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The SDTC Candidates for Town Offices in November

First Selectman



Sue Spang

Board of Selectmen



Dianne Weston



Gary Closius

Board of Education

Jennifer Rucci
Perry Raulerson
Arthur C. Nagel
Mariae Cuadros

Planning & Zoning Commission

Tony Griggs
Kim Hargrave
Sarah Diamond

Board of Finance

Matthew Rucci

Board of Finance Alternate

Kay Zak

Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate

Sophie Arustei

Board of Assessment Appeals

Dennis Girard

Zoning Board of Appeals

Becky Nortz
Jennifer Lindo

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate

Ed Artale

Library Board of Directors

Mary E. Whittaker
Becky Nortz
Mary N. Cikatz

The SDTC Needs Volunteers

The SDTC needs volunteers to fill 3 vacancies on the ballot for the November election for Board of Finance (full member & alternate) & PZC (alternate)

If interested please contact Gary Closius at: gclosius@sbcglobal.net or 860-961-9173.

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

Dear Neighbor,

The Maritime Heritage Festival came to New London's Fort Trumbull State Park and New London Waterfront Park the weekend of September 6th & 7th. As an honorary chair of this local celebration, I couldn't be happier to see a full weekend of events come to our region, from Friday night's screenings of the summer classic "Jaws" to the ships on display, children's walking parade, helicopter demonstrations and much more that will fill the waterfront this weekend.

On Friday, I had the incredible opportunity to tour the USS Normandy before the festivities kicked off – what an amazing piece of American history! I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to bring this ship to New London and make it available for our community to experience. From the sailors who proudly serve aboard her, to the organizers, partners, and local leaders who made this visit possible, your efforts allow us to connect with our nation's naval heritage in a meaningful way. It was an honor to step aboard.

Trump Forces Wind Project to Stop

Despite the project having been underway for more than two years and being more than 80% complete, Connecticut this week is reacting to President Trump ordering a stop of construction on the off-shore Revolution Wind project shared by Connecticut and Rhode Island. The Governors of both states decried halting the project, which would have powered more than a quarter million homes while creating clean energy jobs, and said they would find a way to make sure its work would be completed.



Connecticut A Top-10 Safe State to Raise a Family

A new national study found Connecticut is the sixth-safest state to raise a family in the United States, with low crime rates, low rates of firearm possession in schools strong environmental support and more helping our state land a top-10 placement. The Today Show reported the study analyzed 26 different safety factors, with the Northeast taking four of the top five spots as well; only Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont and Hawaii are safer states than the Nutmeg State. Press **Ctrl+click** [HERE](#) to view the Tday.com article.

RSV Vaccines Available

In addition to flu and COVID shots, vaccines for RSV are now available at pharmacies, though they have different functions for different age groups. Older adults between the ages of 50 and 75 are recommended to get an RSV shot if they have risk factors for serious illness, while adults over the age of 75 should get one. However, that vaccine is considered a "lifetime dose" that will offer high protection levels for at least one year if not more. Pregnant women can receive the RSV vaccine from September to January if they are between their 32nd and 36th weeks of pregnancy, which does not just protect the mother but passes protection to the baby for the first six months of their life. Finally, there is a monoclonal antibody for newborns that can provide them protection for four to six months if their mother did not get vaccinated before their birth.



Connecticut Minimum Wage to Grow

Connecticut's minimum wage, which is tied to the federal employment cost index, will increase by about 60 cents on January 1, 2026, rising from \$16.35 per hour to \$16.94. The change accounts for the employment cost index growing by about 3.6% year-over-year from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Under the change, pending other states' announcements through the end of 2025, Connecticut will have one of the highest minimum wages in the country; only California and Washington state offer higher hourly pay than Connecticut's current \$16.35.

East Lyme I-95 Exit Closures

There will be temporary lane and ramp closures on I-95 for Exits 70-72 north – and southbound through November 23rd for overnight work, 7 PM to 5 AM. Detour routes will be clearly posted and motorists should take time and remain alert when traveling.

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

Connecticut Schools Have Staff Shortages

With the start of the new school year in full swing, Connecticut classrooms need more teachers, CT Insider reported. Across the state, there are as many as 2,500 educator vacancies, including school counseling and paraeducator roles. Bilingual education, history, math, special education, science and teaching English to speakers of other languages are among the most-sought roles for those seeking work.

Press **Ctrl+click** [HERE](#) to view the **CTInsider** article.



Hazardous Waste Collection

Residents of Bozrah, East Lyme, Montville, New London, Salem and Waterford can dispose of household hazardous waste on Saturday, September 13th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Wheeler High School in North Stonington. For more information see pp xx21 in the **Information & Services** section of the newsletter.

Salem Tag Sale

Salem will have a community tag sale on Saturday, September 27th from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Salem Community Park Pavilion and local businesses. For more information see p 16 in the **News You Can Use section of the newsletter under the Recreation Department**.

Paving In Old Saybrook

Starting September 5th, Cornfield Point in Old Saybrook will have a paving project with Hartlands Drive, Pratt Road, Gates Road, Mohican Road and Sea Lane impacted. The work will include pulverizing existing roadways, installing drainage and paving roads.

Waterford Jordan Green Living History

On Saturday, September 13th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the Waterford Historical Society will offer an open house and living history event on the Waterford Jordan Green. The open house will feature live reenactments.

New London Family Festival

New London's **Down by the Riverside** family festival will take place Saturday, September 13th at 11:00 AM. The free, public event will feature live music, animals, food, magic and art among other features.

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.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Martha E. Marx'.

Martha Marx, State Senator 20th District

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

Dear Neighbor,

I want to take time to express my unequivocal support for State Representative Corey Paris.

