

NEWSLETTER

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The **Salem Democratic Town Committee** held its Caucus on July 19th to nominate candidates for the municipal elections to be held on November 7th.



Sue Spang **First Selectperson**

Sue is a 36-year resident of Salem.

She is a proud parent to two graduates of Salem School and East Lyme High School.

Sue served on Salem's Recreation Commission for 16 years, and as Chairperson for 15 of those years. She oversaw the installation of the Babe Ruth Field, Volunteer Park, the refurbishing of the Round Hill Road playscape and the creation of the tennis and basketball courts.

Sue served as Chairperson of the Multi-Purpose Path Committee, and personally wrote competitive grants that resulted in Salem receiving over \$500,000 for construction of the path, including a community-built bridge.

Sue's other volunteer activities and positions include working on Emergency Management, the 2012 Plan of Conservation and Development, Registrar of Voters, Open Space Committee Member and Municipal Agent for the Elderly, where she proactively sought out training by TVCCA to conduct intake for heating assistance for our residents.

Sue is currently the Vice Chairman of the Board of Education. Under her leadership as the Personnel Committee Chairperson, the committee successfully settled contracts that were under the state average.

Her interests include bee keeping, photography and quilting.

Sue believes our community is stronger with leadership that believes in being united and working together.

"As First Selectperson, I will continue to build on my 20+ years of experience of working together in cooperation, respect, and transparency, uniting Salem for a Stronger Community."



Leslie Helene Hotary **Selectwoman**

Leslie is a 17-year resident of Salem.

She is a proud parent to a Salem School and ELHS graduate.

Leslie currently serves as the Secretary of the Salem Democratic Town Committee.

She Currently serves Salem as our representative to the Advisory Board of the Southeastern CT Water Authority.

Leslie earned a BS from SUNY at Stony Brook, and a MS from Purdue University.

She is a Pfizer Retiree with more than 20 years line management experience.

Leslie is a former Visiting Instructor and Administrator at Purdue University.

"I am excited to bring educational, management, and business skills to the Salem BOS."

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Kay D Zak
Selectwoman and
Board of Assessment and Appeals
(full member to fill a vacancy, 4 yr. term)

Kay is a 7-year resident of Salem.

She is currently serving Salem on Salem's Board of Assessment Appeals as well as Vice Chair for the SDTC.

Kay is the Salem Senior's Group Activity Director, as well as a member of the Salem Lion's Club, and Friends of the Salem Library. She the Salem Cemetery Cleanup Organizer with Salem VFW and has served on the Salem Unsung Hero Committee since 2019.

Kay's past public service includes serving as Commack, NY PTA President for two schools, and PTA Council President (covering 8 schools) as well as Suffolk County PTA. She also served as a Scout Leader in both the Commack, NY Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops and was the Commack, NY Girl Scout Coordinator – (8 schools) She worked for LMS Technical Services, Inc. for 23 years as the Office Manager. Kay also worked for Commack School District for 9 years.

"Managing time effectively, prioritize tasks, setting goals, and developing systems for achieving those goals, as well as juggling multiple responsibilities simultaneously, staying focused on deadlines and handling complex projects efficiently are among my strengths. I am proud to bring my organizational skills to Salem. I will work tirelessly with everyone to make Salem better."



Matt Rucci
Board of Finance *(full member, 6 yr. term)*

Matt is an 11-year resident of Salem.

He is a proud parent to two Salem School students.

Matt currently serves Salem a member of Salem's Board of Finance (BOF).

He earned a BS in Business Management from Providence College and an MBA with a concentration in Finance from University of Hartford.

Matt is an Information Technology (IT) professional with multi-sector experience.

"I am excited to continue to work to guide Salem's finances."



Katherine (Kate) Card Belleville
Board of Finance *(full member, 6 yr. term)*

Kate is a 25-year resident of Salem.

She is a proud parent to 3 Salem School and ELHS graduates.

She was a Girl Scout Leader for nine years.

Kate earned a BS in Physical Therapy and a MS in Allied Health with focus in Administration from UCONN.

She has volunteered past several years delivering Thanksgiving meals via St Vincent De Paul Place.

Kate has served Salem as an Alternate Member of Salem's Board of Finance (BOF) for the past 2 years.

Kate enjoys hiking, spending time at beach, and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

"I am interested and motivated to continue as a BOF member and collaborate with other members, other town Boards, and citizens to provide a responsible budget that will best serve all Salem residents."

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MEET YOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES (continued from page 2)



Kelly A. Francis

Board of Education

(full member to fill a vacancy, 4 yr. term)

Kelly has been a 7-year resident Salem.

