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Salem Democratic Caucus – July 16th

The Salem Democratic Town Committee is calling a Caucus open to the enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of Salem, Connecticut pursuant to the Rules of the State of Connecticut Democratic Party and the State of Connecticut Election Laws and the Bylaws of the Salem Democratic Town Committee. The Caucus will be held on July 16, 2025 at 7:00PM at Salem Volunteer Firehouse, 424 Hartford Rd, Salem, CT to endorse a slate of candidates for the upcoming municipal election to be held on November 4, 2025.

All other interested parties or for further inquiries please contact Gary J. Closius at gclosiu@sbcglobal.net.

The official Notice was published in The Day newspaper on July 7th.

SDTC Needs Democrats Interested In Running for Municipal Offices

There is a total of 26 positions on various boards, commissions and Town offices that will be up for election in November 2025.

The table below details the specific positions/seats to be filled. The sixth column of the table below details the positions/seats that the Salem DTC will need candidates for.

Office/Position	Seats/ Openings	# To Be Elected	Term	People Interested	People Needed
First Selectman (vote for 1)	1	1	2	1	0
Selectman (vote for up to 2)	2	2	4	1	1
Town Clerk	1	1	2	0	1
Town Treasurer	1	1	2	0	1
Tax Collector	1	1	2	0	1
Board of Education Full Member (full term, vote for up to 2)	2	3	6	2	0
Board of Education Full Member (fill a vacancy for 4 years, vote for 1)	1	1	4	0	1
Board of Education Full Member (fill a vacancy for 2 years, vote for 1)	1	1	2	0	1
Board of Finance Full Member (vote for up to 2)	2	2	6	1	1
Board of Finance Alternate Member (vote for up to 2)	2	2	6	0	2
Planning & Zoning Commission Full Member Full Term (vote for up to 3)	2	3	6	1	1
Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate Member (full term, vote for 1)	1	1	6	0	1
Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate Member (fill a vacancy for 2 years, vote for 1)	1	1	2	1	0
Library Board of Directors Full member (vote for up to 2)	2	2	6	1	1
Library Board of Directors Full member (Fill Vacancy 4 years, vote for 1)	1	1	4	1	0
Board of Assessment Appeals Full Member (vote for up to 2)	2	2	6	1	1
Zoning Board of Appeals Full Member (vote for up to 2)	2	2	6	1	1
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member (vote for 1)	1	1	6	0	1
Total	26	28		11	15

SDTC Needs Democrats Interested in Running for Town Offices

I need each member of the Salem DTC to talk to their friends and neighbors about volunteering to run for a position and come to the next Salem DTC meeting with at least one name of a volunteer willing to run.

To those who are not members of the Salem DTC please consider volunteering to run for a position. If you have an interest in running for one of the positions/seats, please contact *Gary Closius* at gclosius@sbcglobal.net or call 860-961-9173, or

Kay Zak at kayzak@hotmail.net or call 860-889-3989.

Every position we, the Democrats, do not have a candidate for in November is a position we automatically give to the Republicans.

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

Dear Neighbor,

This Friday marks the Fourth of July, a federal holiday marking the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which formally declared America's separation from Great Britain and started our country's history. Nearly 250 years ago, our nation's founding fathers risked everything to earn a better, more free life for themselves and their families, and we enjoy many of our freedoms today because of their risks and sacrifices. Over this holiday weekend, amid fireworks, vacations, cookouts and summer fun, be sure to remember the history of our nation.



Fourth Of July Fireworks

Excited to see some fireworks this weekend? [WTNH News 8](#) and the [Hartford Courant](#) have both published lists of firework shows all around Connecticut this week and into July as well! You'll have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the show no matter where you are in the state.

Concerns Over SNAP Cuts

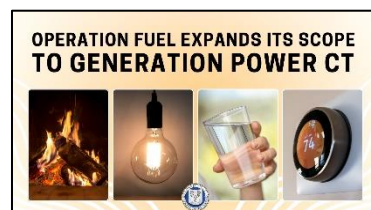
Nearly two dozen Democratic governors are calling on federal leaders to reverse or avoid potential severe cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits proposed in the current draft of the national budget, saying the cuts would make people suffer and cause pain across the country. In a letter to Congress, the governors said SNAP cuts would impact the food and nutritional access for thousands of Connecticut adults and children and millions nationwide. The most recent budget proposal passed by the House would cut \$300 million from SNAP, reducing federal support to states and making it harder for residents to qualify.



[Read more from CT Insider here.](#)

Operation Fuel Expands Its Scope

Operation Fuel, which has been operating for decades to help Connecticut residents with utility costs, [rebranded to GenerationPower CT](#) to better support its expanded scope, Fox 61 reported. Generation Power CT offers aid for electricity, water and other utilities, also aiding with remediation and weatherization of properties, and its new title represents those additional services. In 2024, Generation Power CT gave millions of dollars in aid to thousands of families across the state.



Paid Family Medical Leave Updates, Webinars

Starting on October 1 of this year, noncertified public and nonpublic school employees – meaning school employees whose positions do not require certifications – will become eligible for the CT Paid Leave program. CT Paid Leave will host a series of webinars for workers at public and nonpublic schools in July, August and September, explaining the significance of these changes and how workers can get involved. [To view a calendar of events and register, click here,](#) or scan for a full calendar of events.



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


Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District)**Dear Neighbor,**

I won't sugarcoat it. From our governor vetoing two excellent bills -- one on housing, one extending worker's rights -- to extremely troubling Supreme Court decisions and the Big Ugly Bill coming out of Washington, these are some very challenging times.