Last week, Representative Paris issued a simple message on social media: to remain vigilant in light of reports of ICE activity, and to look out for one another. His message was rooted in compassion and concern for his community.



Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District, continued from p 3)

Instead of being received as the act of public service that it was, Representative Paris has endured a wave of vicious vitriol, harassment, and racist attacks, including threats against his family. (Coverage can be found by pressing **Ctrl+click** [HERE](#), [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).)

This campaign of intimidation is inherently un-American and completely unacceptable.

Attorney General William Tong has made clear that Representative Paris's words are firmly protected under the First Amendment. House Speaker Matt Ritter rightly called his message a "powerful" reminder of neighbors caring for neighbors.

They are right, and we must echo their support.

This is what true patriotism looks like: having the courage to speak out for those who live in fear.

Representative Paris demonstrated patriotism by putting people before power and by choosing unity and compassion over indifference.

As Representative Paris himself said, his fear is nothing compared to the fear undocumented people live with every single day.

That is why his leadership matters, and why we must all commit to standing against warrantless raids, conducted by unidentifiable agents acting under the color of law, that tear families and communities apart.

I urge you to join me in supporting Representative Paris, condemning the harassment he has faced, and reaffirming our shared commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities.

That is the work of justice.

That is the work of democracy.

That is the work of freedom.

Having just celebrated the holiday, I wanted to share this Labor Day statement from the Democratic members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

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"Labor Day is the day we honor and celebrate the achievements, social and economic, of the American worker as well as the labor movement that fought for better working conditions during the 19th century.

Today, the American worker is under attack by the most anti-worker, anti-labor administration in our history, and just recently, the administration intensified its attacks on the union rights of federal employees at several agencies.

Here in Connecticut, state lawmakers have taken action to protect workers, including strengthening labor laws at the state level and launching programs to mitigate potential changes from the federal government. We also enhanced wage protections and expanded paid leave.

The Office of the Attorney General is in place as an advocate for federal workers facing challenges. We care about workers in Connecticut, and we stand with them. We will continue to fight back against policies or Executive Orders that would harm them and their families."

I endorse this message.

Strengthen the Trust Act

We had the chance to boldly strengthen our state's Trust Act, to extend greater protections for our residents and refuse to do business with companies that comply with ICE's unlawful demands. While we saw promising progress in the legislature, the final result fell short of the robust defense our community deserves.

Our initial call for stronger protections was right, and recent events have only made it clearer: we must do better to safeguard these fundamental human rights against authoritarian overreach.

Letter From CT STUDENTS FOR A DREAM

August 28th was the first day of school at Wilber Cross High School in New Haven. Students found their classrooms and reconnected with teachers, but one seat was heartbreakingly empty.



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

That seat belonged to Erdras, a hardworking student, always the first to arrive, always ready to learn. But today Instead of starting his junior year, Esdras was locked in a detention center in Plymouth Massachusetts, preparing for an immigration hearing.

He was taken this summer while working his job at a carwash – and since then, he’s been dragged through detention centers in Rhode Island, Louisiana, and back to Massachusetts.

This is not justice. This is not safety. This is cruelty.

Esdras belongs in a classroom – not a cage. We will not stop until he is free and home where he belongs.

EDITORS NOTE: *since this letter was written the 18-year-old Wilbur Cross student whose detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement sparked local protests was freed from federal custody Tuesday after a judge ordered his release. The group **CONNECTICUT STUDENTS FOR A DREAM** said Esdrás Zabaleta-Ramírez left a detention center in Plymouth, Massachusetts, after posting a \$1,500 bond more than a month after he was arrested at his workplace.*

Energy Assistance Program

The Generation Power CT (GPCT) Emergency Energy Assistance Program (formerly named Operation Fuel) opened on Tuesday, September 2nd., and will run through September 10th.

This program provides a one-time grant of up to \$500 to help eligible Connecticut households with electric, gas, or fuel expenses 🏠💡

Increasing energy costs are a challenge for many in the state, and GPCT has helped to provide families across Connecticut with secure access to heat, power, and water.

All GPCT energy programs are available to income-eligible households making up to 75% SMI gross household income. Each income-eligible household that receives a GPCT Energy Assistance Award will receive up to \$500 toward a future fuel delivery or toward a past-due utility bill.

For the best chance of approval, and to make full use of this once-per-12-months grant, GPCT strongly encourages households to apply for assistance when you are most in need. GPCT has four Energy Assistance Application Cycles:

2025
September 2nd – 10th
November 2nd – 10th
2026
January 2nd – 10th
March 2nd – 10th

To learn more about eligibility requirements and application materials, **Press Ctrl+click [HERE](#)** or visit their website: gpct.org/gethelp/.

Student Loan Relief

Eligible residents can get up to \$5,000/year toward student loans by:

- ✅ Volunteering 50+ hours in your community (food banks, shelters, mentorships & more)
- ✅ Meeting income and CT residency requirements

Why it matters: This program rewards those who give back through education and service. Now with expanded eligibility!

Already volunteered this year? You might qualify.

Already got 2024 funds? Reapply next year.

Details can be found by pressing **Ctrl+click [HERE](#)** or by scanning the **QR Code** to the right.



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

Around the 37th

I was honored to present a citation to Jim Harris in recognition of his 25 years as Shoreline Leo Club Advisor! Through his dedication, Jim has guided generations of young people, giving Leo members a model of leadership, service, and community spirit to learn from. His commitment has left a lasting impact not just on the Leo Club, but on our entire community.

Thank you, Jim, for your years of service and for inspiring the next generation of leaders.