She is the proud parent to two daughters attending the Salem School (8th grade and Kindergarten) and a daughter attending ELHS (sophomore).

Kate and her family chose to move to Salem because of the welcoming community and strong school system.

She is currently serving Salem on the Salem Board of Education (BOE) November 2022.

Kate earned a BS in Elementary Education from the University of New Orleans, and a MA in Science and Math Education from Walden University. She is currently pursuing an Educational Administration certification from Liberty University.

She was an educator for 17 years.

“For as long as I can remember, it has been my lifelong goal to become a member of my local BOE. With my background in education, and my three daughters currently in the town school system, I feel I would be a great candidate for the BOE. I pledge to continually keep our students’ best interest at the forefront of my work.”

Jennifer Lindo

Planning and Zoning Commission
(full member, 6 yr. term)



Jennifer is a 50 Year Salem Resident.

She is a Salem School and East Lyme High School Graduate and a proud parent to a Salem School and ELHS Graduate.

Jennifer currently serves Salem as a full member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. She is currently employed as a Zoning Enforcement Official for multiple towns, and previously employed for 16 years for the Town of East Lyme Land Use offices working directly with officials, applicants and commissions.

Jennifer currently holds multiple certifications including Aquifer Protection, Inland Wetland Agent and Administrative Zoning Technician (AZT). She earned an AS in Business from Post University.

“My personal interest in Salem and professional education and career uniquely prepared me for this role.”

Gary J. Closius

Planning and Zoning Commission (full member, 6 yr. term)



Gary is a 25-year resident of Salem and a 49-year resident of CT.

Gary moved to Salem for its excellent school system and rural small-town environment.

He is a proud parent to two Salem School and ELHS graduates.

Gary currently serves Salem as an Alternate Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as an active volunteer for Care and Share of East Lyme and Salem, President of the Salem Senior Citizens Group, a Lions Club member, and a member of the Friends of the Salem Library.

He also served Salem’s Cub Scout/Boy Scouting community for more than 20 years.

Gary earned a BS, Nuclear Science from SUNY Maritime College. He held a U.S. Coast Guard 3rd Assistant Engineer License, and a Commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Gary is a retiree from Millstone Nuclear Power Station after 43 years of service with more than 20 years managing department personnel and a multi-million-dollar budget and more than 20 years advising executive and line management on the interpretation of, and compliance with, NRC, other federal, state, and regional agencies’ regulations.

“I am excited to continue to work for Salem residents to ensure the Planning and Zoning Commission provides clear regulations and consistent interpretation of those regulations to effectively manage Salem’s growth consistent with Salem residents’ wants and needs.”

MEET YOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES *(continued from page 3)***Kimberly Bradley*****Planning and Zoning Commission (alternate member, 6yr. term)***

Kim is an 8-year resident of Salem.

She is a parent to two Salem School Students.

Kim previously served as chair of the Inland Wetland and Conservation Commission. She holds a BS and MS in Environmental Sciences from the UCONN.

Kim is currently serves as the Trails and Greenways Program Coordinator for the CTDEEP Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Division of State Parks and Public Outreach.

She currently serves as a volunteer on the Board of Directors for the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee.

Currently Kim holds multiple certifications including Inland Wetland, Wetland Delineation, and Youth Coaching certifications. She has served in leadership roles and as a volunteer for regional Land Trusts, Educational Programs and Cycling organizations.

"I am a dedicated Salem resident willing to bring my professional knowledge and experience, particularly working on complex issues with diverse partners, to the Commission."

Dennis Girard***Board of Assessment Appeals (full member to fill a vacancy, 2 yr. term)***

Dennis is a 36-year resident of Salem and proud parent of two Salem School and ELHS graduates. Dennis earned a BA degree in Biology (Microbiology) from UCONN and an MS degree in Immunology from the University of Hartford.

Prior to retirement, he was a Senior Principal Research Scientist at Pfizer Global Research and Development in Groton where he headed a Preclinical Infectious Diseases lab researching the

PK/PD properties of newly discovered antimicrobial agents for 35 years.

Dennis was involved with Boy Scouts and Little League baseball for many years. He is a 4th degree member of the KofC in Colchester serving as the Advocate Officer, this council is involved with many charitable activities serving the public as well as Guardian Angels parish throughout the year and have served at the Covenant Soup Kitchen. He also serves as Lector and Eucharistic Minister for St Andrew Church.

Dennis enjoys hiking, biking, long distance canoe racing and reading in his spare time.

"I look forward to serving the Town of Salem and learning about the assessment appeals process."

David Brewster Bingham, MD***Zoning Board of Appeals (full member)***

David has roots in Salem since Colonial days. He attended Salem School (as did 3 children and a grandson).

