

Salem Democratic Town Committee

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NEWSLETTER

SALEM VOTER TURNOUT NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTIONS

GREAT JOB SALEM VOTERS!!

According to the Salem Registrar of Voters, a little over 67% (2,019) of the eligible voters (2,999) in Salem turned out and voted on in the November 8th election. The tables below detail the voter/vote breakdown by party affiliation in each of Salem's two voting districts as well as Salem's totals.

D	# Who Voted	Total Registered Voters	Voter Turnout %
District 1 (D)	244	320	76.25%
District 2 (D)	365	512	71.29%
TOTAL (D)	609	832	73.20%
R	Those Who Voted	Total Registered Voters	Voter Turnout %
District 1 (R)	222	299	74.25%
District 2 (R)	397	509	78.00%
TOTAL (R)	619	808	76.61%
U	# Who Voted	Total Registered Voters	Voter Turnout %
District 1 (U)	305	506	60.28%
District 2 (U)	469	811	57.83%
TOTAL (U)	774	1317	58.77%
O	# Who Voted	Total Registered Voters	Voter Turnout %
District 1 (O)	5	15	33.33%
District 2 (O)	12	27	44.44%
TOTAL (O)	17	42	40.48%

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTIONS

DEMOCRATIC CLEAN SWEEP!

Governor & Lieutenant Governor		
	Votes	Votes %
Ned Lamont & Susan Bysiewicz	709,147	55.93%
United States Senator		
Richard Blumenthal	723,864	57.45%
Representative In Congress District 1		
John B. Larson	149,556	61.31%
Representative In Congress District 2		
Joe Courtney	165,946	58.22%
Representative In Congress District 3		
Rosa L. Delauro	137,924	56.84%
Representative In Congress District 4		
Jim Himes	140,262	59.41%
Connecticut District 5		
Jahana Hayes	127,838	50.39%
Secretary Of The State		
Stephanie Thomas	687,714	55.22%
Treasurer		
Erick Russell	652,031	52.40%
Comptroller		
Sean Scanlon	884,856	61.39%
Attorney General		
William Tong	713,894	57.07%

**SALEM VOTER TURNOUT
NOVEMBER 2022
ELECTIONS (continued)**

TOTALS	# Who Voted	Total Registered Voters	Voter Turnout %
Total District 1	776	1140	68.07%
Total District 2	1243	1859	66.86%
Total Salem	2019	2999	67.32%

Party affiliation Ledged:

D = Democrat,

R = Republican,

U = Unaffiliated,

O = Other including minor parties:

- Independent (I),
- Libertarian (L),
- Working Families (WF),
- Green (G),
- Griebel Frank for CT (GFCT),
- Write In (WI)

Thanks to all the volunteers that walked with the candidates and knocked on doors, manned phone banks, put up campaign signs, and the various other efforts and contributions that lead up to the elections. Although we were not successful in unseating the Republican incumbent State Representatives Irene Haines or Holly Cheeseman representing Salem in Districts 34 and 37, we were successful in flipping the 20th State Senate seat representing Salem from Republican to Democrat by electing Martha Marx. Martha is filling the seat left vacant by Republican Paul Formica’s decision not to run.

On the State level all the Democratic candidates were successful in winning their elections.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN
MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2022**

POSTED ON: DECEMBER 8, 2022 - 9:04AM

TOWN OF SALEM – NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Room 1

Electors and citizens qualified to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of Salem are hereby duly notified and warned that a special Town Meeting of the Town of Salem will be held at the Salem Town Hall, 270 Hartford Road Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM for the following purposes:

To act on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee approved requests by a yes or no vote.

Copies of said warning are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Salem, Connecticut, this 7th day of December, 2022.

THE SDTC NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Salem Democratic Town Committee (SDTC) is putting together a list of people interested in filling seats on the various Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Committees as they come open, as well as those seats coming up in the November 2023 election. **To that end we are asking anyone who is interested in serving Salem in an elected or appointed position please contact T. J. Bucher at t.j.butcher@att.net.** The following tables detail the Salem town offices, and positions on town boards and commissions that will be on the November 2023 ballot. ***Come join us to help make a difference for Salem.***

ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Assessment Appeals (term length – 4years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires – Day/Month/Year
Dianne Woronik	Member	R	2019-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Kay Zak	Member	D	2022-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election

Board of Finance (term length – 6 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires – Day/Month/Year
Marshall Collins	Member	R	2017-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Matt Rucci	Member	D	2021-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Kate Belleville	Alternate	D	2021-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election

