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# NEWSLETTER

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## The SDTC Candidates for Town Offices in November

It is with great pleasure that the SDTC introduces the diverse and professional Salem community members who have volunteered to serve the people of the Town of Salem. With their personal experiences, they will bring their ideas of negotiating, compromise and community spirit to the table for all the people of Salem.

Next year will be the United States of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday and we must remember our constitution and the people who came before us who have kept this great nation successful. We must continue their legacy.

There are many areas where we can improve Salem. With a large proportion of Salem residents over the age of 50, we should be exploring forming a Commission of the Aging. We have over 200 Veterans in Salem that could benefit from local services. There is a need for mental health services, housing that is affordable for all and investigating shared social services with East Lyme. We need to explore grants for all of these services. Salem could benefit greatly if we had a grant writer.

Our mission is to work together for the betterment of all Salem residents regardless of color, race, creed or religion. We need, as a community, to improve relations, open the doors of communication, and find common ground. We can accomplish much more when we work together.

**TO CHANGE AMERICAS DIRECTION,  
START WITH YOUR LOCAL ELECTION.**

### First Selectman

Sue Spang

### Selectmen

Gary J. Closius

Diane Weston

### Board of Education

Jennifer Rucci

Perry Raulerson

Arthur C. Nagel

Maria Cuadros

### Board of Finance

Matthew Rucci

### Board of Assessment Appeals

Dennis Girard

### Planning & Zoning Commission

Tony Griggs

Sarah Diamond

Kim Hargrave

### Planning & Zoning Commission

Alternate Sophie Arustei

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Becky Nortz

Jennifer Lindo

### Library Board of Directors

Mary E. Whittaker

Becky Nortz

Mary N. Cikatz

### Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate

Ed Artale



Read our candidates bios!

Care & Share served 328 people (218 adults, 110 kids, 147 families) in September.

## [Urgent Message to Democratic Voters](#) [We Need Your Vote On November 4<sup>th</sup>!!](#)

### [Recent Voting History](#)

In the 2023 municipal election the **Rs** out polled the the **Ds** by 35. Additionally, the **Ds** turned out fewer voters in 2023 (422) than the **Ds** did in the 2021 municipal election (432). In 2023, the **D Active Registered Voters (ARVs)** outnumbered the **R ARVs** by only 7. Currently, according to the CT Secretary of State website, the **R ARVs** outnumber the **D ARVs** by 24 (**874 to 850**). In the 2021 and 2023 municipal elections the **Rs** brought **418 (54.4%)** and **457 (55.8%) R ARVs** to the polls respectively. For the same elections the **Ds** brought **432 (51.1%)** and **422 (51.1%) D ARVs** to the polls respectively.

The margin of victory for the **R** candidate for First Selectman in the 2021 and 2023 municipal elections was 158 and 124 respectively.

### [What Can You Do?](#)

**Come out November 4<sup>th</sup> and vote *Democratic*.** If 125 (15% of the registered ARVs) of the 404 **D** voters that did not vote in 2023 had voted for the Democratic candidate for First Selectman, the Democratic candidate would have won the race.

***YOUR VOTE MATTERS – PLEASE COME OUT AND VOTE THE D TICKET!!!***

## [Message From State Senator Martha Marx \(D 20<sup>th</sup> District\)](#)

### [Dear Neighbor,](#)

Last week, I joined tenants in East Lyme to celebrate the formation of Connecticut's newest Tenant Union! Bravo to these residents for standing up and demanding dignity and respect from their hedge fund landlord. I was proud to stand with them in support.



### [Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Military Appreciation Day!](#)

This week I celebrated our military at the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Military Appreciation Day! Congratulations to all of the honorees for their service and dedication.

### [CTLCV Climate Champion Series: Sip & Celebrate](#)

Last Week, I joined the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV) for their Climate Champion Series: Sip & Celebrate event to discuss key environmental wins from the 2025 legislative session, ongoing challenges, and what's next for Connecticut's clean energy and climate resilience goals.

We highlighted major legislation including the Climate Protection Act (HB 5004), which sets our state on a path to net-zero emissions by 2050; Climate Resiliency (SB 9), which strengthens local preparedness for flooding and sea level rise; and Energy Affordability & Accountability (SB 4), which expands clean energy access while protecting ratepayers.

It was a great opportunity to reflect on how far we've come—advancing clean energy, protecting water quality, reducing pollution—and how much more we can do to build a sustainable, equitable future for every community across Connecticut.

### [Majority Leader's Roundtable](#)

Last week at the Majority Leader's Roundtable, we continued the important conversation around housing in Connecticut — addressing 830g and exploring ways to strengthen access, affordability, and stability for every community. These discussions are key to shaping meaningful solutions and building a better future for all residents.



## **Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20<sup>th</sup> District)**

### **Revolution Wind Project Resumes Work**

Offshore wind farm efforts in CT are back online as of this week, according to CT News Junkie, after a federal judge granted an injunction in response to the Trump administration's late-August stop-work order on the project. Once complete, the wind farm is expected to generate energy for hundreds of thousands of CT and Rhode Island homes; it was 80% complete when the stop-work order happened. The judge ruling in the case said the federal government did not provide any information relevant to requiring a stop-work order.



### **What To Expect From Government Shutdown**

The first government shutdown since 2018 started on October 1 as federal Republicans refused to negotiate with federal Democrats to pass a budget resolution. About 750,000 government workers will be furloughed, with essential services like active-duty military and air traffic controllers remaining active; national parks are expected to close and some government offices will see shortages or closures, though in many cases furloughed workers continue working under the expectation of back pay. The Trump administration has threatened a wave of mass layoffs of federal workers, while payments for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and VA benefits would not be interrupted, NBC CT reported. WFSB noted Governor Lamont said an extended shutdown could complicate state services, though an immediate disruption is not expected; Lamont and state leaders are monitoring programs that rely on federal dollars, such as SNAP, WIC and Head Start. Most impacts would become more noticeable the longer the shutdown continues, with air travel delays increasingly likely. Some businesses with government employees as customers are seeing slowdowns in business, CBS reported.