Sincerely,



Nick Menapace

State Representative 37th District

Opinion

Thomas Jefferson Meets Donald Trump in the Oval Office (satire)

JEFFERSON:

Mr. Trump. I've read your speeches. Watched your conduct. Heard your calls for loyalty—not to the Constitution, but to yourself. Tell me plainly—do you believe in a government of laws or of men?

TRUMP (smirking):

Look, Tom—can I call you Tom? Here's the deal. The people love me. Nobody's ever had support like I've got. We're restoring order. Power was too spread out—too many weak people in the way. I'm just doing what works.



JEFFERSON:

What works in the short term often destroys the long term. Power unchecked becomes tyranny. We saw it in kings. You are not crowned, Mr. Trump—you are elected. And you serve only by the consent of the governed.

TRUMP:

Consent? I got 74 million votes. That's consent. And when the system's rigged, when the media lies, when judges don't play fair—you better believe I'll take control. The people want strength.

JEFFERSON:

The people also wanted Caesar. And they lost their Republic.

When fear and faction replace truth and principle, democracy becomes a performance—just a stage for the loudest voice. That is not strength. That is spectacle.

TRUMP (leaning forward):

What's wrong with spectacle? You think anyone remembers quiet leaders? No—they remember winners. We're making America great again. Strong borders. Strong economy. Strong leadership.

JEFFERSON:

Greatness without virtue is just empire. We declared independence to escape strongmen who mistook authority for righteousness. I wrote those words so no future ruler—elected or not—could forget the limits of power.

TRUMP:

That was 250 years ago. Things are different now. We've got enemies everywhere—inside and out. You've got to fight fire with fire. The press is the enemy. Judges don't listen. Congress? Useless. You think your little parchment still applies?

Opinion (continued from p 6)**Satire** (continued)**JEFFERSON** (coldly):*Yes. And if it no longer applies, then the Republic is already lost.**You speak of enemies, but you divide your own countrymen. You praise autocrats. You mock reason. You stir up mobs and silence dissent. You do not preserve the Union—you fracture it.***TRUMP:***I know loyalty. I know winning. You're too idealistic. This isn't the Age of Reason anymore—it's the age of survival.***JEFFERSON:***And in trading liberty for survival, you will have neither.**I did not risk treason against a king to see my country fall under the rule of another—in a red tie instead of a crown.**Power must always serve the people—not bend them to its will.***TRUMP** (standing up):*You had your time, Tom. You wrote your fancy words. I'm doing what has to be done.***JEFFERSON** (softly, yet fiercely):*And I wrote those words for moments exactly like this.**When the flame of liberty flickers low...**When truth is drowned out by volume...**When one man seeks to become more than the people who gave him power...**That's when patriots must rise—not with muskets—but with memory. With courage. With principle.**Because tyranny never knocks—it slips in through applause.^[1]*

[1] This is a fictional dialogue written by Andrew Tobias, a political commentator and author. It was published on his website as a satirical piece imagining a dramatic exchange between Thomas Jefferson and President Trump.

Opinion

I found the satirical piece above and after reading it, it caused me to stop and reflect on the current state of our nation and the extraordinary courage and sacrifice our founding fathers displayed. At the time their dissidence was considered *high treason* against the British Crown. When the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776, they were knowingly committing an act that, under English law, was punishable by death. The punishment for men was brutal: hanging, drawing, and quartering—a multi-stage execution meant to be a public deterrent. For women, the penalty was burning at the stake, reflecting the era's grim notions of "decency". The fact that the U.S. Constitution has guided our country's leadership for almost 250 years is a testament to their foresight and wisdom.

Make no mistake about it our country as we know it, a republic of sovereign states, and the freedoms we enjoy are slowly being eroded. The National Guard and in some cases Federal troops are being deployed to cities without the request or consent of the state's Governors.

Despite common misconceptions the U.S. Constitution applies to **all** people in the United States, not just citizens. The U.S. Constitution uses the word "*person*" rather than "*citizen*" in many of its protections, which has profound legal implications. The Supreme Court has consistently upheld that constitutional protections apply to all persons within U.S. borders, regardless of immigration status.

Key Constitutional Rights for undocumented immigrants and citizens alike:• **Due Process (5th & 14th Amendments)**

Undocumented immigrants cannot be deprived of life, liberty, or property without fair legal procedures. This includes the right to a hearing before deportation and protection against indefinite detention.

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- **Equal Protection (14th Amendment)**

States cannot deny any person equal protection under the law. This was affirmed in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982), which struck down a Texas law denying public education to undocumented children.

- **Freedom of Speech and Religion (1st Amendment)**

Undocumented immigrants have the right to express their views, practice their religion, and assemble peacefully.

- **Protection Against Unreasonable Searches (4th Amendment)**

Undocumented immigrants are protected from unlawful searches and seizures, meaning authorities generally need a warrant or probable cause. **Administrative warrants do not authorize forced entry into a private residence or private areas of businesses.** An administrative warrant is typically issued for civil or regulatory purposes, not criminal enforcement. Examples include housing code inspections, health and safety checks, or immigration-related actions.

- **Right to Legal Counsel in Criminal Cases (6th Amendment)**

If charged with a crime, they have the right to an attorney and a fair trial.

People's personal rights are being slowly eroded or at the very least, violated when ICE or U.S.CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) agents scoop people off the street, citizens or not, throw them in to a van, take them to a detention center, put them on an airplane to go to who knows where. All without due process, in violation of the rights granted by the 5th & 14th amendments.

Although there's no official policy from the Trump administration explicitly stating that immigrants with dissenting views are being targeted for deportation. There have, however, been several recent legal challenges and reporting that suggest certain immigration enforcement tactics have disproportionately affected individuals based on race, language, or perceived political dissent, thus raising serious constitutional concerns. The Trump administration has taken steps that many critics have interpreted as targeting colleges and universities with dissenting or progressive views, particularly through funding threats, lawsuits, and policy changes in violation of the 1st amendment.

