

NEWSLETTER

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Results From The Democratic Nomination Conventions

Statewide Offices

- **Governor:** **Gov. Ned Lamont** earned the Democratic endorsement, taking about 75% of the delegate votes. However, **Hamden State Rep. Josh Elliott** received more than the required 15% delegate votes needed to force a primary to be held on August 11th. primary.
- **Other Constitutional Officers:** Incumbents **William Tong (Attorney General)**, **Erick Russell (Treasurer)**, **Sean Scanlon (Comptroller)**, and **Stephanie Thomas (Secretary of the State)** were all unanimously endorsed by the delegates.

U.S. House of Representatives

- **1st District:** **Former Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin** gained the party endorsement in an upset, defeating incumbent **U.S. Rep. John Larson** by 10 votes. **Larson**, along with **State Rep. Jillian Gilchrest**, garnered enough delegate votes to force a three-way primary in August.
- **2nd District:** Incumbent **U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney** won the party's nomination, easily defeating challenger **Kyle Gauck**.
- **3rd District:** Incumbent **U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro** easily gained enough votes to exceed the majority-vote threshold to gain the endorsement over challenger **Andrew Rice**.
- **4th District & 5th District:** Incumbents **Jim Himes (4th)** and **Jahana Hayes (5th)** were comfortably endorsed by the delegates to run for re-election.

Democratic Primary

Connecticut's Democratic primary will be held on Tuesday, August 11th. Early voting is Monday, August 3rd thru Sunday, August 9th. Absentee ballot voting is open for all. **GET OUT AND VOTE, HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD.**



Trivia Night Fundraiser

The **Trivia Night** fundraiser held on Saturday, May 16th was a success. Four teams competed and more than \$2,600 was raised, and fun was had by all.

There are two kinds of people in this world. Those that look into your cup to see if you have more than them and those that look into your cup to see if you have enough. Be the latter.

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

Dear Neighbor,

This week, I joined Congressman Joe Courtney, nursing leaders, and advocates at CT State Community College Three Rivers in Norwich to push back on the Trump administration's decision to reclassify graduate nursing programs as non-professional degrees, cutting federal student loan eligibility for advanced practice nursing students in half. With nearly 18% of Connecticut's advanced practice registered nurses expected to retire within the next five years, this policy could not come at a worse time. Connecticut is fighting back – the state legislature has committed \$10 million in supplemental loan assistance through the state's Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority to help fill the gap Washington is creating. **Click [HERE](#) to read more, or visit:**



I-95 Gold Star Bridge Rehabilitation Has Entered A New Phase

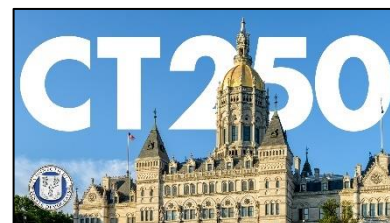
Major rehabilitation work has begun on the northbound span of the Gold Star Memorial Bridge, the I-95 crossing over the Thames River between New London and Groton that carries more than 120,000 vehicles daily. Starting May 30, northbound traffic will shift onto the southbound bridge, reducing lanes in both directions and lowering the speed limit to 45 mph. The project is 90% federally funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and is expected to be completed by 2030. **Click [HERE](#) or visit:**



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to read the full announcement.

CT250: Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary

Connecticut announced CT250 this week, the state's official initiative to mark the 250th anniversary of American independence across all 169 municipalities. The celebration will include a national bell ringing on July 4th at 2:00 PM, a Hartford Bonanza on the Fourth, a 160-foot Dutch tall ship arriving in Greenwich Harbor on June 28th alongside a large-scale Colonial village, the Deep River Muster on July 18th, the CT Maritime Heritage Festival in New London on September 12th–13th, a Revolutionary War Encampment in Durham on October 17th, and a full-scale reproduction of General George Washington's mobile headquarters in Litchfield on October 3rd.



Learn more about CT250 events and celebrations **click [HERE](#) or visit <https://senatedems.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d71bd19fdb20f487488c3f4b&id=8f13b4d7c4&e=9e5069c037>.**

New Health Care Cost Estimator Tools Now Available

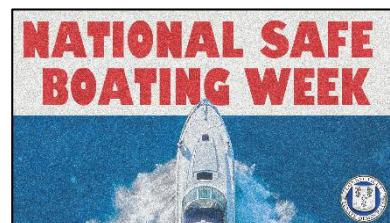
The state Insurance Department has launched new health insurance cost estimator tools designed to help Connecticut residents make more informed decisions about their care. Eligible members can log in to view estimated out-of-pocket costs for common medical procedures and services based on their specific health plan — all in one convenient location. The tools draw on data from existing insurer resources and are designed to bring greater transparency to health care costs.



Access the cost estimator tools **click [HERE](#) or visit: <https://senatedems.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d71bd19fdb20f487488c3f4b&id=a73c2d656c&e=9e5069c037>.**

National Safe Boating Week

Connecticut's DEEP and state officials promoted boating safety during National Safe Boating Week May 16th – 22nd. Since 2018, 45 people have died in recreational boating incidents in Connecticut waters. Key reminders: boating under the influence carries the same serious penalties as drunk driving; always wear a life jacket; check safety equipment and fire extinguishers; tell someone your plans; have your vessel inspected; and check the weather before heading out.



Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20th District, continued)**Blood Donations Needed As Summer Approaches**

The Connecticut Blood Center reports that blood donations drop significantly in summer as vacations, camps, and the end of the school year reduce donor turnout — while demand rises due to increased accidents and surgeries in what hospitals call "trauma season." Type O donations are especially critical. Visit the **Connecticut Blood Center** (click [HERE](#) or visit <https://senatedems.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d71bd19fdbe20f487488c3f4b&id=63ae78e223&e=9e5069c037>) or the **American Red Cross** (click [HERE](#) or visit <https://senatedems.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d71bd19fdbe20f487488c3f4b&id=6a99a2948a&e=9e5069c037>) to find a blood drive near you.

**Salem Christmas in July Accepting Applications**

Salem's Christmas in July event, set for Saturday, July 11th, is accepting applications from local businesses. Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://senatedems.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d71bd19fdbe20f487488c3f4b&id=7c7f985bcd&e=9e5069c037> for more information.

Salem Shred Event

Salem will hold a townwide free shred event on Saturday, June 20th from 9:00 AM to noon (or the truck is full) at the Transfer station – Salem residents can bring up to two banker boxes filled with sensitive documents to be shredded onsite.

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,

Martha Marx, State Senator 20th District

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

This Legislative Session ended has ended, and I'm proud of the hard work put in to achieve positive results for Connecticut residents.

Below is a list of what was delivered to the State and the 37th District.

This session we delivered real results:

- ✅ Supporting our first responders & workers. Expanding benefits for police, fire, and EMS, providing mortgage assistance, tuition support, and protecting nurses and teachers on the job with stronger financial and workplace protections.
- ✅ Delivering a strong, bipartisan budget. Historic investments in our schools, tax relief for families, expanded free school meals, funding for childcare, and millions more for cities and towns, while continuing to pay down long-term debt responsibly.



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

This session we delivered real results: (continued)

✓ Protecting children & strengthening families. Major DCF reforms that prioritize keeping kids with family, increase support for foster and kinship caregivers, improve oversight, and invest in the social workers doing this critical work.

✓ Standing up for civil rights & public safety. Advancing legislation that protects constitutional rights, increases accountability, sets clear standards for law enforcement, and ensures fairness in how technology and policing tools are used.

✓ Lowering energy costs & expanding access. Modernizing our solar and renewable energy programs to make them more affordable, more reliable, and accessible to working families, especially those who need relief the most. This is what it's about, delivering real, tangible results for our residents while making Connecticut stronger, safer, and more affordable.

This is what it's about.

Delivering for the 37th District

Education is why I got involved in public service.

As a teacher, I've seen how much funding matters, not just for our schools, but for our communities. That's why I've worked to bring additional state resources to East Lyme, Salem, and Montville.

These investments help strengthen our schools, provide long-term stability, and deliver real relief for local taxpayers.

We're making progress and there's more work to do. (East Lyme will receive \$779,701 more in additional funding, Salem will receive \$136,839 and Montville will receive \$2.51 million.)

There's always more to be done, but I'm proud of what's been accomplished so far.

Delivering for Salem

I was proud to deliver a check for **\$136,839** in state funding to Salem to support education and provide property tax relief.

Thank you to Selectman Gary Closius for meeting with me to receive it on behalf of the town. Investing in our schools and supporting local taxpayers is a win for the entire community.

