

NEWSLETTER

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SALEM WANTS YOU!!



The Salem Democratic Town Committee is seeking candidates for November's Election

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There are a total of 13 seats on various boards and commissions that will be up for election in November 2025.

The table below details the specific positions/seats to be filled. The fourth column of the table below details the positions/seats that the SDTC will need people to run.

Office/Position	Seats/Opening	People Interested	People Needed
Board of Selectmen			
First Selectman	1	2	0
Selectman	2	1	1
Board of Education			
Full Member	3	1	2
Board of Finance			
Full Member	2	1	1
Alternate Member	2	0	2
Planning & Zoning Commission			
Full Member	3	1	2
Alternate Member	2	0	2
Library Board of Directors			
Full member	2	2	0
Board of Assessment Appeals			
Full Member	2	1	1
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Full Member	1	1	0
Alternate Member	1	0	1
Total	21	10	12

If you have an interest in running for one of the positions/seats, please contact **Gary Closius** at gclosius@sbcglobal.net or call 860-961-9173, or **Kay Zak** at kayzak@hotmail.net or call 860-889-3989.

Blood Drive

The Salem Volunteer Fire Co. (SVFCo) is sponsoring a blood drive **Monday, May 19th from 1:00 - 6:00 PM** at the Fire-house, 424 Hartford Rd., Salem.

Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20th District)

Dear Neighbor,

The week ending May 2nd, I had the honor of attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Yale Program for Psychedelic Science's new laboratory. The facility was absolutely stunning—thoughtfully designed, warm, and truly welcoming. The staff has done an incredible job creating a space that fosters healing and innovation.

I'm proud to have helped secure \$500,000 in funding in 2023 to support the launch of this program, making Connecticut the first state in the country to provide access for veterans to participate in this pioneering research.

I was fortunate to receive a personal tour from Dr. Ben Kelmendi, who shared his inspiring journey, the evolution of this groundbreaking program, and his vision for the future.

It was a privilege to be there for this remarkable occasion. As this program gains momentum, it's encouraging to see the depth of resources and commitment dedicated to finding new breakthroughs in mental health care.



Workers Memorial Day

This week, I had the honor of receiving the Connecticut AFL-CIO's Legislative Award during its Workers Memorial Day ceremony in Hartford. During such a somber occasion, remembering the many workers who were injured and killed on the job and whose memories delivered the workers' rights we have today, it was even more important to remember the positive benefits of Senate Bill 1, passed in 2024, and its dedication to improving the safety of health workers statewide.



Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp For Boaters

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection reminds boaters that they need to purchase Aquatic Invasive Species stamps through the online portal. To access the portal click [HERE](#), or purchase a stamp wherever fishing licenses are sold. ***Stamps were previously included with boat registrations, but the stamp is now purchased separately***; the stamp program funds the state's Lakes, Ponds and Rivers Preservation Account, providing grant funding to non-profits and municipalities for research, treatment and education campaigns. Invasive species can cause massive headaches in the economy and environment, harming native species, water quality and recreational opportunities.



Spring Boating Safety

The weather is warming and the conditions are great for spring boating, but safety needs to be a priority this early in the year when water is still frigid. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection recently reminded the public that they need to take precautions when boating as water temperatures remain below 55 degrees until late spring. All boaters should wear life jackets, dress for the weather and use proper equipment, ready for a worst-case-scenario – this is vital as four boaters have died in the last four years during cold weather boating season.

Rate Adjustments To Decrease Average Electric Bills

After PURA voted to approve rate adjustments, starting on May 1st, Eversource customers will see their monthly bills decrease on average by \$13 per month and UI customers will see bills decrease on average by \$3 per month. The lower rates come as the state sees better conditions regarding power purchases from New England nuclear power stations including Millstone.

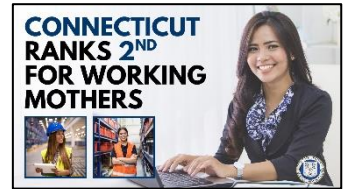
Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Many Americans suffer from mental illness, and there is a particular mental health crisis among our youth. This month, let's work to share our own stories with mental health, remove the stigma surrounding it and let others who are struggling know that they are not alone. As your state senator I will continue working to invest in mental health support and ensure access to help is available for anyone who seeks it.

Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20th District, continued from p 2)

Connecticut Ranks Second For Working Mothers

With New England taking four of the top five spots, a recent WalletHub survey studying the best and worst states for working mothers saw Connecticut land second place overall. Only Massachusetts outranked Connecticut, which placed in the top 6 for all three tracked metrics, which include quality and access to child care, professional opportunities in the state and overall work-life balance in the state. Connecticut's strong placement comes with its high rankings for share of child care centers with national accreditation, low unemployment for women, small gender pay-gap and strong work-from-home support.



Women's Business Development Council (WBDC) Award 66 Grants Totaling \$611,550

In our district alone, 58 local businesses have received a total of 66 grants from the Women's Business Development Council (WBDC), amounting to \$611,550 in funding. These grants have empowered entrepreneurs to grow their operations, invest in equipment, improve services, and create local jobs—strengthening our economy from the ground up.

If you're a small business owner, now is the time to explore what support may be available to help take your business to the next level. Don't miss your chance to apply for upcoming grant opportunities and access expert guidance. Learn more and apply at ctwbdc.org or click [HERE](#).

National Nurses Week

National Nurses Week, Tuesday May 6th to Monday May 12th, is timed to honor the birthday of the famous nurse Florence Nightingale and honoring the nurses nationwide and worldwide who work tirelessly to help their patients and dedicate their careers to public health. Recognize the nurses in your life and remember the hard work they put in to help us all – and be sure to treat them well the next time you need medical care.



Connecticut Ranks Second For Police

Connecticut recently ranked second overall in a **Wallethub** nationwide study of the best places to work as a police officer. Connecticut's low violent crime rate, emphasis on training and laws to protect public safety were all cited as keeping police officers safe and ensuring officers are prepared for the role. Connecticut's de-escalation training was also cited as keeping officers safe on the job. To read the report, click [HERE](#).

Passport To CT Wine Country

The 2025 Passport to Connecticut Wine Country program officially starts on May 1st, with Connecticut residents and visitors invited to explore 36 farm wineries across the state to encourage tourism and interest in local agriculture. With each visit to a participating winery, visitors can use the digital passport app on app stores or a printed book and start filling it out. Each visit equals one stamp, and anyone with 12 or more visits in 2025 can become eligible; the more locations you visit, the better the gift. For more information, visit www.ctwinecountry.com or click [HERE](#).



Trump Administration Targets Head Start

With the Trump Administration's new budget proposal announced, one of the potential big losers should federal officials vote it forward would be Head Start programs, which provide educational child care to thousands of children statewide and countless nationally when their families are unable to regularly afford it. While this program improves academic readiness for children and provides childcare for working families, **CT Insider** reported that its proposed removal or sunset would increase poverty, harm the child care industry and set children back in their development. To read the **CT Insider** article click [HERE](#).

