

OUR TOWN OF SALEM CONNECTICUT

Winter 2022

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A Message from our First Selectman

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

I wish you and your loved ones Peace, Happiness and Prosperity during this holiday season. It has been said that the original meaning of "Salem" translates to "Peace".

Salem townspeople are like an extended family. We look out for our children, our seniors and we help one another. We value each other's opinions, contributions and volunteerism. In Salem, we cherish peace and civility and are kind and courteous.

As your First Selectman, I will continue to make decisions that benefit Salem and all our residents, young and old.



"Teamwork" - Salem Remains Fiscally Strong and Sound

In 2023, Salem remains fiscally strong and sound thanks to our dedicated town employees and our vibrant volunteer board and commission members who laid the foundation for success over the last several years.

Salem has successfully passed our yearly audit, revealing that our business practices are sound, our bond rating remains upgraded and our rainy-day fund is healthy and strong.

The Salem spirit of volunteerism is exciting, alive and well! Currently, nearly 50 Salem residents serve as elected officials on various Boards and Commissions to include, but not limited to, the Board of Selectman, Board of Finance and Planning and Zoning Commission. These Board and Commission members keep Salem running efficiently and smoothly.

Also, nearly 50 additional Salem residents have volunteered to be appointed to fill Board or Commission vacancies. These appointments were filled by a vote by the Board of Selectman or a Board / Commission and NOT by the First Selectman. It is important to note that each of the appointees were selected by a majority vote of the members present at a public meeting. Boards and Commissions serve an important role managing our town. These volunteers consist of Salem residents who identify as Independent, Unaffiliated, Republican and Democrat who are willing to work together for the betterment of Salem.

We are always looking for energetic volunteers who want to serve their fellow townspeople.

Thank you for your support!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Salem First Selectman. May God bless you and May God Bless and watch over Our Town 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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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
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Salem Free Public Library	(860) 859-1130
Salem School FVW	(860) 859-0267
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ALL EMERGENCIES, CALL 9-1-1

SALEM SCHOOL SECOND GRADERS HOLD A "TOWN HALL MEETING"

Submitted by: Ed Chmielewski, Salem First Selectman



Each year, Salem School Second Grade students participate in a Town Meeting at our Town Hall. This year, the Salem School 2nd grade students and their teachers Mrs. Swider and Mrs. Bucci-Nardoza's spent time touring the Salem Town Hall and talking with staff to learn how the Town Hall functions.

The students toured the First Selectman's Office, the Building Department, Emergency Management Office, Resident State Troopers Office, the Finance and Human Resources Offices, the Assessor's Office, the Tax Collectors Office and the Town Clerk's Office. The Records vault in the Town Clerk's Office and Building Department were a big hit.

Selectman Keven Lyden and I welcomed everyone to town hall and gave a brief lesson on the workings of a Town Meeting. Town Clerk Linda Flugrad, Executive Assistant Alesha Brothers and others greeted the members.

The children then engaged in a lively town meeting by debating and voting for or against having to do homework on the weekends. By a very slim majority, the children voted that they should have only a small amount of homework on the weekends, proving that every vote counts!



"NO PARKING" SIGNS INSTALLED ~ RT. 354 BY GARDNER LAKE PARK!

Submitted by: Ed Chmielewski, Salem First Selectman

Good collaboration and great teamwork between the First Selectman's Office, concerned citizens, town hall staff, Salem Public Works Department, our Resident CT State Police Troopers and Connecticut officials resulted in "No Parking" signs being posted on Rt. 354 by the Gardner Lake State Park.

According to Gardner Lake neighbor Vivian Waters, residents around the Gardner Lake Park have been increasingly frustrated by excessive traffic and cars parking on lawns on Rt 354 for years. The unsafe parking conditions not only causes damage to residents' personal property, it also serves as a hazard to vehicular traffic, bikers and pedestrians who travel that stretch of the road. Some residents have been unable to get into or out of their driveways because of the excessive number of improperly parked cars.