Universal School Breakfast

A hungry child can't learn. That's a fact.

This year, we delivered:

- ✓ Universal FREE school breakfast
- ✓ FREE lunch for students who qualify for reduced-price meals

When kids are fed, they succeed.

No child should go hungry — and we're one step closer to universal free school meals.

Strengthening Federal Accountability

Since 2025 federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents have waged a campaign of fear, operating with masked faces, inadequate training, and reckless disregard of the constitutional rights of the people they encounter.

We as a state have an obligation to act to address an unprecedented breakdown in federal accountability. Parents are afraid of bringing children medical appointments, or sending them to school, court dates are skipped for fear



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

of being detained, and congregants are afraid of going to their places of worship.

Senate Bill 397 (An Act Concerning Democracy and Government Accountability) represents a measured and lawful response to these concerns. The legislation seeks to strengthen accountability by requiring clear identification from federal agents, restricting enforcement actions in sensitive locations, and creating a pathway for individuals to seek recourse when their constitutional rights are violated.

Senate bill 397:

- Enables any person the right to sue federal actors who violate their constitutional rights.
- Ensures the Inspector General has clear unrestricted authority to investigate the unauthorized use of force by state, local and certain federal agents when force results in death.
- Prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing masks and refusing to identify themselves when conducting operations.
- Builds on the framework established in 20205, designating protected areas – hospitals, schools, court houses, places of worship will be shielded from civil immigration arrests unless a law enforcement officer presents a signed judicial warrant.
- Establishes a floor of at least 480 hours of training for law enforcement officers in Connecticut.
- Regulates auto license plate reader technologies, permitting an active hot list, but caps retention of data to 21 days absent an ongoing criminal investigation.

This is not a statement of partisan preference, but a measured response to protect the people of Connecticut. No one is above the law, and the protection of constitutional rights does not stop at the involvement of federal authority.

June is Pride Month

Pride Month is a time to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, honor the fight for equality, and recognize that the work isn't over.

Love is love. Dignity is dignity. And every person deserves to live authentically and without fear.

Happy Pride.



As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

Nick Menapace

State Representative 37th District

The Salem DTC Regular Meeting Schedule – 2026

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|--|---|--|
| • Wednesday, May 4th, at 7:00 PM, at the Center School | • Wednesday, Jun. 3rd, at 7:00 PM, at the Center School | • Wednesday, Jul. 1 st , at 7:00 PM, at the Center School |
| • Wednesday, Aug. 5 th , at 7:00 PM, at the Center School | • Wednesday, Sept. 2 nd , at 7:00 PM, at the Center School | • Wednesday, Oct. 7 th at 7:00 PM, at the Center School |
| • Wednesday, Nov. 4 th at 7:00 PM, at the Center School | • Wednesday, Dec. 2 nd , at 7:00 PM, at the Center School | |

OPINION 1***ECS [Educational Cost Sharing] Reform Is Not The Real Answer ¹******by Daniel Badger, Jr., published May 26, 2026***

As drafted, Gov. Ned Lamont's Executive Order establishing a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Education Funding and Accountability appears to limit the Commission's remit to suggesting reforms to the state's Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula and other state programs that supplement local property taxes to fund our K-12 schools.

If the governor's goal for this commission is to solve the fundamental problem with our K-12 financing system, this limited mission sets the commission up to fail.

Despite ECS funding, property-rich districts continue to spend more on their schools while taxing themselves at lower rates to pay for it.

My analysis of 149 of 169 K-12 districts based on 2023-24 data shows that even if the ECS were fully-funded at a foundation level of \$16,000 per pupil (at the cost of an additional \$1 billion in state income and consumption taxes) as some are advocating, average expenditure per pupil in the state's 30 property-richest K-12 districts would still be 23% higher than in the 60 poorest districts. At the same time, the richest districts would pay property taxes to fund their schools (the "K-12 tax rate") at less than half the rate of poorest ones.

This regressive taxation to pay for a public good is deeply problematic. To solve the problem, what is needed is not ECS reform but property tax reform. That is the only way to achieve "ZIP-code neutrality" in our K-12 financing system.

The commission needn't look far for a model that would achieve this. In 1997, Vermont replaced local property taxation to fund its K-12 schools with a statewide K-12 property tax.

In the Vermont statewide property tax, local school districts approve school budgets and inform the state of the funding they need. The state calculates the statewide K-12 funding requirement and collects the needed revenue by levying property taxes on each town at a rate that is proportional to the expenditure per pupil the town proposes to fund. The higher the spending per pupil, the higher the tax rate and vice-versa.

This system is known as "equal funding for equal effort." It preserves local control over K-12 budgets, but not over the property tax rates that fund them. Crucially, the equal funding formula would sever entirely the links among local property values, spending per pupil and K-12 tax rates. Equally important, the statewide property tax would achieve this while imposing no additional fiscal burden on the state.

The impact of this statewide property tax design on Connecticut K-12 districts would depend on the target spending per pupil and tax rates set by the state, and on districts' expenditure-per-pupil choices. My analysis assumes spending and tax rate targets equal to the statewide averages for 2023-24: \$19,625 and 1.65%. Assuming this, here's what the statewide property tax would mean for a representative wealthy (Westport) district and a representative poor district (Waterbury):

- Westport's 2023-24 property value per pupil was \$2,017,000. Expense-per-pupil was \$26,8604. Property taxes allocated to K-12 schools was 1.3% of property value per pupil. Under a Vermont-style tax, if Westport chose to maintain its 2023-24 expense per pupil, its state property tax rate would be 2%, the same as for any other district choosing to match Westport's per-pupil spending.
- Waterbury's 2023-24 property value per pupil was \$255,000. Expense-per-pupil was \$20,266 funded by a K-12 tax rate of 1.9%. Waterbury's choices under the statewide tax would range between maintaining 2023-24's expense-per-pupil, in which case the state property tax rate would fall to 7%; or maintaining the 2023-24 tax rate, in which case the expense per pupil would be \$24,800, a 22% increase over 2023-24.
- A similar picture emerges when we compare the statewide property tax's impact on average expense per pupil and tax rates for the 30 districts in Q5 and in Q1.

OPINION 1 (continued)**OPINION: ECS [Educational Cost Sharing] Reform Is Not The Real Answer** (continued)

- If wealthier districts chose to maintain 2023-24 expense per pupil, the average K-12 tax rate would increase from 1% to 2%. To minimize that rate increase, the wealthiest districts would have to reduce expense per pupil below 2023-24 levels.
- If the poorer districts chose to leave spending per pupil unchanged from 2023-24 levels, the average tax rate would fall from 2% to 1.5%. If these districts chose to maintain their 2023-24 tax rates, average expense per pupil would increase by 36%. By contrast, fully funding ECS would only increase the poorer districts' expense per pupil by 13%, while requiring the state to raise an additional \$1 billion in general revenue.

Property-owners in richer districts might object to a reform where a portion of their property taxes pays for the education of children outside their own district. It would be argued that this violates the principle of "local control" although, as noted, the Vermont statewide property tax preserves local control over school budgets.

In any case, K-12 school finance is already "socialized" to a degree. A portion of the property taxes paid by the owner of a \$10 million home on Round Hill Road in Greenwich pays for the education of several children living in the town's Chickahominy neighborhood. By moving to state K-12 property taxation, we would merely be extending the boundaries within which K-12 financing is socialized from the edge of town to the state line.

A more legitimate concern with the statewide property tax is the burden it would place on income-poor homeowners in property-rich districts. The solution to this problem would be to defer the state's K-12 property tax obligation for these homeowners until they sell their homes or die. The state could issue revenue bonds secured by tax liens to fill the resulting temporary K-12 school revenue gaps.

In sum, the only reform that would sever the links among local property values, per-pupil spending and K-12 tax rates is a statewide property tax. Notwithstanding the limits of the governor's charge to the commission, I urge it to give careful consideration to a statewide K-12 property tax.

Daniel Badger, Jr., May 26, 2026

(Editor's NOTE: Daniel Badger, Jr. lives in West Hartford. His full study on which this commentary is based, including references and data sources, is available by clicking [HERE](#), or visiting:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ab3zhgksitu7lq9mjxxbg/V15.pdf?rlkey=v5vwz4rxbv0as5ntr1ae0fov&e=1&st=kvhacn&dl=0>.)