Salem Touch-A-Truck

Salem's Touch-A-Truck event will take place Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Salem Community Park. The event will have emergency vehicles, construction trucks and more for visitors to get up close to see, examine and learn about. If you have a truck to offer, click [HERE](#) or visit www.salemct.gov/recreation/2025touchatruck.

Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20th District, continued from p 3)

Contact My Office

If you have a direct question about legislation or an issue you're seeking help with, please reach out to my office. My staff and I are dedicated to representing you and assisting you with any issues you may be experiencing. Please contact me at 860-240-0436 or by email at martha.marx@cgq.ct.gov.

All the best,



Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District)

Dear Neighbor,

In Hartford, we are busy at work with the end of session rapidly approaching. In this week's update, I'll detail key environmental policies we passed last week, share some of the great opportunities I had to interact with many of you, and highlight events at the capitol including a conversation I had with the Governor about your concerns over the economy, the federal government's Medicare cuts, and more.



As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns about my work in Hartford and the changes you hope to see in the 37th District!

Sincerely,



Around the 37th

I had a blast working the admissions booth at the Niantic Touch-A-Truck event at McCook's Park! It was wonderful to see so many families out enjoying the day.



It was my honor to present a citation on behalf of myself, Senator Marx, and the Connecticut General Assembly to Cadet Lt. Col. Aneleise Mazzulli—a standout leader in the Civil Air Patrol, a recipient of the Eaker Award, and an East Lyme star!

Reaching the rank of Lt. Colonel is extraordinary—especially as a junior. This award reflects Aneleise's dedication, discipline, and commitment to excellence.



At the Capitol

I attended an event hosted by the Alliance to End Sexual Violence — a powerful reminder of how much work we still have to do to support survivors and prevent sexual violence in our communities.

These conversations can be difficult, but they're necessary. I'm grateful to the advocates, survivors, and my fellow legislators who continue to show up and push for change. Your voices matter — and as your representative, I'm listening and committed to doing my part.



Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District, continued from p 4)

At the Capitol (continued)

We had a productive meeting with Governor Ned Lamont to discuss some of our constituents' real anxieties — especially rising insurance costs and the threat of Medicare cuts from the Trump administration.

It was also great to be joined by former Vermont Governor and DNC Chair Howard Dean. These serious issues impact working families and seniors, and we need bold action to protect them.



A Practical, Affordable Climate Bill (HB 5004)

The House voted in favor of ***HB 5004: An Act Concerning the Protection of the Environment and the Development of Renewable Energy Sources and Associated Job Sectors.***

As our state is increasingly feeling the impacts of climate change, it is the legislature's job to enact meaningful change for the safety of our residents and to emerge as a leader in climate solutions.

This bill takes a comprehensive, practical, and equitable approach to protecting our environment – from homes and schools to jobs and land. It sets clear goals, removes barriers, and puts people and sustainability first, all through the lens of affordability.

Key provisions of the bill include:

- Setting new goals for greenhouse gas emissions reductions—including an economy-wide net-zero target by 2050—without imposing costs on ratepayers
- Supporting clean energy jobs and businesses through tax incentives, rebates, and a council to guide workforce transitions
- Developing strategic plans and expanding access to clean technologies
- Expanding loan and grant programs to include more climate-smart projects and ensuring funds benefit low-income residents and renters
- Developing plans that address the triple impact of reducing energy costs, lowering emissions, and supporting climate resilience
- Encouraging nature-based solutions for reaching our greenhouse gas reduction and other climate goals
- The time is now to pass impactful legislation to counter the effects of climate change.

HB 5004 is a wide-ranging measure that focuses on affordability, energy efficiency, and developing a clean economy, and I was proud to cast my vote in favor.

The bill must now pass the Senate and get signed into law by the governor.

Connecticut Hero Act (HB 6442)

On Wednesday, April 30th, the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, with the fall of Saigon, the Connecticut House of Representatives unanimously passed (146-0-5) what we call the ***“HERO Act.”***

HB 6442 is the result of a bipartisan effort and is a comprehensive package of legislation that reflects collaboration, listening, and a deep, collective respect for those who wore the uniform and served our country.

Among the bill's components:

- Designate November as Veterans' Month to reflect on and celebrate their military service
- Waive fees for the Purple Heart license plate, ensuring accessibility for those who have earned one of our nation's highest military honors
- Create two new commemorative plates - one honoring women veterans and another recognizing the Borinqueneers - providing long-lasting public recognition of their historic contributions
- Free license renewals for veterans
- The Department of Veterans Affairs will evaluate how to improve and address shortcomings in available dental services for veterans
- Accelerate nursing home placement for service-connected veterans
- Improve school transitions for military families with children requiring special education services

Our veterans were willing to sacrifice everything – including their lives – for this country. They deserve to be seen, valued, and never forgotten.

Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District, continued from p 5)

Blue Collar Caucus Kicks Off

I was proud to stand with the Blue-Collar Caucus, alongside Chairs Kara Rochelle (D-Ansonia/Derby), Rebecca Martinez (D-Farmington/Plainville/ Southington), and over 30 colleagues, as we fight for Connecticut's working families. From fair wages to workplace protections, our message was clear: When working people thrive, our entire state thrives.



Firearm Industry Responsibility Act

I am pleased we passed **House Bill 7042**, a critical firearm industry responsibility measure. This legislation provides a civil remedy for individuals harmed by the irresponsible actions of gun manufacturers, dealers, and sellers. It also closes a significant loophole in our background check laws and clarifies key language in our statutes related to the unlawful discharge of firearms.



This bill extends firearm permit ineligibility in Connecticut to individuals who have committed disqualifying crimes outside of the state. Specifically, individuals who move to Connecticut and have been convicted of offenses that would otherwise preclude them from obtaining a firearm permit—had the offenses occurred within Connecticut—will also be deemed ineligible.

This applies to out-of-state convictions within the past eight years.

Finally, this bill clarifies a section of our unlawful discharge of a firearm statute—a Class C misdemeanor—by explicitly stating that a person cannot be convicted under this law if the firearm was discharged in lawful self-defense or defense of another person.

Connecticut's strong laws have helped make our state one of the safest in the nation, and this bill represents a meaningful step forward in promoting accountability and enhancing public safety.

Bills Passed

For a look at bills passed during the 2025 session so far, click [HERE](#) or visit: www.housedems.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d5ebe2531c17a98b4479a09e7&id=5691fbc4bc&e=52b625a5ef.

Cancer Screenings For Firefighters Now Available

Enhanced free cancer screenings became available on Thursday for firefighters who experience repeated exposure to smoke, toxic chemicals, and carcinogens as they put their lives on the line to save others' lives and property.



