

## Salem Democratic Town Committee

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### SALEM AND THE SDTC NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are asking anyone who is interested in serving Salem in an elected or appointed position to please contact T. J. Bucher at [t.j.butcher@att.net](mailto:t.j.butcher@att.net) or attend the next meeting of the SDTC on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Center School on the Town Green.

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### A CALL TO ACTION

Leslie Hotary (Secretary for the SDTC) reached out to Jonathan Perloe – Director of Communications, CT Against Gun Violence (CAGV) in an effort to get information on House Bill 6667, AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE. Mr. Perloe provided the following:

*“With the news of the Nashville school shooting (the 130th mass shooting\* this year) fresh on our minds, it’s good to know that Gov. Lamont and our state legislators continue to aggressively pursue measures to reduce gun violence in Connecticut. Although the state remains one of the safest from gun violence, it’s still a public health crisis: gun homicides last year were the highest in 25 years.*

*The Governor’s Act Addressing Gun Violence, HB-6667 (use the following link to view the legislative fact sheet: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/2023-Legislative-Proposals/AA-Addressing-Gun-Violence.pdf>), was just voted out of the Judiciary Committee. It’s the most expansive bill considered since the Sandy Hook bill passed in 2013.*

*According to CT Against Gun Violence, the provisions that will have the greatest impact on saving lives are continued funding of community violence intervention programs, implementing a “no exceptions” safe storage law and making the state’s ban on ghost guns more enforceable. Other measures include closing loopholes in the state’s assault weapons ban, strengthening penalties related to the ban on large-capacity magazines and increasing the age to purchase any firearm to 21. You can read more about the bill (HB 6667) by using the following link: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/2023-Legislative-Proposals/AA-Addressing-Gun-Violence.pdf>.*

***To build rank and file support to help get the bill passed, the following link: <https://secure.everyaction.com/vT98boM1HEmUdMpa9pfTrw2?partner> can be used to access the CAGV’s action form to ask your state legislators to co-sponsor HB-6667. If a lawmaker has already co-sponsored, they’ll get a thank you; it’s always good to thank legislators who support your priorities.”***

\* The total number of mass shootings has increased to 131 as of March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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**OPINION**

By G. Closius, March 30, 2023

**IT IS TIME TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE**

On Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> a gunman took the lives of three 9-year-old children and three adults in a mass school shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville Tennessee. Another school shooting yet again. Mass shooters have killed hundreds of people throughout U.S. history in realms like stores, theaters, night clubs, and workplaces, but it is in schools and colleges where the carnage reverberates perhaps most keenly — places filled with children of tender ages, older students aspiring to new heights and the teachers planting the seeds of knowledge, their journeys all cut short.

If a mass shooting is defined as a shooting resulting in the death of four or more people, not including the perpetrator, 175 people have died in 15 such events connected to U.S. schools and colleges in the last 24 years — from 1999's Columbine High School massacre to last Monday's shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University, in addition to other AP reporting. Here is a list of the school mass shootings over the last 24 years:

1. ***The Covenant School***, March 2023, 6 dead (3 children and 3 staff members)
2. ***Robb Elementary School***, May 2022, 21 dead (19 children and 3 staff members)
3. ***Oxford High School***, November 2021, 4 dead (4 children)
4. ***Santa Fe High School***, May 2018, 10 dead (8 children, 3 staff members)
5. ***Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School***, February 2018, 17 dead (14 children and 3 staff members)
6. ***Umpqua Community College***, October 2015, 9 dead (8 students, 1 staff member)
7. ***Marysville-Pilchuck High School***, October 2014, 4 dead (4 children)
8. ***University Of California, Santa Barbara***, May 2014, 6 dead (6 students)
9. ***Sandy Hook Elementary School***, December 2012, 27 dead (20 children and 6 staff members)
10. ***Oikos University***, April 2012, 7 dead (6 students, 1 staff member)
11. ***Northern Illinois University***, February 2008, 5 dead (5 students)
12. ***Virginia Tech***, April 2007, 32 dead (27 students and 5 staff members)
13. ***West Nickel Mines Amish School***, October 2006, 5 dead (5 children)
14. ***Red Lake High School***, March 2005, 9 dead (5 children, 2 staff members)
15. ***Columbine High School***, April 1999, 13 dead (12 children, 1 staff member)