Russ S., recently commented in Facebook, "So glad to see no parking signs installed on Rt. 354 to hopefully stop all the cars from parking on 354 for Gardner Lake Park overflow. Thank you to whoever initiated this and got it done" Another Salem resident stated that these signs have improved public safety.

Salem Resident Troopers Duffy and Crosby will now be able to ticket cars illegally parked around Gardner Lake Park.



VETERANS DAY AT SALEM SCHOOL

Submitted by: Ed Chmielewski, Salem First Selectman

On Veterans Day the Salem School once again maintained their long-held tradition of welcoming Salem Residents and Veterans to their Annual Veterans Day Celebration. It was an honor to speak to the more than 600 students, teachers and family members present. Each grade from pre-school to 8th grade transitioned from being the students to being the teachers by presenting their educational Veterans Day class projects.

On this and every Veterans Day, Salem and Salem School celebrates and honors America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, willingness to serve and sacrifice by recognizing Veterans in Salem.



**Assistant Town Clerk
swears in Firefighter/
EMT Travis Roberts as
Fire Investigator for the
Fire Marshal's office.**



**Salem Resident Trooper
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Salem Firefighter/EMT
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WELCOME TO THE NEW SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR: SHANNON HENSON



Shannon Henson

The Salem Free Public Library Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Shannon Henson as the new Library Director. She has been the Interim Library Director since April of this year. Shannon holds a Master of Library and Information Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Politics. She also has completed a set list of Young Adult and Children's Literature classes and earned a certificate in Children's Literature. Shannon has held positions that include Senior Library Technical Assistant, Library Manager, Reference Librarian, Library Assistant, Library Reference Assistant, Information Assistant, and Administrative Assistant. She also has extensive library experience at a university, a college, and at public libraries that include the Salem Free Public Library, Waterford Public Library, and the New London Public Library.

Shannon has collaborated with Sharon Geer to provide many programs including Summer Reading Programs, community events, coordinate story times for toddlers, and the Wizard Walk to name a few. In addition, the library now also hosts the Mom's Club of Salem and Girl Scouts meetings.

Shannon has created a welcoming and safe environment and has seen the staff and public through the Covid pandemic. The library building has seen many improvements since Shannon's appointment: the installation of a new generator and a water bottle filling station, as well as other building improvements.

Shannon has worked with Salem School to facilitate visits to the library. Shannon collaborates with them to have a student art display in the library rotating throughout the year. This has created a path for further learning when the children get their library cards!

Shannon also works with the Friends of the Salem Library who provide financial support for the programs. The Salem Free Public Library has something for everyone! From programs, free WiFi, audiobooks, a children's room, a meeting room, a spot for teens, and much more! Stop in and see what's going on! The Salem Free Public Library is certainly a magical place with Shannon here. We welcome our wonderful and enthusiastic director, Shannon Henson.



Shannon pictured with our "Potion Specialist" at The Wizard Walk on October 15, 2022.

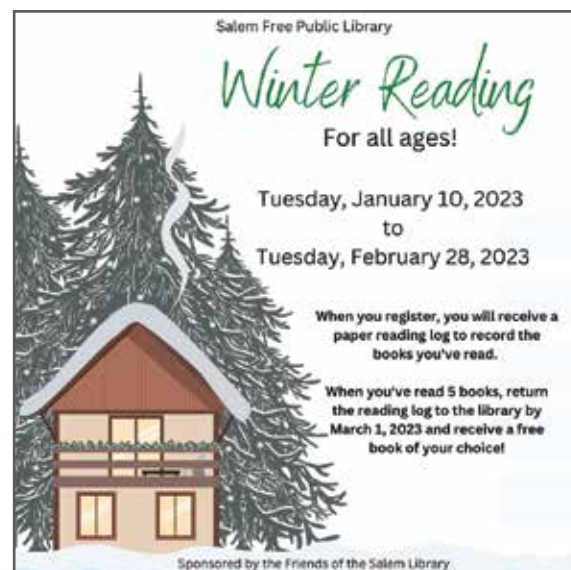
SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Winter Reading – Tuesday, January 10, 2023 through February 28, 2023-All ages welcome! When you register, you will receive a paper reading log to fill out. If you read 5 books and return the reading log to the library by March 1, 2023, you can pick out a free book as a prize!