Board of Selectmen (term length – First Selectman – 2 years, Selectman – 4 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires – Day/Month/Year
Ed Chmielewski	First Selectman	R	2021-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Kevin Lyden	Selectman	R	2021-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Ronald LaBonte	Selectman	R	2019-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election

PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS:

December 2022

- **BOE Long-Range Educational Planning**, Dec. 5, 5:00PM
- **BOE Personnel/Contract Negotiations**, Dec. 5, 6:00PM
- **Board of Education**, Dec.5, 7:00PM
- **Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission**, Dec. 5, 7:00PM
- **Board of Selectmen**, Dec. 6, 7:00pm
- **Library Board of Directors By-Laws Committee**, Dec. 7, 5:00PM

December 2022 (continued)

- **Library Board of Directors Policy & Procedure Committee**, Dec. 8, 1:00PM
- **Gardner Lake Authority Special Meeting**, Dec. 8, 7:00PM
- **Board of Finance**, Dec. 8, 7:00pm
- **Library Board of Directors**, Dec. 13, 6:00PM
- **Emergency Preparedness Agency**, Dec. 13, 7:00PM
- **Planning & Zoning Commission**, Dec. 13, 7:00PM
- **BOE Policy**, Dec. 19, 4:00PM
- **Salem Land Trust**, Dec. 14, 7:00PM
- **Recreation Commission**, Dec. 19, 7:00PM
- **Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors**, Dec. 19, 7:00PM
- **Salem Green Cemetery Association**, Dec. 20, 2:00PM
- **Economic Development Commission**, Dec. 20, 7:00PM
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Dec. 22, 7:00PM
- **Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Meeting**, Dec. 26, 7:30PM

THE SDTC NEEDS YOUR HELP (continued)

Library Board of Directors (term length – 6 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires – Day/Month/Year
Alan Benkert	Member	R	2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Julie Stoken	Member	R	2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election

Planning and Zoning Commission (term length – 6 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires – Day/Month/Year
Carl S. Fontneau	Member	R	2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Jennifer Lindo	Member	D	2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Gary Closius	Alternate	D	2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election

Zoning Board of Appeals (term length – 6 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires – Day/Month/Year
Denise Orsini	Member	R	2017-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Elby Burr	Member	R	2021-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Larry Benedict	Alternate	R	2019-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election

Board of Education (term length – 6 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires – Day/Month/Year
Sean Reith	Member	R	2017-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Ryan Little	Member	R	2017-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Sue Spang	Member	D	2019-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election
Kelly Francis	Member	U	2022-2023	2 nd Tue. following the 2023 election

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission (term length – 4 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires Day/Month/Year
Diba Khan-Bureau	Member	D	02/07/2017 – 02/06/2023	02/06/2023
Roger Phillips	Member	R	02/07/2017 – 02/06/2023	02/06/2023
Jim Mulholland	Member	D	08/01/2017 – 07/31/2023	07/31/2023

Recreation Commission (term length – 5 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires Day/Month/Year
Mary Durkee	Member	R	09/03/2018 – 09/02/2023	09/02/2023

Recreation Commission (term length – 5 years)

Current Position Holder	Position	Party Affiliation	Term Duration	Term Expires Day/Month/Year
Mary Durkee	Member	R	09/03/2018 – 09/02/2023	09/02/2023

PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS: (continued)

January 2023

- Board of Selectmen, Jan 3, 7:00PM
- BOE Long-Range Educational Planning, Jan 9, 5:00PM
- BOE Budget/Finance, Jan 9, 5:30PM
- BOE Personnel/Contract Negotiations, Jan 9, 6:00PM
- Board of Education, Jan 9, 7:00PM
- Library Board of Directors, Jan 9, 7:00PM
- Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission, Jan 10, 7:00PM
- Emergency Preparedness Agency, Jan 10, 7:00PM
- Board of Finance, Jan 12, 7:00PM
- BOE Special Budget, Jan 17, 7:00PM
- BOE Co-Op, Jan 23, 6:00PM
- Recreation Commission, Jan 23, 7:00PM
- Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan 26, 7:00PM
- BOE Policy, Jan 30, 4:00PM

SALEM SCHOOL NEWS

Salem School website link: (<https://www.salemschools.org/>) To view the Salem School website use the following link:

- PTO Holiday Vendor Fair –Sat, Dec 10th, 10AM – 2PM in the Salem School Gym
- Boys' Basketball Game, Dec 19th, Salem @ Preston
- Girls' Basketball Game, Dec 19th, Preston @ Salem
- Boys' Basketball Game, Dec 21st, Sterling @ Salem