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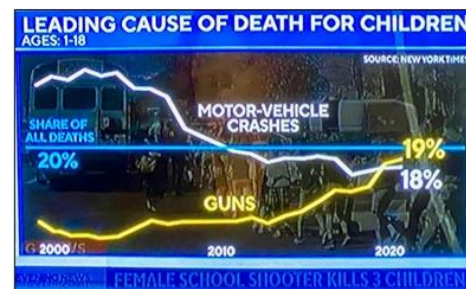
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## OPINION (continued from page 2)

As reported by ABC News, so far in 2023, 9,870 people have died from gun violence in the U.S, as of March 27<sup>th</sup>, according to the Gun Violence Archive\* (GVA). Here are the grim statistics:

- There's been an average of about 115 deaths per day in 2023
- Deaths by suicide made up the vast majority of gun violence deaths this year - 57.9%
- There's been an average of about 67 deaths by suicide per day in 2023
- Of those who died from gun violence this year, 338 were teens (12 – 17 years of age) and 60 were children (0 – 11 years of age) for a total of 398
- The U.S. has surpassed 39,000 deaths from gun violence per year since 2014, according to data from GVA. Still, gun deaths have been down from 2016, 2017 and 2018, when the total number of deaths each year surpassed 50,000. There were 44,310 such deaths in 2022. The table below details the gun violence statistics for the past 9 years.
- In just the last 72 hours (March 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>) 87 people died and 215 were injured as the result of gun violence in the U.S.

Gun violence is the leading cause of death for US children and teens, since surpassing car accidents in 2020. Firearms accounted for nearly 19% of childhood deaths (ages 1-18) in 2021, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Wonder database. Nearly 3,600 children died in gun-related incidents that year. That’s about five children lost for every 100,000 children in the United States. ***Children are more likely to be killed by a gun than in a car accident.***



How many more parents have to send their children to school only to never see them again? How many more people must be injured or die from gun violence before enough is enough and action is taken on the federal level? I am glad to see Gov. Lamont proposed House Bill 6667, AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE. It’s the most expansive bill considered since the Sandy Hook bill passed a decade ago. I strongly urge you to contact Senator Chris Murphy, Senator Richard Blumenthal, and Representative Joe Courtney to initiate, or support commonsense gun violence prevention federal legislation. **I also strongly urge you to ask Salem’s state legislators (State Senator Martha Marx, and State Representatives Irene Haines (34<sup>th</sup> district) and Holly Cheeseman (37<sup>th</sup> district)) to support House Bill 6667.**

Gun Violence Deaths 2014 – 2022									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total # of Incidents	39,508	48,124	54,698	58,112	54,145	69,806	83,270	85,727	82,922
# of Deaths <sup>1</sup>	12,347**	13,576**	15,140**	15,746**	14,946**	39,602**	43,727**	45,116**	44,333**
# of Injuries <sup>1</sup>	21,864	26,891	30,585	31,360	28,265	30,204	39,543	40,611	38,589
# of Children (age 0-11)									
Killed or Injured <sup>1</sup>	582	679	665	721	663	696	1001	1,065	995
Killed <sup>1</sup>	**	**	**	**	**	211	301	315	314
Injured <sup>1</sup>	**	**	**	**	**	485	700	750	681
# of Children (age 12-17)									
Killed or Injured <sup>1</sup>	2,277	2,699	3,154	3,261	2,883	3,130	4,161	3,549	5,175
Killed <sup>1</sup>	***	***	***	***	***	788	1,089	1,259	1,366
Injured <sup>1</sup>	***	***	***	***	***	2,342	3,072	2,290	3,806
Mass Shootings <sup>2</sup>	273	336	383	349	336	417	610	690	646

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- \* Gun Violence Archive (GVA) is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 2013 to provide free online public access to accurate information about gun-related violence in the United States.
- \*\* GVA defines teens as individuals between the ages of 12 and 17 years of age.
- \*\*\* 22,000 Annual Suicides are not included.
- \*\*\*\* Data breakdown not available.