But I, along with my legislative colleagues, will continue to fight for what's best for the 37th District and for the residents of Connecticut.

We have no other choice but to push back against infringements on women's reproductive health care, health care in general (with the proposed gutting of Medicaid to give billionaires a tax break they don't need), and transgender rights, among others.

And there still is a lot to look forward to this summer locally, with classes, events, and community groups you can take part in. In this week's update, we'll go over what you can look forward to.

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

Sincerely,


**Governor Vetoes Housing, Striking Workers' Benefits Bills**

I was extremely disappointed that HB 5002 (housing) and SB 4 (striking workers receiving unemployment benefits under limited conditions) were vetoed recently by the governor.

No legislation is perfect, and there certainly were things that I wish had been different in the housing bill, but this proposed law that would have provided needed (and asked for) technical and planning supports for municipalities and was a step in the right direction overall.

There was a lot of misinformation disseminated about the housing bill, so I understand if there was confusion and am happy to try and clear up any questions.

To start: this did not take away local control, it did not penalize anyone, and simply asked municipalities to make their own plan and 'try' to make progress with housing in their communities.

If there were any teeth at all in this bill, they weren't very sharp.

If we want to grow our economy, reduce homelessness, and give our own kids the chance to come back and live in their hometowns, we need to address the very serious housing concerns across the state.

While not at the same scale, I was also disappointed, though not surprised, about SB4 being vetoed. I will simply say I will continue to work tirelessly to represent the working people of our district and the state, to level the playing

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field between labor and management. Right now, the thumb is clearly pressed down on the scale in favor of large corporations. This has to change for residents to not only get by, but to thrive.

New Laws that Took Effect July 1

Several new laws that were passed during the 2025 legislative session took effect on Tuesday. Please see below to read about some of them.

- Our two-year, \$55.8 billion budget took effect July 1. This bill reflects our shared values, marked by historic investments in children through expanded funding for special education and childcare.
Our budget strengthens support for working families and ensures that the essential work of nonprofits is both valued and financially supported.
- Another bill that went into effect is our bond package, which provides nearly \$10 billion for Connecticut municipalities to fund projects in school construction, transportation infrastructure, housing assistance, and many more local initiatives.

New Laws that Took Effect July 1 (continued)

- Our students will learn about three essential topics in the classroom: civics, media literacy, and Asian American and Pacific Islander history. Under two bills passed in 2022 and 2023, students will gain an understanding of what it means to be an active and engaged citizen, how to analyze the modern media landscape, and the rich history of the AAPI community in our state and the entire country.
- Our elections will be more secure and transparent as video recording technology will be added to every absentee ballot drop box in our state. This new law will record the drop boxes from the first day that ballots are issued up through when the clerk retrieves the final ballots, and all of these recordings will be made available to the public.
- A novel, landmark bill supporting public libraries struggling to afford the skyrocketing costs of e-books and digital audiobooks will go into effect July 1. The bill bars libraries from entering into or renewing expensive contracts and licensing agreements with publishers. The measure positions Connecticut as a national leader in this arena and marks a significant step toward transparency, equity, and sustainability in how libraries acquire and provide digital resources to the public.
- Many more bills are going into effect July 1, including one that reforms Connecticut's towing system, one that requires financial literacy instruction in school, and more.

Please [click the link here](#) for the full list of laws going into effect.

Future Summit

What happens when you connect the most promising leaders of a generation? You get Future Summit — a launchpad for real solutions, bold ideas, and lasting impact, which I attended last week.

I was honored to be in Washington, D.C., with fellow young state legislators nationwide, including many from New England and the Northeast. Hearing from others facing similar challenges in their states and learning how they address them was incredibly valuable.

This is more than a gathering, it's a movement, and I'm excited to bring what I've learned back home to Connecticut.



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

Around the 37th

I had the privilege of attending **Time in 2**, a moving production of song, dance, and skits performed by women at York Correctional Institution. The Justice Dance Performance Project, which has been doing this work at York for over 20 years, organized the event.

Through their performances, these women shared their stories, struggles, and how time continues to shape their lives.

It was a powerful reminder of the humanity, resilience, and creativity that exist even in the most difficult places and of the transformative power of the arts.



I had a *paws-itive* start to summer by picking up trash with the Montville Animal Welfare Initiative Inc. It's just one of the many things I plan on doing in the district, as I look forward to volunteering in the community and knocking on doors to get residents' feedback that I can take to the State Capitol for my second session, which starts in the winter 2026. (But we don't need to think about cold weather now, do we?)

Reproductive Rights Under Siege

As a member of the Connecticut General Assembly's Reproductive Rights Caucus, I stand with our co-chairs Rep. Matt Blumenthal and Rep. Jillian Gilchrest in their powerful statement on the supreme court's decision in *Medina v. Planned Parenthood*.

This ruling underscores why our work to protect reproductive freedom in Connecticut is more vital than ever. I'm grateful for colleagues who lead this fight every day.

Please read the statement below.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS CAUCUS STATEMENT ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S DECISION UPHOLDING BAN ON MEDICAID PATIENT ACCESS TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Today's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court is a dangerous setback for reproductive freedom and patient rights in this country. By upholding South Carolina's ban on state Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood, the Court has allowed an illegal policy to stand—not by affirming its legality, but by ruling that patients and providers cannot go to court to challenge it. This ruling paves the way for states to discriminate against organizations that provide comprehensive reproductive care, privileging ideology and depriving patients of the care they need and deserve.

In stark contrast, Connecticut has taken bold and proactive steps to protect and expand access to reproductive health care. This year, the Connecticut General Assembly increased Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood to ensure continued access to critical services for our most vulnerable residents and strengthen our reproductive healthcare infrastructure.