Garden Party and Seed Giveaway – Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Beat the winter blues and come join us as we plan for the upcoming garden season. We will be giving out seeds and serving light refreshments. Just stop by, no registration required.

The Snow Sisters, presented by Simply Enchanted – Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Come celebrate **Take your Child to the Library Day** with Anna and Elsa from Frozen. Registration required. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Watch for more events and updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and our website, salemct.gov/library.





SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S WIZARD WALK

Hogwarts, potions and wands – oh my! On October 15, 2022, The Salem Free Public Library held a program for children titled: *Wizard Walk*. Families had a magical time moving around activity stations throughout the day. Children arrived dressed up as Harry Potter, superheroes, Star Wars characters, etc. The first stop was the "potion" station in which children could create a magical potion to take home. The bottle contained a secret that was whispered into it before it was sealed in golden wax. There was a wand painting station and a pencil quill making stop, too.



The music of The Harry Potter Movie was the underlying symphony that could be heard throughout the day! To top the day off, the children were amazed by a magic show at one o'clock. The magician even gave the kids an official wizard certificate of their own after the program. They were informed of the responsibility of a wizard, meaning that a wizard only does good! Thank you to our performers and to Shannon Henson (Library Director), Sharon Geer (Programmer at SFPL), Salem Library Staff, and all who attended!



SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - 80 YEARS SERVING THE TOWN OF SALEM



In 1943, a group of townspeople got together to establish the Salem Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. At that time the company was made up of mostly farmers, local businessmen, and housewives. Forward to today and we are made up of a few business owners, mostly members that work out of town, many in the medical or fire fields, others in trades, business from Aerospace, and commercial retail to name just a few. And we can't forget our retired members that are putting in many hours as well.

This year the Salem Volunteer Fire Company celebrates its 80 years in existence. Times have changed since 1943. The department was just being organized and fire apparatus needed to come from surrounding towns at a cost of \$50 an hour. There were many discussions on the purchase of a fire truck. The cost ranged from \$400 to \$500 for a used truck.

Eighty years later many changes have taken place both at the department level and national level. Apparatus costs are 1000 to 1500 times more. The demands of the town have increased with its size. The Town of Salem now has career staff that answer the calls with volunteers during the daytime, Monday through Friday. Training requirements for both volunteer members and Town career staff need to meet requirements of federal and state OSHA, NFPA, the National Safety Council, and more.

What hasn't changed is the dedication of our membership of Fire Fighters, EMS, and Fire Police. Our members come

from all walks of life, giving their time to perform whatever emergency task is before them. I've been part of the department for 35 years, currently serving as chief; I'm very proud to serve with each and every member.

I would like to say that we are a growing department, but times have changed. Nationally there is a declining trend for volunteers in both Fire and EMS, and we are no exception. We need additional volunteers, so if you are interested in joining our Fire Company, please give us a call or come by for a visit. We are in the process of re-introducing a program for 14 to 18 years so they can join and experience what it takes. Who knows, this may lead to a very rewarding career choice in the future. Many of our past juniors have gone on to become career firefighters, EMS, or work in hospitals and other medical facilities.

Here's to our next 80 years.

Sincerely,

Chip Weston

Chief of the Salem Volunteer Fire Company

Salem Volunteer Fire Company
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We are seeking men and women
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We provide:

- Annual Physicals
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- Operation of Fire Apparatus
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- Class A uniform after 1 year active service

Benefits no cost to you:

- Tax incentive after one year of active service
- Serve your community, friends and neighbors, knowing that you provided help to those in need.
- Become part of an organization that works as a team
- Junior members can earn school service hours

Call (860-259-1122), email (SalemVolFire21@Comcast.net) or stop by the station at 421 Hartford Road for a tour and pickup an application. Ask for Chief Chip Weston

IF YOU DON'T VOLUNTEER... WHO WILL!