**Footnotes:**

- <sup>1</sup> Number of source verified deaths and injuries
- <sup>2</sup> Number of INCIDENTS reported and verified
- <sup>3</sup> Calculation based on CDC Suicide Data
- <sup>4</sup> Actual total of all non-suicide deaths plus daily calculated suicide deaths

**SALEM AND THE SDTC NEEDS YOUR HELP (continued from page 1)**

***There are only seven months until the election in November!!*** Below are the six open seats on the various Town Boards and Commissions that we the have no potential candidates identified to run. All other open seats on the Town’s Boards and Commissions candidates, seven in all, have a candidate that has indicated their intention to run for election or re-election.

<u>Office/Position</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Office/Position</u>	<u>#</u>
First Selectman	1	Board of Assessment Appeals	1
Board of Finance (Alternate)	1	Zoning Board of Appeals (Full)	1
Planning & Zoning Commission (Alternate)	1	Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate)	1
Town Clerk	1		

**SDTC ENDORSES CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION**

The SDTC is proud to endorse the following of candidates in the November Election.

<u>Office/Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Office/Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Selectman	<i>Leslie Hotary</i>	Board of Finance (full member)	<i>Matt Rucci</i>
Selectman	<i>Hugh McKenney</i>	Board of Finance (full member)	<i>Kate Belleville</i>
Board of Education (full member)	<i>Sue Spang</i>	Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>David Bingham</i>
Board of Education (full member)	<i>Kelly Francis</i>	Board of Assessment Appeals	<i>Kay Zak</i>
Planning and Zoning Commission (full member)	<i>Jen Lindo</i>	Library Board of Directors (full member)	<i>Wendy Lichtenstein</i>
Planning and Zoning Commission (full member)	<i>Gary Closius</i>	Library Board of Directors (full member)	<i>Flora Drapeau</i>
Tax Collector	<i>Vivian Waters</i>	Treasurer	<i>Pamela Henry</i>



**TOWN OF SALEM LEGAL NOTICE****PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 28, 2023, ROOM 1**

POSTED ON: MARCH 20, 2023 – 3:47PM

TOWN OF SALEM  
 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
 TOWN HALL, 270 HARTFORD ROAD  
 SALEM, CONNECTICUT 06420

**Notice of Public Hearing**

The Salem Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Town Hall, 270 Hartford Road, Salem, CT 06420. The following applications will be heard:

SE 23-01 American Property Group Salem, Inc.: Application for a special exception and associate site plan at 496 New London Road for a multi-family residential development proposing 24 – two-bedroom, residential units. Each unit has one garage.

SE 23-02 Sean Smith: Application for a special exception and associated site plan for firewood materials processing at 630 West Road.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written correspondence received. The applications with full proposed text are available for viewing on the Salem Town Website at:

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

**FOR THE COMMISSION**

Vernon Smith, Chairman

Planning & Zoning Commission

This legal notice shall be published in The Day newspaper on March 17, 2023 and March 24, 2023.

**LATE BREKING: The applications for 496 New London Road has been withdrawn. No public comments will be heard and no discussion will occur. New applications have been submitted received at the Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> PZC meeting. A new public hearing for the special exception application will be scheduled.**

**GET HELP, STAY WARM**

- **Eversource Assistance Plans**

Check our January newsletter for detailed information on Eversource payment plans and assistance, or use the following link: <https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance>.

**Be sure click on Connecticut in the upper right corner of the page.** The webpage has information on the following programs:

- Programs To Help Webinar
- Programs For Income-Eligible Customers:
  - Extended Payment Plan
  - New Start Program
- State And Federal Assistance:
  - Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)
  - Operation Fuel
- Service Protection:
  - Winter Protection Plan
  - Medical Protection Plan
- Take Control of Your Energy Bill:
  - Budget Billing
  - Home Energy Solutions

**GET HELP, STAY WARM (continued from page 5**

- **WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. (TVCCS)**

TVCCS provides winter heating assistance among other community assistance services. **Use the following link to visit the TVCCA website:** <https://www.tvcca.org/energy-assistance/> for more information and a direct link to the application. If you have any questions or need help completing the application form, contact TVCCA at 860-889-1365. Note that not only does TVCCA provide funding for oil, but also for wood. TVCCA also has a Senior Nutrition Program for seniors 60 and over & Volunteer programs for seniors age 55 or over.