Connecticut's Reproductive Freedom Defense Act further ensures that providers, patients, and those who help them are protected from hostile out-of-state laws and legal threats. We will not let extremist policies elsewhere erode our values or rights here in Connecticut.

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

Reproductive Rights Under Siege (continued)

As Co-Chairs of the Connecticut General Assembly's Reproductive Rights Caucus, we reaffirm the Caucus's unwavering commitment to safeguarding and increasing access to reproductive health care, regardless of your location, means, or background. We will continue to fight tirelessly for policies that uphold reproductive freedom, equity, and dignity for every person who calls Connecticut home—and for those who must travel here to receive care denied to them in their own states.

State Rep. Matt Blumenthal, Co-Chair
State Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, Co-Chair

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

Indivisible CT

- ***Weekly Visibility Brigade Protest***

When Every Wednesday in July, 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Where Overpass above I-84 in Tolland, Exit 68

About this event

Join us every Wednesday morning for a peaceful protest on the overpass above I-84 in Tolland, CT. We stand in visible solidarity for democracy, justice, and freedom — with signs, flags, and messages that matter. Parking: 70 Merrow Rd., Tolland or at the nearby Park & Ride. Both are a short, easy walk to the overpass. We have a wide sidewalk for safe standing, and extra signs and flags if you need them. All are welcome — bring your voice, your message, and your presence.

- ***Peaceful Protest - The Time is Now***

When Every Saturday in July, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Where Granby Town Green, CT Rte. 20 & U.S. 202, Granby

About this event

Join us every Saturday from 2-4pm on the Granby Town Green to stand up for democracy and fight back against the corruption, cruelty and lawlessness of the Trump administration. This is a peaceful protest. Let us build community and solidarity by increasing our visibility. Courage is contagious. Please bring signs. Hosted by Take Action Granby and Indivisible Farmington Valley.

- ***Canton Courage***

When Every Saturday in July, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Where Dowd Avenue & Albany Turnpike, Canton

About this event

Join us every Saturday to stand up for democracy and fight back against the corruption, cruelty and lawlessness of the Trump administration. Please bring signs if you have them. This is a peaceful protest. * Let us build community and solidarity by increasing our visibility. Courage is contagious. Please bring signs. Hosted by community members and Indivisible Farmington Valley.

* *A core principle behind all Indivisible 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.*

Town Hall Meetings, Rallies, Marchs & Protests *(continued for p 6)*

- **Stand up! Speak up!**

When Saturday, July 12th, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Where Connecticut Veterans Memorial, 7 N Main St. West Hartford

About this event

Democracy Matters! Stand up and speak up about the issues that matter to you. We will network and wave signs along the corner of South Main St. and Farmington Ave. in West Hartford. Get involved with local organizing: Indivisible CT and Indivisible Farmington Valley.

- **Rally for Democracy**

When Saturday, July 17th, 5:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Where New London Superior Court, 70 Huntington St., New London

About this event

Come Rally for Democracy! Bring your friend! Bring your signs! Bring your flags!

A core principle behind all Indivisible 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.

Opinion 1

The BOS Should Approve the CRC Proposed Charter Revision

Background

The First Selectman commissioned a Charter Revision Commission (CRC) comprised of very qualified people. The Commission included Republicans, Democrats and unaffiliated voters. The CRC members include a former Salem First Selectman, a former Town Administrator, a retired superior court judge, a prominent Salem business man, the president of a local nonprofit organization, and long-time respected members of Salem's community.

Over these months CRC generally held two meetings per month all open for the public to attend. Each meeting had a public comment section on the agenda where the public is free and encouraged to, make their opinions, thoughts and input known. The CRC actively solicited input from the public, all the boards and commissions, and elected officials. In late December early January, the CRC mailed a survey to all households in Salem soliciting input from the community.

After these many months of work the bipartisan CRC submitted a Draft Revision to Salem's Charter to the BOS for their review and approval. In a letter to the First Selectman and the BOS the CRC summarized the changes to the Town's administrative structure and processes proposed in the Revised Charter. To review this letter please click [HERE](#) or use the following link:

www.salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4966/f/uploads/05.19.2025_crev_draft_letter.pdf.

To review the Revised Charter Revision proposed by the CRC please click [HERE](#) or use the following link: [250505_draft_charter.10.sgm_rev_with_crc_chair_edits.docx](#).

Some key items to note; the basic form of the Town of Salem's government has **NOT BEEN CHANGED**. Salem will still have an elected Chief Executive (First Selectman) and an elected BOS as well as other elected and appointed boards and commissions. The Town Meeting will remain the legislative body of the town. The Board of Finance remains in the review cycle for the Town Budget and will continue to set the mill rate for the town.

Some key proposed changes in the Revised Charter from the current Charter:

1. The Town will hire a professional Town Administrator reporting to the BOS to assist in the management/supervision of the day-to-day operation of the town and town employees, as well as research duties.
2. The positions of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Tax Collector would become hired positions.
3. When vacancies on elected board or commissions occur the Chairperson of the board or commission has 60 days (30 days under the current Charter) to call a meeting of said board or commission to fill the vacancy.

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- There are many other changes ranging from administrative (typos etc.) to adding more defined terms, to a new section proposing new rules of order and civility, to streamlining the budget development process.

Opinion

The BOS completed their review and is proposing many changes to the CRC Draft Charter Revision that effectively guts it. To say I was disappointed in the BOS's proposed changes would be an understatement. Some of the major changes contained in the BOS proposed change to the CRC Draft Charter Revision are:

- The CRC recommended Salem hire a professional Town Administrator reporting to the First Selectman and the BOS to manage the day-to-day administrative business of the Town. The Draft Charter Revision provided the framework and details of the duties and responsibilities of the Town Administrator.