He served Salem as an elected member of the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission for over 35 years.

David is a volunteer with the nonprofit Salem Land Trust, which maintains miles of public trails, negotiating land acquisitions and fundraising efforts for local land protection and stewardship.

David worked tirelessly for federal designation while serving on the local Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee.

"The Zoning Board of Appeals assures the fair and legal application of zoning regulations needed to preserve Salem's future – its rural character, economy, remarkable natural beauty, and wildlife - in the face of the growing impacts of climate change."

Kevin Milligan Jr.***Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate member, 6 yr. term)***

Kevin is a 6-year resident of Salem.

He has 15-years' experience as a Firefighter / EMT.

Kevin is currently working locally at a Nuclear Facility.

"I am Looking forward to learning more about the inner workings of the Town of Salem."

MEET YOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES *(continued from page 4)*

Anthony J. Griggs
Zoning Board of Appeals

Tony is a 45-year resident of Salem.
 He is a proud parent of two successful graduates of Salem School.
 Tony earned a BSEE and MSEE degree and has over 40 years' experience in electronic design, embedded systems and software.
 He is an active volunteer as a Steward for Salem Land Trust (SLT).
 Tony is a member of the Board of Directors for the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC).

He served Salem by providing technical support for the Virtual Town Meeting (VTM), running the VTM system for several town meetings, and maintaining and upgrading the Town Office VTM system.

Tony is a licensed radio amateur (AA1JN) supporting public functions.

"I believe that my time as a Salem resident and my exposure to land use issues from SLT and ERWSCC provides a useful background to resolve zoning issues."



Becky Nortz
Library Board of Directors (full member, 6 yr. term)

Becky is a 37-year Salem resident and a 45-year CT resident.
 She is a proud parent of two Salem School and ELHS graduates.
 Becky was a Salem Girl Scout Troop Leader for 17 years with two troops for four of those years. One of her troops produced the first 3 Girl Scout Gold Award recipients from a Salem troop.
 Becky has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals since the early 1990s including several years serving as chair, and is currently an alternate member.

She earned a BS from St. Lawrence University.

She has recently retired from a career in pharmaceutical research and regulatory affairs.

Becky's interests include training and certifying her pet dogs as Pet Therapy dogs and volunteering with local organizations to provide comfort visitations, working in a 4-family vegetable garden, and adding native flowers to her gardens.

"The library serves everyone in the community and it would be an honor and a privilege to assist the library in continuing to thrive."



Flora Drapeau
Library Board of Directors (full member, 6 yr. term)

Flora is a 42-year resident of Salem.
 She is a proud parent to Salem School and ELHS graduates.
 Flora earned a BS, SCSU, and MS from Loyola, and a MS from WCSU.
 She was a Special Education Teacher, Daycare Provider, Nurse Practitioner.

Flora is an active Volunteer for Care and Share of East Lyme and Salem, and Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement. She is a Salem Land Trust Member and Steward for Salem Land Trust (SLT) and a 15-year member of the Friends of Salem Library.

"It would be a privilege to serve the Salem community and to ensure the library continues to grow and flourish."



Jeanette Girard
Library Board of Directors (full member to fill a vacancy, 2 yr. term)

Jeanette is a 36-year resident of Salem and proud parent to two Salem School and ELHS graduates.
 She is the Salem Seniors Group Secretary since 2019.
 Jeanette earned a BA degree in biological sciences from UCONN and a MS from ECSU.
 She was a middle school science teacher in Colchester for 28 years and a mentor teacher for many years as part of the state of CT BEST Program.

Throughout her adult life, Jeanette has volunteered in many ways including Girl Scouts and preparing meals for a soup kitchen. In retirement, she spends her time serving in various roles at her church, reading, biking and canoeing.

"I believe my volunteer and educational experiences will be helpful in working together with the library board members to expand and support the array of outstanding services and programs offered at Salem Free Public Library."

TWO SDTC FUNDRAISERS

• **FUNDRAISER AT THE HISTORIC BINGHAM CAMP**

Meet the Democratic Candidates for the 2023 Salem Municipal Elections Sunday October 15th from 1 PM – 5 PM at the Historic Bingham Camp, 490 East Haddam Rd.

Come join us for refreshments, music, & meet the candidates. Bring you family, friends, and neighbors. Please RSVP and donate \$25 by visiting the SDTC website at salemctdems.org and click the **DONATE button. OR Make a check out to **SDTC** and **mail it to 81 Valley Drive, Salem, CT.****

• **ANOTHER DONATION MATCHING CHALLENGE!!!!**

That's right! Two new/different dedicated Democrats from the SDTC have pledged \$500 in a matching donation for a total of \$1000. **For every dollar you donate the SDTC will receive \$2!!!**

For each dollar up to \$1000 DONATED TO THE SDTC BY October 11th, your contributions will be matched. Don't delay, send in your donation NOW!!