In light of the above actions being taken by the Trump Administration, Thomas Jefferson's words from the satirical piece above;

"When one man seeks to become more than the people who gave him power...

That's when patriots must rise—not with muskets—but with memory. With courage. With principle."

echoed loudly in my head. Each of us must do a "gut check". We must not go along with or accept these actions just because it is easier than resisting, or because someone else will do it, or we are afraid of retaliation. We must identify and call out the abuses *every time*. We must support those who support the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law. We must let our elected officials in the State House, in the Congress and ultimately in the White House know where we stand and what we expect of them. Public officials must be held accountable for their actions and record. ***We must vote, in local elections because the changes we want to see nationally must be cultivated first locally.***

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – September 6, 2025



Opinion

The Trump Administration Shuts Down the off-Shore Revolution Wind Electric Generation Project but at What Cost to CT

Background

The Revolution Wind project is a fully federally permitted landmark offshore wind farm being developed by Ørsted and Eversource, located about 15 nautical miles southeast of Point Judith, Rhode Island. It is 32 miles southeast of the Connecticut coast and 12 miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard. It's the first multi-state offshore wind project in the U.S., designed to deliver clean energy to both Connecticut and Rhode Island. Its completion cost is estimated to be \$4 billion.

As of August 2025, the project is 80% complete, with all offshore foundations installed and 45 out of 65 wind turbines erected.

Project Overview

- Capacity: 704 megawatts (MW) total, 400 MW to Rhode Island, and 304 MW to Connecticut.
- Homes Powered: Enough electricity for over 350,000 homes

Timeline:

- Construction began in 2023
- First turbine installed in September 2024
- Expected to be fully operational by 2026

Infrastructure & Investment

- Includes 65 wind turbines, offshore substations, and export cables
- ***Connecticut invested \$255 million to upgrade State Pier in New London as a staging hub***
- Federal tax credits could cover up to \$1.2 billion of the ~\$4 billion total cost

Economic Development Underway

- Ørsted has a growing co-U.S. headquarters in Providence.
- Their ProvPort construction hub is powered by local union workers who build components for wind turbine foundations.
- Their newly opened logistics hub at Quonset is bustling with activity.
- Their investments in State Pier in New London are making it a regional hub of the offshore wind industry, and workers here are staging and assembling components for all our Northeast projects.
- Crew transfer vessels, which will provide transportation to and from our wind farms, are being built by Rhode Island shipyards Blount Boats and Senesco Marine.

Strategic Importance

- **Supports climate goals:**
 - Rhode Island's target of 100% renewable energy by 2033
 - Connecticut's clean energy mandates
 - Helps diversify New England's energy mix and improve grid reliability

Economic Ripple Effects

- **Job Losses:** More than **2,500 direct U.S. jobs** are at risk. These include:
 - Shipbuilders and marine logistics crews
 - Manufacturing staff producing components
 - Union laborers slated for offshore installation work later this year

A prolonged shutdown could lead to layoffs and lost wages, especially in southeastern Connecticut.

- **Missed Tax Revenue:** The project was expected to generate local and state tax revenue through employment, business activity, and energy production. A halt means those revenues may never materialize.
- **Loss of Leadership:** Connecticut was positioning itself as a regional hub for offshore wind. A failed flagship project could deter future investment and erode its competitive edge.

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Energy & Ratepayer Impact

- **Higher Electricity Costs:** The project was expected to deliver **305 MW of clean energy** to Connecticut. Without it, the state may need to rely more on fossil fuels or expensive imports, potentially driving up utility bills. The CT DEEP also estimated that Revolution Wind's power purchase agreement with Connecticut would save the state's ratepayers \$150 million to \$200 million over the 20-year life of the contract.
- **Lost Price Stability:** Offshore wind contracts offer long-term price certainty. Their absence could expose ratepayers to volatile energy markets, especially during peak demand seasons.

Strategic & Environmental Costs

- **Climate Goals Jeopardized:** Connecticut's clean energy targets rely heavily on offshore wind. Delays could force the state to revise its decarbonization timeline or invest in costlier alternatives.
- **Loss of Leadership:** Connecticut was positioning itself as a regional hub for offshore wind. A failed flagship project could deter future investment and erode its competitive edge.

In short, the shutdown risks turning a nearly-complete \$4 billion clean energy project into a costly missed opportunity. The longer the delay, the greater the burden on taxpayers, ratepayers, and the state's economic future.

Impact on Ørsted

- **Financial Fallout**
 - **Stock Decline:** Ørsted's shares dropped **16%** immediately after the stop-work order was announced, compounding losses from earlier financial pressures.
 - **Capital Crunch:** Just weeks before the shutdown, Ørsted announced a **\$9.4 billion rights issue** to shore up its balance sheet. The halt adds uncertainty for investors already wary of offshore wind economics.
 - **Stranded Assets:** With the project 80% complete, Ørsted has sunk billions into turbines, foundations, and infrastructure that may now sit idle.
 - **Strategic Risks**
 - **Investor Confidence:** The American Clean Power Association warned that the shutdown sends a message that the U.S. may no longer be a "reliable place for long-term energy investments".
 - **Legal Action:** Ørsted is exploring **litigation** to challenge the federal order, which could lead to prolonged court battles and additional costs.
 - **Pipeline Disruption:** Revolution Wind was a flagship in Ørsted's U.S. portfolio. Its halt could jeopardize future projects and partnerships, especially in politically volatile environments.
 - **Reputation & Market Position**
 - Ørsted has built its brand on being a global leader in green energy. A high-profile shutdown undermines that narrative and could affect its standing with regulators, governments, and climate-focused investors.
- In short, the shutdown is more than a temporary setback—it's a strategic crisis that could reshape Ørsted's U.S. ambitions and reverberate across the global offshore wind industry.