In their proposed Revision the BOS severely water-down the roles and responsibilities of the Town Administrator. The BOS proposed change specifies that the First Selectman in addition to supervising the administration of the affairs of the Town, also trains and supervises the work of the Town Administrator. (see pages 26 and 27, sections 5.2 A. and 5.2 B.)

- The CRC recommended the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer be hired verses elected officials. These are non-policy making positions and require the individuals to be certified.

In their proposed Revision the BOS propose to have the Town Clerk, Tax Collector remain elected officials. This limits the pool of perspective candidates to Salem residents only and may restrict the Town from filling the position with the most qualified person. Further should there be job performance issues it is difficult and expensive to remove an elected official.

- In their proposed Revision the BOS added a requirement for filling vacancies on Boards and Commissions that the replacement be filled by a person of the same political party or affiliation as that of the person who just vacated the office; or, in the alternative an unaffiliated elector. (page 15, section 2.6 D)***

This requirement politicizes filling vacancies by placing party affiliation ahead of candidate qualifications. This could result in not filling the vacancy with the most qualified replacement which is not in the best interest of the Town.

The BOS proposed changes to the CRC Revised Charter was presented to Salem residents in a public hearing attended by my estimation by at least 50 residents. On the order of twenty residents commented on the BOS changes to the proposed CRC Revised Charter. By my unscientific and unofficial count, the public spoke in favor by a 3 to 1 margin of the BOS leaving the CRC Revised Charter intact and letting the voters decide in November. I agree with the majority of the residents who commented in favor of the CRC Revised Charter at the public hearing. I suggest in the strongest terms possible that the BOS approve CRC Revised Charter as submitted and let the voters decide in November.

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – July 5, 2025

5 Myths About Undocumented Immigrants¹

MYTH #1: Anyone who enters the country illegally is a criminal.

Facts:

Being an undocumented (or “illegal”) immigrant has been, until now, only a civil, not a criminal violation. Under federal immigration law, unlawful presence in this country is a civil offense. The civil penalty for being in this country unlawfully is deportation, or removal, which the U.S. Supreme Court has held is not “criminal punishment.” However, some states—like Arizona—are trying to criminalize an undocumented immigrant’s mere presence.

5 Myths About Undocumented Immigrants *(continued from p 8)*

MYTH #2: Undocumented immigrants do not have any rights in the U.S.

Facts:

Undocumented immigrants have the right to access the courts. They have rights in their homes, and those who have been arrested or who are in custody have certain constitutional rights under the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments. Undocumented immigrants have rights in the workplace, including the right to minimum wage and overtime pay. Undocumented immigrant children have the right to a public-school education. Undocumented immigrant children may now qualify for in-state tuition to attend college in Connecticut and a few other states. Undocumented immigrants can own property and get mortgages. Undocumented immigrants can be child support obligors or obligees and can get court orders giving them custody of their children. (Connecticut courts have not ruled on what role, if any, a parent's immigration status should play in making custody determinations.)

MYTH #3: Immigrants don't want to become citizens.

Facts:

Immigrants come to the U.S. for a variety of reasons — to reunite with family or to find better employment opportunities — and would prefer to do so through legal channels. However, avenues to legalize under the U.S. immigration system are extremely limited, and most undocumented immigrants in the U.S. cannot simply apply for a visa and obtain legal status. (It is untrue that most undocumented immigrants can simply fall in love and get married to a U.S. citizen in order to legalize. In most cases, even those who are married to U.S. citizens and who have U.S. citizen children are not eligible to legalize under current immigration laws.) Those immigrants who are eligible and seek citizenship do so despite difficult requirements and huge backlogs that can delay the process for years.

MYTH #4: Undocumented and documented immigrants represent distinct populations.

Facts:

Most immigrant families are of "mixed" immigration status. Two-thirds of all children with undocumented parents (about 3 million) are U.S.-born citizens and thus live in mixed-status families. Of the nearly 12 million undocumented aliens estimated to be living in the U.S., about two million are children who entered the country at a young age with their parents and who did not independently decide to break U.S. immigration laws: they speak English and have grown up in this country and yet they face limited educational and employment opportunities given their immigrant status.

MYTH #5: Undocumented immigrants don't pay taxes but still get benefits.

Facts:

All immigrants (legal and undocumented) pay sales, property, and consumption taxes; many undocumented immigrants also pay income taxes, even though they can't benefit from most federal and state local assistance programs. Contrary to popular belief, undocumented workers are not (and have never been) eligible to claim social security benefits. In fact, most undocumented workers will use a false social security number to prove work authorization, therefore paying money into a benefit system that they may never be eligible to use. According to the Social Security Administration, undocumented immigrants account for a "major portion" of the billions of dollars paid into the Social Security system—an estimated \$520 billion as of October 2005. Immigrants' tax payments support both local and state services in addition to the federal government. One study shows that immigrants, regardless of status, will pay on average \$80,000 per capita more in taxes than they use in government services over their lifetime. Undocumented immigrants can receive schooling and emergency medical care, but not welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, and most other public benefits. Undocumented immigrant parents cannot receive government benefits in their own right but may be the payees for benefits received on behalf of eligible family members, such as U.S. citizen spouses or children.