**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.

- **211 INFOLINE HELP STARTS HERE**

**Call 2-1-1 for your connection to:**

- Alzheimer’s resources
- Basic needs – food, clothing, shelter
- Child care services
- Child health care
- Consumer health
- Crisis intervention
- Disability services
- Drug & alcohol programs
- Emergency shelter
- Emergency assistance
- Financial assistance
- Health care
- HIV/AIDS
- Housing
- Legal assistance
- Parenting programs
- Pre-natal care
- Senior services
- Suicide prevention
- Transportation
- Veteran’s services
- Volunteering
- And much more

**COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**

- **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SALEM BUDGET CHANGES 2023/2024**

The Board of Finance (BOF) has approved a budget for presentation at the Public Hearing on April 12th at 7:00 PM in the Salem School Multi-purpose room. This year’s proposed budget is an increase over the current approved budget (fiscal year 2022-2023). (see table below)

**BUDGET COMPARISON**

	2022-23 Approved (from Town website)	2023-24 Proposed	Change
General Government	\$4,398,313	\$4,824,791	\$426,478
Board of Education (BOE)	\$11,327,158	\$11,304,501	-\$22,657
Capital Budget	\$998,830	\$1,086,302	\$87,472
General Government	\$4,398,313	\$4,824,791	\$426,478
Projected Revenue	\$15,894,487	\$16,476,673	\$582,186
Expenses - Revenue	-\$829,814	-\$738,921	\$90,893 (less shortfall)

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### **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SALEM BUDGET CHANGES 2023/2024** *(continued)*

Some of these increases are the same things that are driving our family budgets up.

- Fuel for our vehicles is **UP \$2,313** over last year.
- Electricity is **UP \$7,191** for General Government and **\$7,479** for the school over last year.
- Heat is **UP \$1,663** for General Government and **\$56,226** for the school over last year.

#### ◆ **HIGHLIGHTS IN THE BUDGET COMPONENTS**

- **Board of Education** – there is a net decrease with spending increases per school strategic plan. (The BOF cut \$88,000 from the original budget the BOE approved).
- **The BOE** committed to cutting the money but wants to work with staff to decide what cuts will be least detrimental. This will take some time to sort out what items will be cut to limit the impact on the strategic plan and programs.
  - **Health Insurance** — The rate increase is approximately 7.2%.
  - **Reconciliation** goes in our favor for next year (After the high school budget is audited, East Lyme and Salem make adjustments to what Salem paid. Next year we will get a credit for a year that was less expensive than expected.) The number of high school seniors graduating exceeds the number of 8<sup>th</sup> graders entering high school, so we will be paying East Lyme for fewer students next year.
  - **Teacher's salaries** — Five (5) top step teachers have notified the school that they will be retiring at the end of this school year. It is anticipated that new hires will be at a much lower salary. This savings will be ongoing for future years.
  - **BOE strategic plan** – The BOE has developed a strategic plan to solve problems and improve education in the school. This involves some new hires and some stipends for to compensate staff who take on additional responsibilities.
- **Capital Budget** – large items
  - **School Building Improvements** – Replacement of school roof (**\$451,875**) and air conditioning units (**\$114,400**), multi-year payment plan
  - **Road improvements** – **\$442,243** – part of the regular road maintenance schedule
  - **SVFCO Engine Tanker payment** –**\$120,000** (multi-year payment plan)
  - **Over The Rail Mower** – **\$60,000**, (multi-year payment plan)
  - **Front End Loader** – **\$70,000**, multi-year payment plan)
- **General Government**
  - **Total Salary Increases** – **\$195,125.00**, restructure of public works, addition of Fire Marshals, restructure Finance/HR Department as well as bringing some other staff position pay rates up to regional standards.
  - **Town Counsel Increase** – **\$44,000**, this includes contract negotiation, labor and other legal expenses.
  - **Employee Benefits Increase** – **\$29,543**, health insurance increase.
  - **Emergency Services increase** – **\$15,000**, 911 contract increase, radio upgrades, and records management increase.
  - **Civil Preparedness increase** – **\$12,600**, emergency equipment.
  - **Transfer Station increase** – **\$14,943**, increases in the hauling and tipping fees.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued from page 7)**