Current Status

- A federal stop-work order issued by the Trump administration has temporarily halted offshore construction, citing economic and national security concerns.

Opinion

The Trump administration's shutdown of the Revolution Wind project in was officially justified on the grounds of national security and maritime interference concerns. According to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), the stop-work order was issued to allow time to "address concerns related to the protection of national security interests of the United States and prevention of interference with reasonable uses of the exclusive economic zone, the high seas, and the territorial seas". This despite the fact that the project remains fully permitted, with all federal and state approvals in place—including its Construction and Operations Plan approved in November 2023. BOEM and the US Coast Guard meticulously analyzed the protection of US interests as part of the record of decision years ago. The review ensured that transit by Coast Guard vessels and US Navy warships would not be hindered by the placement of Revolution Wind turbines.

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President Trump has long been hostile to wind farms, and has previously asserted without evidence that they cause cancer. He also finds them "ugly," has said coal and nuclear power is a better option for the country and suggested that wind turbines cause more bird deaths than pollution from coal-fired power plants. Commercial fishers claim the project has screwed up squid, cod and scallop harvests in the area and the project is hurting their bottom lines and could be affecting the endangered North Atlantic right whales. However, according to NOAA and BOEM, there is no evidence that offshore wind development has caused whale deaths or strandings. Claims linking wind farms to whale mortality have been repeatedly debunked by marine scientists. While wind farms can disrupt fishing operations during construction, long-term impacts are often manageable or even beneficial. The key is smart siting, stakeholder engagement, and rigorous environmental monitoring.

In essence, while the Trump Administration cites national security and maritime concerns there is no credible evidence to support the concerns. The shutdown of the Revolution Wind project is driven more by ideological opposition to renewable energy than by substantiated threats. The cost, both economic and clean renewable energy, to CT and southern New England is massive.

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – September 9, 2025

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

- **Visibility Brigade Waterford ***

When: Saturday, September, 13th, 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 national 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/DwRrxsZHJuJnyrTT9>

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).

- **Visibility Brigade Stonington ***

When: Sunday, September 14th, 10:00 AM – Noon.

Where: On I-95 overpass on Pequot Trail (41.374634, -71.917289).

Join this new group to hold signs and wave banners in a high profile location on a bridge in Stonington above I95.

The group would love American and Pride Flags!

For questions or to RSVP, email indivisiblesect@proton.me

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6WLt2ZtBNV6RNPBL6>

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

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

Town Hall Meetings, Rallies, Protests, Marches, and Meetings (continued from pp 11)

• Next BIG Day of Protest!

When: Saturday, October 18th, 10:00 AM – Noon.

Where: Jordan Green, 65 Rope Ferry RD., Waterford.

NO KINGS is the theme!

RSVP: <https://www.mobilize.us/dashboard/nokings/event/842334/>



• What Can You DO?

From the Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG): Support the call for a fall special session – Send a letter to Governor Lamont today.

As the Federal budget cuts continue, the need for a Special Legislative Session this fall becomes increasingly crucial. Governor Lamont must declare a state of emergency and call a special session this fall to reject the Trump budget and legislators must:

- Protect Connecticut residents from these cruel cuts.
- Reject Trump's wrongheaded budget and capture the tax cuts for the wealthy to ensure our ability to withstand the cuts and build a better tomorrow.
- Adjust Connecticut's fiscal constraints in a manner that recognizes the needs of our residents and changes at the federal level.

* 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
TOTALS	281	255	1,325
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			
October			
November			
December			

* Data current through August 31st

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
Illinois	8	21	Nevada	0	3
Texas	1	21	Arkansas	0	2
California	1	18	Colorado	0	2
Georgia	1	16	District of Colum	0	2
Ohio	1	16	Hawaii	0	2
Pennsylvania	0	14	Kentucky	0	2
Louisiana	0	13	Nebraska	1	2
Mississippi	3	12	Oregon	0	2
Florida	1	9	Delaware	0	1
Indiana	1	9	Idaho	0	1
New York	4	9	Iowa	1	1
Maryland	2	8	Maine	0	1
Michigan	1	8	Massachusetts	0	1
Missouri	1	8	Montana	1	1
South Carolina	0	8	New Mexico	0	1
Virginia	2	8	Utah	0	1
North Carolina	0	7	West Virginia	1	1
Tennessee	0	7	Wyoming	0	1
Alabama	0	6	Alaska	0	0
Minnesota	2	6	Kansas	0	0
Oklahoma	0	6	New Hampshire	0	0
Washington	1	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* 10,205**

Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 18,663

* Data through September 5th

** 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

The Salem DTC Meeting Schedule – 2025

The Salem DTC 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

- **Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Nov. 5th, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School

Community News You Can Use

Salem Free Public Library (SFPL)

Library Report – August

- The Salem Free Public Library wrapped up a very successful Summer Reading Program in August! This program engages the entire community to visit the library, attend programs, and read!
 - There were 192 people registered for the Summer Reading Program.
 - 1,766 Books were read!
 - 994 patrons attended Summer Reading Program events.
 - SFPL offered 35 programs during the Summer Reading Program
 - The Salem Free Public Library received generous donations from the following organizations and donors: The Basketball Hall of Fame, Citadel Games in Groton, CT, The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Heidi Rocha (local author), The Music Bureau in Salem, CT, The Norwich Sea Unicorns, and Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream.
- On August 9, the library held a Family Bingo Night. There were 13 participants.
- On August 11, the library hosted a Magic Show with host, Ed Popielarczyk. There were 28 attendees.
- On August 13 the library held a Family Movie Night, and the Minecraft Movie was shown.
- On August 16, the program Build-a-Bouquet workshop with presenter Leslie Collins was a full and waitlisted program.
- During the month of August, library patrons could participate in a Sticker Mosaic Puzzle, there were 110 participants.
- During Summer Reading, from June 21 to August 11 the library held a Super Mario scavenger hunt. There were 84 participants.