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

GET HELP, STAY WARM

- **Eversource Payment Plans and Assistance**

Consider these programs if you're struggling to pay your monthly utility bills. **Use the following link to view Payment Plans &**

Assistance | Eversource: (https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance?utm_source=allcustomer&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=winter_bill&utm_content=ppa&mkt_tok=NDQ2LVRETS03NDEAAAGIJoNF6n3iQOuVuLkKfcASsVMxYnHZfnTzopjPg6NcMp5r6qQExRbNZt-dyxkja6Hs_g11GQrkuwdg5WWmE3KqOhWbGte3HLvoXUwniUX)

Programs To Help Webinar

Please join us for one of our free virtual customer monthly webinars Programs to Help on available financial assistance, payment plans and energy efficiency programs to help manage your monthly energy bills.

Use the following link to Register for the Programs to Help Energy Assistance Webinar:

(<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5625662664822264076>)

- **Programs For Income-Eligible Customers:**

Available to customers with a past-due balance that meet specific income requirements.

- **Extended Payment Plan**

Avoid shutoffs by paying a past-due balance over an extended period of time. This plan is available to most customers with a past-due balance. **Use the following link To Learn about payment plans:** (<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/payment-plans>). For immediate assistance, call us at **800-286-2828** (electric) or **800-438-2278** (gas).

You can also **use the following links to download a bill help fact sheet** (https://www.eversource.com/content/docs/default-source/my-account/bill-help-fact-sheet.pdf?sfvrsn=f8aba762_16) or an **overview of balance forgiveness programs and payment plans** (https://www.eversource.com/content/docs/default-source/my-account/programs-payment-options.pdf?sfvrsn=b646a662_8).

- **Matching Payment Program**

Pay off a past due balance with affordable monthly payments and matching credits from Eversource. **Use the following link To Learn about the Matching Payment Programs:** (<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/matching-payment-program>).

- **New Start Program**

Eliminate your past-due balance in as few as 12 months with on-time monthly payments and Eversource balance forgiveness.

SALEM SCHOOL NEWS (continued)

- **Girls' Basketball Game**, Dec 21st, Salem @ Sterling
- **Early dismissal**, Dec 23rd
- **Holiday Recess**, Dec 26th – 30th
- **New Year's Holiday**, Jan 2nd
- **Boys' Basketball Game**, Jan 4th, Salem @ IDCS
- **Girls' Basketball Game**, Jan 5th, IDCS @ Salem
- **Boys' Basketball Game**, Jan 9th, Salem @ Lisbon
- **Girls' Basketball Game**, Jan 9th, Lisbon @ Salem
- **Boys' Basketball Game**, Jan 19th, Salem @ Volution
- **Girls' Basketball Game**, Jan 19th, Voluntown @ Salem
- **Boys' Basketball Game**, Jan 23rd, Bozrah @ Salem
- **Girls' Basketball Game**, Jan 23rd, Salem @ Bozrah
- **Boys' Basketball Game**, Jan 25th, Preston @ Salem
- **Girls' Basketball Game**, Jan 25th, Salem @ Preston
- **Early Dismissal – staff PD**, Jan 26th
- **Boys' Basketball Game**, Jan 30th, Salem @ Sterling
- **Girls' Basketball Game**, Jan 30th, Sterling @ Salem

EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

East Lyme High School website link: (<https://www.eastlymeschools.org/high-school>) To view the East Lyme High School website use the link above:

- **Cocoa With the Clauses**, Dec 17th 8:00AM - 11:00AM, Commons
- **Winter Concert**, Dec 20th 7:00 PM, Auditorium

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued)

Use the following link to Learn about the New Start Programs: (<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/nu-start>)

- **State And Federal Assistance:**

Apply for state and federal assistance to help with your energy bills.

- **Get help to pay your heating bill through the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).**

Use the following link to apply online:

(<https://my.eversource.com/NDQ2LVRETS03NDEAAAGIJoNF6idQrvSHdjyJN6lFfo8AsYMM4xNCuS2rjp9rc5EY - Fq0XUAOyb 8I0voeq3envxJAo=>) or

Use the following link to find a local Community Action Agency near you:

(<https://my.eversource.com/NDQ2LVRETS03NDEAAAGIJoNF6qrDFHUd4JM1xb8ANKqLV80pwKriWMjTBVe8TQb IdaWWCqR1ehkASQrtUR-Flxcic4=>).