The State of Connecticut is expanding the benefits it provides to firefighters to include free, enhanced cancer screenings. That means the more than 900 firefighters enrolled in the state employee health plan or Partnership Plan will now have free access to a comprehensive, full-body scan once every two years.

As a result of their job responsibilities, these first responders have a significantly higher percentage of cancer diagnoses and cancer-related deaths than the general population. Early detection is key to successful treatment outcomes, and these regular screenings will help keep them healthy.

These heroes have high-risk jobs and help keep our communities safe – they shouldn't have to worry about navigating their related healthcare.

Any firefighter enrolled on the state employee health plan or Partnership Plan can visit carecompass.ct.gov to connect with a representative, schedule an appointment, and find providers in their area.

To read more about Connecticut's new cancer screening program for firefighters click [HERE](#) or visit:

<https://housedems.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d5ebe2531c17a98b4479a09e7&id=b44d0745e9&e=52b625a5ef>.

Need a Real ID?

Starting Wednesday, you will need a REAL ID, U.S. Passport, or U.S. Passport Card to board domestic flights or access certain federal facilities (such as military bases and other federal buildings).

Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District, continued from p 6)

Need a Real ID? (continued)

What is a REAL ID?

A **REAL ID** is a state-issued ID that meets minimum security standards to access federal facilities and board domestic flights. The program was implemented following a 9/11 commission recommendation on making air travel and federal facilities more secure.

How do I know if I already have a REAL ID?

Many people already have their **REAL ID**. Check your driver's license or ID to see if it has a **gold star** in the upper right corner, like the graphic to the right. If you do, then you have a verified **REAL ID**.



How do I get a REAL ID?

You must visit a DMV office in person to get a **REAL ID**. Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible for a verified license or **REAL ID** card. People with a drive-only license aren't eligible for a **REAL ID** license. Check the CT information portal for more information by clicking [HERE](#) or visit <https://housedems.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d5ebe2531c17a98b4479a09e7&id=ab83844013&e=52b625a5ef>.

In Connecticut, you'll need to show:

- a U.S. passport or U.S. birth certificate
- a Social Security card; and two pieces of mail from two different sources dated within 90 days to prove that you live in Connecticut
- For all new applications for a driver's license, as well as out-of-state transfers to Connecticut licenses, you will automatically be issued a **REAL ID**

For more information, visit the following:

Department of Homeland Security: click [HERE](#) or visit <https://housedems.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d5ebe2531c17a98b4479a09e7&id=1be14c8016&e=52b625a5ef>.

CT Department of Motor Vehicles: click [HERE](#) or visit <https://housedems.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d5ebe2531c17a98b4479a09e7&id=b326274592&e=52b625a5ef>.

Salem Town Budget

At The Annual Town Meeting Salem Voters Approve The Budget To Go To Referendum

At the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday May 7th the voters in attendance voted to accept the F/Y 2025/2026 Salem Town Budget (General Government, Capital, and Board of Education) and send it to a referendum vote. **The referendum vote will be Wednesday, May 14th from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Salem Town Hall.**

The F/Y 2025/2026 Salem Town Budget going to the townspeople for referendum vote is shown below:

	F/Y 2025/2026 Budget	Increase/Decrease Over F/Y 2024/2025
General Government	\$ 5,347,854	+ 2.50%
Salem Board of Education	\$12,028,168	+ 3.00%
Capital Expenditures	\$ 1,060,660	+ 6.51%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$18,436,682	+ 3.05 %

If the budget is approved at referendum, the Board of Finance will meet Thursday, May 15th to finalize the funds from the Town's unassigned account to be applied to the budget to off-set some of the budget increase and set the mil rate. It is estimated the mil rate will increase approximately one mil.

OPINION – Vote YES On The F/Y 2025/2026 Salem Budget Referendum

The Proposed Budget May Not Please Everyone BUT It Is A Reasonable Compromise

The BOF worked hard to pare the originally proposed F/Y 2025/2026 budget with a 6 +% increase over the current budget to a proposed budget with a 3.05% total increase. The annual inflation rate for the Northeast region (which includes Connecticut) was 3.4% in March 2025, according to the [Consumer Price Index \(CPI\)](#) data released by the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

When Salem residents were asked in last Plan of Conservation and Development town wide survey “why they moved to Salem or want to continue to live in Salem”; the top responses were “the rural environment” and “the school district”.

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – May 8, 2025

Gun Violence – 2025 Statistics And Data

2025	Mass Shootings	Deaths	Injuries
TOTALS	80	103	400
January	23	27	103
February	17	26	59
March	27	24	133
April	13	26	105
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

* Data current through April 30th

The 10 States With The:	
Strictest Gun Laws	Most Lenient Gun Laws
California	Mississippi
Illinois	Wyoming
New York	Montana
Connecticut	Idaho
Hawaii	Georgia
New Jersey	Arkansas
Maryland	South Dakota
Massachusetts	Oklahoma
Washington	New Hampshire
Colorado	Kentucky

Shootings By State					
State	# Current Month	# Year To Date	State	# Current Month	# Year To Date
Alabama	0	4	Montana	0	0
Alaska	0	0	Nebraska	0	1
Arizona	0	2	Nevada	0	0
Arkansas	1	1	New Hampshire	0	0
California	2	8	New Jersey	0	1
Colorado	0	0	New Mexico	0	1
Connecticut	0	0	New York	0	1
Delaware	0	0	North Carolina	2	3
District of Colum	0	1	North Dakota	0	0
Florida	2	6	Ohio	0	2
Georgia	0	4	Oklahoma	0	1
Hawaii	0	0	Oregon	0	1
Idaho	0	0	Pennsylvania	0	2
Illinois	0	1	Rhode Island	0	0
Indiana	0	3	South Carolina	1	2
Iowa	0	0	South Dakota	0	0
Kansas	0	0	Tennessee	0	2
Kentucky	0	0	Texas	4	13
Louisiana	2	9	Utah	0	0
Maine	1	1	Vermont	0	0
Maryland	0	3	Virginia	0	3
Massachusetts	0	0	Washington	0	2
Michigan	0	0	West Virginia	0	0
Minnesota	1	2	Wisconsin	0	0
Mississippi	1	2	Wyoming	0	1
Missouri	1	2			