Library Building and Collection

- The Windows 11 upgrade is complete and all staff and public computers have the upgrade. We have also upgraded our Microsoft applications for Word and Excel.
- The First Selectman has sent the Library Policies to the Town Lawyer to have them reviewed. The First Selectman made a phone call to the lawyer, Monday September 2 and left a message to get a status update.
- ***The SFPL served 1,961 patrons and provided 84 patrons with technical help in August.***

News & Events

- ***The Salem Free Public Library will be closing at 5:00 PM on Thursday September 11, 2025 for a staff meeting.***
- ***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.

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SFPL (continued)

News & Events

- **Books in the Afternoon Book Club; Thursday, September 25th, at 1:00 PM.**

"The Mosquito Coast" -by Paul Theroux

The paranoid and brilliant inventor Allie Fox uproots his family from their New England farm to live in the Honduran jungle, determined to build a civilization better than the one they've left. An individualist, Allie sees modern America as wasteful, immoral, and messy. Fleeing from materialism and conformity, he hopes to rediscover a purer life. Told by fourteen-year-old Charlie Fox, who observes his father with a mixture of love, astonishment, and ultimately horror, **"The Mosquito Coast"** is a twisted **"Swiss Family Robinson"** or an ironic take on **"Robinson Crusoe."** For as Allie becomes ever more lost to reality, this utopian experiment takes a dark turn as his obsessions lead the family toward unimaginable danger.

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

- **Programs & Events for the Grandchildren**

- **Fall Storytime**

Every Wednesday at 10:30 AM

Starting September 3rd

(no storytime on November 26th)

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,

September 3rd, October 1st,

& November 5th,

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 3rd

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.



- **American Girl Tea Party***

Saturday, September 20th,

from 10:30 AM -12:00 PM

Join us for a delightful morning tea! Bring your doll and indulge in a relaxing morning with treats, a selection of beverages, and a fun filled craft activity designed for your doll. Ages 5 to 14.



Call 860 859-1130 to register

* Bring your favorite doll. It does not have to be an American Girl Doll
(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)

- **Pen Turning Workshop**

**Saturday, Sept 13th,
from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Presented by the Eastern
Connecticut Woodturners**

Limited to 28 participants, ages 12 – adult
Participants must sign a waiver/permission slip.
Parental supervision is required
for participants under 19.

Call 860 859-1130 to register for a 30-minute time slot.
(Sponsored by the Eastern Connecticut Woodturners)



- **Self Defense Class**

Saturday, September, 6th, 11:00AM – 12:30 PM

**Taught by Sensei Shekosky
of Cromwell Martial Arts, LLC**

Limited to 8 Registrants, ages 12 to adult
Please wear loose, comfortable clothing

Participants must sign a waiver in
order to participate.
(available at the Circulation Desk)

Call 860 859-1130 to register
(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)



- **Author Talk and Presentation**
Janet Griffith

"Two Women, One War"

Wednesday, September 24th, at 6:00 PM

An American and a Vietnamese woman have written the story of war. Their memoir unpacks how they coped with fear and found joy in the discovery that they shared common humanity and desire for peace and love.



Call 860 859-1130 to register
(Sponsored by the Friends of the
Salem Free Public Library)

Community News You Can Use (continued from p 14)

Salem Free Public Library (SFPL) (continued)

- A Visit with Edgar Allan Poe**

**Saturday, September 27th,
at 11:00 AM.**



The master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe, comes to life for an hour of mystery and horror. Enjoy your favorite stories and poems performed live by actor Campbell Harmon and learn the truth behind the fiction of the life, legacy and death of this American legend.

Suitable for ages 12 to adult

Call 860 859-1130 to register

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

- SFPL Tote Bags for Sale**


**Available at the circulation
desk at the library.**

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



- Salem Free Public Library
Summer Reading 2025 "Level
up at Your Library"**



192	1766	35
Registered For the Summer Reading program	Books were read! 	Number of Programs/activities 994 Number of program attendees

- Mini Ren Faire**

Saturday October 4th, Laurel City Historical Fencing

Drop-in Crafts

10:30 – 11:30

While supplies last

**Craft stations will be
inside the Library**

Photo ops!



Demonstration

12:00 PM

Laurel City Historical Fencing

- sword fighting demo
- How to arm a knight
- "Petting zoo" of arms



Please Note:

**The demonstration will be held on the
Library's front lawn.**

**Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.
Feel free to bring a bagged lunch**

**If it rains, the demonstration will be
held inside the community room.**

Call 860 859-1130 to register

Apple Cider & Donuts available while supplies last

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

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.

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Salem Recreation Department

• Free Veggie Saturdays

When: Saturdays, from 9:00 AM **NO EARLY BIRDS, PLEASE!**
(Final Saturday, September 13th)

Where: Salem Community Park Pavilion Route 82, Salem

Please bring proof of Salem residency and your own bags

The Garden is a volunteer-run group spearheaded by resident Ed Brodeur. All vegetables grown will be periodically distributed to Salem residents. Any remaining vegetables will be donated to local soup kitchens. Volunteers are always welcome to join in at the garden. No age limit or experience necessary – just enthusiasm to help others. The Garden is located on Hartford Rd., beside the existing Community Garden.