¹ Excerpted from The CT Mirror, "**OPINION: ECS Reform Is Not The Real Answer**" by Daniel Badger, Jr., published May 26, 2026

OPINION 2 – Connecticut's School Funding Problem Isn't A Formula Problem**Background**

The Vermont legislature passed **Act 60, The Equal Educational Opportunity Act, in June 1997**

Act 60, known as "**The Equal Educational Opportunity Act**", was a Vermont law enacted in June 1997 by the Vermont legislature intended to achieve a fair balance of educational spending across school districts, independent of the degree of prosperity within each district. The law was in response to a Vermont Supreme Court decision in the Brigham vs. State of Vermont case, wherein the court ruled that Vermont's then existing educational funding system was unconstitutional, because it allowed students in towns with higher total property values to receive a higher level of education funding per pupil than students in towns with lower property values. Act 60 was followed by Acts 68 and 130, which addressed some imbalances caused by Act 60.

To read the act click [HERE](#) or visit <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/1998/acts/ACT060.HTM>.

OPINION:

Connecticut's school funding problem isn't a formula problem; it's a structural one. As long as we rely on local property taxes to fund public education, wealthy towns will always spend more while taxing themselves less. Reforming ECS without addressing that underlying structure is rearranging furniture.

I support the Blue-Ribbon Commission taking a serious look at Vermont's statewide property tax model. It's the only reform that actually severs the link between your zip code and your child's education. But any version of

OPINION 2 (continued)**OPINION: ECS Reform Is Not The Real Answer** (continued)

this reform that lands in Connecticut must be built with working families and fixed-income seniors at the center; not as an afterthought. A deferral-until-sale mechanism protects the state's balance sheet. It doesn't protect a 74-year-old in East Hampton whose home value doubled but whose Social Security check didn't. The 34th District sits in the middle of this problem. We're not Westport. We're not Waterbury. We're towns that tax ourselves hard to give our kids a good education, and we still fall behind. That's not a local failure; it's a system failure. And the legislature needs to be willing to say so.

By: Meghan Rosenfeld, MEd-EdL, 05/27/2026

(Editor's Note: Meghan is the Democratic candidate for State Representative for the 34th House District)

Gun Violence – 2026 Statistics and Data

2025	Mass Shootings	Deaths	Injuries
TOTALS	172	178	687
January	30	38	96
February	30	44	90
March	40	35	183
April	35	33	147
May	37	28	171
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

* Data current through May 31st

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

Shootings By State					
State	# Current Month	# Year To Date	State	# Current Month	# Year To Date
Alabama	1	4	Montana	0	0
Alaska	0	1	Nebraska	0	0
Arizona	0	2	Nevada	0	0
Arkansas	0	2	New Hampshire	0	0
California	2	12	New Jersey	1	3
Colorado	0	2	New Mexico	0	2
Connecticut	0	0	New York	0	2
Delaware	0	1	North Carolina	0	3
District of Columbia	0	1	North Dakota	0	0
Florida	2	12	Ohio	2	4
Georgia	2	8	Oklahoma	1	2
Hawaii	0	0	Oregon	1	1
Idaho	0	2	Pennsylvania	4	9
Illinois	2	7	Rhode Island	0	1
Indiana	0	5	South Carolina	0	1
Iowa	0	2	South Dakota	0	0
Kansas	1	1	Tennessee	2	4
Kentucky	1	2	Texas	5	21
Louisiana	3	11	Utah	0	1
Maine	0	0	Vermont	0	0
Maryland	0	1	Virginia	1	8
Massachusetts	0	1	Washington	0	4
Michigan	2	6	West Virginia	0	0
Minnesota	1	3	Wisconsin	0	1
Mississippi	0	5	Wyoming	0	0
Missouri	3	8			

Total deaths (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 5,621**

Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 10,167

* Data through June 10th ** Totals not including suicide

Summary of statewide results of the 2012, 2016, 2020, and 2024 presidential elections.

DARK BLUE:	Won by the Democrats in all 4 elections
LIGHT BLUE:	Won by the Democrats in 3 of the 4 elections
PURPLE:	Won by each party twice in the four elections
LIGHT RED:	Won by the Republicans in 3 of the 4 elections
DARK RED:	Won by the Republicans in all 4 elections

Community News You Can Use**Board Of Selectmen Act On A Petition Request For Town Meeting**

The June 2nd Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting agenda included an item requesting the BOS call a special Town Meeting in accordance with Section 3.4 of the Town of Salem Charter. The purpose of the Special Town Meeting would be to call for a YES or NO vote on the following item:

- Salem School hire one Armed Security Officer (ASO) pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 10-244a for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

Community News You Can Use *(continued)*

BOS Act On A Petition Request For Town Meeting *(continued)*

This agenda item is the result of a petition containing more than 135 signatures requesting the BOS call a Town Meeting for this purpose.

The First Selectwoman consulted the Town Attorney regarding this request. After review of the Town of Salem Charter, the Town Attorney provided the following guidance in a letter to the First Selectwoman which states in part:

“There is no duty on the BOS to warn a Town Meeting pursuant to a petition unless “the board is reasonably certain that objection of petition is lawful, proper, and not frivolous.””

“Town of Salem Charter Section 3.4 sets forth reasons for electors to call a Town Meeting: “propose Ordinances, repeal or modify existing Ordinances, propose Town Meeting actions on matters enumerated in Section 3.3 of this Charter or consider other matters or proposals that petitioners deem to be of sufficient importance to be submitted to a Town Meeting.””

“Section 8.1 of the Town of Salem Charter provides that the Board of Education (BOE) has the power to hire and supervise “all employees” in the educational system of the Town. Section 2.7C provides that the BOE “shall manage the educational system of the Town, including buildings and property and resources used to provide education as provided under the CT General Statutes.””

“The Town of Salem has authorized the BOE to both hire educational system employees and manage buildings and property which are used to provide education in the Town of Salem. The Town of Salem Charter does not provide for petitions to hire employees for the BOE. The petition is not for a lawful purpose and a Town Meeting should not be set.”

Based on the guidance provided by the Town Attorney, i.e., the BOE is responsible and authorized to hire educational system employees, the BOS voted not to call a Town Meeting. The BOS suggested the petitioner take this request to the BOE.

Blood Drive

The **American Red Cross** blood drive sponsored by the **Salem Lions’ Club**

WHEN: **Tuesday June 16th, from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM.**

WHERE: **Salem Volunteer Fire Co. Fire House, 424 Hartford Road, Meeting Room**

Register and receive a \$20.00 e-gift card to the merchant of your choice. **Schedule your appointment at: 1-800-Red Cross (1-800 733-2767) or visit www.RedCross.org and enter SalemCT to register.**



Board of Selectmen Recognizes Grand Marshals

At the June 2nd Board of Selectmen meeting, the Town recognized this year’s Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshals and thanked them for their participation in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our Nation. Seaman 1st Class, U.S. Navy, Gordon Gillaspie (back row, second from the left), and Sargent Richard Brooks, E5, U.S. Army (front row, second from the left).



Around Town

• **Fire Marshal’s Office**

- › On-going new Career staff training
- › Fire Marshal Online Continuing Education Training
- › Salem School fire drill.
- › Blasting permit 249 Rattlesnake Ledge Road
- › Pre-planned training with the with Salem and Gardner Lake Fire Companies – facility tours of Southern Wicked Coffee, Right of Way Solutions and Vantage Point Academy
- › Fire Marshal Online Continuing Education Training
- › Scheduled inter-town training between Salem & Colchester career staff
- › Salem Career Firefighter contract meeting
- › Career staff contract meeting

Community News You Can Use *(continued)*

Around Town *(continued)*

• **Fire Safety Inspections**

- › Reinspection Salem Prime Cuts
- › Reinspection Vantage Point Training Academy
- › Reinspection Salem Plaza – 1 New London Road
 - Chelsea Groton Bank
 - 2 Brothers Pizza
 - Hair Power

- Salem Dental
- New Beginnings Adult

- **Calls For The Month of May** ★

- | | | |
|-----------------------|----|------------------|
| › Cancelled | -- | › Injury Trauma |
| › Citizen Assist | -- | › Investigation |
| › False Alarm | -- | › Outside Fire |
| › Good Intent | -- | › Structure Fire |
| › Hazard Non-Chemical | -- | › Water Rescue |
| › Illness | | |

TOTAL: --

› **Mutual Aid Given** ★

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|----|
| › Bozrah Volunteer Fire Co, | -- | › Lebanon Volunteer Fire Company | -- |
| › Colchester Hayward Fire Dept. | -- | › Oakdale Volunteer Fire Company | -- |
| › East Haddam Fire Dept. | -- | | |

TOTAL: --

★ *Data not available for the month of May.*

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

During the month of March, the Salem Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to **93** calls for service In the Town of Salem. Calls of interest: are:

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|------------------------|---|-----------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| › Administrative | 1 | › Debris | 3 | › Escape Response | 0 |
| › Alarm | 8 | › Patrol Check | 24 | › Trespassing | 0 |
| › Criminal Mischief | 0 | › Domestic | 2 | › Crash | 2 |
| › Assault | 0 | › Larceny | 0 | › Narcotics | 0 |
| › Community Engagement | 0 | › Disturbance | 0 | › Untimely Death | 0 |
| › Medical Assist | 1 | › Assist Citizen | 11 | › Officer Initiated | 33 |
| › Motor Vehicle Theft | 0 | › OUI | 0 | › Non LAH Traffic Stops | 8 |
| › Burglary | 0 | › Suspicious Incident | 0 | › Weapons Offense | 0 |

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 88

• **Emergency Management**

- › Attended the Region 4 monthly meeting (virtual)
- › Held a meeting with the *Starlink* representative to discuss activation and maintenance of the system.
- › Eversource wants to know about every power outage since it could be a sign of a larger problem. All customers are advised to call Eversource's customer service number to report every outage at 1-800-286-2000.