### **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SALEM BUDGET CHANGES 2023/2024 (continued)**

#### ➤ Revenue

- General Property Tax – UP \$642,686
- State/Federal Education Grants – DOWN \$88,000
- Licenses & Permits – UP \$13,500
- Revenue Use Town Money (interest) – UP \$14,000

#### ➤ **WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET**

In 2023 the Town commissioned Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) to review and evaluate Emergency Services (fire-fighting EMT/Ambulance services, etc.) in the Town and provide a report of their findings. The report was expected early in 2023 in order to support the 2023/2024 budget development process. The final MRI report is now not expected until the end of April or beginning of May. It is the BOF's position that the Board needs to know what the recommendations are detailed in the MRI Report so that the Town has a chance to understand the requirements and priorities before committing to spending money on them. This is unfortunate, as the information will not be available in time to support the Town Meeting and Referendum process. Therefore, any changes/increases to the 2023/2024 budget as a result of the MRI Report recommendations will need to be addressed through a special Town Meeting and most probably a Referendum should additional funding beyond the approved 2023/2024 budget, be necessary. It is the BOF's plan to handle the changes/increases without a mid-year tax increase.

#### • **TOWN BUDGET APPROVAL CALENDAR**

- Public Hearing 2023/2024 Budget – Wednesday April 12th 7:00 PM at the Salem School
- Town Meeting to Consider 2023/2024 Budget – Wednesday May 3rd 7:00 PM at the Salem School
- Referendum for 2023/2024 Budget – Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM at the Town Hall.

#### • **SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

##### **NEWS & EVENTS**

- ***The Salem Free Library will be closed on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.***
- ***CRAFT SWAP*** – Looking to find a new home for your unwanted craft supplies? ***Bring in your craft supplies to the Library April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>*** and then join us for a craft swap on ***Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11Am – 1PM.*** Your donation might inspire someone else to get creative and try a new hobby.
- ***Earth and Sky: Nature Meditations in Word and Watercolor.*** Meet author, Judy Benson and artist, Roxanne Steel Saturday, ***April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM.*** The book is written with beautiful paintings that present insights into the wonders of nature. Judy will read a selection of essays & Roxanne will show her sketch-books and paintings done during the process of creating the book. There will be a Q&A at the end of the presentation. Books will be available for sale & signing. ***Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Library.***
- ***Family Story Time Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM.*** To register, please call 860-859-1130 or come in.
- ***Energy in Action Bus, Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>. Available time slots: 4:00 – 4:30 PM, 4:30 – 5:00 PM, and 5:00 – 5:30 PM.*** Call the number below to register for a time slot. ***Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Library.*** Step inside the interactive exhibit for a full experience of learning and exploration. Interactive exhibits include: *The Energy Grid, Plasma Tube, Thermal Tunnel, Generation Station, Wind Power, and Light Wall.*



**COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE** *(continued from page 8)*

**SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** *(continued)*

➤ ***Thicker Than Water, Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 PM.***

Presentation by author, Erica Cirino. Erica recounts her personal journey of sailing with Danish scientists on their journey to study the impact of plastic pollution on the oceans and ocean life. (Books will be available for sale and signing).

➤ ***Growing Mushrooms Outdoors, Saturday, June 3rd 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Intensive workshop Presented by Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Lea Gable Farm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Library.***

Among the things you will learn will learn are: How to grow Shitake, Oyster, and Wine Cap mushrooms, The lifecycle and needs of fungi, Tools needed, Safety issues, and more. (limited to 10 adults)

➤ ***The Friends of the Library Plant Sale Thursday, May 11th, 10AM – 6PM, Friday May 12th, 10AM – 4PM, and Saturday, May 13th, 10AM – 2PM at the Library.*** Mostly locally grown: Trees, Shrubs, Perennials, Annuals, Vegetables, Herbs, and House Plants.