¹ See Doris Meissner, "*Five Myths about Immigration*" at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/30/AR2010043001106.html>; ACLU "*Immigration Myths and Facts*," at <http://www.aclu.org/immigrants-rights/immigration-myths-and-facts>; Alexander Barnard, "*Myths and Realities of Illegal Immigration*," at http://cmd.princeton.edu/files/POM_june2007.pdf; Randolph Caps & Michael Fix, "*Undocumented Immigrants: Myths and Realities*" at <http://www.urban.org/publications/900898.html>;

Information obtained from CT.GOV- Connecticut's Official Website (<https://portal.ct.gov>)

Salem Democratic Town Committee Fundraiser

When: Saturday, August 9th, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Where: The Bingham Camp, 300 East Haddam Road, Salem

Please join us at the Bingham Camp, bring your family for an after noon of fun and games, face painting, music and friendship. Music by Tony Griggs and friends. Balloon animals by Raine Spiegel. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, pizza, side dishes, soft drinks, water, ice cream & toppings. BYOB

All are welcome Ds, Rs, and unaffiliated.

\$25 per person, \$60 per family

SDTC members please contact Kay Zak at kayzak@hotmail.com or phone 860-889-3989 to find out what we need or with what side dish you will bring.



SCAN ME

Gun Violence – 2025 Statistics and Data

2025	Mass Shootings	Deaths	Injuries
TOTALS	186	167	870
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			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

* Data current through June 30th

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

Shootings By State					
State	# Current Month	# Year To Date	State	# Current Month	# Year To Date
Alabama	1	5	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	1	1
Arizona	0	3	1	2	1
Arkansas	0	1	0	0	0
California	2	13	3	4	1
Colorado	0	1	0	1	1
Connecticut	1	3	0	1	1
Delaware	1	1	3	6	3
District of Colum	1	2	0	0	0
Florida	2	8	7	9	2
Georgia	3	11	3	6	3
Hawaii	0	1	1	2	1
Idaho	0	0	2	7	5
Illinois	0	4	0	0	0
Indiana	1	6	3	8	5
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	1	5	4
Kentucky	0	0	2	16	14
Louisiana	3	12	1	1	0
Maine	0	1	0	0	0
Maryland	2	6	2	5	3
Massachusetts	0	0	0	3	3
Michigan	4	5	0	0	0
Minnesota	2	4	3	3	0
Mississippi	3	7	0	1	1
Missouri	4	6			

Total deaths (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 7,423**

Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 13,354

* Data through July 3rd

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



Community News You Can Use

Salem Free Public Library

Library News

- **Salem School Class Visits:** During the first week of June the library hosted students from Salem School. Grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade all came to visit the library, hear about the programs for summer reading, and hear about some of the wonderful new books and resources we have added to our collection. Over the course of five days, 239 students visited the library with Media Specialist, Sarah Kateley. This is such a wonderful opportunity to share what the library has to offer with the younger members of our community.
- **Hannah Lynch distributed 80 Take and Make kits** over the month of June!
- **On Saturday, June 7,** Hannah Lynch presented Adopt a Pet Storytime. The attendees were able to select a stuffed animal and create a carrier for their new pet. Hannah also read several books on pet adoption and dogs. There were 28 participants!
- **On Wednesday, June 18,** Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center presented a program on Hummingbirds. There were 15 participants.
- **On Saturday, June 21,** the library held 2 programs. The first program was a musical storytime with Julie Stepanek. Julie played the ukulele and held a wonderful storytime for younger participants. The second program was Learn to Play the Ukulele with Julie. The Music Bureau in Salem, CT donated 2 ukuleles to be raffled off at this event. This was our Summer Reading Program kickoff program, and it was also Make Music Day! There were 27 participants for the programs.
- **On Wednesday, June 25,** local author Heidi Rocha hosted a special storytime to speak about dental hygiene and read her books. She also provided a craft. There were 15 participants.
- **On Monday, June 30,** the library hosted a patriotic tie-dye event where participants could tie-dye a shirt in celebration of July 4th! This program was full with a waiting list. This is a program we are hoping to host again!

Library Building and Collection

- Library staff have been working to set up displays to promote our Summer Reading Program.
- Stick Together Mosaic is up, located at the main entrance of the library. Patrons can request a sheet of stickers to help piece together the mosaic.
- The Super Mario Brothers Scavenger Hunt is up-and participants can find the characters from the game all over the library!
- **The SFPL served 1,888 patrons and provided 72 patrons with technical help in June.**

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Salem Free Public Library

News & Events

- **Museum Passes and Discounted Admission Passes**

The Library offers Museum Passes And Discounted Admission Passes to many of the museums in our state, visit the library, or go to the library website by clicking on: saalemct.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, July 31st at 1:00 PM**

"The Gown by Jennifer Robson"

London 1947. Though the war ended two years ago, England's recovery has been difficult. But the nation's spirits are lifted with the announcement of the engagement of Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. For a famed fashion house, the upcoming wedding is much more than a celebration. The talented embroiderers have been chosen to create the intricate stitching that will adorn the royal bride's priceless gown. An extraordinary opportunity for an ordinary working-class English girl and a French emigree who survived the Nazis.

A captivating story of friendship, betrayal, hope and redemption.

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

- **2025 Summer Reading Program for All Ages**

Saturday, June 21st to August 11th

Register on ReadSquared
beginning June 1st

Log your reading beginning
June 21st.

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart
Memorial Summer Reading Fund)



- **Butterflies of CT**

Wednesday, July 16th at 6:00 PM

Join us for an introduction to
the common backyard butterflies,
their life cycles and how to attract
them to your yard.



Limited to 40 participants

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Presented by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center)

- **Learn How to Play "Magic the Gathering"**

Saturday, July 19th, 11 AM – 1 PM

All materials will be provided as
instructors walk you through how to
play this fantasy card game.