Go to the SDTC website at salemctdems.org and click the **DONATE button.**

OR

Make a check out to **SDTC and **mail it to 81 Valley Drive, Salem, CT.****

We need your help to win in November. Don't leave any money out there that could be used to help Democrats in Salem get elected this November, contribute NOW!!!!

OPINION:

YOUR VOTE COUNTS SO GET OUT AND VOTE, by G. Closius, September 15, 2023

The following table shows the voter turnout in Salem for the elections from 2016 through 2022.¹

Year	Jurisdiction	Turnout	Voting Eligible Population (VEP)	Turnout as % VEP	Average Voter Turnout
2017	Salem	1,170	2,641	44.3%	45.0%
2019	Salem	1,209	2,798	43.2%	
2021	Salem	1,416	3,000	47.2%	
2018	Salem	2,078	2,777	74.8%	71.2%
2022	Salem	2,200	3,231	68.1%	
2016	CT	1,675,934	2,187,349	76.6%	70.3%
2018	CT	1,422,836	2,165,228	65.7%	
2020	CT	1,861,086	2,309,576	80.6%	
2022	CT	1,297,811	2,237,016	58.0%	
2016	US	136,787,187	230,931,921	59.2%	63.0%
2020	US	154,628,000	231,593,000	66.8%	
2016	Salem	2,384	2,724	87.5%	88.1%
2020	Salem	2,639	2,977	88.6%	
	Presidential	State	Municipal		

The average Salem voter turnout for the national elections (2016 and 2020) was 88.1% compared to the national average of 68%. The average Salem voter turnout for the State of Connecticut elections (2018 and 2022) was 71.2% compared to the State average of 70.3%. The average Salem voter turnout for the municipal elections (2017, 2019, and 2021) was 45%. **More than half of the registered Salem voters did not vote. In the 2021 municipal election a little less than half (approximately 49%) of the registered Democratic voters did not vote.** (approximately 420 did not voted out of the total of the approximately 850 registered Democratic voters).

Your vote counts especially in the municipal elections. The candidates you vote for at the municipal level make decisions that directly affect you and your family. Remember Democrats that don't vote elect Republicans.

¹ Data excerpted from the CT Secretary of the State webpage: ctemspublic.pctq.net/#/voterTurnout.

COMMUNITY HELP / ASSISTANCE

• **THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION (TVCCA)**



CONNECTION = Volunteering & Veterans Coffeehouses

Now more than ever community support is so important and impactful! AmeriCorps Seniors offers the support someone needs to remain living at home. Our volunteers lend a hand with grocery shopping needs, visiting, phone reassurance or local medical rides. If you are 55+ contact us to hear how your help may improve the quality of life of an elderly or disabled person by volunteering to help a neighbor in your community.

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



Contact: Renee LaBonte, Program Coordinator of Senior Volunteer Services at 860-425-6608 or e-mail: rlabonte@tvcca.org.

Visit our website at tvcca.org or facebook.com/TVCCArsvp/.

CONNECT WITH VETERANS! TVCCA hosts monthly veteran coffeehouses to meet and socialize with other veterans and their spouses and receive information about veteran benefits and services. We host coffeehouses in Groton, Mystic, New London, Pawcatuck, Norwich, and Montville.

Contact James Hodge, Veterans Coffeehouse Coordinator at 860-425-6615 or e-mail: jhodge@tvcca.org.

• **ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FROM THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. (TVCCA)**

TVCCA provides energy assistance among other community assistance services. Use the following link to visit the TVCCA website: 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.

• **EVERSOURCE Connecticut Electric Discount Rate**

A bill discount will be available for residential electric customers starting in December 2023.

You must have financial hardship status on your electric account. If you do, there are two tiers of discount depending on your annual household income or receipt of a public assistance benefit.

Eligible income for 10% Discount Rate

To qualify, your household annual income for all adults over 18 must be at or below 60% of the state median income, or you can show receipt of a public assistance benefit for at least one household member.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Level	Up to \$41,553	Up to \$54,338	Up to \$67,124	Up to \$79,910	Up to \$92,695	Up to \$105,481	Up to \$107,878	Up to \$110,275

Eligible income for the 50% Discount Rate

To qualify, your household annual income for all adults over 18 must be at or below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines, or you can show receipt of a public assistance benefit for at least one household member.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Level	Up to \$23,328	Up to \$31,552	Up to \$39,776	Up to \$48,000	Up to \$56,224	Up to \$64,448	Up to \$72,672	Up to \$80,896

To apply for the 10% or 50% Connecticut electric discount rate visit the EVERSOURCE webpage use the following link: eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/discount-rate, or call EVERSOURCE at 800-286-2828, or call TVCCA at 860-889-1365.