Total deaths (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 5,157**

Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 8,948

* Data through May 12th

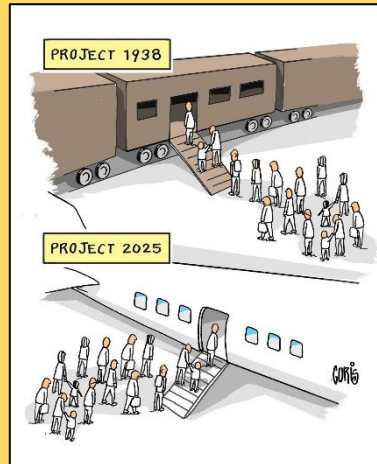
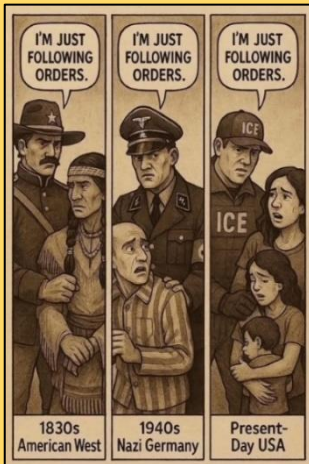
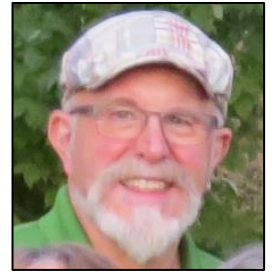
** Totals not including suicide

DARK BLUE:	Democrats won the majority 4 times
LIGHT BLUE:	Democrats won the 3 times
PURPLE:	Democrats and Republicans each won twice
LIGHT RED	Republicans won the 3 times
DARK RED	Republicans won the 4 times



Democrat Of The Month – Focus On TJ Butcher

T.J. married Sharon Teel on July 25, 1987 and has lived with Sharon on the Teel farm in Salem since 1988. T.J. has been a proud volunteer in Salem since 1988. He has served 8 years on the Salem Board of Finance, serving as Chair for 4 years, the Salem Democratic Town Committee, serving as Chair for 10 years, the Salem Land Trust and the Salem Unsung Hero's Committee. He has coached T ball, baseball, softball, served as President of the Salem Softball league, supervised the teen rec league basketball, coached youth league basketball and was a Girl Scout Leader. He is also a DEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist volunteering at the Zemko Pond Wildlife Management Area here in Salem. T.J. and Sharon have raised four children and four foster children here in Salem and currently have two Grandchildren living with them and attending Salem School and East Lyme High School. They have raised 9 Newfoundlands and a couple Newfy Wannabes here in Salem.



Around Town

* The following information was excerpted from the First Selectman and CT State Police Troop K February reports

• Emergency Services*:

- Fire Marshal Report

› Emergency Calls:

* Fire	5
* EMS Calls	42
* Hazmat Calls	0
* Hazardous Conditions	2
* Service Calls	2
* Cancelled En Route	6
* False Alarms	3
TOTAL CALLS	60

› Calls Town:

* Bozrah	11
* Colchester/Hayward	4
* East Haddam	2
* Montville	2
* Lebanon	0
* Lyme	0
* Chesterfield	0
* Oakdale	2
* Salem	64
TOTAL CALLS	85

› Mutual Aid: Received Given:

* Bozrah	2	6
* Colchester/Hayward	3	12
* East Haddam	1	3
* Montville	0	2
* Lebanon	0	1
* Lyme	1	1
* Chesterfield	1	1
* Lifestar	1	0
* Mohegan Tribal FD	1	0
* Oakdale	1	0
TOTALS	11	26

› Total Calls by Station:

* Station 27 (GLVFC)	15
* Station 21 (SVFC)	8
* Service Calls (Town of Salem)	37
TOTAL CALLS	60

› Annual/Follow-up Fire Safety Inspections: Completed in March:

- * 1 New London Rd. (14 occupancies)
 - 2Brothers
 - Chelsea Groton Bank
 - Joan Giordano MD LLC
 - Cornerstone School of Karate
 - New Beginnings of Life LLC
 - Salem Dental
 - Sweet Rice
 - Hair Power
 - Salem Health Mart

Around Town (continued from pp 9)• **Tax Collector***

- No report received this month.

• **Recreation Commission**

- See pp 15-16 for Recreation Commission events.

• **Salem Resident State Trooper & Colchester Troop K***

During the month of April 2025, the Salem Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to **179** calls for service In the Town of Salem. Of these calls, the most notable are:

▸ **Calls For Service:**

* Crashes WR	4	* Motorist Arrests	5	* Infractions	30
* Crashes NR	0	* Parking Violations	1	* Written Warnings	58
* Crashes Fatal	0	* Arrests	5	* Verbal Warnings	6
* Crashes Serious	0	* OUIs Onsite	0	* Misdemeanor Summons	0
* Crashes Minor	1	* Non Crash Reportable Matters	2	* No Action	0
* Crashes Non Injury	3	* Nonreportable Matters	109	* Alarms	10
* OUIs Crashes	1				

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 179

• **The Salem Free Public Library (SFPL) Director's Report***▸ **Library News:**

- The SFPL held two storytimes in April, with a total of 30 attendees for both programs. On April 23rd a special storytime in celebration of Earth Day was attended by 31 attendees.

▸ **Library News: (continued)**

- The month of April was Fairy Take-Over at SFPL. The Library held a variety of whimsical events to celebrate all things "*Fairy*".
 - * Fairy Wand Take and Make Craft Kit – 20 kits distributed.
 - * Fairy Door Scavenger Hunt – 73 participants.

• **The Salem Free Public Library (SFPL) Director's Report* (continued)**▸ **Library News: (continue)**

- * Fairy Wand Take and Make Craft Kit – 20 kits distributed.
- * Fairy Door Scavenger Hunt – 73 participants.
- * Would-You-Rather Voting Board – 229 participants (participants were asked if they would rather live in a mushroom or acorn house).
- * A Fairy Terrarium workshop was held on April 5th where participant constructed a Fairy Terrarium – this event was full with 21 participants.
- * A presentation on Bald Eagles was presented by Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist – attended by 13 attendees.

▸ **Library Building And Collection:**

- The 2026 Nutmeg Nominee Lists and book displays have been placed in the Children's Reading Room and Teen Room.
- The quilters Made a beautiful display for Mother's Day. The display items are for sale and on display throughout the Library.
- On May 8th through the 10th the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library held its annual Plant Sale to raise funds in support of the Library.
- The Library received a grant from the State of CT State Library in the amount of \$1,442 for submission of an updated collection policy. This grant can be used to help increase and enhance the Library's collection.

▸ **The SFPL served 1,464 patrons and provided 109 patrons with technical help in April.**

See p 14 for additional SFPL events.