- **You may also be able to get help from Operation Fuel by using the following link:**

(<https://my.eversource.com/NDQ2LVRETS03NDEAAAGIJoNF6k-7VKI5-Vsl 64WsLzSz-OKK4Uti31JVkDPT x5MSNPLq9hsfKj5mhZBRCCqVUfB0=>) or to

find a Fuel Bank near you use the following link:

(<https://my.eversource.com/NDQ2LVRETS03NDEAAAGIJoNF6m3o9lqVe5B9UMI5Yh lqzYZYMCRKfccnH2qjXH9TaFYG-JBHZqyCEWkGUBIIE-vOuc=>).

- **Service Protection:**

Apply for temporary service protection if you meet income or medical requirements and have a past-due bill.

- **Protect your service from shut off** from Nov. 1 through May 1 with the Winter Protection Plan, for customers facing a financial hardship. Use the following link to learn about Service Protection Plans: (<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/shutoff-protection>)

- **You may also be eligible for the Medical Protection Plan** if anyone in your home is seriously ill or has a life-threatening situation. Use the following link to learn about Medical Protection Plans:

(<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/manage-bill/about-your-bill/billing-rights#medical>)

EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL NEWS (continued)

- **Holiday Extravaganza**, Dec 23rd, 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Early dismissal**, Dec 23rd
- **Holiday Recess**, Dec 26th – 30th
- **New Year's Holiday**, Jan 2nd
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, Jan 16th
- **1/2 Day School – PD DAY**, Jan 26th

Athletic Schedule Link:

(http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=105) To view the Athletic Schedule use the link above.

COMMUNITY HELP / ASSISTANCE

- **CARE & SHARE** Website link: <http://www.careandshareofel.org/>
Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. provides food, financial and emergency support to individuals and families in East Lyme, Niantic and Salem. *If you are interested in receiving assistance, contact them at 860-739-8502.* Leave a message with your name, telephone number and the type of assistance you are looking for, as well as the best time you can be reached. A responder will confidentially return your call.
- **TVCCA – (Thames Valley Council for Community Action Inc.** website link: <https://www.tvcca.org/>. Get connected to the people and services that can benefit you. TVCCA Navigators can also assist with referrals to other community resources including but not limited to food banks, furniture banks, and housing authorities. Client Assistance Funds are also available.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued)

- You may also be eligible for the **Medical Protection Plan** if anyone in your home is seriously ill or has a life-threatening situation. *Use the following link to learn about Medical Protection Plans:* (<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/manage-bill/about-your-bill/billing-rights#medical>)
- **Take Control of Your Energy Bill:**
Manage your bill by controlling seasonal spikes and making your home or apartment more energy efficient.
 - **Budget Billing**
Avoid seasonal spikes and pay a fixed amount each month based on your average annual usage. *To learn about Budget Billing use the following link:* (<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/manage-bill/budget-billing>)
 - **Home Energy Solutions**
Energy-saving improvements, custom recommendations and access to rebates and incentives for your home or apartment. *Use the following link to learn about to learn about Home Energy Solutions:* (<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/save-money-energy/energy-efficiency-programs/home-energy-solutions>)
 - **Home Energy Solutions for Income Eligible Customers**
If you meet income eligibility requirements, you may receive the initial visit at no-cost, incentives for energy-saving upgrades, and up to 100% off approved insulation projects. *To learn about Home Energy Solutions for Income Eligible Customers use the following link:* (<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/save-money-energy/energy-efficiency-programs/home-energy-solutions/home-energy-solutions-income-eligible>)

MYSTIC SEAPORT MUSEUM

Lantern Light Village

Starting December 2 - December 17, Fridays and Saturdays, 5PM - 8 PM

Lantern Light Village is an outdoor, free-roaming experience designed to exemplify the differences between the modern and 19th century holiday seasons. Take a journey through time as you seamlessly transition between the holidays you experience today and the holidays of the past. Enjoy festive lighting displays, live music, horse and carriage rides, crackling fires, a visit from St. Nicholas, and more including holiday themed performances, crafts, and games!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **LION'S CLUB**
The Lions are looking for volunteers. **Contact John Houchin at 860-887-2518 or cell 860-705-1227.**
- **MITCHELL FARMS EQUINE:**
The retirement Horse farm is looking for volunteers to help. **Contact Dee Doolittle: 860-303-8705, or e-mail: dee@mitchellfarm.org.**
- **FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY (FOSL)**
The FOSL are always looking for help sorting books for the used book sale. Contact Carl Nawrocki: 860-608-9970, or e-mail: carlybilly@aol.com.
- **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP – VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**
Cemetery clean-up activities are shut down for the winter but if you are interested in helping when we start up in the spring contact Kay Zak: 860-889-3989 (home), or e-mail: kayzak@hotmail.com or watch the FB website for future dates.
- **HOME REPAIR AND HANDY-MAN SKILLS.**
Would you like to volunteer to help a Senior or someone in need, or do you need help? Please let us know:
 - what your skills are and/or what you can help with?
 - what your needs are? (i.e., pull a pool cover on in fall; reset a knocked down mailbox; change the oil in a lawn mower; etc.).
 Contact Kay Zak: 860-889-3989 or e-mail: kayzak@hotmail.com, or Gary Closius: 860-889-3989 or 860-961-9173, or e-mail: gclosius@sbcglobal.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued)