***To donate or help please call Elizabeth Lane: 860-859-1125.***

***TO REGISTER CALL THE LIBRARY AT 860- 859-1130 (some events may be filled or will have Limited Participation).***

● **THE SOUTHEASTERN CT REGIONAL RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY (SCRRRA)**

SCRRRA is the waste management 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.



**2023 Household Hazardous Waste and Confidential Paper Shredding Schedule.**

- **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** East Lyme High School, 30 Chesterfield Rd., East Lyme
- **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester
- **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** Norwich Public Works, 50 Clinton Ave., Norwich
- **Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** Fitch High School, 101 Groton Long Point Rd., Groton
- **Saturday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** Tyl Middle School, 166 Chesterfield Rd., Montville
- **Saturday, Sept. – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** Wheeler High School, 297 Norwich-Westerly Rd., North Stonington
- **Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** Griswold High Way Garage, 1148 Voluntown Rd. (Rt. 38), Griswold
- **Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** Ledyard High School 24 Gallup Hill Rd. Ledyard

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

**From the Shed & Garage**

- Kerosene
- Old Gasoline
- Radiator Chemicals
- Auto Body Chemicals
- Fuel Additives
- Car Battery Acid
- Camp Stove Fuel
- All Light Bulbs

**From the Lawn & Garden**

- Insecticides
- Pool Chemicals
- Herbicides
- Rat Poison
- Moth Balls
- Fungicides
- Weed Removal Chemicals
- And much more!!

**COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued from page 9)**

THE SOUTHEASTERN CT REGIONAL RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY (SCRRRA) (continued)

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (continued)****From the Basement & Bathroom**

- Latex & Oil Paint, Stains & Varnish
- Paint Thinner
- Drain Cleaners
- Photographic Chemicals
- Nail Polish Remover
- Oven Cleaners
- Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- All Home Batteries

**NOT ACCEPTED**

- Tires
- Ammunition / Gun Powder
- Auto & Marine Flares
- Radioactive Materials
- Large Barrels or Drums
- Commercial Qty's of Paint, Etc.
- Businesses with large amounts of Paper Shredding

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- ***Gardner Lake And Salem Volunteer Fire Companies***

Both the Salem and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Companies are looking for volunteers of **ALL AGES**.

- **Salem Volunteer Fire Company** – NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860-859-0942
- **Gardner Lake Fire Company** – NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860- 859-1743

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

- ***LION'S CLUB***

The Lions are looking for volunteers. **Contact John Houchin at 860-887-2518 (home) or 860-705-1227 (mobile), or Hugh McKenney at 860-303-0042 (mobile).** The items below noted with a ★ are some of the volunteer opportunities available.

- **SALEM LIONS EYE GLASS EXTRAVAGANZA May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:00 AM.**  
Bring your recycled eyeglasses to McCook Point Park, 8, Atlantic St., Niantic, CT. "Walk for your favorite charity" see page 13 for details.
- **SALEM LIONS 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER**  
May 7th, 1:00 PM @ the Gardner Lake Fire House. Cost \$30 see a member of the Lions for details.

- ***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 off in the spring;
- 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](mailto:kayzak@hotmail.com), or Gary Closius: 860-889-3989 or 860-961-9173, or e-mail: [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net).

- ***MITCHELL FARM EQUINE RETIREMENT***

The Horse Retirement, Horse Sanctuary is looking for help. Contact Dee Doolittle 860 303-8705, or email [dee@mitchellfarm.org](mailto:dee@mitchellfarm.org).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued from page 10)**

• **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

The first Cemetery Clean-up will be Saturday, April 15th at 9AM. We will be cleaning the branches and leaves off the cemeteries before the grass starts to grow on the Hillard Cemetery on Music Vale Rd. Bring your gloves, leaf blowers, rakes and tarps. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**SALEM SCHOOL NEWS**

Salem School website link: To view the Salem School website use the following link:

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

- **School Calendar**
  - **Good Friday School closed** – April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Recess School closed** – April 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Spring Budget Calendar for SY2023-2024 Budget:**
  - **Public Hearing** – April 12, 2023
  - **Town Meeting** – May 3, 2023
  - **Referendum** – May 10, 2023

**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:

- **Good Friday School closed** – April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Spring Recess School closed** – April 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Staff Professional Learning** – April 27<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal for Students.

**PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BOE Long-Range Educational Planning,</b><br/>April 3, 5:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>BOE Personnel/Contract Negotiations,</b><br/>April 3, 6:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Inland Wetlands &amp; Conservation Commission,</b><br/>April 3, 7:00 PM <b>-CANCELLED-</b></li> <li>• <b>Board of Education,</b><br/>April 3, 7:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Board of Selectmen,</b><br/>April 4, 7:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission,</b><br/>April 11, 7:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Emergency Preparedness Agency</b><br/>April 11, 7:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Board of Finance Public Mtg to consider 23/24 budget,</b><br/>April 12, 7:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Board of Finance,</b><br/>April 13, 7:00 PM</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gardner Lake Authority</b><br/>April 13, 6:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Recreation Commission,</b><br/>April 17, 7:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Salem Green Cemetery Association,</b><br/>April 18, 2:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Library Board of Directors,</b><br/>April 18, 6:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Economic Development Commission,</b><br/>April 18, 7:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>BOE Policy,</b><br/>April 24, 4:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission,</b><br/>April 25, 7:00 PM</li> <li>• <b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b><br/>April 27, 7:00 PM</li> </ul> |
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Use the following link to go the Town Public Meeting Calendar: <https://www.salemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16/month/2023-04>

## **SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

There are many activities for Salem residents of all ages:

- **Salem Recreation Pilates Session 1.** Monday Evenings, 5:30 - 6:30PM, April 3 to May 22 (no class on May 8). Wednesday Mornings, 10:00 - 11:00AM, April 5 to May 24 (no classes on May 12 & May 10). All sessions at the Salem Free Public Library. Pilates — Originally called Contrology by Joseph Pilates. Pilates was designed to rehabilitate the body. Using a series of mat exercises, with the breath, we will create a stronger core, longer muscles and better alignment throughout the body. This is a fun and non-competitive class. Easily modified. **FEE: \$50 Resident; \$55 Non-Resident.**

To get to the Salem Recreation Commission page is the following link: <https://www.salemct.gov/recreation>.

To get the registration form use the following link: <https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/onlineregform>.

- **Meditation...Chi Kung...Tai Chi Chuan** with Instructor Ted LaFemina Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00PM February 14<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup> (8 classes, no class on February 21<sup>st</sup> & April 11<sup>th</sup>), In the Salem School Multi-Purpose Room. Residents: \$40, Non-Residents: \$45.
- **Salem recreation spring 2023 adult tennis** with Anne Santoro, session 1 clinic. Thursday mornings – 9:30-10:45 AM April 6-27 (4 classes), round hill road tennis courts.

It's time to renew and improve your tennis skills — and your fitness — outdoors this Spring! Each of the 4 classes will focus on a particular skill and includes a warm-up, drills, play, and a cool down. Topics addressed throughout the clinic are movement, stroke production, strategy, as well as balance, flexibility, agility, and strength. Taught in a relaxed atmosphere, this unique clinic is designed for those with some tennis experience and can accommodate a range of skill sets.

**Required equipment:** Tennis racquet; tennis shoes or supportive sneakers; water; large towel (or mat) for stretching; athletic clothing you can easily move in. Limit of 6 students per clinic. All health and safety protocols will be followed. **FEE: \$80 resident; \$85 non-resident.**