The Salem DTC Meeting Schedule – 2025

The Salem DTC 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

- **Wednesday, June 4th, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, July 2nd, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Aug. 6th, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Sep. 3rd, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Nov. 5th, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School

Montville Animal Shelter

Montville Animal Shelter

The new Montville animal shelter to be constructed will be called **The K9 Barrett Memorial Animal Control Facility**. The Ground Breaking took place March 29th. Donations of bleach and paper towels are always needed and are gratefully accepted. A community group prioritizing animal welfare called the **Montville Animal Welfare Initiative Inc.** is being organized. Their posts can be seen on the **Salem CT Town Group** FB page or visit their FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=montville%20animal%20welfare%20initiative>

Article by: Rita Howell

Public Town Meetings For May/June

Meetings in June

Charter Revision Commission, Special Meeting,
Thursday, May 8th 7:00 PM **PAST**

Planning & Zoning Commission,
Tuesday, May 13th 7:00 PM **CANCELLED**

Board of Finance,
Thursday May 15th, 7:00 PM

Board of Education, Policy,
Monday May 19th, 5:00 PM

Recreation Commission,
Monday May 19th, 7:00 PM

Planning & Zoning Commission,
Tuesday May 27th, 7:00 PM

Board of Ed., Personnel Contract Negotiation,
Monday June 2nd, 5:00 PM

Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission,
Monday June 2nd, 7:00 PM

Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday June 5th

Planning & Zoning Commission,
Tuesday June 10th, 7:00 PM

Library Board of Directors,
Tuesday May 13th, 6:00 PM

Budget Referendum,
Wednesday, May 14th 7:00 PM

Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday May 15th

Board of Education Curriculum,
Monday May 19th, 6:00 PM **CANCELLED**

Charter Revision Commission, Special Meeting,
Thursday May 22nd, 7:00 P

Board of Ed. Long Range Education Planning,
June 2nd, 5:00 PM

Board of Education,
Monday June 2nd, 7:00 PM

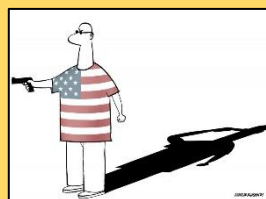
Board of Selectmen,
Tuesday, June 3rd, 7:00 PM

Library Board of Directors,
Tuesday June 10th, 6:00 PM

Board of Finance,
Thursday June 12th, 7:00 PM

To view the Town Public Meeting Calendar, click on:

<https://www.salemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16>



Community Help / Assistance

CARE & SHARE

Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. provides food, financial and emergency support to individuals and families in East Lyme, Niantic, and Salem. ***If you are interested in receiving assistance, contact them at 860-739-8502.*** Leave a message with your name, telephone number and the type of assistance you are looking for, as well as the best time you can be reached. A responder will confidentially return your call. To see what other services they provide visit their website by clicking on: careandshareofel.org/.

211 INFOLINE HELP STARTS HERE

Call 2-1-1 for your connection to:

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| - Alzheimer's resources | - Emergency shelter | - Pre-natal care |
| - Basic needs – food, clothing, shelter | - Emergency assistance | - Senior services |
| - Child care services | - Financial assistance | - Suicide prevention |
| - Child health care | - Health care | - Transportation |
| - Consumer health | - HIV/AIDS | - Veteran's services |
| - Crisis intervention | - Housing | - Volunteering |
| - Disability services | - Legal assistance | - And much more |
| - Drug & alcohol programs | - Parenting programs | |

THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION (TVCCA)

Our volunteers are here for the community! Our services are available free of charge to seniors or disabled people that are homebound and need help with grocery shopping, medical rides, and visiting.

Some Key Assistance programs available from TVCCA:

- ***Energy Assistance: the current energy assistance season (2024/25) has begun:***

Important Dates To Remember For The Current Energy Assistance Season:

- **April 1, 2025:** Deadline for fuel authorizations or deliveries.
- **May 30, 2025:** The last day that a household can apply to establish eligibility for benefits.
- **June 17, 2025:** Last day to submit deliverable fuel bills.

- ***Food and Nutrition programs include:***

- Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition programs, as well as WIC and SNAP (food Stamps) assistance programs. For more information visit: <https://www.tvcca.org/food-nutrition/>.

Visit their website by clicking on tvcca.org or facebook.com/TVCCArsvp/.

Contact: Gina King Director, Senior Volunteer Services, at 860-425-6617 or e-mail: gking@tvcca.org.

Community News You Can Use

The Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA)



SCRRA is the waste management and recycling authority for the 21 member municipalities of Bozrah, Colchester, East Haddam, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Ledyard, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sterling, Sprague, Stonington, Voluntown, and Waterford. Any household from any participating community can go to ANY of the 9 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events. For more information & questions about collections please contact SCRRA at <https://www.scrarra.org/>, or phone 860-381-5558.

Community News You Can Use (continued from p 12)**(SCRRRA)** (continued)**2025 Household Hazardous Waste and Confidential Paper Shredding Schedule**

- **Saturday, June 14th – Norwich:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Norwich Public Works, 50 Clinton Ave.
- **Saturday, July 12th – Groton:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Fitch High School, 101 Groton Long Point Rd.
- **Saturday, July 26th – Waterford:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, at Waterford High School, 20 Rope Ferry Rd.
- **Saturday, August 2nd – Montville:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Tyl Middle School, 166 Chesterfield Rd.
- **Saturday, September 14th – North Stonington:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Wheeler High School, 297 Norwich-Westerly Rd.
- **Saturday, October 5th – Griswold:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Griswold High Way Garage, 1148 Voluntown Rd. (Rt. 38).
- **Saturday, November 1st – Ledyard:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Ledyard High School 24 Gallup Hill Rd.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**From the Shed & Garage**

- Kerosene
- Old Gasoline
- Radiator Chemicals
- Auto Body Chemicals
- Fuel Additives
- Car Battery Acid
- Camp Stove Fuel
- All Light Bulbs

From the Lawn & Garden

- Insecticides
- Pool Chemicals
- Herbicides
- Rat Poison
- Moth Balls
- Fungicides
- Weed Removal Chemicals
- And much more!!

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (continued)**From the Basement & Bathroom**

- Latex & Oil Paint, Stains & Varnish
- Paint Thinner
- Drain Cleaners
- Photographic Chemicals
- Nail Polish Remover
- Oven Cleaners
- Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- All Home Batteries

NOT ACCEPTED

- Tires
- Ammunition / Gun Powder
- Auto & Marine Flares
- Radioactive Materials
- Large Barrels or Drums
- Commercial Qty's of Paint, etc.
- Businesses with large amounts of Paper Shredding

Confidential Residential Paper Shredding

- Tax Documents
- Financial Documents
- Financial Statements
- Personal Documents

NOT ACCEPTED

News Papers
Junk Mail
Non-Sensitive Documents



Community News You Can Use (continued from p 13)

SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

News & Events

• **Museum Passes and Discounted Admission Passes**

The Library offers Museum Passes And Discounted Admission Passes to many of the museums in our state, visit the library, or go to the library website by clicking on: salemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes to view the library website and view what they have to offer and pass availability.

• **Books In the Afternoon Book Club; Thursday, May 29th 1:00 PM;**

"A Noise Downstairs" – David Barclay

A haunting psychological thriller that blends the twists and turns of Gillian Flynn with the driving suspense of Harlan Coben, in which a man is troubled by odd sounds for which there is no rational explanation.