To purchase tickets use the following link:

https://www.mysticseaport.org/lantern-light-village/?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=November15%2C2022&utm_content=LLV_version_A

75TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SING

Visitors will be admitted free of charge on this day, **December 18th from 10:00AM. – 4:00PM.** As in the past, donation of non-perishable food will be collected as well as monetary donations in lieu of admission.

To see what else is going on at Mystic Seaport use the following link:

https://e.wordfly.com/click?sid=MTIOM180NjIwXzE1NTkxXzY2OTQ&l=34f15886-4764-ed11-a82c-0050569d9d1d&utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=November15%2C2022&utm_content=LLV_version_A

SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWS & EVENTS

- The Library will be closed for the holiday, December 23rd – 26th.
- The Library will be closed December 30th – January 2nd for the New Year's holiday.
- **FOOD FOR FINES, December – January**
Every item donated counts for \$1.00 of fines. Every donation can make a difference. Donations of non-perishable food in cans and jars are accepted. **Please check expiration dates before donating.** Food will be picked up by Care & Share of east Lyme.
- **DECEMBER FAMILY STORY TIME. Tuesday December 13th @ 10:30AM.** No registration required. Siblings welcome.
- **HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS. Wednesday, December 14th @ 6:00PM.** Presented by Kim Hargrave from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Learn how to make a centerpiece with greens for your holiday table. **Call 860-869-1130 to register. Limited to 10 adults.**
- **MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY, The Muppet Christmas Carol. Wednesday, December 21st @ 4:00PM.**
- **STORYTIME WITH THE AUTHOR Chad Chenail Mitsy the Oven Mitt Goes to School: A story about being brave. Saturday, January 7th @ 11:00AM.** Call 860-859-1130 to register.
- **MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY, Where the Crawdads Sing. Monday January 9th @ 1:00PM.**
- **WINTER READING for all ages. Tuesday January 10th – Tuesday January 28th.** When you register, you will receive a paper reading log to record the books you've read. When you've read 5 books, return the reading log to the Library by March 1st, 2023 and receive a free book of your choice.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

• **GARDNER LAKE AND SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENTS:**

Both the Salem and Gardner Lake Fire Departments are looking for volunteers of ALL AGES.

➤ **Salem Volunteer Fire Company:**

NON-EMERGENCY PHONE:
860-859-0942

➤ **Gardner Lake Fire Company:**

NON-EMERGENCY PHONE:
860-859-1743

Website link:

<https://www.gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home>

SENIOR NEWS

- The **Salem Senior Citizen's Group** boasts a current enrolment of 88 members, an increase of approximately 30 from the beginning of 2022.
- The **Salem Senior Citizen's Group** held their Holiday Luncheon at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse on December 10th. A good time was had by all.



COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued)

SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (continued)

- **SEWING FOR BEGINNERS. Saturday, January 21st 11:00AM – 12:30PM**
Limited to 6 Participants, ages 5 – 8. **Call 860-856-1130 to register.** Presented by Deb Drennen. Participants decorate a pillow cover with permanent markers, stuff the pillow with fiberfill& hand stitch the opening.
- **STAMP & CARD MAKING WORKSHOP, Saturday, January 21st, 11:00AM – 1:00PM.**
Make your own stamp using the linocut technique, and use it to make a card. **Call 860-859-1130 to register.** Limited to 10 participants. Ages 13 to adult.
- **GARDEN PARTY, January 28th 11:00AM – 1:00PM.**
Beat your winter blues and join us as we prepare for the upcoming gardening season. We will be giving out seeds and serving light refreshments.