### **New Laws In Effect October 1**

As of October 1, hunting on private land will be permitted on Sundays; reckless driving will see higher penalties, including increased fines and the possibility of jail time for driving faster than 100 miles per hour; and new changes to towing regulations will require written authorization before a vehicle can be towed from a private lot and owner access to a vehicle's contents after it's towed. Others include expansions of the state's firefighter cancer relief program to accommodate more individuals and enhanced review of health carriers' practices regarding mental health and substance use disorder benefit reporting requirements.

For a full list of changing laws, **press Ctrl+Click [HERE](#)** or visit: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/content/aeauto.asp>.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Millstone Power Station Unit 2**

This week I celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Millstone Power Station Unit 2 in Waterford. For five decades, Millstone has played a key role in powering nearly half our state with carbon-free energy, supporting thousands of jobs, and advancing CT's clean energy future.

#### **Overview**

Millstone Power Station is the only nuclear power plant in the state. The station has established itself as a vital part of CT's energy makeup, providing approximately 47% of the state's total power generation and over half of the energy consumed in the state.

#### **Key Facts**

- Millstone is a power station comprised of two Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) units.
- The station is capable of producing 2,100 megawatts of reliable, affordable, carbon-free electricity – enough to power over 525,000 homes.
- Nearly half of Millstone's energy is sold directly to CT utilities at a low, fixed price of 4.99 cents per KWh making it one of the lowest-cost, carbon-free resources procured by the state to date.
- Continued operation of Millstone supports CT achieving its clean energy goals.



## [Message From State Senator Martha Marx \(D 20<sup>th</sup> District, continued\)](#)

### **Key Benefits**

- **Supports a Clean and Reliable Grid.** Using nuclear fuel, Millstone provides more than 47% of CT's electricity and over 90% of its carbon-free electricity.
- **Creates Well-Paying Jobs.** There are 847 full-time employees at Millstone, with over 300 Three Rivers Community College students being hired at the station after completing the college's Nuclear Engineering Technology Degree program which Dominion offers scholarships for.
- **Supports the Local Community.** In 2024, Dominion Energy paid over \$35 million in property taxes to the to the of Waterford. Additionally, hundreds of volunteer hours and thousands of dollars are donated to local community organizations annually.
- **Provides safe Power Generation.** Millstone has provided clean power generation for 50 years.

### **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@cga.ct.gov](mailto:martha.marx@cga.ct.gov).

All the best,

Martha Marx, State Senator 20<sup>th</sup> District

## [Message From State Representative Nick Menapace \(D 37<sup>th</sup> District\)](#)

### **Dear Neighbor,**

As a teacher and your state representative, I know firsthand how vital strong public schools are for our kids and communities.

That's why I'm proud to share my Connecticut Education Association report card and be a member myself.

I'll always support educators, students, and families in our work to strengthen public education in East Lyme, Salem, Montville, and across Connecticut.

I'm also proud to share that I've maintained 100% attendance this session every vote, every time.

Showing up matters. You sent me to Hartford to be your voice; I take that responsibility seriously.

Grateful for the chance to represent East Lyme, Salem, and Montville and I'll keep showing up for you.



### **Education Builds Citizens and Communities**

As both a teacher and a legislator, I see every day how public education shapes our future. If we want students to be ready for careers, civic life, and community leadership, we need to provide our schools with the resources, facilities, and support they deserve.

Investing in education isn't just the right thing to do—it's essential for our economy, our democracy, and our future. Please read my letter to *The Day* newspaper by **pressing Ctrl+Click [HERE](#)**.

## **Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37<sup>th</sup> District, continued)**

### **National Public Lands Day**

September 28 was National Public Lands Day, a reminder of how important it is to preserve and protect the natural spaces that make Connecticut special.

Standing here at Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve, I'm reminded that protecting our environment isn't just about today — it's about ensuring future generations can enjoy these trails, forests, and waterways just as we do.

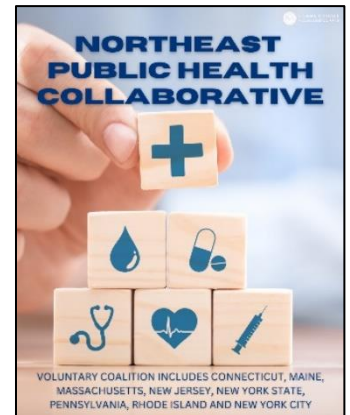
Public lands connect us to nature, strengthen our communities, and remind us why conservation matters. Let's keep fighting to protect them.



### **Northeast Public Health Collaborative**

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and New York City officially announced the formation of the Northeast Public Health Collaborative. This voluntary regional partnership aims to strengthen public health coordination, share expertise, and improve preparedness across state lines.

The Collaborative's shared purpose is to work together in new ways – optimizing the use of shared resources, innovating and reimagining core services – to ensure trust in public health, respond to public health threats, advance community health and strengthen confidence in vaccines and science-based medicine.



### **Around the 37<sup>th</sup>**

Seventy percent of Bay Point residents (formerly Windward Village) have voted to form a tenant union — the 20<sup>th</sup> in Connecticut and the first in New London County. This is a huge step for fairness and community power.

I've been pushing for a Fair Rent Commission in East Lyme for years, but it was these residents who made it a reality. Now, by organizing together, they've not only strengthened their own community but made our entire town stronger.

I couldn't be prouder to stand with them and cheer them on. Their voices matter, and now it's up to ownership to come to the table.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Menapace".