If Interested contact the Recreation Office at: recreation@salemct.gov, or Call: 860-859-3873 x275



• Stargazing Night:

When: Friday September 26th 6:30 PM
Rain/Cloud Date: Saturday Sept. 27th

Where: Salem Community Park Pavilion
89 Norwich Road / Route 82, Salem
FREE to the public

The event will include a brief presentation. Telescopes will be available for viewing. Please dress appropriately.

Sponsored in conjunction with the Three Rivers United Environmentalists and the Environmental Engineering Technology Program.

• Community Tag Sale



Saturday, September 27th, from 9 AM -12 PM

Rain Date Sunday, September 28th

Salem Community Park, Residents and Businesses

Free entry for shoppers! **No early birds**

Map & List of Tag Sales available:

Wednesday, September 24th

• Pilates – In-Person Classes

Monday evenings, 5:50 – 6:30 PM

September 8 to Oct 13th
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

• 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, or

Call: 860-859-3873 x275



• 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

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

• Adult Co-Ed Pickleball

Pick-Up Games

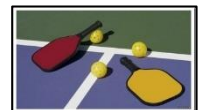
When: Saturday mornings
Through September 30th
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and
Tuesday evenings,
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Round Hill Road Tennis/
Pickleball Courts

When: October 4th – April 7th

Where: Salem School, Multi Purpose Room

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



Community News You Can Use (continued from p 16)**Salem Recreation Department** (continued)• **In-Person Yoga Classes**

Tuesday Evenings, 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Sept 9th to Oct 14th 6 Classes

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

Thursday Mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Sept 11th to Oct 16th 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

• **Personal Euphoria Virtual Fitness Classes****Outdoor Family Yoga @ The Pavilion**

Saturday September 13th to October 18th, (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

Registration: [salemct.gov/recreation/register](https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/register)

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Where: Salem Volunteer Fire Co., 424 Hartford Road, Salem (Rt. 85)

When: Friday, September, 19th, 1:00PM – 6:00 PM

Sponsored by the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. and supported by the Salem Lions Club.



**American
Red Cross**

2nd Annual Salem Lions Club – Red Cross Sound the Alarm Smoke Detector Install

The Salem Lions Club will be teaming up with Red Cross volunteers to install smoke detectors in Salem resident's home FREE of charge Saturday, September 27th beginning at 9:00 AM. The American Red Cross will provide smoke the detectors.

If you are interested in this program, please stay tuned for sign-up information.



**American
Red Cross**

• **Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company's Sixth Annual Monster Mash and Trick or Trunk**

When: October 26, 2-5 PM

Where: Gardner Lake Firehouse 429 Old Colchester Rd., Salem

Free Event for all ages. Contact: Julie Silva at GLVFCinfo@gmail.com to reserve a trunk.

**Bozrah Farmers Market – 2025 Season**

When: Friday's, starting July 12th – October 11th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Bozrah Farmers Market, 45 Bozrah Street

See the Information and Services Section page 23 for more information.

Montville Farmers Market – 2025 Season

When: Tuesday's, starting June 24th – October 7th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Camp Oakdale Large Pavilion, 75 Oxoboxo Dam Rd., Oakdale

See the Information and Services Section page 23 for more information.

Senior News

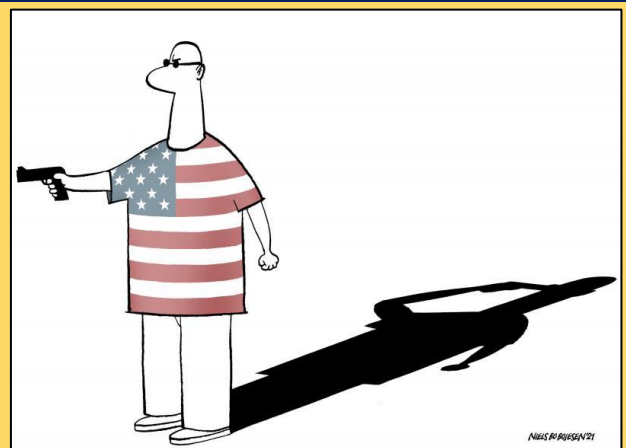
The Salem Seniors Group (SSG) boasts a current enrolment of over 190 members. Membership has tripled since the beginning of 2022. **Salem (or surrounding town) residents age 50 years or older are welcome to join the Salem Senior Citizen's Group!**

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, 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.



INFORMATION & SERVICES

Public Town Meetings for September/October

Meetings in October

BOE Long-Range Educational Planning Monday, September 1 st , 5:00 PM	Board of Selectmen, Tuesday, September 2 nd , 7:00 PM
Charter Revision Commission, Thursday September 4 th , 7:00 PM	Long Range Educational Planning Monday, September 8 th , 5:00 PM
Library Board of Directors, Tuesday, September 9 th , 6:00 PM	Emergency Preparedness Agency Tuesday, September 9 th , 7:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Commission, Tuesday, September 9 th , 7:00 PM	Board of Finance, Thursday, September 11 th , 7:00 PM
Recreation Commission Monday, September 15 th , 7:00 PM	Economic Development Commission Tuesday, September 16 th , 6:00 PM
Charter Revision Commission, Thursday, September 18 th , 7:00 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday, September 23 rd , 7:00 PM
BOE Long-Range Educational Planning Monday, October 6 th , 5:00 PM	Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission Monday, October 6 th , 7:00 PM
Board of Selectmen, Tuesday, October 7 th , 7:00 PM	Board of Finance, Thursday, October 9 th , 7:00 PM
Library Board of Directors, Tuesday, October 14 th , 6:00 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission, Tuesday, October 14 th , 6:00 PM
Emergency Preparedness Agency Tuesday, October 14 th , 6:00 PM	

To view the Town Public Meeting Calendar, 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 clicking on:

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.