SNOW REMOVAL

Street safety is the Town of Salem Public Works Department's primary concern during the winter months. Public Works treats the pavement and removes snow whenever road conditions call for these services. Residents should remember that all snow removal operations are performed under emergency conditions. Our drivers work extended hours to ensure safe and effective snow removal. Please help the Public Works Department by following the Snow Emergency Tips and Reminders listed below:

- The Town of Salem has 44 road miles to maintain. Public Works is also responsible for clearing the Town Office, School, Town Library and Transfer Station.
- There are several State controlled roads in Town. Any road that has a route number is a State controlled road. (Routes 82, 85 and 354) The State of CT plows those roads.
- Please remember that Public Works is not responsible for removing the snow created by plowing past your driveway.
- Please move all vehicles off of the streets or cul-de-sacs during all snow storms that have the possibility of producing at least 3 inches of snow.
- The Town of Salem is not responsible for the snow that accumulates around your mailbox. It is the homeowners' responsibility to remove the accumulated snow from their mailbox.
- Please place your garbage and recycling roll out containers beyond the edge of pavement or curb and NOT in the street. Objects in the street are the biggest deterrent to efficient plowing operations.
- Remove all basketball backboards from the Town right of way.
- Never pass a snowplow or salt truck.
- If you use a snow blower to clear your driveway, do not blow the snow into the street.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SALEM SCHOOL WEEKEND BUILDING MAINTAINER

POSTED ON: NOVEMBER 17, 2022 - 1:40PM The Salem School District is seeking a Weekend Building Maintainer to help support the Town's weekend recreation activities.

Weekend Building Maintainer (PT)

Salary: \$16.19/hour

Duration: November 2022 – Mid April 2023

Hours: Saturday 8:45 am – 4:00 pm and Sunday 8:45 am - 4:00 pm

Responsibilities: Opening and securing building; ensuring that building is left in same condition as shift start; set-up and breakdown of equipment (as needed); monitor security of building use; miscellaneous tasks that may arise. Must be capable of lifting 50 pounds and standing for long periods of time. Must be reliable and capable of working independently and have reliable transportation. Must pass background check.

Open Until Filled. Please apply at:

<https://www.applitrack.com/salemschoolsct/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category..>

SALEM SCHOOL / EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL RANKINGS

SALEM SCHOOL RANKINGS

Salem Elementary School is **ranked #33** in Connecticut Elementary Schools and **ranked #89** in Connecticut Middle Schools by **U.S. News & World Report**.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued)

SNOW REMOVAL (continued)

- Never assume the snowplow drivers can see you. Stay at least three (3) car lengths behind the truck. If you cannot see the driver in his mirrors then he cannot see you either.
- If you, or your contractor, use a snow plow to clear your driveway, do not push the snow into the road.

TOWN MAILBOX DAMAGE POLICY

In order to provide a fair and uniform resolution to incidents involving mailboxes damaged by a Town snowplow the Town of Salem adheres to the following policy concerning repair/replacement of mailboxes.

It is a job of the Public Works Department to remove snow from road surfaces. Snow being thrown by a plow can significantly impact the mailbox and cause damage. There is nothing that can be done to prevent snow from being thrown from the plow blade. Mailboxes must be securely fastened to a sturdy post in the ground to reduce or resist the impact of thrown snow.

The mailbox, post and arm should be at least (8") inches from the face of curb or edge of pavement in order to prevent direct contact by the snow. If it is determined that a mailbox was struck directly by a Town snowplow, the Town will replace the existing mailbox and post with a standard mailbox and post. Custom mailboxes and posts will not be replaced in-kind.

No mailbox or post will be considered for replacement if the post shows dry rot, unstable or was placed too close into the travel way.

The Town will replace the mailbox and/or post only when the Town snowplow is found to have made direct contact with the mailbox, not when the box is knocked over by snow or slush that is thrown by the plow.

Basketball hoops and sprinkler systems within the town right of way are not permitted and will not be replaced, repaired or reimbursed by the town.

The Director of Public Works or a designated representative is authorized to use reasonable discretion in resolving matters involving unusual circumstances.

OPINION

"GOOD SCHOOL SYSTEMS MEAN HIGHER PROPERTY VALUES"

In an article written by Angela Colley, she lays out the basis for the statement "As school test scores rise, so do home values. A sale inside a good school district will likely reap dividends."

While the old real estate adage may have been, "location, location, location," perhaps today's real estate motto should be, "schools, schools,

SALEM SCHOOL / EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL RANKINGS (continued)

Read more about how they rank the best elementary schools (link: <https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/search?grade=2&state=CT>) and best middle schools (link: <https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/search?grade=3&state=CT>).

EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL RANKING

East Lyme High School is ranked in the top 9% of public high schools nationally (#1711), ranked #36 in Connecticut, and ranked #3 in New London County (including MagnetSchools) by U.S. News & World Report.