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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HELLO FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF SALEM

New Salem Lions Vo-Ed Grant:

Over the past years, the Salem Lions have been discussing establishing 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 and 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 their 150+ word essay. Many students are completely undecided and choose vo-tech because they want to explore different ideas and/or they would prefer 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, CT.
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.

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 the Scholarships is available in the Salem School District offices.

Kid Sight:

During the week of November 7th, the Salem Lions Club worked with the Salem School Nurse to implement the Lions Club KidSight screening program for the students. Approximately 390 students from PK to 8th grade were screened. The focus of this program is to screen kids for visual problems at an early age and make corrections before they become a problem. If the computer camera device detected possible visual problems, parents were advised to set up an appointment with an Optometrist.



Mitchell Farm Hayride support:

On October 15, 2022, the Salem Lions Club supported the Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement Hayride fundraiser. The Lions provided the use of our Hay Wagon, tractor, and volunteers to man the effort. For a small fee, riders took a ride around the farm's fields to see the horses. The trip ended with the kids getting a pumpkin. There were baked goods for sale, provided by Salem Seniors. ALL HAD FUN!



Care and Share support:

On November 4, Lions Bill Martin and Hugh McKenney participated in a Niantic Lions and LEOs clubs event recognizing the East Lyme Care and Share organization. At that time Bill and Hugh presented a \$700 check from the Salem Lions Club to the Niantic Care and Share organization. The club has supported this organization over the years. Last year, the Club bought 40 turkeys and donated them to Care and Share for their Thanksgiving drive. Care and Share supports some families in Salem as part of their efforts.



Secret Santa:

Again this year, the Salem Lions Club is supporting the Secret Santa project with a donation of \$500 to this worthwhile endeavor.

Wood Sale program:

The Salem Lions Club will again be selling cords of firewood 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.

Reminder

Don't forget to support our Super Bowl Roses Sale in January 2023. Your significant other will appreciate them!

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 (a big thank you for your support), we are able to support these Salem causes: the Salem Town Benevolent fund, Secret Santa, Easter Egg Hunt event, provide eye screening through KidSight for Salem School students, grades K-5, supported the Salem School D.A.R.E project, Salem Youth Baseball, and annual scholarships 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 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 Ziegler at: 9 Shingle Road, Salem, CT 06420

OUR TOWN SALEM SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBMISSION

Brian Hendrickson, *Superintendent*

We hope this Winter 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 Summer Our Town publication.



TOWN CLERK UPDATE

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

It's amazing to think about how fast this year has flown! We are entering the beautiful season of clean sparkling snow with the warmth and glow of our fireplaces.

This fall our office focused a lot on the State election. As always in the past we continue to move forward congratulating the winners and thanking those who have given up their seats. We anticipate with hope changes where changes need to be made and steady growth where things are going well.

Best wishes to you for continued health and peace.

Linda Flugrad, CCTC, Town Clerk



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and so much
MORE in 2023!

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SALEM VENTURING CREW 2022

WHAT DID YOU DO LAST WEEKEND?

Attention all young adults between the ages of 14 (or 13 if you have completed the 8th grade) and 20! What did you do last weekend? Were you hanging out at the mall or with your friends, bored and wondering what to do? Well get on board and become part of the fastest growing, unique program offered by the Boy Scouts of America! Venturing is a coed program that offers young men and women a chance to choose, plan, and run...Fun, Adventurous Activities.

Ever dream of scuba diving, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, whitewater rafting, or mountain climbing? These are just a few of the exciting activities that Venturers do!

If you can dream it...you can plan it...and you can be doing it too!

DON'T JUST THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO...DO IT! IT'S AN ATTITUDE THING!

The Venturing Program offers Goals, Experience, Leadership and Growth through high adventure activities that help provide team-building opportunities, new meaningful experiences, practical leadership application, and life-long memories. If you're interested in acquiring skills that will benefit you for the rest of your life...whether as a hobby or occupation...Grab your friends and come find out how the Venturing Program can help you test your limits, meet new friends, and make a difference in your life.

COME TO ONE OF OUR CREW MEETINGS

WHEN: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm.