Nick Menapace

State Representative 37<sup>th</sup> District

## **Opinion**

### **The Charter Revision Question Is on the Ballot in November**

#### **Background**

The Charter Revision Commission (CRC) was commissioned by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) on April 4, 2024. After 14 months of hard work, many comments from public, many meetings including joint BOS and CRC meetings, and compromising, on August 21, 2025 the BOS agreed to accept and approved the CRC Final Report. Additionally, the BOS approved and adopted a question to be placed on the ballot for referendum to be held on the General Election of November 4, 2025.

**Opinion (continued)****The Charter Revision Question Is on the Ballot in November (continued)****Background (continued)**

The following question regarding the Salem Town Charter will appear on the ballot in November:

**“Shall the Electors of the Town of Salem approve and adopt the revisions to the 22-year-old Charter as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission and as approved by the Board of Selectmen to:**

- (a) facilitate the use and understanding of our governing document;**
- (b) streamline language and update references and definitions;**
- (c) enhance budget accountability of the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen; and**
- (d) improve the administration of local government to meet the needs of the Town?**

**(to be answered “yes” or “no”)**

The Ballot Question as well as a document which summarizes the changes made to the Charter can be seen by **pressing Ctrl+Click [HERE](#)** or by visiting the following website:

**[https://www.salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4966f/uploads/explanatory\\_text\\_salem\\_charter\\_amend\\_pdf.pdf](https://www.salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4966f/uploads/explanatory_text_salem_charter_amend_pdf.pdf)**.

**Opinion**

There are a few things in the Revised Charter I don't like or agree with. I would have preferred the so-called “gentleman's agreement” not be codified in the Charter (see § 2.6.D). The “gentleman's agreement” requires positions vacated by elected officials to be filled by a member of the same party or an unaffiliated Elector. This could result in the most qualified individual not being selected to fill the vacancy on an elected board or commission because of party affiliation. The BOS required this be added to the Charter Revision. The CRC final report recommended filling the positions of Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer by hiring vs election. The BOS and CRC compromised by making the Treasurer position a hired vs. it remaining an elected position (see § 7.1.A(2)). I would have preferred the BOS to have approved the CRC recommendation of hiring all three of those positions. I would have preferred a more detailed description of the role and duties of the Town Administrator (see § 4.8 and §5).

However, there are many necessary and needed improvements that are incorporated in the Charter Revision. For example, §4.8 includes a broad working definition of “the Town Administrator” to be further demarcated by the Board of Selectmen when such administrator is appointed. §5.1 provides, for the First Selectman to remain the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Elected Official of the Town. Also included is the appointment of a professional Town Administrator who could take on some of the tactical responsibilities under the direction and supervision of the First Selectman thus freeing the First Selectman and BOS to spend time on strategic responsibilities and be good for Salem. §1.10 proposes new Rules of Order and Civility. § 2.6.A allows the board or commission having a vacancy sixty days (instead of thirty days currently) to fill that vacancy. This allows the respective board or commission more time to vet prospective candidates. In 2022 Salem was split into two municipal voting districts and that change needed to be reflected in the Charter (repealed §2.1.B and §2.2.A). The Library Board will be increased from six to seven members (§2.3.B) thereby elimination the possibility of a tie vote. The list of necessary and needed changes goes on. *Therefore, on balance the proposed Charter Revision is good for Salem and I will be voting YES on the Ballot Question and I recommend you do as well.*

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – October 7, 2025



## Opinion

### **Does Local Government Operate Transparently? Are Tax Dollars Being Spent Responsibly?**

#### **Item #1 Background**

In 2022 at a cost of \$30,500, the Town of Salem commissioned Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) to perform a public safety services analysis of the Town's public safety services with an expected completion date of February 2023 so as to support the 2023 municipal budget cycle. In a Salem Town meeting in September 2023 MRI presented the results of their analysis detailing 32 recommendations (seven months late). The Town never developed a written plan and schedule to evaluate and implement these recommendations. Additionally, during the 2023/2024, and 2024/2025 budget cycles, when questioned on how much money was in the budget/being spent on implementation of the MRI study recommendations, the administration did not have an answer. The response from leadership was "I don't know."

On July 16, 2024, under the Connecticut FOIA § 1-200 et seq., I requested a copy of the written plan for the implementation of the 30 plus recommendations delivered to the Salem by MRI in September 2023. Additionally, I requested a copy of the status of each of the recommendations and for those recommendations not yet implemented, I requested the proposed implementation schedule, as well as the actual costs associated with each of the recommendations already implemented and the estimated costs to implement each of the remaining unimplemented recommendations.

On September 9, 2024 and again on February 25, 2025, I notified The Town that I had still not received the requested information and I reminded the First Selectman that under Connecticut FOIA § 1-200 et seq, The Town is obligated to provide the requested records and information in a timely fashion. After a short discussion at Town Hall the First Selectman indicated to me there was no written plan for the implementation of the MRI recommendations, and that The Town did not have the staff nor was he willing or required to hire additional staff to research and assemble the requested documents and information. During that discussion I indicated that I expected a written response detailing The Town's position. To date I still have not received the requested information nor a written response detailing The Town's position regarding the requested information.

#### **Item #2 Background**

The lawsuit the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Co. (GLVFCo.) brought against The Town of Salem in March of 2020, was about a dispute over the town's funding for the fire company's ambulance service and the fire company's status as an independent contractor rather than a town department. The GLVFCo. sued to recover approximately \$29,000 it claimed was owed to the GLVFCo. for running the ambulance service and to settle a potential issue regarding volunteer stipends being paid directly by the town. After a little over five years the lawsuit was finally settled in August 2025. The Town over that period has paid in excess of \$385,000 in legal costs associated with the lawsuit (\$235,000 through June 2023, unknown amount in 2024, and \$150,000 in 2025).