Read more about how they rank the best high schools (link: <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/articles/how-us-news-calculated-the-rankings>)

One of the major reasons cited by a majority of the respondents to the 2021 Salem town wide survey for locating to, or staying in, Salem, was the excellent school system.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

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TOWN OF SALEM

Notice Of Public Hearing

The Salem Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023 beginning at 7:00PM** at Salem Town Hall, 270 Hartford Road, Salem, CT 06420. The following applications will be heard:

Salem Planning and Zoning Commission – Adoption of the 2022 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Per Section 8-23 of

OPINION (continued)

schools,” as high-ranking school districts have been increasingly hitting home buyer’s wish lists. The majority of the respondents to last two Salem town wide surveys (2012 and 2021) indicated one of the most important reasons they chose the move to or remain in Salem was the good school system.

A 2017 study by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) found 26% of home buyers considered the quality of schools when looking for a new home. Schools aren’t the only determinant of home prices—safety, commute times, jobs, and housing inventory all play a part in any market. But a good home in a good school district can fetch a higher price, and also hold a better resale value than a similar home in a less-stellar district.

“Economists have estimated that within suburban neighborhoods, a 5 percent improvement in test scores can raise prices by 2.5%,” reports the New York Times.

According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, there is a strong correlation between school expenditures and home values. A report titled “School Spending Raises Property Values”, found that for every dollar spent on public schools in an area, home values increased \$20. These findings indicate that additional school expenditures have a beneficial impact on all homeowners, whether those residents have children in the public school system or not.

And the emphasis on school districts looks to only increase as more families enter the housing market or upgrade to second homes. The under-36 crowd forms the largest new-home-buying cohort, according to a 2017 NAR study, and 49% of that age group has at least one kid under the age of 18 at home. And almost half of them say school districts play a big role in buying decisions.

Home values inside top-rated school districts were 49% higher than the national median home price, according to a 2016 study by Realtor.com, which analyzed data from the residential listing database and school district ratings from GreatSchools.org.

Sources:

- 1). <https://raleighrealtymhomes.com/blog/how-schools-impact-home-values/>
- 2). <https://www.opendoor.com/articles/how-school-ratings-impact-home-prices>

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTIONS

SALEM vs. STATE / DISTRICT

The following charts compare the results of the voting in Salem vs. the voting State/District wide.

**PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
(continued)**

the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) requires each municipality to prepare or amend and adopt a POCD at least once every ten years.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written correspondence received.

The 2022 POCD is available for viewing on the Salem Town Website at:

<https://www.salemct.gov/planning-and-zoning-commission/pages/pending-applications> and is also on file in the office of the Salem Town Clerk.

**GARDNER
LAKE
VOLUNTEER
FIRE
COMPANY
FOOD DRIVE**



December 15th – January 15th

Bin located outside the Fire Department 429 old Colchester Road, Salem CT

Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company is having a Can food/Non-Perishable food drive benefitting the residents of East Lyme, Salem and Niantic. Items will be delivered to Care and Share of East Lyme, Inc. which has been providing food, financial, and support to local residents since 1989. Please stop by and place your items in the labeled bin located outside the fire department at any time. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Any questions please call 860-373-6826 or e-mail GLVFCinfo@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTIONS (continued)

SALEM vs. STATE / DISTRICT (continued)

SALEM ELECTION RESULTS

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
R	Bob Stefanowski and Laura Devlin	1,082	54.94%	1082 ★
D	Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	894	45.36%	910
GFCT	Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	3		
WF	Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	13		
I	Robert Hotaling and Stewart "Chip" Beckett	14	0.70%	14
WI	Michelle Louise Bicking and Cassandra A. Martineau	0	0.00%	0

STATE/DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
D	Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	690,183	55.93%	709,147 ✓
CFCT	Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	2,827		
WF	Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	16,137		
R	Bob Stefanowski and Laura Devlin	546,209	43.08%	558,609
I	Robert Hotaling and Stewart "Chip" Beckett	12,400	0.98%	12,498
WI	Michelle Louise Bicking and Cassandra A. Martineau	98	0.01%	98

SALEM ELECTION RESULTS

UNITED STATES SENATOR				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
R	Leora R. Levy	1,058	53.11%	1,058 ★
D	Richard Blumenthal	906	46.89%	934
WF	Richard Blumenthal	28		
WI	John Anderson	0	0.00%	0
WI	Shabadjot Bharara	0	0.00%	0

STATE/DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

UNITED STATES SENATOR				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
D	Richard Blumenthal	701,175	57.45%	723,864 ✓
WF	Richard Blumenthal	22,689		
R	Leora R. Levy	535,943	42.54%	535,943
WI	John Anderson	68	0.01%	68
WI	Shabadjot Bharara	12	0.00%	12

**THE SALEM
FIRE CO. IS
SELLING
EMERGENCY
"911"**



**REFLECTIVE ADDRESS
SIGNS**

An Emergency "911" Reflective Address Sign may save your life or that of a loved one. There are many mailboxes and driveways that are not marked with the proper street #.