• **CARE & SHARE – Website link: 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.

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- **211 INFOLINE HELP STARTS HERE**

Call 2-1-1 for your connection to:

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

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **BLOOD DRIVE**

Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., 424 Hartford Rd. Wednesday, October 18th, 11 AM – 4 PM. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org/ and enter: SalemCT in the "Find a Blood Drive" to schedule an appointment.

- **SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

***** The Salem Free Public Library will be closed Saturday, October 7th through Monday, October 9th ***
*** It will reopen on Tuesday, October 9th at 10 AM. *****

NEWS & EVENTS

- **The Salem Free Public Library Offers Museum Passes**

- ▶ Connecticut Old State House, Hartford
- ▶ Connecticut River Museum, 2 adults and their children or grandchildren under 18
- ▶ CT State Parks Dinosaur State Park, Gillette Castle, Fort Trumbull (this pass waives entrance fees for 2 adults and 4 children at the museums)
- ▶ Custom House Maritime Museum, New London 2 free admissions
- ▶ Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, mystic free admission for up to 5 persons
- ▶ Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme admits 2 adults and 2 children under 12 free
- ▶ Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, Free admission for 2 Adults and 2 Children ages 0-12
- ▶ New Britain Museum of American Art, Free admission for 4 people 1 adult must accompany children under 16. (Closed Mondays and Tuesdays)
- ▶ USS Constitution Museum Boston MA (Free up to 9 people per pass)
- ▶ Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford CT Free General admission for 2 adults

- **Discounted Admission Passes:**

- ▶ Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport, Valid for \$9 admission per person for up to 6 people in same family
- ▶ Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic 50% off admission for 2 adults and 3 children
- ▶ Roger Williams Zoo, Pass valid from March 1st through December 21st, \$3 off each paid admission tickets, for up to 4 people. Discount code redeemable online only.

Use this link to view what they have to offer and pass availability: salemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes.

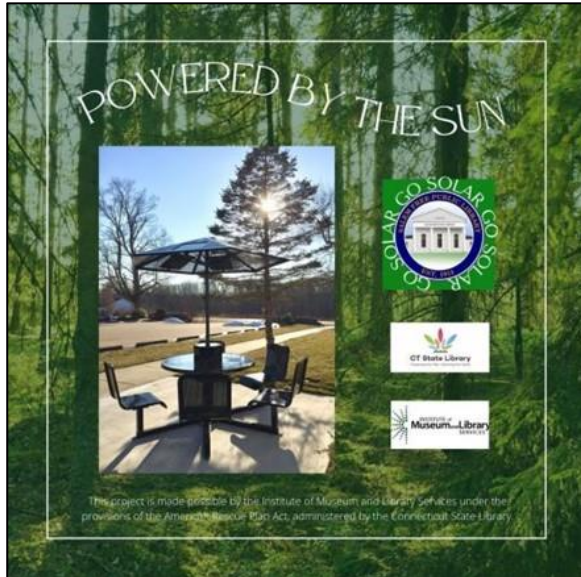
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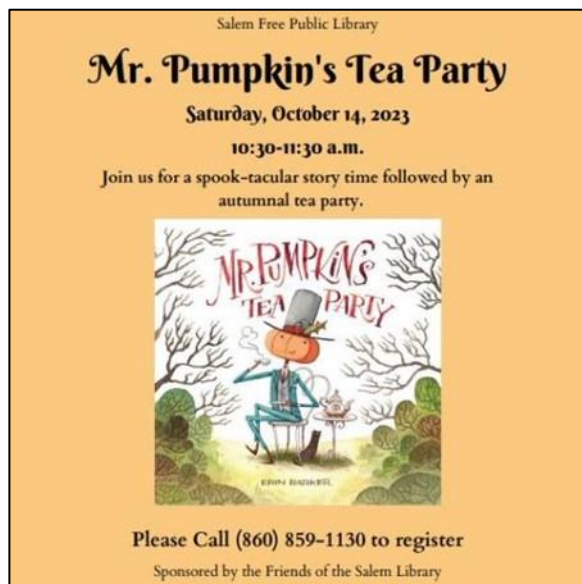
NEWS & EVENTS

- **POWERED BY THE SUN**

Come enjoy our new outdoor solar picnic table located on the south side of the library building. USB ports powered by the sun will charge your devices while you breathe in the fresh air!



