on the Town Green.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AND THINGS-IN-THE-WORKS:

- **Nature Walks/Hikes** have been scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of month from June through September starting at 9 AM to avoid summer heat..
- The Seniors will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade.
- Ice Cream Social,TBD
- The Salem Volunteer Fire Co. will host a **Summer BBQ for the Seniors** August 8 at the SVFC Firehouse during our regular monthly meeting.

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



#### Theater Shows and Cruises:

##### GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE

<b>The 12</b>	Thursday Oct. 12th
<b>Dreamgirls</b>	Saturday Dec. 9th

##### TERRIS THEATRE

<b>Here You Come Again</b>	Wednesday, Aug. 16th
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##### RIVER QUEST

<b>Shanties &amp; Sails –</b> 1 hr. sea shanty show & day or sunset cruise on sail boat Unrust	Date TBD
<b>CT River Sightseeing Cruise</b>	Date TBD
<b>Gillette Castle Viewing Cruise</b>	Date TBD

##### BLOCK ISLAND EXPRESS

<b>Block Island Dinner Run</b>	Date TBD
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## SALEM RECREATION

### BOB APPLEBY FIELDS DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Monday, May 15, the Salem Recreation Commission dedicated the fields at Volunteer Park on Forsyth Road to the late Bob Appleby. Honoring Bob were Recreation Commission Chairperson Mary Durkee, Larry Ghirardi, former Salem Soccer Club Board Member, former Recreation Commissioners Sue Spang and David Kennedy, State Representative Holly Cheeseman, and First Selectman Ed Chmielewski.

Bob served the town for several years on the town's Recreation Commission from 2001 to 2019. He also coached and mentored countless children in the sport of soccer and formed and built the town's youth soccer program, serving as the President of Salem Soccer. With the help of several volunteers, he spearheaded the project create the fields for the town's youth and community. His impact to recreation in the Town of Salem is without question. In 2011, he was honored with the Unsung Hero Award for his years selfless commitment to the town. Bob epitomized the Spirit of Salem through his leadership, volunteerism, and dedication.



## SALEM RECREATION

FREE

# SALEM FUN RUN

Salem School, Bingham Field

SERIES

**Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 8, 15**

**5:30 pm: 1-mile Walk/Run/Stroll | 6:00 pm: 3-mile Fun Run**

Salem Recreation's first Fun Run was fun and hot! We had 16 participate in the 1-mile run/walk/stroll, and 7 runners in the 3-mile course. It was once around the Bingham Field track and then into the woods to follow the trails! The 1-mile was a great opportunity for the youngsters to try their legs at running, and for parents to accompany them for that shorter time and distance, or warm up for the 3-mile run. Participants ranged from some of Salem's elite runners, parents with their kids, and a guy carrying a plastic cow. The sky cleared up just in time to kick off the second in the Fun Run series! Both routes were adjusted to add a bit more distance, and we had new and returning runners. We had a total of 10 runners take part in both races.

Participants who make 4 of the 6 Fun Runs are eligible to receive a gift certificate for a **FREE** cup or cone from **Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream**! After the race, the finishers were offered a nice surprise with a treasure from a treasure chest, compliments of **Another Man's Treasure**, and cool off with ice pops from **Big Y**. Many thanks to our sponsors!

That's what this is about...fun, fitness, family, and encouragement! The treasures and treats add even more fun. It's never too late so come on out! Register at the big tree at Bingham Field (Salem School track) beginning at 5:00 pm. 5:30 starts the 1-mile run/walk/stroll, and runners will start at 6:00 for the 3-mile. Hope to see you at the remaining runs!

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TUESDAY

**SEPTEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 12**  
PILATES 6-6:45PM ROB  
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WEDNESDAY

**SEPTEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 13**  
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CARDIO STRENGTH 8:30-9:15AM MAGGIE  
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THURSDAY

**SEPTEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 14 (NO 11/23)**  
CORE STRENGTH 6-6:45PM ROB  
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## **Salem Surge Soccer Club & Youth Basketball Reboot**

**Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Salem Town Hall**



Please join us for a short huddle to share thoughts, ideas and next steps!



## **COMMUNITY TAG SALE @ THE PAVILION**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 31**

### **COMING SOON**

## **Volleyball @ the Pavilion**



## **Disc Golf Course Ribbon Cutting**

**Bob Appleby Fields @ Volunteer Park  
24 Forsyth Road  
Monday, September 18  
6:30 p.m.**

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