The Salem Fire Co. is selling Emergency "911" Reflective Address Signs that will have your street number on it. These signs make it easier for emergency responders to find your home or property at any time of the day or night. **If emergency response workers can't find you, they can't help you! Minutes and seconds count in emergencies.**

The signs are 6" x 18" in size and come in green or blue.



These signs will mount to your existing mailbox either in a horizontal or vertical position. If you do not have a mailbox, it can be mounted to a post at the end of your driveway.

If you wish to purchase a sign, please go the Salem Fir Co. (link:

<http://www.salemfireco.com/img/911-Reflective-Sign-Order-Form.pdf>)

to download a fillable form and send the completed form with a \$15.00 check to the Salem Fire Company.

If you have any questions, please call us at 860-859-0942.

Important Features

- Highly visible day or night
- Reflective on both sides of the sign

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTIONS (continued)

SALEM vs. STATE/DISTRICT (continued)

SALEM ELECTION RESULTS

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 02				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME				
Connecticut District 02		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
D	Joe Courtney	1043	52.20%	1043 *
R	Mike France	930	46.55%	930
L	William Hall	10	0.50%	10
G	Kevin Blacker	15	0.75%	15

STATE/DISTRICT WIDE ELECTION RESULTS

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 02				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME				
Connecticut District 02		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
D	Joe Courtney	165,946	58.22%	165,946 ✓
R	Mike France	114,506	40.17%	114,506
L	William Hall	2,140	0.75%	2,140
G	Kevin Blacker	2,439	0.86%	2,439

SALEM ELECTION RESULTS

STATE SENATE 20				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME				
Connecticut District 20		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
R	Jerry Labriola Jr.	1,122	57.63%	1,040 *
I	Jerry Labriola Jr.	18		
D	Martha Marx	819	42.37%	838
WF	Martha Marx	19		

STATE/DISTRICT WIDE ELECTION RESULTS

STATE SENATE 20				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME				
Connecticut District 20		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
D	Martha Marx	19,103	52.27%	19,712 ✓
WF	Martha Marx	609		
R	Jerry Labriola Jr.	17,496	47.73%	18,001
I	Jerry Labriola Jr.	505		

THE SALEM FIRE CO. IS SELLING EMERGENCY "911" REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS (continued)

- Reflective numbers – the numbers are 4" white Avery engineer grade reflective vinyl
- Fade resistant
- Lasts for years – signs are 6" x 18" 0.063-gauge U.S. Aluminum, double-sided laminated with Avery engineer grade reflective vinyl
- Pre-drilled holes

If you are elderly or have a physical limitation and are unable to install your own sign, someone from the Fire Department will be happy to come to your home and install the sign for you.

SALEM RECREATION DEPT. ACTIVITIES

There are many activities for Salem residents of all ages:

- Adult Rec Co-Ed Pick-up Basketball
- Adult Rec Co-Ed Pick-up Volleyball
- Meditation...Chi Kung...Tai Chi Chuan
- Seniors & Strollers Walking at Salem School

Just to name a few. Go to the Salem Recreation Commission page (link: <https://www.salemct.gov/recreation>) for the details.

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RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTIONS (continued)

SALEM vs. STATE/DISTRICT (continued)

SALEM ELECTION RESULTS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 34				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME				
Connecticut District 34		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
R	Irene Haines	410	54.16%	410 ✨
D	John Olin	334	45.84%	347
I	John Olin	10		
WF	John Olin	3		

STATE/DISTRICT WIDE ELECTION RESULTS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 34				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME				
Connecticut District 34		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
R	Irene Haines	6,119	52.52%	6,119 ✓
D	John Olin	5,261	47.48%	5,531
I	John Olin	165		
WF	John Olin	105		

SALEM ELECTION RESULTS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 37				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME				
Connecticut District 37		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
R	Holly H. Cheeseman	743	62.17%	761 ✨
I	Holly H. Cheeseman	18		
D	Nick Menapace	451	37.83%	463
WF	Nick Menapace	12		

STATE/DISTRICT WIDE ELECTION RESULTS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 37				
CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME				
Connecticut District 37		VOTES	VOTES %	TOTAL
R	Holly H. Cheeseman	6,134	52.09%	6,295 ✓
I	Holly H. Cheeseman	161		
D	Nick Menapace	5,657	47.91%	5,791
WF	Nick Menapace	134		

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