Ages 10 to adult

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart
Memorial Summer Reading Fund)

- **Fishers in Connecticut**

Saturday, July 12th at 11:00 AM

Presented by Master Wildlife
Conservationist, Ginny Apple

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart
Memorial Summer Reading Fund)



- **Programs & Events for the Grandchildren**

- **Summer Storytimes**

**Wednesdays, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th,
& August 6th, at 10:30**

**Register at the circulation desk or
call 860-859-1130**

(Sponsored by the Friends of the SFPL)

- **LEGOS at The Library**

Wednesdays, July 9th & 23rd, 4:00 – 5:00PM.

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

Call 860-859-1130 to register.

- **Stuffed Animal Sleepover at The Library**

Friday, July 11th, drop off, 10 AM - 4 PM

Saturday July 12th, pickup, 10 AM - 2 PM

Drop off your Stuffie on Friday and pick them
up on Saturday. Watch our Facebook page to
see what fun they have.

Call 860-859-1130 to register.

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Salem Free Public Library *(continued)*

News & Events *(continued)*

- **Jigsaw Puzzle Competition**

Saturday, July 26th at 10:30 AM

Register a group of 4-5 family members or friends to compete in the jigsaw puzzle competition. All participants will be making the same 400-piece puzzle and each group may take the puzzle home after the competition. (Prizes for 1st & 2nd place winners)

Limited to six groups, ages 7 to adult

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)

- **BINGO**

**Saturday, August 9th,
10:30 AM – 12:00 noon**



Limited to 25 participants, ages 7 and up

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)

- **Family Movie Night – Matilda**

Wednesday, July 30th @ 6:00 PM

Light refreshments will be provided.

**Limited to 25 participants,
ages 7 – adult**

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)



- **Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk**

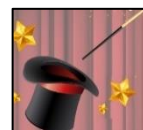
Monday, August 11th @ 6:00 PM

**Suitable for ages 4 and up,
but all welcome!**

Limited to 40 attendees

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)



- **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 Recreation Department

- **Tennis/Pickleball/Basketball Courts Closed**

Beginning Monday, July 7th the Tennis/Pickleball/Basketball courts will be closed for repair/renovation for up to two weeks, weather dependent.

Check the Town Recreation website for any changes in the courts schedule at:

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

- **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.



- **3rd Annual Christmas in July Event**

When: Saturday, July 12th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Rain Date July 13th)

Where: Salem Community Park Pavilion Route 82, Salem

Come join us to celebrate and showcase local Salem business.



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Salem Recreation Department *(continued)*

- **Community Food Distribution**

When: Saturday, July 5th & 9th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: Salem Community Park Pavilion Route 82, Salem

Please bring proof of Salem residency and your own bags

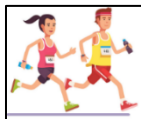
The Garden is a volunteer-run group spearheaded by resident Ed Brodeur. All vegetables grown will be periodically distributed to Salem residents. Any remaining vegetables will be donated to local soup kitchens.

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

- **Fun Run Series FREE**

When: Tuesdays, July 8th, 15th,
22nd, 29th, & August 5th,
& 12th at 5:30 PM



Where: The Salem School Bingham Field

Beginners 1-mile Walk/Run starts at 5:30 PM

3-mile Fun Run starts at 6:00 PM

Check-in begins at 5:00 PM

To register online click [HERE](#), or go to

www.salemct.gov/summerfunrunseriesregistration

- **Pilates – In-Person Classes**

Monday evenings, 5:50 – 6:30 PM

6 Weeks

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



\$60 Residents, \$65 Non-Resident

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

To Register:

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

- **Salem Woods Disc Golf Course**

Where: Bob Appleby Fields

At Volunteer Park

24 Forsyth Road



Come and try it out!!

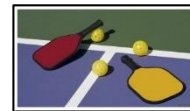
Discs available for loan. Contact Us:

e-mail: recreation@salemct.gov, or

Call: 860-859-3873 x275

- **Adult Co-Ed Pickleball**

Pick-Up Games



When: Saturday mornings

April 12th 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

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

- **Summer Concerts – FREE**

When: Thursdays, June 26th,
July 31st, & August 21st
at 6:00 PM



Where: The Town Pavilion, 89 Norwich Rd.

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Salem Recreation Department (continued)

• **Find Your Footprint – Medallion Project**

Let us know when you've found your 2024 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, and our Volunteers

• **In-Person Yoga Classes**

Tuesday Evenings, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

April 29th to June 3rd, 6 Classes

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

Or

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

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

\$60 Residents, \$65 Non-Resident

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

To Register:

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



• **Personal Euphoria Virtual Fitness Classes**

Spring Fitness Schedule

Pilates – Tuesday April 22nd – June 17th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 weeks)

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

8:10 AM – 8:25 AM,

Cost: \$36.00 (9 Weeks)

Cardio Strength – Wednesday April 23rd – June 18th

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 Weeks)

Core Strength – Thursday April 24th – June 19th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 Weeks)

* HIIT – High Intensity Training

Summer Fitness Schedule

Pilates – Tuesday July 8th – August 19th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$60.00 (7 weeks)

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

8:10 AM – 8:25 AM,

Cost: \$27.00 (6 Weeks)

Cardio Strength – Wednesday July 16th – August 20th

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM,

Cost: \$51.00 (6 Weeks)

Core Strength – Thursday July 10th – August 21st

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$60.00 (7 Weeks)

* HIIT – High Intensity Training

• **AARP SmartDriver Course**

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

WHERE: Salem Volunteer Fire Company, 424 Hartford Road.