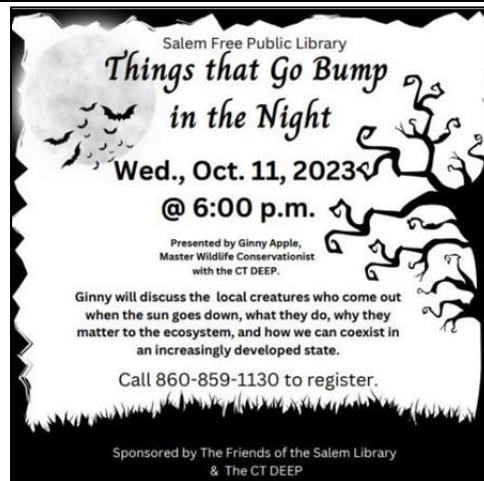
- **MR. PUMPKIN'S TEA PARTY**



- **HALLOWEEN CEMETARIUMS**



- **THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT**



- **THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT**



There are a number of story times, and a variety of other programs available. For additional information use the following link to visit the Salem Town Webpage for the Library at: salemct.gov/library. TO REGISTER CALL THE LIBRARY AT 860- 859-1130 (some events may be filled or will have limited participation).

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• **COLCHESTER FARMERS MARKET**

Colchester Farmers Market open on Sundays starting on Father's Day June 19th through October 15th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Located on the Colchester Green, 97 Hayward Avenue.



• **BOZRAH FARMERS MARKET**

Bozrah Farmers Market open Fridays starting on July 14th – October 13th from 4 PM – 7 PM.



Located at 45 Bozrah St, Bozrah

- Friday, October 6th Taco Night
- Friday October 13th, Tent-or-Treat
- Saturday November 18th, 11AM – 2PM
2023 Holiday Market

• **SALEM TRANSFER STATION AMNESTY/BULKY WASTE DAYS**

Amnesty / Bulky Waste Days will hold on **October 14th, October 15th and October 18th**. Do not bring mattresses, metal or electronics on Amnesty/Bulky Waste Days. These items are free. Bring them any other day.

• **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, Oct. 7th – 9:00AM – 1:00 PM** Griswold High Way Garage, 1148 Voluntown Rd. (Rt. 38), Griswold
- **Saturday, Nov. 4th – 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!!

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

• **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALEM APPLE FESTIVAL**

The church will hold its annual Apple Festival on the Salem Town Green, 244 Hartford Road, **Saturday, October, 28th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM or until Sold Out.**



COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE *(continued from page 10)*

● **THE FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE**

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

Friday, October 27th. Early entry for FOSL members at 6 PM, general public entry at 7 PM. Book sale closes at 9 PM.

Saturday, October 28th – 9 AM to 3PM. The Bag Sale starts at Noon.



● **MITCHELLE FARM FALL FESTIVAL**

October 28th 11 AM – 4 PM. Rain Date: October 29th.
Mitchell Farm, 300 East Haddam Road, RT 82, Salem.

FREE ADMISSION

- **HAYRIDES** – Pulled by tractor through the horse pastures. Get up close to the beautiful retired horses. \$5 donation (ages 3 & under free) Includes **FREE PUMPKIN** for the first 150 kids under 13. Hosted by the Salem Lions.
- **Meet the horses and donkeys.**
- **Vendor Fair**
- **Bake Sale** – Hosted by the Salem Senior Citizens Group. Proceeds to benefit Mitchell Farm.

● **SALEM SCHOOL NEWS**

Salem School website link: To view the Salem School website use the following link: salemschools.org/

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR**
 - ▶ **Monday, October 9th** –Columbus Day, no school for students & staff
 - ▶ **Thursday, October 26th** – staff professional day early dismissal

● **EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

East Lyme High School website link: To view the East Lyme High School website, use the following link: eastlymeschools.org/high-school.

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR**
 - ▶ **Monday, October 9th** –Columbus Day, no school for students & staff

PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board of Selectmen,
October 3rd, 7:00 PM ● Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission,
October 2nd, 7:00 PM ● BOE Personnel/Contract Negotiations,
October 2nd, 6:00 PM ● BOE Long-Range Educational Planning,
October 2nd, 5:00 PM ● Board of Education,
October 2nd, 7:00 PM ● Salem Green Cemetery Association,
October 17th, 2:00 PM ● Recreation Commission,
October 16th, 7:00 PM ● Economic Development Commission,
October 17th, 7:00 PM ● Board of Education Policy,
October 23rd, 5:00 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board of Finance,
October 12th, 7:00 PM ● Gardner Lake Authority,
October 12th, 7:00 PM ● Library Board of Directors,
October 10th, 6:00 PM ● Emergency preparedness Agency,
October 10th, 7:00 PM ● Planning and Zoning Commission,
October 10th, 7:00 PM ● Planning and Zoning Commission,
October 24th, 7:00 PM ● BOE Curriculum,
October 25th, 6:00 PM ● Zoning Board of Appeals,
October 26th, 7:00 PM |
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Use the following link to visit the Town Public Meeting Calendar: salemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16/month/2023-010.