• **Public Works**

- › Public works personal are maintaining, lining, grooming and cutting grass on 3 soccer fields, and maintaining, grooming infields and cutting grass for 3 baseball fields. They are also maintaining the Town Hall complex, the Salem School campus, Music Vale Road Park, Salem Community Park and Pavilion, and Forsyth Road fields.
- › Supported amnesty days (May 16th, 17, and 20th).
- › All public Works personnel are Aerial Lift certified to safely operate the bucket truck.

Community News You Can Use (continued)

Around Town (continued)

• **Public Works (continued)**

- The catch bason truck has been repaired and places back in service and is being operated by a trained experienced parttime employee.
- Public works personnel were called in on May 24th to clear a downed tree blocking West Road.
- Public works personnel are repairing roads in preparation for rubberize chip sealing to begin mid-July.
- Road-side mowing using the over-the-rail mower is ongoing.

Document Shredding Coming To Salem

WHEN: Saturday: June 20th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM or until the truck is full.

WHERE: Town Transfer Station, 128 Rattlesnake Ledge Road

The town will have a document shredding truck at the town Transfer Station.

Limit: 2 banker size boxes.



New CT Law

Attention all CT paddlers all unregistered paddle craft must display owner contact information. The new law applies to canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards (SUP), and other unregistered paddle craft.

Note: Stand-up paddleboards are considered vessels (boats) by the U.S. Coast Guard unless they are being used in a surf zone or designated swim area. Anyone who is using a stand-up paddleboard is required to abide by all boating laws.

The **"If Found"** sticker for human-propelled (kayaks, canoes, standup paddleboards) and other non-registered boats was designed to help save lives, recover missing property, and reduce the time, effort and resources expended on non-emergency search and rescues.

The waterproof stickers are available free of charge to Connecticut residents and provide space for your name and two phone numbers. It's important to list two phone numbers; if you fall overboard, your cell phone may end up in the water with you and no longer work.

Affixing the **"If Found"** sticker on board your boat will help emergency responders determine if a true emergency exists if your boat is found. **Don't risk a fine. Failure to comply may result in a \$120.00 fine.**

Request FREE sticker(s) by emailing the Boating Division at deep.boating@ct.gov, or by clicking on the following link to request **"If Found" Stickers:** [**"If Found" Sticker**](#). Include the number of stickers you need and your mailing address.

FYI, Connecticut law requires there be a properly fitting life jacket for everyone onboard a manually propelled vessel at all times. It also requires:

- All children less than thirteen years of age must wear a properly fitting lifejacket at any time during the year;
- Between October 1 and May 31, all adults must wear a properly fitting life jacket while onboard a manually propelled vessel.



Community News You Can Use

Protests And Rallies

• Visibility Brigade Southeast CT

WHEN: Saturday, June 20th from 11:00 AM – 11:30 PM

WHERE: 122 Cross Rd., Waterford

NOTE: Nothing can be attached to the bridge. For safety reasons, **ONLY CROSS** the bridge at the light on the south end of the bridge (intersection with Waterford Pkwy, where the parking is noted below).

If you bring signs, we recommend having fewer words with larger letters so they can be read. For those facing the highway, try to use letters 15 inches or larger.

Parking Details: Meet at 10:45 AM at the parking lot at Yale Health facility, Crossroads Professional Building, 196 Waterford Pkwy South, Waterford. Parkway South runs parallel to the highway on the south side. The parking lot is about 1/10 of a mile from the bridge.

We will walk over MAP of protest location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/DwRrxsZHJuJnyrTT9>.

If you have any questions, contact us at VisibilityBrigadeSECT@Proton.ME.

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.



Salem Lions' Club

In 2025 the Salem Lions' Club donated more than \$14,000 for charities and other worthy causes within our community. The following are some examples:

THOSE IN NEED

Salem Benevolent Fund

Support

Care & Share

Support

Salem Volunteer Fire Co.

Secret Santa

Support

Special Projects

To aid those in the community.

YOUTH

Scholarships

Presented annually to 2 graduating seniors living in Salem

VO-TECH Grants

Presented annually to 2 graduating 8th graders living in Salem.

Civic & Grange Awards

To deserving 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at the Salem School

Easter Egg Hunt

At the Salem School

COMMUNITY

Vision Needs

Providing **eye-exams**, collecting, and providing **eyeglasses** for the needy and arranging adaptive **equipment** for the sight impaired, **KidSight USA**, pediatric vision screening and adult eye screening (see below)

The Red Cross

"**Sound The Alarm**" smoke detector program support, and assist in their blood drives in Salem

KidSight USA, Pediatric Vision Screening And Adult Eye Screening

*Salem Lions care about the vision of our children and adults by conducting vision screenings with our special camera. As fast and easy as taking a picture, the device detects vision issues across all age groups – from toddlers to teenagers. On average, Connecticut Lions detect that 10% of those screened need further examination by an eyecare professional. Our goal is to find anomalies before a student's vision impacts their learning. **If you want to make a difference in our community, consider joining the Salem Lions' Club.** (See page 24 in the Volunteer Opportunities Section of the Information And Services section of the newsletter for contact information).*



Lions
KidSight

Community News You Can Use *(continued)*

The Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA)

SCRRA is the waste management and recycling authority for the 12 member municipalities of East Lyme, Griswold, Groton, Ledyard, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Sprague, Stonington, and Waterford. ***Even though Salem is not a member municipality, Salem IS a participating community in SCRRA Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) & Confidential Paper Shredding program and Salem residents can participate in any of the 8 annual collection events.***

For the schedule of the 8 annual HHW collection events, participation protocol, and a listing of acceptable and unacceptable items and limits see page 21 of the Information And Services section of the newsletter.

Knights of Columbus Cardinal Spellman Council Pasta Dinner



The members of the Knights of Columbus Cardinal Spellman Council in Colchester invite you, your family and friends to enjoy an Italian dinner featuring penne pasta with marinara sauce and meatball, garden salad, Italian bread, garlic bits, stuffed appetizer and your choice of various drinks and desserts.



WHEN: ***June 20th, immediately following the 4:00 PM Mass until 7:00 PM***

WHERE: ***St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church Meeting Hall, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester.***

COST: ***Adults \$16.00, Seniors \$12.00, Children 8 – 12 years \$10.00 & children 5 years and under FREE.***

The proceeds will be used to fund some of our annual charities including the *Fr. McGivney Scholarship, Coats for Kids, Wheel Chair Fund, Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Dept* and the *Colchester Lions' Club*.

Salem Free Public Library (SFPL)

Library Report – May

- During the month of May the Library hosted 4 storytimes, and 4 drop-in play groups. There were a total of 55 attendees for the storytimes and a total of 36 attendees for the drop-in play groups.
- I Maythe Library had a Husky Scavenger Hunt. Participants won a prize if they completed the scavenger hunt. There were 102 participants.
- On Saturday, May 2nd, the Library hosted a special, storytime with presenter and author Bethany O'Brien, author of the "**Lucky Husky**". Participants were also able to meet Jonathon, the UCONN mascot! There were 34 participants.
- On May 6th, Library Assistant Veronique Chelhile held Legos At The Library. Participants use the Library's collection of Legos to create a structure, which is placed on display for the whole month. There were 3 participants.
- On Thursday, May 14th, Library Programming Assistant Hannah Lynch held a Cookbook Club. The cookbook that was selected was "What's Cookin' Good Lookin'" by Dolly Parton and Rachel Parton George. Participants selected a recipe from the cookbook and brought the dish in to share for the event. Participants discussed their chosen recipe and discussed the next meet-up. There were 13 participants.
- On May 16th, Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple presented a program on the Fearsome Foursome. This presentation discussed racoons, opossums, porcupines, and skunks. There were 17 attendees.
- On May 30th, Library Programming Assistant held a craft swap! The Library collected donated items for various crafts throughout the month of May. Patrons could visit the Library on Saturday, May 30th, to pick up items they might be interested in for crafting. There were 51 attendees!