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

Save your Spot Today!

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

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

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



SCAN ME

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Great Things Are Happening at The Salem School

Cougarpalooza



Jazzabell, loaned by Taylor and the River Plain Dairy Farm in Lebanon, did her thing.

The Salem Recreation provided games and planned events for the day.

Congratulations To The Winners Of The Cow Patty Raffle

- **First Place (Cow Patty) Dawn Brindle (slot #577)**
- **Second Place (front right hoof at 1:00 PM) Tina Trepanowski (slot #56)**
- **Third Place (front right hoof at 1:30 PM) Karen Habegger (slot #198)**

There were Food Trucks and basket raffles



End of the Year Celebrations!!



The 2nd grade class went on a hike on the trails behind the school and discovered a Salem Footprint Medallion

5th – 8th Grade Field Day

The old traditional field day was held at Salem School with a Tug-Of-War, relay races, Homeroom Spirit Competition, Ga-Ga ball, Art Work, and much more. The event was especially memorable to the 8th grade class as they move on to High School.



Congratulations to Ms. Merchant and her 6th grade homeroom for winning the Field Day trophy by earning the most overall points during the Homeroom Spirit Competition.

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

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

5th – 8th Grade Field Day *(continued)*



Teamwork



**The loser of the Tug-Of-War
Principal Driscoll gets wet.**



**Hoses and the fire company kept
the kids cool in the heat of the day.**

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.

Replacement of Bridge on Salem Road over East Branch Eightmile River, in Lyme

There is a public meeting in Lyme on July 17th, 6:30pm at Lyme Town Hall on the bridge no. 06039 replacement over the East Branch of the Eightmile River on Salem Road (project No. 0074-0070). Staff had met with DOT/Town officials on site awhile back to go through design criteria. "Salem Road" in Lyme becomes Darling Road in Salem, so vehicles going to and from Salem on this road will be impacted and may have to use a detour.

For more information please click [HERE](#) or visit the following link: <https://portal.ct.gov/dotlyme0074-0070?fbclid=IwY2xjawLSG1hleHRuA2FlbQlzMABicmlkETFFNHI6cDhlbFBpN2lzYUFkAR47HcOdq9fkGm9foumwNvANWhgo3LR->

[LIHwKnOb5pnplrqDsGI5YhZkd01FAq_aem_5vz77QVhHRiy_loPLA2wDQ&language=en_US](#). The crossing of the river in Salem at the Town Line on Darling Road may be done at the same time.

Celebrate East Lyme

When: Saturday, July 19th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: Main Street Niantic

Join us as Niantic's Main Street transforms into a spectacular celebration by the sea, filled with food, fun and fabulous activities for everyone in the family!

Enjoy over 200 unique creative, community & business vendors, live music & performance stages and so much more! The day concludes with the spectacular Dominion fireworks display over Niantic Bay!

Don't miss this wonderfully fun-filled day for the entire family!

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Lions Club Tag Sale



SALEM LIONS



We Serve

When: Saturday, August 16th, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday, August 17th, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where: 232 Hartford Road, Salem

We Serve

Friends of the Salem Free Public Library Summer Book Sale



When: Saturday, August 16th, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: 232 Hartford Road, Salem

(town garage on the old Zempko property)

Cruise for a Cause – 9th Annual Community Fundraiser Car Show

When: Saturday, August 16th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (no rain date)

Where: Salem Town Green, 244 Hartford Road, Salem

FREE ADMISSION

Donations welcome; proceeds go to local families in critical need

Contact information:

Ted Grey: 860-608-1089

Al Wodarczyk: 959-239-1598

Don Smith: 860-445-7837



Sponsored by the Congregational Church of Salem

tccsalem.org/cruise-for-a-cause

DOOR PRIZES & REFRESHMENTS

No alcohol or burnouts The staff reserves the right to refuse any entry



**Open to all years of cars
trucks, race cars, and
vintage stock cars
No motorcycles**

Senior News

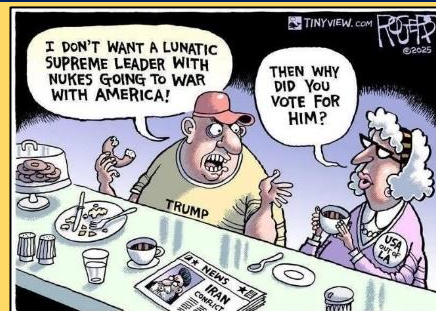
The Salem Senior Citizen's Group (SSG) boasts a current enrolment of over 190 members. Membership has tripled since the beginning of 2022. **Salem (or surrounding town) residents age 50 years or older are welcome to join the Salem Senior Citizen's Group!**

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 May/June

Meetings in July

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

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

Board Of Education, Curriculum,
Monday, June 16th 6:00 PM

Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, June 17th, 6:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, June 19th, 3:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, June 26th, 3:00 PM

Charter Revision Commission,
Wednesday, July 2nd, 7:00 PM

Board of Finance,
Thursday, July 3rd, 7:00 PM

Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission
Monday, July 7th 7:00 PM

Planning & Zoning Commission,
Tuesday, July 8th 7:00 PM

Board of Finance,
Thursday, July 10th, 7:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, June 12th, 3:00 PM

Board of Education, Policy,
Monday, June 16th, 5:00 PM

Recreation Commission,
Monday, June 16th, 7:00 PM

Charter Revision Commission,
Wednesday, June 18th, 7:00 PM

Planning and Zoning Commission
Tuesday, June 24th, 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen,
Tuesday, July 1st, 7:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, July 3rd, 3:00 PM

Board of Ed. Long Range Educational Planning
Monday, July 7th, 5:00 PM

Library Board of Directors,
Tuesday, July 8th, 6:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, July 10th, 3:00 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/vyhlif4966/f/uploads/transportation_fy22_packet_0.pdf

Help And Assistance *(continued from p 19)*

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)

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

Some Key Assistance programs available from TVCCA★:

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

Important Dates to Remember for The Current Energy Assistance Season:

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

- **Food and Nutrition programs include:**

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

- ★ Due to federal budget cuts some programs/services may not be available, call TVCCA to check on program/service availability.