WHERE: Gardner Lake Fire House, 429 Old Colchester Rd, Salem

INTERESTED? WANT MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT:

Mr. Gary Closius (860) 961-9173, gclosius@sbcglobal.net
or Mr. Jack Cook (860) 739-6814, JackACook@atlanticbb.net



UNCAS HEALTH DISTRICT



Rats can be found in every neighborhood in Connecticut. Uncas Health District staff will investigate complaints of improperly stored trash/garbage and inspect properties for evidence of rodent burrows and other signs of rodent activity.

Residents are instructed to avoid touching or handling any rodents. If residents see rats and/or rodent burrows on their property, they should call a Connecticut licensed professional pest control operator.

If residents see rodents or rodent burrows on another property, they should contact the health district with the address, so an investigation can be conducted.

Residents should consider removing any bird feeders (especially while the problem exists).

Residents should avoid feeding outdoor animals such as feral cats and remove any food/water sources outdoors.

Residents should also remove any stagnant water on their property.

It is important for dog and cat owners to remove feces

from the property daily, which could be a food source for rodents.

Remove wood piles (or store at least 18" above ground).

If you have chickens; they must be kept on your property and in a coop at all times (check with the zoning official on coop requirements and number of birds allowed), both feed and waste need to be cleaned and removed daily.

These simple measures can reduce the potential for you to experience a rodent infestation and the damage they can cause to your home.

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

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SALEM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Salem Public Works Department crew members have been working hard to prepare for winter



Salem Public Works Crew members have been working to install an ADA accessible restroom in the old Salem Library so the building can be used for programs and meeting space.



2022 UNSUNG HEROES



2022 Unsung Heroes (left to right): William Schultz, Diba Khan-Bureau, Richard Chyinski, Elizabeth Lane, Gary Closius, Vernon Vesey, Robert Ross, and Taras Kachorowsky. Photo by John Houchin.



Unsung Heroes Awards Banquet. Photo by John Houchin.

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

SALEM CEMETERY Third Quarter 2022 in Review

The Salem Green Cemetery continues to be well maintained during the summer by the Town of Salem Maintenance crew. Set behind the Salem Green it is a peaceful resting place for our town residents.

Plot availability: As of 10/01/2022 there are a few plots available in the cremation area of Section I priced at \$350, that allow 2 cremations per plot, and also a few full burial plots in Section 1 at a price of \$725. Section IV has 230 full-sized plots available for \$725 each, which allow for one full vault burial or a maximum of three (3) cremation containers. The cemetery receives only human remains – no animal remains are allowed.

Contact the SGCA Sexton, Mrs. Cathy Benedict at 860-869-8891 with questions or if interested in purchasing full-sized or smaller cremation plots. The information board located near the first row of plots displays maps of the cemetery sections showing plot locations, interment/inurnment records by name/plot, plot pricing and contact information.

Submitted by: Cathy Benedict, Sexton



SALEM SENIOR CITIZEN'S GROUP

The Salem Senior Citizen's Group has been very active since the easing of COVID restrictions and the availability of the vaccine. The hike at Walden Preserve, the dance at the Gardner Lake Firehouse, and the holiday luncheon were great successes. We have an art class after our monthly meetings provided by ArtSpace. We have many events scheduled and more in the planning process. In "the works" are BINGO, bowling, Pot-Luck Dinner, and bus trips. Come to our monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Salem Firehouse or visit our Facebook page **Salem CT Seniors** to see what is happening. Come join us for some fun.



Seniors on a recent 4-mile hike in Walden Preserve lead by Richard Chyinski of the Salem Land Trust.

RECREATION

Roundhill Wildlife Garden



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

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



Disc Golf Course Update

The Disc Golf Course Committee provided a tour of the proposed revised Course to the Recreation Commission and the town's Emergency Services and Public Works Departments. Minor changes will be made in the interest of safety for hikers and disc golfers. The tour will be followed by a walkthrough with CIRMA (Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency) to discuss any additional safety improvements and approvals by the town's entities.