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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, visit 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 clicking on: 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 clicking on 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, 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.



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SCRRRA *(continued)*

2025 Household Hazardous Waste and Confidential Paper Shredding Schedule.

- **Saturday, August 2nd – Montville:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Tyl Middle School, 166 Chesterfield Rd.
- **Saturday, September 13th – North Stonington:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Wheeler High School, 297 Norwich-Westerly Rd.
- **Saturday, October 4th – 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.

Participation Protocol

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

As you enter the event line, a SCRRRA 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.

SCRRRA 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 & Garage</u>	<u>From the Lawn & Garden</u>	<u>From the Basement & 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

Tax Documents
Financial Documents
Financial Statements
Personal Documents

NOT ACCEPTED

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

For more information & questions about collections please contact SCRRRA 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.**

Volunteer Opportunities *(continued from p 21)*

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.

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.

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

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: salemsschools.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.***

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.**

Activities In Our Region

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

Opening Night – June 24th

Car Cruise – July 15th

National Farmers Market Week – August 5th

Dog Days – August 26th

Pirate Night – September 16th

Spooky Night – October 7th

Community Night – July 1st

Regular Market – July 22nd

Car Cruise – August 12th

Regular Market – September 2nd

Regular Market – September 23rd

Kids' Night – July 8th

Native Market Night – July 29th

Regular Market – August 19th

Regular Market – September 9th

Fall Harvest – September 30th

Niantic Bay Playhouse

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

2025 Season

- **"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, 8th – 21st

Check the theatre's website for show times and tickets by clicking on: nianticbayplayhouse.org/.

Goodspeed Opara House

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

- **"All Shook Up"** – June 27th – August 17th.
- **"A Chorus Line"** – September 5th – October 26th.
- **"White Christmas"** – November 14th – December 28th.

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 7th – September 7th**
- **"Incident At Our Lady Of Perpetual Help"** – by Katie Forgette, **October 2nd – 26th**
- **"Playhouse Holiday Jamboree"** – Created by Katie Barton and Ben Hope, **November 20th – December 21st**

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Mitchell Farm Music Festival



Where: Mitchell Farm,
300 East Haddam Rd. (Rt. 82)

When: Saturday, September 20th

Music provided by:

LAUREL CANYON BAND

A Crosby, Stills, & Nash Tribute

BROKEN ARROW

A Neil Young Tribute

Where: Mitchell Farm,
300 East Haddam Rd. (Rt. 82)

When: Sunday, September 21st

Music provided by:

MYSTIC DEAD

A grateful Dead Tribute

General Admission: Saturday: \$60 in advance (+ \$3 handling), \$65 at the gate,
Sunday: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate.

For tickets and information click [HERE](#) or go to www.mitchellfarm.org.

All sales final, No exchanges. Rain or shine. Tented event. Please no dogs. Parking opens at noon. Gates open at 1:30 PM. Music begins at 2:30 PM. Advanced sales end Sunday, September 14th. Bring a blanket, lawn chair, and a picnic if you like. Food vendors will be available, BYOB.

The Big Red Barn Blues Bash

Where: Mitchell Farm, 300 East Haddam Rd. (Rt. 82).

When: Sunday, September 27th, 2:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Music provided by:

THE KINGPINS BLUES BAND

THE GREG SHERROD BAND

THE PATTY TUIE BAND

General Admission: \$25

For tickets and information click

[HERE](#) or go to www.mitchellfarm.org.

or call 860-303-8705.

Gates open at 1:00 PM, music starts at 2:30 PM.

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Tented event. Please no dogs. Parking opens at noon.

Gates open at 1:30 PM. Music begins at 2:30 PM.

Advanced sales end Sunday, September 19th. Bring a blanket, lawn chair, and a picnic if you like, BYOB.

Mitchell Farm Fall Festival

Where: Mitchell Farm, 300 East Haddam Rd. (Rt. 82).

When: Saturday, October 25th, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Rain date, Sunday, October 26th.

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)



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The Congregational Church of Salem Apple Festival

The church will hold its annual Apple Festival on the Salem Town Green, 244 Hartford Road, **Saturday, October, 25th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM or until Sold Out.**

The Salem Applefest will have everything apple.

Apple pie, apple fritters, apple sundae, apple bacon, apple sauerkraut for your hot dogs, apples, apples, apples.



The Congregational Church of Salem
APPLE FESTIVAL

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

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

The FOSFPL will hold its used book sale at the Salem School, 200 Hartford Road, Salem.

Friday, October 24th. (early entry for FOSFPL members & dealers only) at 6:00 PM- (all others) 7:00 – 9:00 PM,

Saturday, October 25th – 9 AM to 3PM. (entry for everyone)



Connecticut's Country Fairs 2025

- Hebron Harvest Fair – September 4th – 7th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- North Haven Fair – September 4th – 7th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Wapping Fair – September 4th – 7th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Bethlehem Fair – September 5th – 7th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Granby Grange Agricultural Fair – September 6th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Northfield Grange Fair & Market – September 7th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Four Town Fair – September 11th – 14th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Berlin Lions Agricultural Fair – September 11th – 14th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Hillstown Grange Agricultural Fair – September 13th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Wallingford Grange Fair – September 13th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Guilford Fair – September 19th – 21st, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Orange Country Fair – September 20th – 21st, 2025
- Durham Fair – September 25th – 28th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Harwinton Fair – October 3rd – 5th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Portland Fair – October 3rd – 5th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.
- Riverton Fair – October 10th – 12th, press CTRL Click [HERE](#) to view website & ticket info.

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