On September 22, 2025, under the Connecticut FOIA § 1-200 et seq., I requested an accounting of the total dollar amount the Town of Salem spent on attorney's fees and associated costs in settling the law suit between the Town of Salem and the GLVF Co. as well as a copy of the settlement agreement. The Town has neither acknowledged the receipt of the request nor provided the information.

#### **Opinion**

After spending more than \$30,000 for MRI to perform an organizational analysis of the Town of Salem's public safety services and provide a report, the Town apparently did not systematically evaluate MRI's recommendations or develop an organized approach or plan for implementation. Further the Administration apparently doesn't know what recommendations have been implemented nor have any idea how many taxpayer dollars The Town has spent associated with their implementation.

The Town spent in excess of \$385,000 in legal costs to settle the lawsuit with the GLVFCo. over disputed payments of \$29,000. These are examples of imprudent fiscal management of taxpayer dollars.

*The fact that the Town has not answered any of the FOIA requests for information noted above is not indicative government transparency. It is past time for a change in the Town of Salem's leadership.*

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – October 10, 2025

## **Town Hall Meetings, Rallies, Protests, Marches, and Meetings**

- **Visibility Brigade Waterford \***

**When:** Saturday, October, 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – Noon.

**Where:** Cross Rd. Bridge, Waterford.

Sign up here: <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/811861>

Please join the protest against Trump and his fascist regime this week in Waterford, on Cross Road bridge. We need volunteers! You can help get the message to thousands of people who drive by on I-95 within a two-hour span on Saturday morning. Let's help keep the non-violent resistance movement alive.

The more people we have out there, the greater our impact is! Waving to the cars helps engage them, and it's great to hear them honking their support.

**Map:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2D1rXsZHJuJnyrTT9>

**Parking:** Yale Health facility, Crossroads Professional Building, 196 Waterford Pkwy South. This road runs parallel to the highway on the south side, and the lot is about 1/10 of a mile from the bridge.

**Notes:** We will **HOLD** banners and signs and may need extra hands to help hold a section of the large banner. Nothing can be attached to the bridge.

Only **CROSS** the bridge at the light on the south end of the bridge (intersection with Waterford Pkwy, where the parking is noted above).

- **No Kings Protest**

**When:** Saturday, October, 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – Noon.

**Where:** 2 Bank Street, New London.

**When:** Saturday, October, 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – Noon.

**Where:** Jordan Green 65 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford.

**When:** Saturday, October, 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – Noon.

**Where:** 7 Main St., East Haddam. Meet in East Haddam village next to the Swing Bridge. We will gather on the sidewalks in East Haddam and Haddam on both sides of the Swing Bridge.

**When:** Saturday, October, 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM – Noon.

**Where:** 100 Broadway, Norwich.

**When:** Saturday, October, 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

**Where:** 210 Capitol Ave., Hartford.



In America, we don't put up with would-be kings. Our peaceful movement is only getting bigger and stronger. "NO KINGS" is more than just a slogan—it's the foundation our nation was built upon. Born in the streets, carried by millions in chants and on posters, it echoes from city blocks to rural town squares, uniting people across this country to fight dictatorship together. The president thinks his rule is absolute. But in America, we don't have kings, and we won't back down against chaos, corruption, and cruelty. Grow our movement and join us.

**A core principle behind all NO KINGS events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values and to act lawfully at these events. Weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events.**

- \* **Tips for Making Signs and Showing Up**

For information on making signs and showing up **press Ctrl+Click [HERE](#)**.

# Gun Violence – 2025 Statistics and Data

2025	Mass Shootings	Deaths	Injuries
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1,470</b>
January	23	27	103
February	17	26	59
March	27	24	133
April	23	26	105
May	34	25	180
June	62	39	290
July	61	60	277
August	34	28	178
September	34	36	145
October			
November			
December			

\* Data current through September 30<sup>th</sup>

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
Texas	4	25	Nebraska	1	3
Illinois	2	23	Nevada	0	3
California	4	22	Arkansas	0	2
Georgia	1	17	Colorado	0	2
Ohio	1	17	District of Columbia	0	2
Louisiana	3	16	Hawaii	0	2
Pennsylvania	1	15	Kentucky	0	2
Mississippi	0	12	Oregon	0	2
Florida	2	11	Delaware	0	1
Michigan	3	11	Idaho	0	1
North Carolina	4	11	Iowa	0	1
Indiana	1	10	Maine	0	1
New York	1	10	Massachusetts	0	1
Missouri	1	9	Montana	0	1
Virginia	1	9	New Mexico	0	1
Maryland	0	8	Utah	0	1
Minnesota	2	8	West Virginia	0	1
South Carolina	0	8	Wyoming	0	1
Tennessee	1	8	Alaska	0	0
Alabama	1	7	Kansas	0	0
Oklahoma	0	6	New Hampshire	0	0
Washington	0	5	North Dakota	0	0
New Jersey	0	4	Rhode Island	0	0
Wisconsin	0	4	South Dakota	0	0
Arizona	0	3	Vermont	0	0
Connecticut	0	3			