Community News You Can Use *(continued)*

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

Library Building And Collection:

- The Library staff have started setting up for Summer Reading Program. The program will begin on June 22nd and run until August 8th. The theme this summer is Plant a Seed Read. Registration will begin June 22nd.
- On June 1st, the Library will host students from Salem School. from grades Pre-K to 5th grade. The Library staff will read a book to the students and share information about our Summer Reading Program. We look forward to this every year!

For the month of April, the SFPL served 1,811 patrons and provided 72 patrons with technical help.

News& Events

• **SFPL Closure**

The SFPL will be closed Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th in honor of Juneteenth, Freedom Day.

• **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 for the details on the passes available and pass availability. (see pages 25-26 of the Information and Services section of the newsletter).



• **Books in the Afternoon Book Club, Thursday, June 25th, at 1:00 – 3:00 PM.**

“My Friends” by: Fredrik Backman. This novel is about the unexplained but well-known work of art, a painting that will unexpectedly be placed into eighteen-year-old Louisa’s care. She embarks on a surprise-filled cross-country journey to learn how the painting came to be and to decide what to do with it. The closer she gets to the painting’s birthplace, the more nervous she becomes about what she’ll find. Louisa is proof that happy endings don’t always take the form we expect in this stunning testament to the transformative, timeless power of friendship and art.

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



Community News You Can Use (continued)

Salem Free Public Library (SFPL) (continued)

Programs & Events (continued)

• **Programs & Events To Enjoy With Your Children and Family**

- **Drop-in Play Group**

Wednesdays after Storytime, from 11:00 AM – Noon.

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.

- **Spring Storytime**

Every Wednesday at 10:30 AM
Beginning in March

Register at the Circulation Desk

Or call 860 859-1130

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



- **Coffee and Cribbage**

Every Wednesday at 2:00 PM

Catchup with friends over a cup of coffee and a game of cribbage.

No Registration Required

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



- **SFPL Knitting Group**

Thursdays, 10:00 AM to Noon

Bring your knitting or crochet projects to work on and chat with the group.

The group also works on items that will be for sale during the holidays to support the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library.



- **Author Storytime Giant Cuttlefish: Chameleon of the Sea**

WHEN: Saturday, June 27th at 11:00 AM.

WHERE: Salem Free Public Library, 264 Hartford Road, (RT 85), Salem



Suitable for ages 4 – 8
Registration begins June 1st,
To register Call 860-859-1130

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckhart and Carl Nawrocki Memorial Reading Fund)

- **Celebrating Connecticut Libraries**

Watch this short video to see what Salem and other Connecticut Public Libraries have been doing to serve our communities over the past year!

To watch the video Click [HERE](https://youtu.be/0J5B5i9ZtyY) or visit:
<https://youtu.be/0J5B5i9ZtyY>.

- **SFPL Summer Reading Program**

Plant a Seed and Read!

WHEN: June 22nd thru August 8th

Registration for the summer reading program begins June 1st. To register Call 860-859-1130



- **SFPL Concert**

Tuesday, June 23rd, at 6:00 PM

Kip Sturgeon



Claton Allen



To register Call 860-859-1130

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

- **Little Blue Truck STORYTIME**

WHEN: June 24th at 10:30 AM

This program is part of the Plant a Seed and Read Summer Reading program and begins June 1st.

This program is limited to 35 participants.

Registration begins June 1st,
To register Call 860-859-1130

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckhart and Carl Nawrocki Memorial Reading Fund)



Community News You Can Use (continued)

Salem Recreation Department

• Salem Recreation 2026 Calendar

For the complete **Salem Recreation 2026 Calendar** (see page 18 in the Salem Recreation Calendar section of the Senior Information And Services portion of the newsletter).

• Free Veggie Saturdays! **NO EARLY BIRDS, PLEASE**

WHEN: Saturday Mornings, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM beginning June 27th

WHERE: Salem Community Park Pavilion 89 Norwich Road (Rte. 82)

Bring proof of Salem residency, a bag and respect for the needs of others in our community.

Limit one bag per household. The garden is a volunteer run group. Volunteers are always welcome!

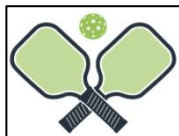
Let us know if you're interested in joining, contact the Rec. Commission at:

recreation@salemct.gov or 860 859-3678 x275



• Adult Co-Ed Pickleball Pick-Up Games

WHEN: Saturday mornings
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, &
Tuesday evenings,
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM



WHERE: Salem School, Multi Purpose Room
April through September

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

• Pilates – In-Person Classes

WHEN: Monday evenings,
June 1st to July 6th
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM,
(6 weeks)



WHERE: Old Library, 216 Hartford Road
\$60 Residents, \$65 Non-Resident

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

Register Early, limit 8 participants:

or call 860-859-3873 x275, or visit:

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

• 4th Annual Christmas in July

When: Saturday, July 11th
From 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Rain Date July 12th



Where: 89 Norwich Road (Rte. 82) Pavillion

Scavenger Hunt! Free popcorn,
snow cones, or cotton candy!



Contact Salem Economic Development
Commission at **salemedc@salemct.gov**.

• Salem Woods Disc Golf Course

Where: Bob Appleby Fields
At Volunteer Park
24 Forsyth Road



Come and try it out!! Discs available for loan.

Call: 860-859-3873 x275, or

Contact Us: e-mail: **recreation@salemct.gov**

• In-Person Yoga Classes

WHEN: Tuesday evenings,
June 2 to July 7th
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM (6 weeks)

WHERE: Salem Volunteer Fire Co.
firehouse, 424 Hartford Rd.

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WHEN: Thursday Mornings,
June 4th to July 9th
10:00AM to 11:00 AM (6 Classes)

WHERE: Old Library 216 Hartford Road
\$60 Residents, \$65 Non-Resident
Register Early Limit 8 participants

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

To Register call 860-859-3873 x275 or

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



Community News You Can Use (continued)

Salem Recreation Department (continued)

• **FUN RUN Series Is Back**



When: Tuesdays,
July 7th, 14th, 28th, & August 4th & 11th,
Check in begins at 5:00 PM
Beginners 1 mile walk/run at 5:30 PM
3-mile Fun Run at 6:00 PM

Where: Salem School, Bingham Field

To Pre-Register Click [HERE](#) to download the registration form, or visit the Rec Commission website at:
www.salemct.gov/summerfunrunseriesregistration

• **Personal Euphoria Virtual Fitness Classes**

Summer Classes

Pilates

July 7th – August 25th

Tuesday 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Instructor: Allison (8 weeks)

Cost: \$70

15 Min. HIIT

July 8th – September 2nd

No Class August 5th or 12th

8:10 AM to 8:25 AM

Instructor: Maggie (7 weeks)

Cost: \$30

Wednesday

Cardio Strength

8:30 AM to 9:15 AM

Instructor: Maggie (7 weeks)

Cost: \$60

Core Strength

July 9th – August 24th

6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Instructor: Rob (8 weeks)

Cost: \$70

Thursday

Fall Classes Begin September 15th



• **4th Annual Christmas in July**

When: Saturday, July 11th
From 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Rain Date July 12th



Where: 89 Norwich Road (Rte. 82) Pavillion

Scavenger Hunt! Free popcorn,
snow cones, or cotton candy!



Contact Salem Economic Development
Commission at salemedc@salemct.gov.

• **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**

• **Lake Compounce Good Any Day Tickets**

Click [HERE](#) for the 2026 Lake
Compounce Calendar, or visit
the Salem Rec. Commission
website at:

https://www.salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4966/f/uploads/2026_lake_compounce_calendar.pdf



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.

NOTE: Lake Compounce is a cashless park only accepting electronic payments such as debit cards, credit cards, and mobile payments like Apple Pay and Google Pay. Guests will have free access to multiple easy-to-use Cash to Card Kiosks conveniently located throughout Lake Compounce. You can transfer your cash free of charge onto a card, use it throughout the park, and if you have money left over, use it anywhere else that cards are accepted.