Visit their website by clicking on [tvcca.org](https://www.tvcca.org) or facebook.com/TVCCArsvp/.

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

News And Information

Got Sneakers ★★ ★ **REMINDER** ★★ ★

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

ALL SIZES WELCOME!!!

Benefits:

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

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



The Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA)

2025 Household Hazardous Waste and Confidential Paper Shredding Schedule.



- **Saturday, June 14th – Norwich:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Norwich Public Works, 50 Clinton Ave.
- **Saturday, July 12th – Groton:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Fitch High School, 101 Groton Long Point Rd.
- **Saturday, July 26th – Waterford:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, at Waterford High School, 20 Rope Ferry Rd.
- **Saturday, August 2nd – Montville:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Tyl Middle School, 166 Chesterfield Rd.
- **Saturday, September 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 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 & 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

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SCRRA *(continued)*

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS *(continued)*

<u>From the Shed & Garage</u>	<u>From the Lawn & Garden</u>	<u>From the Basement & Bathroom</u>	<u>NOT ACCEPTED</u>
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 of Paper Shredding
All Light Bulbs	And much more!!	All Home Batteries	

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.scrra.org/>, or phone 860-381-5558.

Volunteer Opportunities

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: salemschools.org. Put the cursor over the "Our School" tab, & click on the "Forms tab" to access the form, OR visit the school and fill out the form at the front desk of the school. Make sure you bring a picture ID with you.

CARE & SHARE

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

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LION'S CLUB

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

THE SALEM LAND TRUST

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

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

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

The Salem VFW is always looking for help to clean up the cemeteries. **Watch the Facebook website for future dates for cemetery clean up opportunities.**

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

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/.

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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.
- **"Jerry Herman's Mrs. Santa Claus"** – 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**

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

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

Summer in the Park Concerts & Events

• **Colchester Concerts & Events**

When: Thursdays, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Where: Colchester Town Green

June 26 th	Secret Lita Band
July 10 th	Bootleg Harmony Band
July 17 th	Romeo & Juliet, Shakespeare on the Green
July 18 th	Romeo & Juliet, Shakespeare on the Green
July 24 th	Maestros Men featuring Dennis Polinsky
July 31 st	DJ Montez's Dance Party
August 10 th	Audrey Mae Band
August 14 th	Touch A Truck Event

• **City of Groton Concerts**

When: Fridays, 6:30 PM

Where: Washington Park

June 20 th	Eight to The Bar
June 27 th	Take It To The Bridge
July 4 th	Wild Nights
July 11 th	Acoustic Marshpit
July 18 th	Fusion
July 18 th	Diva And The Playboys
August 1 st	American Honey

Bring a lawn chair and a friend

McCook Summer Beach Concert Series – 2025 Season *(continued)*

WEDNESDAYS On The Beach	6:00 – 8:00 PM	FRIDAYS At The Bandshell	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Bootleg Harmony	July 2 nd	Diva & The Playboys	June 27 th
Mick Lewis Band	July 16 th	Nick Bosse	July 11 th
Rick & Derek	June 25 th	Fusion	June 20 th

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McCook Summer Beach Concert Series – 2025 Season (continued)

WEDNESDAYS On The Beach	6:00 – 8:00 PM	FRIDAYS At The Bandshell	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Bootleg Harmony	July 2 nd	Diva & The Playboys	June 27 th
Mick Lewis Band	July 16 th	Nick Bosse	July 11 th
The Second Chance	July 23 rd	Don't Tell Lisa	July 18 th
The Lowtiders	July 30 th	Wicked Peach	July 25 th
Liz Reed & Time Of Day	August 6 th	Red Light	August 1 st
Azalea Drive	August 13 th	Night Shift	August 8 th
Red Lion	August 6 th	Bee Sides	August 15 th
Boathouse Blues Band	August 20 th	Sweet Magic	August 22 nd
Five Bean Row	August 27 th	Jamies Junk Show	August 29 th

Bring a lawn chair and a friend

Mitchell Farm Music Festival



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

When: Saturday, September 20th

Music provided by:

Laurel Canyon Band

A Crosby, Stills, & Nash Tribute

Broken Arrow

A Neil Young Tribute

Sunday, September 21st

Mystic Dead

A grateful Dead Tribute

When: Sunday, September 27th

The Big Red Barn Blues Bash

Music provided by:

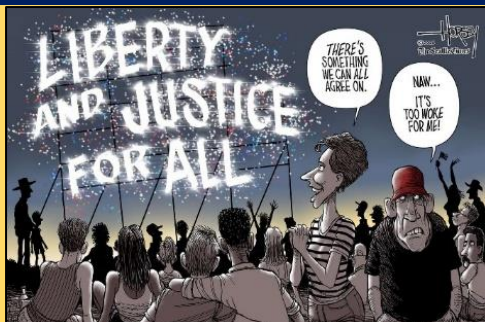
The Kingpins Blues Band

The Greg Sherrod Band

The Patty Tuite Band

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 available, BYOB.



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