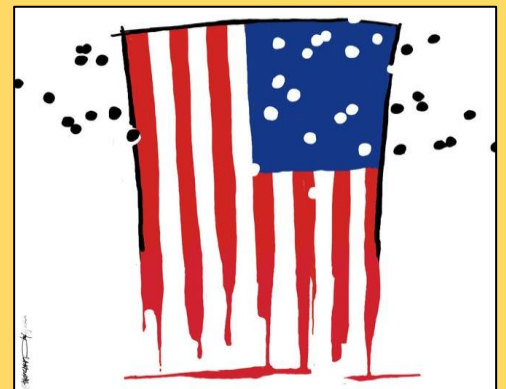
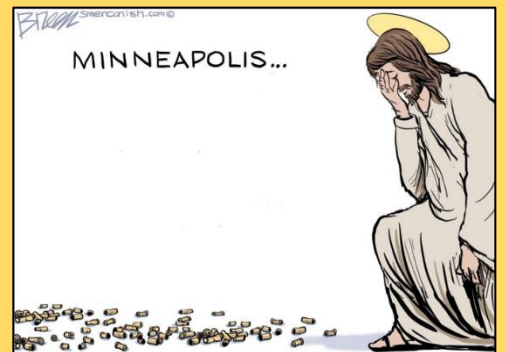
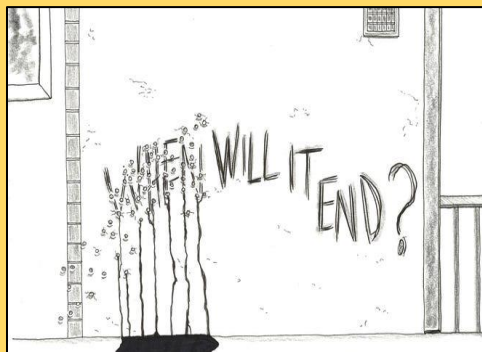
Total deaths (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 11,434\*\*

Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 20,877

\* Data through October 5<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Totals not including suicide

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



## **The Salem DTC Meeting Schedule – 2025**

### **The Salem DTC 2025/2026 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule**

- **Wednesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, May. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Jul. 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School

## **Community News You Can Use**

### **Salem Free Public Library (SFPL)**

#### **Library Report – September**

- The Salem Free Public Library held five Story Times in September. There were 110 attendees for the month!
- The library held two sessions of Lego Club in September. This is an opportunity for children and their caregivers to create Lego structures and put them on display at the library. There were 15 attendees.
- The library held five sessions of our Drop-In Playgroup. This is an opportunity for children and caregivers to meet after Story Time. Participants gather in our playroom. There were 69 attendees for the month.
- On September 13 the library hosted the Eastern Connecticut Woodturners Association. Participants were allowed to create a wooden pen from start to finish, using a block of wood. This event was full and very popular! There were 24 participants.
- On September 20, Library Assistant Hayley Ault held an American Girl Tea Party. Participants could get their picture taken with a life-sized American Girl Box, enjoy tea and cookies with their American Girl Doll, and Hayley raffled off two prizes! This event was full and very popular. There were 35 participants with a waitlist.
- During the last week of September, Eileen Hosey, the Media Specialist from Salem School, brought the first-grade classes down to visit the library and checkout a book. This was so much fun! There were 48 students and 9 adults in total.
- On September 27, the library hosted Campbell Harmon portraying Edgar Allen Poe. The library also served Edgar Allen Poe tea from the Literary Tea Blends created by local tea company, Simpson and Vail. There were 13 participants.
- On September 29, the library hosted a Medicare Bootcamp presented by Laura Crews. Information on Medicare basics, enrollment, coverage, cost savings, and preventative services were covered. There were 8 attendees.
- For the month of September, the library held an American Girl Scavenger Hunt with 79 participants.
- For the month of September, the library took a poll of which American Girl You Would Rather Be, and there were 150 participants.

#### **Library Building And Collection**

- Public Works has been working to secure the door to the main entrance to the library. Over the years, salt and weather have deteriorated the main post that secures the double doors. Public Works is working to find a solution.
- The Salem Free Public Library is decorated and ready for our first Renaissance Faire, which will take place on Saturday October 4!
- ***The SFPL served 1,708 patrons and provided 72 patrons with technical help in September.***

## **Community News You Can Use** *(continued)*

### **SFPL** *(continued)*

#### **News & Events**

- **Indigenous Peoples' Day**

In Observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day, the Salem Free Public Library Will be closed Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> through Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Library will reopen Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

- **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 pressing press Ctrl+Click on:**

[salemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes](http://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, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM.**

**"The Wish Child"** by: Catherine Chidgey

Germany, 1939. As Germany's hope for a glorious future begins to collapse, two children, Sieglinde and Erich, find temporary refuge in an abandoned theater amid the rubble of Berlin. Outside, white bedsheets hang from windows; all over the city, people are talking of surrender. The days Sieglinde and Erich spend together will shape the rest of their lives. Watching over them is the wish child, the enigmatic narrator of their story. He sees what they see, he feels what they feel, yet his is a voice that comes from deep inside the ruins of a nation's dream.

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

- **Programs & Events for the Grandchildren**

- **Fall Storytime**

**Every Wednesday at 10:30 AM**

**Starting September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

(no storytime on November 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Register at the Circulation Desk**

**Or call 860 859-1130**

*(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)*



- **LEGOS at The Library**

**First Wednesday of the month,**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, & November 5<sup>th</sup>,**

**from 4:00 – 5:00PM.**

*Recommended for ages 5+, little LEGOS will be used.*



- **Drop-in Play Group**

**Wednesdays after Storytime**

**from 11:00 – Noon.**

**Starting September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Stop by for a drop-in playgroup for 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 literary skills.*



- **Medieval Mini Painting**

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

**Limited to 10 participants, ages 10+**

**One mini per person**

**Register at the Circulation Desk**

**Or call 860 859-1130**

*(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)*



- **Graveyard Shadowbox**

**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 AM**

**Call 860 859-1130 to register**

*(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)*

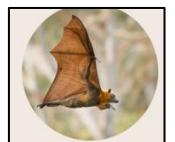


- **All About Bats**

**Wednesday, October 22<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM**

*Join us as Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife conservationist with the CT DEEP, discusses the economic value of bats, their migration and hibernation patterns, decline and disease as well as steps the public can take to help ensure the health and safety of our bat population.*