College professor is a normal guy with a normal life. After nearly losing his life in a near encounter he suffers PTSD and depression. His wife desperate to cheer him up, brings home a vintage typewriter and encourages him to start writing a novel he always intended to write. It is then that he hears this typewriter typing by itself at night.

Adults over 18 are welcome. To join the group, e-mail Christine Murtha at: murthachristine@yahoo.com.

• **Craft Swap**



Looking to find unused craft supplies?



Bring your unused craft supplies to the SFPL May 1st – May 22nd and then join us for a craft swap on Saturday, May 31st 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Your donation might inspire someone else to get creative and a try new hobby!!



• **Family Story Time**

Wednesdays, May 7th & 21st at 10:30 AM

Please register at the circulation desk or call 860 859-1130



• **Drop-in Playgroup**



Stop by for a drop-in playgroup for young children and their caregivers! Our playroom offers a welcoming space to have fun, explore, and learn together. Have the chance to make new friends, learn through play, and build early literacy skills.

**10:00 AM – Noon,
Wednesdays, May 14th, 28th & June 11th,
Saturdays, May 3rd & June 7th.**

• **Gardening For Birds**

Wednesday, May 28th at 6:00 PM

Learn what features birds are looking for in your back yard, such as food, shelter, water, as well as what types of plants to use in your landscape to attract them.



Call 860-859-1130 to register

Presented by the Pequotsepos Center

• **Stuffed Animal Adoption Storytime**

Saturday, June 7th at 11:00 AM

Children will leave with a stuffed animal of their choice and an adoption certificate!!



Limited to 24 participants, ages 5 and up.

Call 860-859-1130 to register

Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library

• **Salem Free Public Library Tote Bags For Sale**



Available at the circulation desk @ the library.

\$10.00 Cash or Check made payable to the Town of Salem



Community News You Can Use (continued from pp 14)

SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

• Lake Compounce Good Any Day Tickets

Click [HERE](#) for the 2025 Lake Compounce Calendar.

Although tickets apply to all normal days and hours of operation for Lake Compounce, to avoid disappointment due to weather or an unusual situation, you are urged to call ahead to confirm days and hours for your visit. No refunds will be given once tickets have been used.

Parking: \$10.00 per vehicle. Parking fee is subject to change. Fee is payable to Lake Compounce on the day of your visit.



• Bike & Roll to School Day

Wednesday, May 7th @ 7:30 AM

Salem School, Bingham Field, 200 Hartford Rd,
Preregister by Monday May 5th.

Sign-up online at:

saalemct.gov/select.gov/recreation/biketotoschoolday

Parents & Guardians are welcome to
bike or roll with your child(ren)



• Touch -A-Truck

See – Touch – Explore – Honk
Emergency Vehicles, Construction Trucks, & more

Saturday, May 17th, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



ALL AGES FREE

Sign-up your truck!



[2025 Touch-a-Truck Registration / Salem, CT](#)

• Pilates – In-Person Classes

Monday evenings, 5:50 – 6:30 PM

6 Weeks

Gardner Lake Volunteer
Fire Co. Firehouse, 429,
Old Colchester Road.



\$60 Residents, \$65 Non-Resident

Please wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat, and
water. Extra mats are available if needed.

To Register:

<https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/register>,
or call 860-859-3873 x275

• In-Person Yoga Classes

Tuesday Evenings, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

April 29th to June 3rd

6 Classes

At the Salem Volunteer Fire Co.
Fire House, 424 Hartford Rd.
Or

Thursday Mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
6 Classes

At The Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Co.
Fire House, 429 Old Colchester Rd.

\$60 Residents, \$65 Non-Resident

Please wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat,
and water. Extra mats are available if needed.

To Register:

<https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/register>,
or call 860-859-3873 x275



Community News You Can Use (continued from pp 15)

SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT (continued)

• **Personal Euphoria Virtual Fitness Classes**

Spring Fitness Schedule

Pilates – Tuesday April 22nd – June 17th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 weeks)

15 Min HIIT* – Wednesday April 23rd – June 18th

8:10 AM – 8:25 AM,

Cost: \$36.00 (9 Weeks)

Cardio Strength – Wednesday April 23rd – June 18th

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 Weeks)

Core Strength – Thursday April 24th – June 19th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 Weeks)

* HIIT – High Intensity Training

Summer Fitness Schedule

Pilates – Tuesday July 8th – August 19th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$60.00 (7 weeks)

15 Min HIIT* – Wednesday July 16th – August 20th

8:10 AM – 8:25 AM,

Cost: \$27.00 (6 Weeks)

Cardio Strength – Wednesday July 16th – August 20th

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM,

Cost: \$51.00 (6 Weeks)

Core Strength – Thursday July 10th – August 21st

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$60.00 (7 Weeks)

* HIIT – High Intensity Training

• **AARP SmartDriver Course**

WHEN: *Tuesday, August 19, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

Where: *Salem Volunteer Fire Company, 424 Hartford Road.*

The \$20 (AARP Members) or \$25 (Non-Members) fee may be paid at the door in cash or by check (made payable to AARP). ***Don't forget to bring your AARP Card if you are an AARP Member!***

Save your Spot Today!

online: <https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/aarpsmartdrivercourse>,

by e-mail: recreation@salemct.gov, by phone: 860-859-3873, x275, or Scan the QR code

Walk-ins are also welcome with the understanding that class size will be limited



Got Sneakers

The Salem Lions Club is collecting used sneakers as a fundraiser. The collected sneakers are then sent to **Got Sneakers**. SO, save those old used sneakers, the sneakers you grew out of, or the sneakers you just plain don't like anymore.

ALL SIZES WELCOME!!!

Benefits:

- Environmental Service Project: This will keep sneakers out of our landfills. Approximately. 3.5 million pairs of sneakers are recycled and reused.
- Poverty Service Project – 600 million people worldwide don't own a pair of shoes.

Be on the lookout for the drop box to be setup at the library and a large "collection day" (date TBD) in the spring/summer months.



Community News You Can Use *(continued from pp 16)*

Bozrah Farmers Market – 2025 Season

The market is located at 45 Bozrah St, Bozrah. Market nights are Fridays from July 12th through October 11th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

Each week we host 45+ vendors and have live music. It's a great place to wind down from a work week and enjoy the beginning of the weekend. There is no need to cook, because we usually have 4-5 food trucks.