The proposed Course will begin and end at the soon-to-be-dedicated Bob Appleby Fields at Volunteer Park on Forsyth Road and loop around behind the corn fields at the Salem Community Park Pavilion.

Special thanks to Rob LeMire and the Committee for their dedication, hard work, and efforts as we look forward to re-opening the Course soon!

Meditation...Chi Kung...Tai Chi Chuan

with Instructor Ted LaFemina

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Salem School Multi-Purpose Room
February 7 to April 4 (8-weeks)
no class February 24

Residents: \$40 | Non-Residents: \$45

Classes limited to 12 students.

Registration: salemct.gov/recreation

Adult Rec Co-Ed Pick-up Basketball Games

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Salem & East Lyme Residents, Age 18 & over

Tuesdays & Thursdays
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Thank you!

Are you a Salem resident and a member of band?

Salem Recreation is planning to host a Community Concert this summer featuring Salem bands.

If you're a Salem resident, a member of a band, and are interested in performing for your neighbors *and* promoting your band, please contact us!

Are you interested in Sponsoring our 2023 Summer Concerts?

We're also looking for sponsors for our 2023 Summer Concerts!

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Would you like to host a program, class, activity or event?

or

Are there programs, events, or activities you'd like to see in Salem?

Let us know!



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Let us know if you're interested in any way, shape or form!

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Let us know!

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

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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.

Salem Recreation | salemct.gov/recreation | recreation@salemct.gov | 860 859 3873, x275

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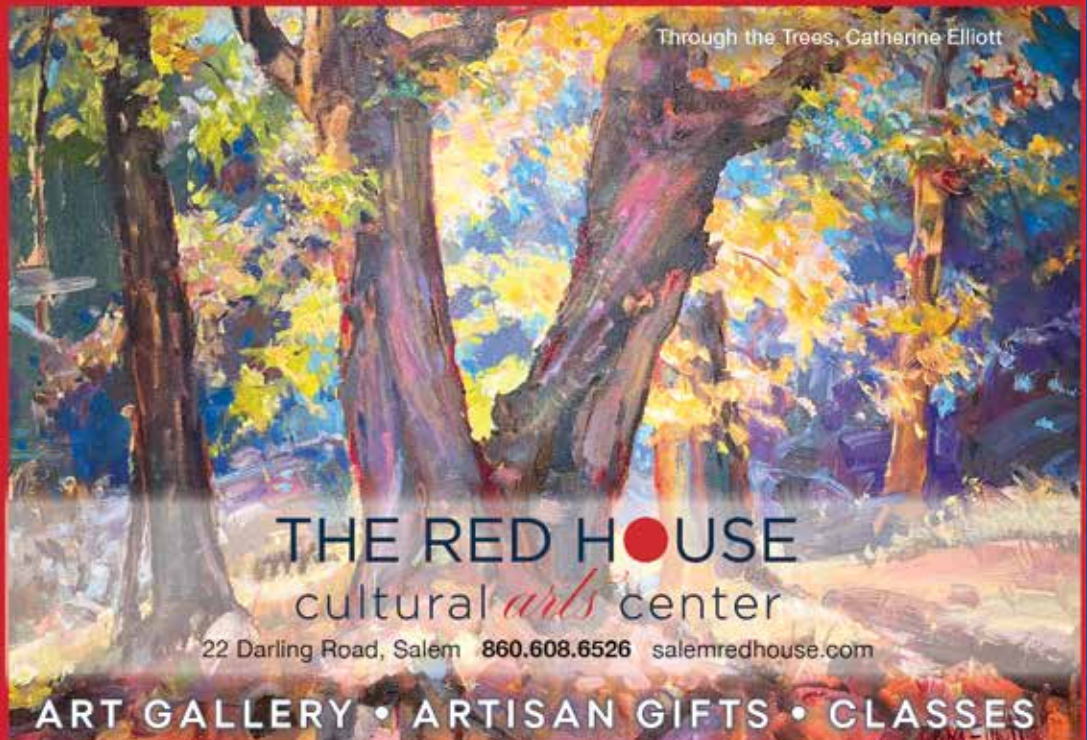
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