Community News You Can Use *(continued)*

Veterans' Coffee House

The next **Veteran's Coffee House** will be held on June 23rd at the GLVFCo. fire house starting at 6:00 PM. Please contact Michelle Horan if you plan to attend so we can have a headcount to ensure there is enough food. **Michelle can be contacted at: Horan.micheller@gmail.com or call / text at: 860 303-5023**

Box Tops For Education Fundraiser

See pages 21-22 the Salem Information and Services section of the newsletter for details on the box tops for Salem School fundraiser.

America's 250th Anniversary Celebration

**Come Join Your Friends And Neighbors
At A Community Picnic**

WHEN: July 18th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

WHERE: Salem Community Park, 89 Norwich Road/Route 82

All are welcome, come with your family, group, church, etc.

Bring your picnic, blanket and chairs

There will be music, food trucks, and demonstrations by:

Stay tuned for more information

K-9 Barrett Memorial Animal Control Facility *(Montville Animal Shelter)* **(update)**

The K-9 Barrett Memorial Animal Control Facility Grand Opening and ribbon cutting Ceremony

WHERE: Saturday June 13th, at 11:00 AM

WHERE: 225 Maple Avenue Uncasville

The K-9 Barrett Memorial Animal Control Facility is a regional animal shelter located at 225 Maple Avenue, Uncasville. The state-of-the-art facility serves the towns of Montville, Salem, Bozrah, Colchester, and the Mohegan Tribe. It is named in honor of a fallen police K-9.

The animal shelter can always use Cat or Dog food, cleaning supplies* and toys for the animals during their stay at the shelter. **Animal Control can be reached by calling the main number, 860-848-3529.**

* Only disinfecting bleach can be used at the shelter.

Salem Lions Club Tag Sale

WHEN: Saturday, August 15th, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM & Sunday, August 16th, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

WHERE: 232 Hartford Road

If you have items to donate to the Lions to sell at the tag sale contact Steve Wlodarczyk at 860-334-5285.

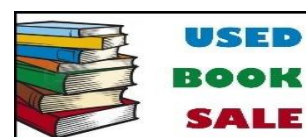
PLEASE no mattresses, bed frames or anything upholstered.



Friends of the Salem Free Public Library Book Sale

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

Where: 232 Hartford Road



Community News You Can Use *(continued)*

Hebron Mini Golf

(New Just Opened)

WHEN: Hours: Sunday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Monday – Wednesday 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Thursday – Saturday 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

WHERE: 290 Church Street, Amston, CT



PRICING: Admission \$12.00. Kids under 3 years old are free!

The mini-golf course will be joined by a new plant nursery and supply center next door. They plan to sell plants, landscaping supplies, and more.



Salem Historical Society

WHEN: Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30 PM

WHERE: Salem Historical Society Museum on The Green, 240 Hartford Road, Salem

Come hear about Major General Israel Putnam, a hero of the American Revolution by Robert E. Hubbard, retired professor Albertus Magnus College, author of the book "Major General Israel Putnam, Hero of the American Revolution".

Books will be available for purchase at this free presentation.

The book details Putnam's close relationships with Aaron Burr, Alexander Hamilton, and John and Abigail Adams. This biography of Putnam examines the life of a revolutionary whose seniority in the Continental Army was second only to that of George Washington.

Israel Putnam (1718-1790) played a key role in the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War. It was he who reportedly gave the command "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes" at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

In 1758 Putnam barely escaped being burned alive by Mohawk warriors. He later commanded a force of 500 men who were shipwrecked off the coast of Cuba.



Senior News

The Salem Seniors Group (SSG) boasts a current enrolment of 208 members. Membership has more than 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): gcclosius@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 June/July

Recreation Commission, Monday June 15 th , 7:00 PM	Salem Green Cemetery Association, June 16 th , 2:00 PM
Economic Development Commission, Tuesday, June 19 th , 6:00 PM	Board Of Education Policy, Monday, June 22 nd , 5:00 PM
Board Of Education Curriculum Meeting, Monday, June 22 nd , 6:00 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission, Tuesday June 23 rd , 7:00 PM
Inlands Wetlands & Conservation Commission, Monday, July 6 th , 7:00 PM,	Board Of Selectmen, Tuesday, July 7 th , 7:00 PM
Board of Finance Meeting, Thursday, July 9 th , 7:00 PM	Library Board of Directors, Tuesday, July 14 th , 6:00 PM.
Planning and Zoning Commission, Tuesday, July 14 th , 7:00 PM	Emergency Preparedness Agency, Wednesday, July 15 th , 7:00 PM
Board Of Ed. Long Range Educational Planning, Monday, July 20 th , 5:00 PM	Board Of Ed. Personnel/Contract Negotiations Meeting, Monday, July 20 th , 6:00 PM
Board Of Education Regular Meeting, Monday, July 20 th , 7:00 PM	Recreation Commission, Monday July 20 th , 7:00 PM
Economic Development Commission, Tuesday, July 21 st , 6:00 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission, Tuesday, July 28 th , 7:00 PM

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

2026 Salem Recreation Calendar

MARCH 4 NATIONAL WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL DAY Bingham Field, Salem School, 8 am <i>*re-scheduled, originally scheduled February 4</i> 14 REGIONAL UNIFIED NIGHT New London Community Recreation Center 1 Recreation Way, New London, 6 to 9 pm <i>*re-scheduled, originally scheduled February 7</i> 28 Salem Lions Club 32nd ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT for Toddlers to Grade 4 Salem School Gym & Field, 1 to 3 pm APRIL 16 SPRING CONCERT (Rain date: Saturday, April 18) with WICKED PEACH Salem Community Park Pavilion, 6 to 8 pm TBD STARGAZING NIGHT Salem Community Park Pavilion, Time TBD Sponsored with Three Rivers United Environmentalists & the Environmental Engineering Technology Program 25 Salem Little League OPENING DAY Lou Uffers Sports Complex, 10 am MAY 6 NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY Bingham Field, Salem School, 8 am 25 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & BIKE DECORATING CONTEST Salem Town Green, following Ceremony	JUNE 6 TOUCH-A-TRUCK Salem Community Park Pavilion, 10 am to 1 pm 5 FIND YOUR FOOTPRINT! MEDALLION PROJECT in cooperation with the Salem Land Trust Start hunting for this year's Footprint hidden along select trails 25 SUMMER CONCERT Salem Community Park Pavilion, 6 to 8 pm JUNE TO EARLY FALL FREE VEGGIE SATURDAYS Salem Community Park Pavilion, 9 am Bring Proof of Salem Residency, your own Bag, and Respect for the needs of others. No Early Birds, please. JULY TBD Economic Development Commission 4th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY Salem Community Park Pavilion, 9 am to 2 pm 30 SUMMER CONCERT Salem Community Park Pavilion, 6 to 8 pm AUGUST 20 SUMMER CONCERT Salem Community Park Pavilion, 6:00 to 8:00 pm STAY TUNED FOR MORE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES! EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES or SIGN UP FOR E-BLASTS! salemct.gov/recreation 860-859-3873, x275 recreation@salemct.gov	JULY TO AUGUST 7 SUMMER FUN RUN (Event is Rain or Shine) Bingham Field, Salem School Every Tuesday for Six Weeks (final date: August 11) 5:30 pm: 1-mile Walk/Run/Stroll. 6:00 pm: 3-mile Run. SEPTEMBER 26 COMMUNITY TAG SALEM DAY Rain date: Sunday, September 27 Salem Community Park Pavilion, 9 am to 12 pm Pavilion spots open to all. Residence listings for Residents only. OCTOBER 7 NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY Bingham Field, Salem School, 8 am TBD STARGAZING NIGHT Salem Community Park Pavilion, Time TBD Sponsored with Three Rivers United Environmentalists & the Environmental Engineering Technology Program 25 Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company MONSTER MASH + TRICK OR TRUNK Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company 2:00 to 5:00 pm DECEMBER 5 ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING Center School/Town Green, 3 to 5 pm
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News And Information



The Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA)

SCRRA is the solid waste and recycling authority for the twelve member municipalities of East Lyme, Griswold, Groton, Ledyard, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Sprague, Stonington, and Waterford

SCRRA funds and administers a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program for residents of our member municipalities however, residents from Salem can go to ANY of the 9 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events.