Montville Farmers Market – 2025 Season

Camp Oakdale Large Pavilion – 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

June 24 th – Opening Night	July 1 st – Community Night	July 8 th – Kids' Night
July 15 th – Car Cruise	July 22 nd – Regular Market	July 29 th – Native Market Night
August 5 th – National Farmers Market Week	August 12 th – Car Cruise	August 19 th – Regular Market
August 26 th – Dog Days	September 2 nd – Regular Market	September 9 th – Regular Market
September 16 th – Pirate Night	September 23 rd – Regular Market	September 30 th – Fall Harvest
October 7 th Spooky Night		

Salem School Students PTO News

- **Cougarpooloza**

At the April PTO meeting the members discussed fundraising options to raise the monies needed to supplement student field trips and enrichment programs. In order each grade level, pre-K to 8th grade, to receive \$800 next year, the PTO needs to raise \$9,900. This will allow teachers to schedule some type of event during the school year. On May 31st at 12:00 PM the PTO will be setting up a **Cougarpooloza**. Several events are planned for the afternoon. One of the events is a **Cow Patty Raffle**. For this event, a field is sectioned off into 700 squares. Each square can be purchased for \$10. A cow is set free in the field and when it poops, the first square it lands on first wins 1st place, 2nd and 3rd places are determined the same way. The prize for 1st place is \$1,000, 2nd place is \$200 and 3rd place \$100. There will be additional events throughout the afternoon.

This MAJOR event raises about half of the funds needed for the following school year.

- **Book Fair**

The student book fair will run for Monday May 12th – Friday May 16th. At this time the students will have the opportunity to visit the fair and purchase books to their interest.

- **Grandparents Day**

On May 14th and 15th, the school and PTO will sponsor a grandparent's day. Any child attending Salem School can to invite their grandparents to this event. May 14th will be for grades 2-4 starting at 9:00 AM and grades 5-8 in the afternoon starting at 12:45 PM. May 15th will be for PreK and 1st grade starting at 9:00 AM.

- **End of year Ice Cream Social**

On June 11th the last day of school, the PTO will hold their annual end of year **Ice Cream Social** for the students. This is the last event before summer break.

All These Events Are Sponsored By The Salem PTO. They Do Great Things For Our Students.

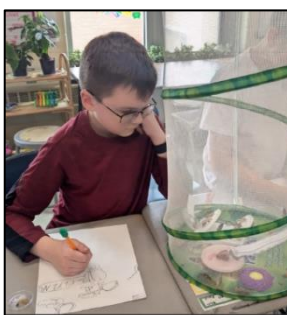
Community News You Can Use *(continued from pp 17)*

Great Things Are Happening At The Salem School

The 8th Grade Class Washington DC Trip



The 5th Grade Buzzing With Excitement As They Dive Into The Life Cycle Of Butterflies



The 2nd Grade Celebrate Earth Day By Picking Up Trash On The School Grounds For Disposal.



The April edition of the Salem School District Newsletter can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

The April 4th Cougar Tails can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

The April 11th Cougar Tails can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

The April 25th Cougar Tails can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

Community News You Can Use *(continued from pp 18)*

Great Things Are Happening At The Salem School *(continued)*

The 2nd Grade Celebrate Earth Day By Picking Up Trash On The School Grounds For Disposal.



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The April 4th Cougar Tails can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

The April 11th Cougar Tails can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

The April 25th Cougar Tails can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

Amnesty/Bulky Waste Days

This year Amnesty/Bulky Waste Day are: Saturday May 17th, Sunday May 18th, and Wednesday May 21st

Do not bring mattresses, metal or electronics on Amnesty/Bulky Waste Days.

These items are free any time. Bring them any other day.



ACCEPTABLE SINGLE STREAM RECYCLABLES:

- Newspapers, inserts, magazines, brochures, junk mail
- Paper bags, paperboard boxes (cereal, egg cartons)
- Phone books, catalogs, hard and soft cover books
- White or colored paper, envelopes (window OK), school paper
- File folders, shredded paper, multi three-ply paper
- Glass containers
- Tin cans, small metal items
- Aluminum cans, foil, aluminum pots and pans
- Juice and milk cartons
- Plastic milk jugs and plastic soda bottles
- Plastic buckets and crates
- Detergent bottles
- All plastics #1 - #7
- Empty aerosol cans
- **No Styrofoam #6**
- **No trash or dirty paper products**

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:

Clean, corrugated cardboard – basically boxes which have been flattened.

ANTIFREEZE:

"Clean", non-contaminated used antifreeze in gallon containers.

TIRES: (Only tires off rim accepted)

Car and light truck tires require a \$2.00 disposal fee. Large truck tires (47" high or 12" wide) require a \$10.00 disposal fee.

BATTERIES:

Car, truck – lead acid only

NO: Alkaline batteries.

OVERSIZED (BULKY)

HOUSEHOLD TRASH:

A fee of \$10.00 per item is charged for residential items such as a sofa and stuffed chair and small items will be \$5.00.

BRUSH (under 3" in diameter):

Free disposal for residents/homeowners/ non-commercial vehicles.

\$10.00 per cubic yard for commercial haulers.

NOTE: Compost material (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) are NOT ACCEPTED.

Community News You Can Use *(continued from pp 19)*

Amnesty/Bulky Waste Days (continued)

SCRAP METAL:

Metal parts from bicycles, cars, lawnmowers, stripped of all non-metal parts & such metal items as iron rods and pipes, wire coat hangers, screws, nails, etc.

NO: Food cans/containers, paint cans or propane gas containers.

WASTE OIL:

Petroleum products (such as motor oil) used for lubrication and hydraulic applications in one (1) to five (5) gallon containers.

NO: Gasoline, diesel fuel or cooking oils/fuels.

DO NOT USE CONTAINERS FROM BLEACH OR CHLORINE PRODUCTS.

DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

See the operator. A fee by volume (minimum of \$5.00) is charged to dispose of used lumber, plywood, doors, door/window frames, etc.

Asphalt shingles/other \$20.00 per cubic yard.

Some items may require showing a building or demolition permit. Permit or Letter of Exemption required from the Building Department.

RECYCLING SAVES!! PLEASE PITCH IN!!

<https://www.salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4966/f/uploads/amnestyflyerbackpage.pdf>

Volunteer Opportunities

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOFSPL)

The Friends of The Salem Library could always use help sorting books for the book sale, and at the book sales. For future book sorting and book pick-up and work dates, stay tuned and watch for notifications on Facebook. ***If you would like to help, contact Carl Nawrocki at 860-608-9970, or Bart Drennen at 860-235-5889.***

GARDNER LAKE AND SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

Both the Salem and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Companies are looking for volunteers of **ALL AGES**.

- **Salem Volunteer Fire Company – NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860-859-0942. To visit their website, click on: <https://www.salemfireco.com/>.**
- **Gardner Lake Fire Company – NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860- 859-1743. To visit their website, click on: gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home.**

MITCHELL FARM EQUINE RETIREMENT

The Horse Retirement, Horse Sanctuary is looking for help.

Contact Dee Doolittle 860 303-8705, or e-mail: dee@mitchellfarm.org.

SALEM SCHOOL

Volunteers are always welcome at ***Salem School***. Anyone interested in volunteering can go to the Salem School website by clicking on: salemschools.org. Put the cursor over the “Our School” tab, & click on the “Forms tab” to access the form, OR visit the school and fill out the form at the front desk of the school. Make sure you bring a picture ID with you.