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: gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued from page 11)

- **LION'S CLUB**

The Lions are looking for volunteers as well as new members. Please consider volunteering or joining. **Call Hugh McKenney at 860-303-0042 (mobile) or Bill Martin at 860-705-6062 (mobile).**

- **MITCHELL FARM EQUINE RETIREMENT**

The Horse Retirement, Horse Sanctuary is looking for help. **Contact Dee Doolittle 860 303-8705, or email dee@mitchellfarm.org.**

- **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

The Salem VFW is always looking for help to clean up the cemeteries. Bring your gloves, weedwhacker, mower, rakes and tarps. **Watch the Facebook website for future dates on other cemetery clean up opportunities.**

- **FRIENDS OF SALEM THE LIBRARY**

The Friends of The Salem Library could always use help sorting books for the book sale, and with the book sales. We are currently sorting books at Zemko property 232 Hartford Road Monday, Wednesday. and Friday from 9 AM- 11AM.

If you would like to help, contact Carl Nawrocki at 860-608-9970, or Bart Drennen at 860-235-5889.

- **SALEM SCHOOL**

Volunteers are always welcome at **Salem School**. Anyone interested in volunteering can mail the volunteer form (which lists volunteer options) to Jennifer Kayser, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Salem School District, 200 Hartford Rd. Salem, CT. **Use the following link to go to the Salem School website: www.salemschools.org. Place the cursor over the "Our School" tab, and click on the "Forms tab" to access the form.**

- **HOME REPAIR AND HANDY-MAN SKILLS**

Would you like to volunteer, 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 summer; reset a knocked down mailbox; change the oil in a lawn mower; etc.).

Contact Kay Zak at: 860-889-3989 / e-mail at: kayzak@hotmail.com, or Gary Closius at: gclosius@sbcglobal.net, or 860-961-9173.

SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

There are many activities for Salem residents of all ages:

- **ADULT CO-ED REC PICK-UP GAMES**

Open Gym for Salem & East Lyme Residents
Age 18 & Over.

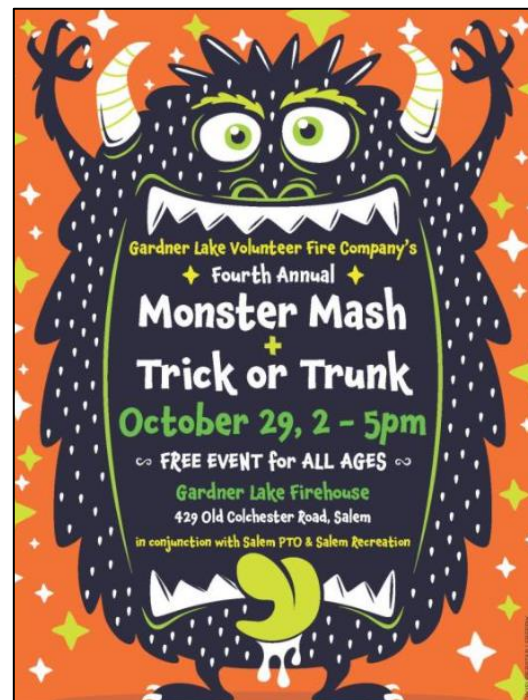
SALEM SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Sign in upon arrival

PICKLEBALL 	Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm October 3 to May 28
VOLLEYBALL 	Fridays, 7-9 p.m. October 6 to May 31
BASKETBALL 	Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. October 5 to May 30

PHOTOS: PICKLEBALL: COURTNEY SCHROEDER, UNSPLASH. BASKETBALL: RICHARD BAGAN, UNSPLASH. VOLLEYBALL: PIVEL DANILYUK, PEXELS

- **TRICK OR TRUNK**



SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES (continued from page 12)

- **DISC GOLF COURSE NOW OPEN!!!!**



The Disc Golf Course was re-opened on Monday September 18th, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The entrance is located on Bob Appleby Fields and Volunteer Park, 24 Forsyth Road.