*(Funds for this project were provided by the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee and the national Park Service Under CFDA: 1 5-962 Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Assistance)*



## Community News You Can Use *(continued)*

**(SFPL)** *(continued)*

- **Friends of the Salem Free Public Library (FOSFPL) Used Book Sale**

The FOSFPL will hold its annual used book sale

**WHEN:** Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. (early entry for FOSFPL members & dealers only) at 6:00 PM

(all others) 7:00 – 9:00 PM, & Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 9 AM to 3PM. (entry for everyone)

**WHERE:** The Salem School, 200 Hartford Road, Salem.



For more information go to: <http://www.friends-of-the-salem-free-public-library.org>

- **Fashion in Fiction**

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM

Presented by: Kandie Carle

Jane Austen Literary Tea will be served! (tea donated by Simpson and Vail)

In 2025 we'll mark the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jane Austen – a literary icon who continues to entertain, delight and inspire generations of readers.

Join us for a delightful show and tell on the clothing of Regency England as reflected in Jane Austen's fiction. Includes dressing "Elizabeth Bennet: & Mr. Darcy, and readings from Miss Austen's letters and novels.

**Call 860 859-1130 to register. Recommended for ages 12 to adult, Limited to 40 attendees.**

*(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)*



## **Salem Recreation Department**

- **Lake Compounce Good Any Day Tickets**

Press **Ctrl+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.

- **Walk & Roll To School Day**

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>,  
at 8:00 AM



At the Bingham Field at the Salem School

Celebrate the benefits of walking  
with children & adults around the world!!

Coffee stand for parents/Guardians

Classroom Contest for the

Most Walkers & Giveaways!!

Pre-Register online by pressing **Ctrl+Click** on:

[www.salemct.gov/2025walktoschoolday](http://www.salemct.gov/2025walktoschoolday)

Learn more at by pressing **Ctrl+Click** on:

[www.walkbiketoschoolday](http://www.walkbiketoschoolday)

- **Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Monster Mash & Trick or Trunk**

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM -5:00 PM

Gardner Lake Firehouse  
429 Old Colchester Rd., Salem

**Free Event for all ages.**

Contact: Julie Silva at  
[GLVFCinfo@gmail.com](mailto:GLVFCinfo@gmail.com) to reserve a trunk.



**Community News You Can Use (continued)**

• **Find Your Footprint -Medallion Project**

Let us know when you've found your 2025 Medallion & submit a photo!



Find a medallion in the following preserves:

Walden Preserve, Zemko Sawmill Preserve, Multi-Purpose Path/Harris Brook Trail, Darling Road Preserve, Smuggler's Rock Preserve, Salem Riverside Preserve

[www.salemct.gov/recreation/footprintproject](http://www.salemct.gov/recreation/footprintproject)

Special Thanks to **Kim Ford, The Salem Land Trust, Teri Natoli**, and our Volunteers

• **Salem Woods Disc Golf Course**

Where: **Bob Appleby Fields  
At Volunteer Park  
24 Forsyth Road**



Come and try it out!!

Discs available for loan. Contact Us:

e-mail: [recreation@salemct.gov](mailto:recreation@salemct.gov), or

Call: 860-859-3873 x275

• **Adult Co-Ed Pickleball**

**Pick-Up Games**



When: **Saturday Mornings  
Through September 30<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and**

**Tuesday evenings,  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

Where: **Round Hill Road Tennis/  
Pickleball Courts**

When: **October 4<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Where: **Salem School, Multi Purpose Room**

For Salem & East Lyme Residents, age 18 and up  
Sign in upon arrival

• **Pilates – In-Person Classes**

**Monday evenings, 5:50 PM – 6:30 PM  
September 8 to Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 Classes**

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

**Thursday Mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> to Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 Press Ctrl+Click on:

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



• **Personal Euphoria Virtual Fitness Classes**

**Outdoor Family Yoga @ The Pavilion**

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, (6 weeks)  
Saturday Mornings 9:00 – 10:00 AM,**

Cost: Per Class Fee:

Residents: \$10 Adults \$5.00 Teens and Children\*

Non-Residents: Add \$5.00 per family

Drop-ins & all levels Welcome

To Register Press Ctrl+Click on:

<https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/register>

\* Children and Teens must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

**Bozrah Farmers Market – 2025 Season**

When: **Friday's, starting July 12<sup>th</sup> – October 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Where: **Bozrah Farmers Market, 45 Bozrah Street**

See the Information and Services Section page 18 for more information.

## Senior News

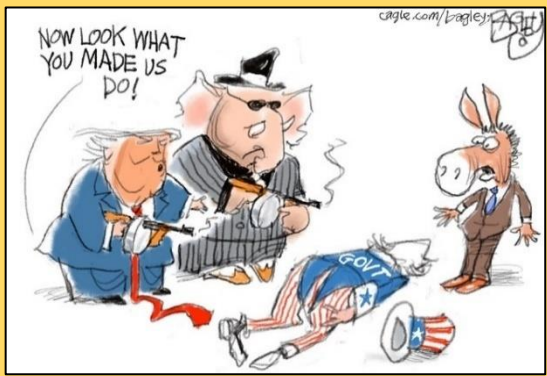
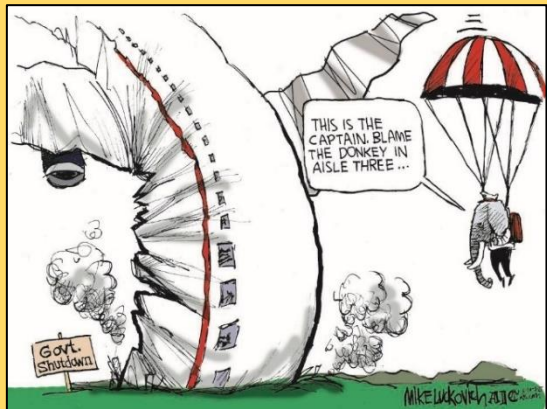
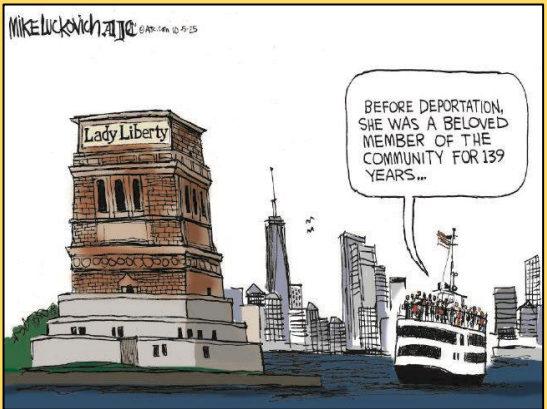
The Salem Seniors Group (SSG) boasts a current enrolment of over 190 members. Membership has tripled since the beginning of 2022. **Salem (or surrounding town) residents age 50 years or older are welcome to join the Salem Senior Citizen's Group!**