CARE & SHARE

Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. provides food, financial and emergency support to individuals and families in East Lyme, Niantic, and Salem. ***If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact them at 860-739-8502.***

Volunteer Opportunities *(continued from pp 20)*

LION'S CLUB

The Lions are looking for volunteers. **Contact Dan Holle at 860-300-7570, or Hugh McKenney at 860-303-0042.**

THE SALEM LAND TRUST

The Salem Land Trust (SLT) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization permanently conserving land in Salem for wildlife, their habitats, and for people to enjoy nature. Many volunteers begin by helping to keep our miles of hiking trails clear. Each of our 9 Preserves have experienced land Stewards assigned to them, so new volunteers start learning the job from them and other SLT members experienced with being "in the woods." Out in the field, experienced hikers and wildlife lovers cannot help but pass on their knowledge of nature on to all new volunteers. We also have volunteer opportunities in our Membership and Events Committee as we are always looking for new ways to bring the wonder of nature to more people.

For more information or if you are interested in volunteering contact Linda Schroeder: e-mail: lschroeder@snet.net or call 860-908-9553.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

The Salem VFW is always looking for help to clean up the cemeteries.

Watch the Facebook website for future dates for cemetery clean up opportunities.

Please bring your gloves, weed-whacker, mower, rakes, and tarps. If you are interested in helping or have a need **contact Kay Zak at: 860-889-3989 or e-mail at:**

kayzak@hotmail.com



Other Activities In Our Area

Flea Markets And Farmers Markets

• **Club 55 Flea Market**

Date: Saturday, May 3rd
Location: 102 Newtown Rd, Groton, CT Indoors at the Thrive 55 Active Living Center
Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 PM

• **Spring Flea Market: Montville**

Date: Saturday, May 10th
Location: 1650 Hartford New London Turnpike, Oakdale, (Route 85) in the parking lot of the Dinosaur Place
Time: 10:00 AM

• **Ocean Beach Tag Sale (Mile Long Craft & Tag Sale)**

Date: Saturday, May 10th
Location: 98 Neptune Avenue, New London
Time: 9 AM – 3 PM

• **Sprint Pop Up At Waterford Farmers Market**

Date: Saturday, May 10th
Location: 24 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford (Waterford community Center)
Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

• **2025 Mother's Day Market**

Date: Saturday, May 10th
Location: 45 Bozrah St, Bozrah
Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

• **Niantic Artisan & Vintage Market**

Date: Saturday, May 24th
Location: Main St, Niantic
Time: 10:00 AM

• **Strawberry Festival (Old Mystic Village)**

Date: Saturday June 21st & Sunday June 22nd
Location: 27 Coogan Blvd, Mystic
Time: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Garde Arts Center

Upcoming Events At The Garde Arts Center (325 State St, New London)

2025 Season

- **Connecticut College Orchestra & Singers @the Garde** – Friday, May 2, 7:30 PM
- **Gillian Welch & David Rawlings – Live on Stage** – Sunday, May 11th 7:00 PM
- **Gianni Schicchi Schooltime Performances** – Monday May, 12th 10:00 AM

Other Activities In Our Area *(continued from pp 21)*

Upcoming Events At The Garde Arts Center *(continued)*

- **The Joni & Cat Show - A tribute to Joni Mitchell and Cat Steven** – Thursday, May 15th 7:30 PM
- **The Great Gatsby Ballet by the World Ballet Co. Live on Stage** – Saturday, May 17th 7:00 PM
- **Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, The Musical** – Monday, May 19th 10:00 AM, recommended Pre-K to 2nd grade
- **Broadway Kids & company presents: ANNIE** – Friday, May 30th, 7:00 PM, and Saturday, May 31st, 1:00PM and 7:00 PM
- **Charlotte's Web** – Schooltime Performances Series – Monday, June 22nd and Tuesday, June 3rd, 10:00 AM grade levels K-5th
- **Eddie B. If These Classroom Walls Could Talk** – Friday, June 6th 8:00 PM
- **The Goonies (1985) 40th Anniversary** – Saturday, June 7th 7:00 PM
- **Sinner's Circle, Jim Carpenter, Hugh Birdsall, John Fries and Ben Parent** – Friday, June 20th 8:00 PM
- **A Spark Makerspace Presents Midsummer Nights Gala Fundraiser** – Saturday, June 28th 7:00 PM

For tickets contact the box office Monday thru Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and two hours prior to ticketed performances, by calling 860-444-7373 ext. 1, or by visiting the Garde Arts Center website by clicking on:

gardearts.org/events/.

Niantic Bay Playhouse

The Niantic Bay Playhouse (279 Main Street, Niantic)

2025 Season

- **"Lion King Jr."** – June 13th – 15th & 20th – 22nd
- **"Hello Dolly"** – July 17th, 18th, 20th, 24th – 27th, 31st, & Aug 1st – 3rd
- **"Murder Mystery"** – October 10th – 12th, 16th – 19th, 24th – 26th
- **"White Christmas"** – December 5th – 7th, 11th – 14th, 18th – 21st

Check for times on their website

Check the theatre's website for Tickets by clicking on: nianticbayplayhouse.org/.

Senior News

The Salem Senior Citizen's Group (SSG) boasts a current enrolment of over 180 members. Membership has tripled since the beginning of 2022. **Salem (or surrounding town) residents age 50 years or older are welcome to join the Salem Senior Citizen's Group!**

Our monthly meetings are held at the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Co. Firehouse at 429 Old Colchester Road, Salem the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM, lunch is provided.

Meetings include town discussions, news, and updates, and interesting guest speakers. After the meeting noon lunch is provided. Trips, events, activities, and classes, throughout the year, are developed by our members.

For more information, contact Gary Closius (President): gclosius@sbcglobal.net, or call 860-961-9173, or Mary Cikatz (Vice President): mcikatz@yahoo.com, or call 860-287-7275.

Use the following link to view our monthly newsletter: salemct.gov/salem-senior-citizens/pages/salem-seniors-group-newsletters and click on the one you want.

Salem Senior Citizens Group Refundable Bottles & Cans Fundraiser

The tent is up for the **Salem Senior Citizens Group Refundable Bottles & Cans Fundraiser** to support Earth Day. Please pull up the driveway and drop your bottles and cans (preferably in a plastic bag) in the tent at 294 Hartford Road. The tent will be up until the end of May!

The proceeds of the fundraiser will go to benefit the Salem Seniors and the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library.

Thank you for supporting the Salem Seniors and the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library.



Salem DTC Members Bring Nature To Salem School

Professor Diba Khan-Bureau And Salem School 2nd Graders



SDTC Members Professor Diba Khan-Bureau, & Sue Spang, And Professor Diba's Students Helping Salem School 2nd Graders Find Life In Water From The Wild And Scenic Eightmile River.

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