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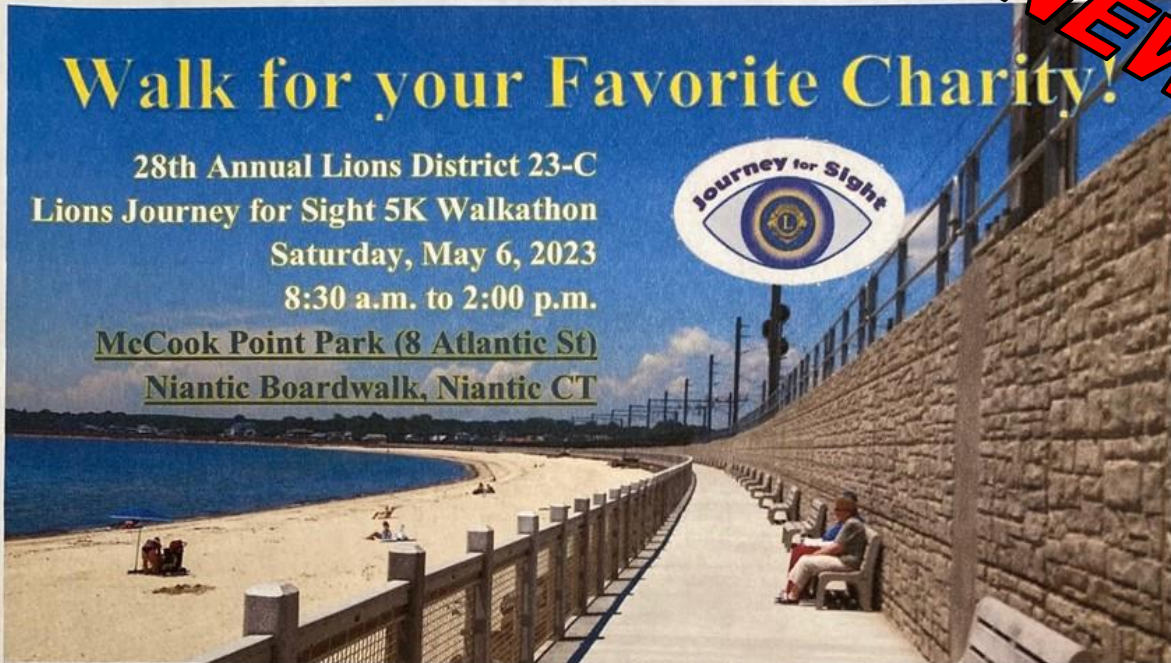
- **Seniors & Strollers Walking at Salem School.** Please sign in/out at the front desk on the visitor log-in clipboard. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:00 to 8:00 AM November 7, 2022 to May 26, 2023.

## **SENIOR NEWS**

- The **Salem Senior Citizen's Group** boasts a current enrolment of over 117 members, we have doubled the membership since the beginning of 2022.
- **BINGO** – The next game is scheduled for Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company firehouse. **Cards go on sale from 12:30 to 12:55 PM and the game starts promptly at 1:00 PM.**
- A Pot Luck Dinner/Talent Show is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Gardner Lake Volunteer Company Firehouse.
- Goodspeed Opera House Show outing – **Gypsy** – June 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM.
- Dawn Schumbo of Salem ArtSpace provides art classes after every monthly meeting.



# 28th ANNUAL Lions District 23-C Lions Journey for Sight 5K Walkathon



All Lions and Leo Clubs (individually or as a club), their families, friends, and anyone else can join in the fun! Lions Clubs can invite groups such as Project Graduation, Scouts, sports groups, senior centers or ANY other groups who would like to walk on behalf of a Lions Club for a SPLIT of the proceeds! **Contact your Local Lions Club** or email: [Journey4Sight@LionsDistrict23C.org](mailto:Journey4Sight@LionsDistrict23C.org).

50% of pledges collected by each club are donated to ANY charity of their choice! Each club will donate the other 50% of pledge proceeds to THEIR CHOICE of these great district projects : Camp Rising Sun, Childhood Cancer Research, Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation (CLERF), CT Radio Information System (CRIS), Diabetes, Hearing Preservation, Homeless & Hunger, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions Low Vision Center, and Service dog programs.

9:00am  
to  
11:00am

**Recycle  
Eyeglass  
Extravaganza**

Bring your  
used  
Glasses to  
McCook  
Point Park

Bring your recycled glasses to McCook Point Park, 8 Atlantic St, Niantic, CT on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 11 am. For further information email [EyeGlasses@LionsDistrict23C.org](mailto:EyeGlasses@LionsDistrict23C.org)