**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](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net), or call 860-961-9173, or Mary Cikatzen (Vice President): [mcikatzen@yahoo.com](mailto:mcikatzen@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](http://salemct.gov/salem-senior-citizens/pages/salem-seniors-group-newsletters) and click on the one you want.



# INFORMATION & SERVICES

## Public Town Meetings for September/October

*Meetings in November*

<b>Board of Finance,</b> Thursday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00	<b>Library Board of Directors,</b> Tuesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 PM
<b>Emergency Preparedness Agency</b> Tuesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM	<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission,</b> Tuesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM
<b>Charter Revision Commission*</b> Monday, October 16 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM	<b>Recreation Commission</b> Monday, October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM
<b>Economic Development Commission</b> Tuesday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 6:00 PM	<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b> Tuesday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM
<b>BOE Long-Range Educational Planning</b> Monday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5:00 PM	<b>Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission</b> Monday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7:00 PM
<b>Board of Selectmen,</b> Tuesday, November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM	<b>Charter Revision Commission*,</b> Thursday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM
<b>Library Board of Directors,</b> Tuesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 PM	<b>Emergency Preparedness Agency</b> Tuesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 PM
<b>Board of Finance,</b> Thursday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM	<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission,</b> Tuesday, November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 PM
<b>Recreation Commission</b> Monday, November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM	<b>Economic Development Commission</b> Tuesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 PM

\* Charter Commission meeting if needed.

To view the Town Public Meeting Calendar, press **Ctrl+Click** on:  
<https://www.salemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16>

## Help And Assistance

### **The CTALERT – Emergency Notification System**

#### Overview:

The State of Connecticut has a state-of-the-art emergency notification system to alert residents about emergencies in your area. (**State of CT Emergency Notification System (CTALERT)**)

To sign-up for CTALERT go to the website by **pressing Ctrl+Click** on:  
[member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721724#/signup](http://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721724#/signup)

### **Municipal Medical Transportation Service**

**The Caregiver Mileage Reimbursement and Medical Transportation program** is for adults 60+ and persons with disabilities who are unable to drive and need transportation medical appointments.

To access this service contact: **Agnes Miyuki, Salem’s Agent for the Elderly** at 860-859-3873 X 125. Agnes can provide all program and eligibility information.

Use the following link to view the **Guidelines for the Municipal Medical Transportation Service:**  
[salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4966/f/uploads/transportation\\_fy22\\_packet\\_0.pdf](http://salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4966/f/uploads/transportation_fy22_packet_0.pdf).

**[Help And Assistance \(continued\)](#)**

**211 Infoline Help**

Follow the link <https://www.211ct.org/> to the webpage for more information on how 211 can assist you or someone you know that needs help.

**Connecticut Prescription Drug Discount Card Program**

**All Connecticut Residents Can Sign Up for the Free Discount Card to Receive Savings on Medication**

A prescription drug discount card program was launched in Connecticut on October 2, 2023, enabling all residents of the state to receive savings on certain prescription drugs. The program was established by a provision of Governor Lamont’s health care affordability bill (Public Act 23-171), which was approved by the General Assembly and signed into law in June. It is administered by the Office of the State Comptroller.

For more information on how the **ArrayRx discount card works**, including a list of frequently asked questions and a drug price lookup tool, **press Ctrl+Click** on [arrayrxcard.com/](http://arrayrxcard.com/). or review our **February 2024 Newsletter**

**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 need, 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 pressing Ctrl+Click on: [careandshareofel.org/](http://careandshareofel.org/).**

**Food Pantries**

Below are a few of the local food pantries available in our area. Please contact them directly to get on their list and for more information as to when they are open for pick up. If you need assistance with pick up let the agency know and they can arrange for delivery.

Name	Locations	Contact	Phone Number
Care and Share	12 Roxbury Road	Niantic	860-739-8502
United Way Mobile Food Pantry	Three Rivers Community College	Norwich	860-464-3327
Rosalyn Allen Food Pantry	Mobile Pantry	Norwich	860-822-4146

**Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA)**

Senior volunteer programs, often part of AmeriCorps Seniors, provide opportunities for individuals aged 55 and older to contribute their skills and experience to their communities. These programs, such as RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), connect volunteers with various organizations to address local needs, often in areas like education, health, and social services. Due cuts in federal and state government funding for the AmeriCorps Seniors the RSVP/Senior Volunteer Program is no longer available. However, assistance for things like food and nutrition, energy, housing, and more is still available through TVCCA. **Please visit the website by pressing Ctrl+Click on [TVCCA.org](http://TVCCA.org) or call our main receptionist number 860-444-6600.**

**[News And Information](#)**

**The Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRRA)**



**2025 Household Hazardous Waste and Confidential Paper Shredding Schedule.**

- **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Ledyard:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Ledyard High School 24 Gallup Hill Rd.