2026 Household Hazardous Waste and Confidential Paper Shredding Schedule.

• Saturday, April 4th	Stonington	Stonington High School, 176 So. Broad St
• Saturday, May 2nd	Waterford	Waterford High School, 20 Rope Ferry Rd.
• Saturday, June 13th	Norwich	Norwich Public Works, 50 Clinton Ave.
• Saturday, July 11th	Groton	Fitch High School, 101 Groton Long Point Rd.
• Saturday, August 1st	Montville	Tyl Middle School, 166 Chesterfield Rd. (Oakdale)
• Saturday, September 19th	North Stonington	Route 2, across from Wheeler High School
• Saturday, October 3rd	Griswold	Griswold Public Works, 1148 Voluntown Rd. (Rte. 138)
• Saturday, November 7th	Ledyard	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
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	

Salem School Fundraiser

The Salem PTO has many fundraisers during the year. Are you looking for an **EASY** way to support Salem School and help us reach our goal? One you can help with is the **Box Tops For Education** fundraiser.

For over 29 years, **Box Tops for Education** has given families an easy way to earn cash for schools with products they already buy! Today, you can find hundreds of participating products throughout the store. Scan or submit your receipt with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase, or shop with your Walmart connected account, and you'll earn for your school with every Box Tops product you buy.

News And Information

Salem School Fundraiser *(continued)*

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR SCHOOLS
AMERICA'S SCHOOLS HAVE EARNED \$958,015,672 WITH BOX TOPS...AND COUNTING**

It's so simple:

- ✓ Download the Box Tops for Education app on your device (phone, tablet, computer, etc.), here is the link to the Box Tops for Education website: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/>
- ✓ Select **Salem School** (or your school)
- ✓ Submit your receipts by:
 - 🛒 Linking your Walmart account (yep, even for grocery delivery!)
 - 📄 Uploading/emailing a digital receipt (ShopRite, Stop n Shop, Target, Amazon, and more!)
 - 📷 Snapping a pic of your paper receipt

No clipping. No scanning items. Just shop like you normally do — and help us earn cash for PTO programs that benefit our school and students!

Examples of Box Top products:



Here is the link to download the complete list of participating brands:
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/box-tops-products>

Help And Assistance

Senior Resources Agency On Aging

Senior Resources is a private non-profit organization established in 1976 and authorized by the Older Americans Act of 1965 and state statute. They serve as the Area Agency on Aging in Eastern Connecticut. Their service area covers 56 towns located in New London County, Middlesex County and Windham County as well as a small portion of Tolland County.



Senior Resources is a strong voice for the region's elderly citizens. Through their involvement at the federal, state and local level they work to enhance the quality of life for older persons. In addition to advocating legislatively, their continuing work with volunteers and citizen groups enables us to spread the word about benefits and services.

They work with a strong, diversified network of community-based agencies to offer a wide range of services and supports. Their community partnerships allow them to meet the needs of their consumers.

Their mission is to provide access to information and services to empower adults to live with dignity.

For more info visit their website click on <https://seniorresourcesec.org/>.

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.**

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

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: saalemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4966/f/uploads/transportation_fy22_packet_0.pdf.

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, **click** on arrayrxcard.com/ or review our **February 2024 Newsletter**.

211 Infoline Help

211 is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people to essential health and human services 24 hours a day, seven days a week online and over the phone.

211 is fully certified in crisis intervention by the American Association of Suicidology and is certified by InformUSA. InformUSA is the professional association for over 1,200 community Information and Referral (I&R) providers.

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.

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

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/.

Help And Assistance (continued)

988 Life Line

If you need to talk, the 988 Lifeline is here. The 988 Lifeline is available 24/7/365. Your conversations are free and confidential. (Visit their website at: <https://988lifeline.org/>)

At the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, we understand that life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, our caring counselors are here for you. ***You are not alone.***

Using the 988 Lifeline is free. When you call, text, or chat the 988 Lifeline, your conversation is confidential. The 988 Lifeline provides you judgment-free care. Connecting with someone can help save your life.

Calling The 988 Lifeline

Here is what you can expect when making a call to the 988 Lifeline:

- First, you'll hear a message that gives you service selection options including Veterans (Press 1), Spanish-language (Press 2), or your local 988 Lifeline contact center.
- They will play some hold music while you are connected to a live counselor.
- A counselor will say hello and introduce themselves. Your skilled counselor will ask you if you are safe.
- After they ask about your safety, your counselor will listen to you, understand how your problem is affecting you, provide support, and share any resources that may be helpful.

Texting With The 988 Lifeline

Here is what you can expect when texting the 988 Lifeline.

- When you send a text to 988, you will be given options to connect with a live counselor from the main 988 Lifeline or our Spanish-language (text AYUDA) and information on how to text the Veterans Crisis Line at 838255.
- When you text "Next" you will be accepting our Terms of Service.
- You will be asked to complete a brief survey to help your counselor understand how they can best support you.
- You'll receive a "Wait" message with a survey link to optional questions while we connect you to a counselor.
- Your counselor will say hello and introduce themselves. Your skilled counselor will ask if you are safe.
- After they ask about your safety, they will be calm and comforting, listen to you, and provide support. They may also share helpful resources.

Chatting With The 988 Lifeline

Here is what you can expect when starting a chat with the 988 Lifeline.

- After clicking "Chat" a new window with a brief survey will open. This survey helps our live counselors understand how to best support you and takes less than 5 minutes to complete.
- When you click "Start a Chat", you are accepting our Terms of Service.
- You will then see a message that indicates we are connecting you to a live counselor.
- When you are connected, a counselor will say hello and introduce themselves. Your skilled counselor will ask if you are safe.

After they ask about your safety, they will be calm and comforting, listen to you, and provide support. They may also share helpful resources.

Volunteer Opportunities

SALEM LIONS' CLUB

Do you want to make a difference and help people in our town? If the answer is **YES**, the Salem Lions' Club is always looking for new members. **Contact Bill Martin at 860-705-6062, or Kay Zak at 631-942-8169.**

Volunteer Opportunities (continued)

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.

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.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

WHEN *Saturday, June 13th at 9:00 AM.*

WHERE *Hilliard Cemetery, Music Vale Road.*

Please bring your mowers, weed whackers, and community spirit, and come and join the effort.

If you are interested in helping or have a need contact Kay Zak at: 860-889-3989 or e-mail at: kayzak@hotmail.com.

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.*

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.

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.

Activities In Our Region

Goodspeed Opera House

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

2026 Season

- **"Jesus Christ Superstar"** – April 17th – June 7th
- **"Crazy For You"** – June 19th – Aug 9th
- **"The Snow Goose"** – August 28th – October 18th
- **"Annie"** – October 30th - December 27th

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

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

Niantic Bay Playhouse

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

2025 Season

- **"Legally Blonde Jr"** – March 13th – 15th, and March 20th – 22nd
- **"Little Shop Of Horrors"** – April 25th – 26th, April 30th – May 3rd, and May 7th – May 10th
- **"Barefoot In The Park"** – May 29 – 31st, June 5th – 7th, and June 11th – 14th
- **"Anastasia"** – July 16th – 19th, July 23rd – 26th, and July 30th – August 1st
- **"To Kill A Mockingbird"** – October 9th – 11th, October 15th – 18th, and October 23rd – October 25th
- **"A Christmas Carol The Musical"** – December 4th – 6th, December 10th – 13th, and December 17th – 20th

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

Ivoryton Playhouse

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

- **"I'm Connecticut"** – March 26th – April 19th
- **"Lady Day At Emerson's Bar And Grill"** – May 7th – 31st
- **"1776"** – June 25th July 26th
- **"Come From Away"** – August 6th – September 6th
- **"A Piece Of My Heart"** – October 1st – 25th
- **"Playhouse Holiday Jamboree"** – November 19th – December 20th

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

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

Thames River Heritage Park Lecture Series Continuing

Every third Wednesday through the end of April, the Thames River Heritage Park will continue its lecture series, discussing freedom in America and what that means across history for different members of society. They will take place March 18, with Bev York discussing the women's suffrage movement; April 8th, with a five-person panel discussing immigration; and April 29, with Tom Anderson discussing the environmental history of the Long Island Sound. The lectures take place at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum with a reception at 6:00 PM and lecture at 7:00 PM at each event. Tickets are \$20 for the public and \$15 for Lyman members; you can purchase tickets by clicking [HERE](#) or visit their website: <https://www.thamesriverheritagepark.org/lecture-series/>

Activities In Our Region (continued)

Museum Passes Available at the Salem Free Public Library.