**News And Information (continued)**



**SCRRA (continued)**

**Participation Protocol**

All events start at 9:00 AM and end promptly at 1:00 PM.

As you enter the event line, a SCRRA team member will greet you and conduct a brief survey.

Please stay in your vehicle for safety. If your items are in your trunk, pop the trunk for easy unloading by our crew.

If you want your totes and other containers returned, let our crew know. For gas can returns, we will move your vehicle to the side while the gas cans are emptied and then returned to your vehicle.

SCRRA covers the costs associated with these events, so they are free to households within our participating communities. Commercial and large generators of hazardous waste are NOT accepted.

**Use caution when transporting HHW materials!** Use the original containers when possible. Secure items safely during transport to avoid spillage.

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

<u>From the Shed &amp; Garage</u>	<u>From the Lawn &amp; Garden</u>	<u>From the Basement &amp; Bathroom</u>	<u>NOT ACCEPTED</u>
Kerosene	Insecticides	Latex & Oil Paint, Stains & Varnish	Tires
Old Gasoline	Pool Chemicals	Paint Thinner	Ammunition / Gun Powder
Radiator Chemicals	Herbicides	Drain Cleaners	Auto & Marine Flares
Auto Body Chemicals	Rat Poison	Photographic Chemicals	Radioactive Materials
Fuel Additives	Moth Balls	Nail Polish Remover	Large Barrels or Drums
Car Battery Acid	Fungicides	Oven Cleaners	Commercial Qty's of Paint, etc.
Camp Stove Fuel	Weed Removal Chemicals	Toilet Bowl Cleaners	Businesses with large amounts
All Light Bulbs	And much more!!	All Home Batteries	of Paper Shredding

**CONFIDENTIAL RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING**

**ACCEPTED**

**NOT ACCEPTED**

Tax Documents	News Papers
Financial Documents	Junk Mail
Financial Statements	Non-Sensitive Documents
Personal Documents	e.g., newspapers, brochures, junk mail, etc.

**For more information & questions about collections please contact SCRRA at <https://www.scrarra.org/>, or phone 860-381-5558.**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**SALEM LIONS CLUB**

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

**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, press Ctrl+Click on: <https://www.salemfireco.com/>.**
- **Gardner Lake Fire Company – NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860- 859-1743. To visit their website, press Ctrl+Click on: [gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home](http://gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home).**

## [Volunteer Opportunities](#) *(continued)*

### **FRIENDS OF THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOSFPL)**

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. Check out the FOSFPL new webpage at [www.friends-of-the-salem-free-public-library.org](http://www.friends-of-the-salem-free-public-library.org).

*If you would like to help, contact Bart Drennen at 860-235-5889.*

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### **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](mailto:dee@mitchellfarm.org).

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### **SALEM SCHOOL**

Volunteers are always welcome at **Salem School**. Anyone interested in volunteering can go to the Salem School website by **pressing Ctrl+Click** on: [salemschools.org](http://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.

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### **CARE & SHARE**

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### **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](mailto:lschroeder@snet.net) or call 860-908-9553.*

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### **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](mailto:kayzak@hotmail.com).**

## [Activities In Our Region](#)

### **Bozrah Farmers Market – 2025 Season**

The market is located at 45 Bozrah St, Bozrah. **Market nights are Fridays from July 12<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Activities In Our Region (continued)**

**Niantic Bay Playhouse**

**Upcoming Events at The Niantic Bay Playhouse** (279 Main Street, Niantic)

2025 Season

- **“Hello Dolly”** – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, & Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **“Murder Mystery”** – October 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>
- **“White Christmas”** – December 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Check the theatre’s website for show times & tickets by **pressing Ctrl+Click** on: [nianticbayplayhouse.org/](http://nianticbayplayhouse.org/).

**Goodspeed Opera House**

**Upcoming Events at The Goodspeed Opera House** (6 Main Street, East Haddam)

- **“All Shook Up”** – June 27<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **“A Chorus Line”** – September 5<sup>th</sup> – October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **“White Christmas”** – November 14<sup>th</sup> – December 28<sup>th</sup>.

For details on the shows check out our May Newsletter or go to **Goodspeed website** at:

<https://www.goodspeed.org/>

**Ivoryton Playhouse**

**Upcoming Events at The Ivoryton Playhouse** (103 Main Street, Ivoryton)

Join the Salem Seniors at the Ivoryton Playhouse for any of the following shows.

- **“My Fair Lady”** – book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner; music by Frederick Loewe, **August 7<sup>th</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **“Incident At Our Lady Of Perpetual Help”** – by Katie Forgette, **October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **“Playhouse Holiday Jamboree”** – Created by Katie Barton and Ben Hope, **November 20<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>**

For details on the shows check out our May Newsletter or go to Ivoryton Playhouse website at:

<https://www.ivorytonplayhouse.org/>

**Mitchell Farm Fall Festival**

**Where:** Mitchell Farm, 300 East Haddam Rd. (Rt. 82)  
**When:** **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
 Rain date, Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.



**FREE ADMISSION**

**MEET THE HORSES AND DONKEYS**

**Hayrides** – \$5 donation, ages 3 and under free! (hosted by the Salem Lions Club)  
 Pulled by a tractor through horse pastures. Get up close to the beautiful, retired horses! Includes a **FREE PUMPKIN** for kids under 13 (While supply lasts)

**The Salem Seniors will be holding a bake sale during the festival.**

**All monies raised will be donated to the Mitchell Farm Retirement home for horses.**



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