Library Hours: Mononday-Thuursday – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Friday – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM,
Saturday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Closed Sunday (hrs subject to change)



Discounted Admission Passes

- **Blithewold Manor, Gardens & Arboretum, Bristol RI**
Admits up to 6 people: Adults \$8.50, Youth (6-17) \$3.00. Open in April through October, Tuesday – Sunday.
- **Connecticut Science Center Hartford CT**
Library pass provides 20% off general admission for up to four people.
- **Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic CT**
One Library pass for each day of the week, 50% off full price admission for up to 2 Adults and 3 Children ages 4-17, on the day of the week printed on the pass. Children under 4 are free.
- **Niantic Children Museum, Niantic CT**
Admits up to 4 people ½ price.
- **Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence RI**
Pass valid from March – December
\$4 off each paid admission ticket for up to 4 tickets. Redeemable in-person or online. To purchase timed entry tickets online: www.rwpzoo.org/tickets.

Free Admission Passes

- **Connecticut's Old State House Hartford CT**
Free admission for up to four visitors
- **Connecticut River Museum, Essex, CT**
Free Admission for 2 adults and their children or grandchildren under the age of 18.
- **Connecticut State Parks Pass**
The pass covers the entrance fees to the historic buildings at **Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, Gillette Castle State Park East Haddam & Fort Trumbull State Park in New London**. Pass waives fees for 2 adults and 4 children, 12 and under.
Tickets are required for all visitors entering the castle, regardless of age. Tours can accommodate a maximum of 12 visitors at a time and tour tickets often sell out in advance. Please reserve tickets for tours online: www.connecticutstateparks.reserveamerica.com
- **Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center Mystic, CT**
Allows free admission for up to five people.
- **Custom House Maritime Museum, New London CT**
Pass allows two free admissions. Open year-around, Wednesday – Sunday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed Monday & Tuesday.
- **Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme CT**
Admits 2 adults and 2 children (18 & under) into the museum.
- **Lyman Allyn Art Museum New London, CT**
Admits 2 Adults & 2 Children 12 and up. Children under 12 are always free.
- **New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT**
Free admission for 4 people Closed Monday and Tuesday.
- **Slater Memorial Museum, Norwich CT**
Each pass will allow free admission for one group of up to 5 people.
- **Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford CT**
Free general museum admission for 2 adults, age 18 & up Youth 17 & under are free.
- **New Membership discount Mystic Aquarium Membership Discount coupon Mystic CT**
Borrow the library coupon for 15% off a Mystic Aquarium Membership Not valid for admission discount.

Activities In Our Region (continued)

Museum Passes (continued)

Museum Pass Rules

- Passes are available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Passes circulate for 3 days Overdue fines on passes are \$1.00 per day.
- No holds, reserves or renewals allowed.
- Only one pass at a time per family.
- Passes must be returned directly to the circulation desk. **Please do not place in the book drop**

Please check each museum's website for more information & current hours of operation before visiting. Hours subject to change.

Bozrah Farmers Market

WHEN: *Fridays from 4:00 to 7:00 PM*

WHERE: *45 Bozrah St, Bozrah*

2026 Vendors

<i>Beach Buns</i>	<i>Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC</i>	<i>Log Cabin Quilts</i>	<i>Them Nuts</i>
<i>Dude's Donuts CT LLC</i>	<i>Lemon Twist Lemon Aid</i>	<i>Munchies Food Truck</i>	<i>Thirsty Cactus</i>
<i>Fenner Forest Farm</i>	<i>Moonstone Teas and Botanicals</i>	<i>Paradis Pastries</i>	<i>Treatzles Pet Treats</i>
<i>Granny's Pie Factory</i>	<i>No Cows Harmed</i>	<i>Rare Breed Cheese</i>	<i>Whisktopia LLC</i>
<i>Holy Cannoli</i>	<i>Spray paint Art by Cowboy</i>	<i>Red Horse Pottery</i>	<i>Whoopies 'n Cream</i>
<i>Jeff's Kettle Corn</i>	<i>Whisk Together Catering</i>	<i>Red Lion Burger</i>	<i>Wilkinson Farm</i>



The Farmers Market runs from July to October. Look in our July newsletter for details.

FREE Summer Concerts In The Area – 2026

• **Concerts In The Park, Groton**

WHERE: *Washington Park, Meridian Street, Groton*

WHEN: *Fridays, 6:30 PM*



<u>DATES</u>	<u>BAND</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>BAND</u>
<i>June 19th</i>	<i>Mystic Dead</i>	<i>July 17th</i>	<i>Whiskey Boulevard</i>
<i>June 26th</i>	<i>Branded</i>	<i>July 21st</i>	<i>Diva and the Playboys</i>
<i>July 3rd</i>	<i>Wild Nights</i>	<i>July 24th</i>	<i>Wicked Peach</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>The Cartell's</i>		

Food Truck Dates for Groton Concerts in the Park

<u>DATES</u>	<u>TRUCK #1</u>	<u>TRUCK #2</u>	<u>DESSERT TRUCK</u>
<i>June 19th</i>	<i>Taqueria Cinco</i>	<i>Par 4 Curbside Catering</i>	<i>Robin's Ice Cream</i>
<i>June 26th</i>	<i>Supreme Hot Dogs</i>	<i>Issa Catering</i>	<i>Kona Ice</i>
<i>July 3rd</i>	<i>Taqueria Cinco</i>	<i>Philly's A Taste of Philly</i>	<i>Robin's Ice Cream</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>Par 4 Curbside</i>	<i>Issa Catering</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>July 17th</i>	<i>Taqueria Cinco</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Robin's Ice Cream</i>
<i>July 21st</i>	<i>Par 4 Curbside</i>	<i>Supreme Hot Dog</i>	<i>Kona Ice</i>
<i>July 24th</i>	<i>Taqueria Cinco</i>	<i>Issa Catering</i>	<i>Robin's Ice Cream</i>

Additionally, June 19th and July 24th Travelin' Toms Coffee Truck

FREE Summer Concerts In The Area – 2026 (continued)• **Salem Concerts****WHERE:** 89 Norwich Road (Route 82) At the Pavilion**WHEN:** Thursdays, 6:00 PM**DATES****BAND****FOOD TRUCK**June 25thFusionWoodfellas Pizza & Wings,
& Jumping Cow Ice CreamJuly 1stDon't Tell LisaAugust 30thBranded Country That Rocks

OZ n BONES

Bring a lawn chair and a friend.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Sid's Auto Sales, RADCOR, LLC, Anonymous Sponsor

• **East Lyme Concerts****WHERE:** McCook Point Park, 8-10 Atlantic Street, Niantic**WHEN:** Wednesdays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Fridays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**ON THE BEACH****DATES****BAND**June 24th

Rick & Derek

July 1st

Secret Lita

July 8th

Red Lion

July 15th

Three 57

July 22nd

The Berkshires

July 29th

Azalea Drive

Aug 5th

Low Tiders

Aug 12th

3 Hours Later

Aug 19th

Boat House Blued Band

Aug 26th

Five Bean Row

AT THE BANDSHELL**DATES****BAND**June 19th

Fuson

July 26th

Don't Tell Lisa

July 3rd

Nick Bosse

July 10th

Wicked Peach

July 17th

Sugar

July 24th

Feedback

July 31st

Mick Louis Band

Aug 7th

Nightshift

Aug 14th

Chis Marra Band

Aug 21st

Shaded Soul Band

Aug 28th

Rusty Nutz

Grab your beach chairs and see you at McCook's!!



Community News You Can Use *(continued)*

19th Annual Mitchell Farm Music Festival.

WHEN: September 18th, 19th, & 20th

WHERE: 300 East Haddam Rd, Salem, CT

Experience the Magic of Live Music At Mitchell Farm!

You can't beat the energy generated by hundreds of people sharing the experience of LIVE 70's music surrounded by peaceful grazing horses.

Friday at 7:00 PM
Jon Pousette-Dart
Acoustic Duo

Saturday at 2:30 PM
Laurel Canyon Band
Broken Arrow

Sunday at 2:30 PM
Mystic Dead

Discounted Advance Tickets

ON SALE NOW! at www.mitchellfarm.org

Special Discount For SSG Members, \$25 For Each Show.
Contact Kay Zak: email: kayzak@hotmail.com, or call 860-889-3989.

Gates open at 1:30 PM. Music begins at 2:30 PM.
Bring a blanket or lawn chair! Bring a picnic if you like.

B.Y.O.B. Tented event! Please, NO DOGS.

Rustic StrEats food truck on-site Sat & Sun.,
The Grill by Kay on Fri.

Net proceeds support the horses & donkeys retired to Mitchell Farm.
Mitchell Farm is a non-profit 501(c)3 equine sanctuary.

Thanks to our sponsors (so far)!

Pasta Vita, Reynolds Subaru, Humble Utopia

For information on becoming a sponsor
contact Dee at: email dee@mitchellfarm.org,
visit the website: <https://www.mitchellfarm.org>
or call: (860)303-8705

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