- **PILATES SESSION III**



**Monday Evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
September 11th to October 30th
Salem Volunteer Fire Company
424 Hartford Road**

**FEE: \$50 Resident; \$55 Non-Resident
Registration: www.recreation@salemct.gov.**

- **ROUNDHILL WILDLIFE GARDEN**



Special Thanks to Veronika & her Team for volunteering to help us beautify the area and support our pollinators!

Visit the Roundhill Wildlife Garden in the works at the Round Hill Road Baseball Fields, located just outside the fence near the playground.

You can also keep up-to-date virtually, at:
[fb.com/roundhillwildlifegarden](https://www.facebook.com/roundhillwildlifegarden)

- **FIND YOUR FOOTPRINT! MEDALLION PROJECT**



Hike, Explore and enjoy our Town's trails while searching for your 2023 Footprint!!

Darling Road Preserve • Zemko Sawmill Preserve
Multi-purpose Harris Brook Trail • Walden Preserve
Smuggler's Rock Preserve • Tatson's Woods Preserve

And, let us know when you've found one!!



It's never too late to report your found footprint!

Special Thanks to **THE RED HOUSE**
cultural arts center
GALLERY • GIFTS • CLASSES



and all of our Volunteers!

- **COMING SOON**

Volleyball At The Pavilion



- **ATTRACTION TICKETS**



Order tickets at:

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

Contact us at: recreation@salemct.gov, or call 860-859-3873, x275.

For additional information on activities provided by the Salem Recreation Commission please visit their website at <https://www.salemct.gov/recreation>.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS IN OUR AREA

- **CONNECTICUT RENAISSANCE FAIRE 2023, 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

LOCATION: Lebanon Fairgrounds, 122 Mack Road, Lebanon, CT
September 2nd – October 5th, every Saturday and Sunday, plus Labor Day, 10:30 AM – 6 PM

Step back in time to a 16th-century harvest festival at Connecticut Renaissance Faire's 25th anniversary celebration! Catapult your family into the past at Connecticut Renaissance Faire. Enjoy a Medieval Marketplace, ancient music, traditional dances, birds of prey in flight, archery, a kingly feast. Costumes encouraged but not required. Come as you are or as you wish to be. Pets allowed. Dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination for entry.

**ADMISSIONS**

GENERAL – ages 16+, \$16

YOUTH – ages 7-15, \$10
 (youth must be accompanied by an 18+ adult)

CHILD – FREE
 (ages 6 & under do not require a ticket to enter the Faire)

PET – \$5
 (pets welcome, proof of dog's rabies vaccination required, service dogs free)

GENERAL SEASON PASS – \$68, ages 16+

YOUTH SEASON PASS – \$45, ages 7-15

PET SEASON PASS – \$25

PARKING – FREE

- **OTHER FAIRS IN OUR AREA**

- [Harwinton Fair – October 6th-8th](#)

- [Portland Fair – October 6th-8th](#)

- [Riverton Fair – October 13th-15th](#)

SENIOR NEWS

- ***Salem Senior Citizens Group***

The ***Salem Senior Citizen's Group*** boasts a current enrolment of over 143 members. Membership has almost 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!***

Meetings are held at 10:30 AM on the second Tuesday every month at Salem Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse, 424 Hartford Rd. (Rt. 85) in the rear meeting room. A yearly membership of \$5.00 is collected every March. 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, please contact Gary Closius (President): gclosius@sbcglobal.net, or call 860-961-9173, or Mary Cikatz (vice President): mcikatz@yahoo.com, or call 860-287-7275.

- ***PROVIDER FARMS VEGGIES FOR SALE AT OUR MEETINGS***

Provider Farms will have produce at the July meeting for sale. They give the seniors a 10% discount at the meeting. A list of what will be available will be posted on Facebook when we get the list of what is available at that time.

- ***FLU VACCINATIONS***

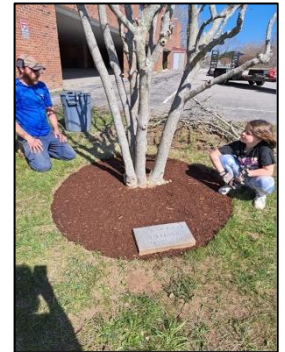
Flu season is right around the corner. The Salem Health Mart Pharmacy will provide Flu vaccinations during our October meeting. The vaccines for COVID and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) may also be available as well. **Be sure you have your insurance and Medicare Health Insurance cards with you.** You can also make an appointment with your own physician.

SENIOR NEWS (continued from page 14)

- SPRIGS AND TWIGGS COMPLETES REFIRBISHING GARDENS AT SALEM SCHOOL**

The Sprigs and Twigs Team

Joan Gaynor reports that ***Sprigs and Twigs*** has completed refurbishing the gardens in the courtyard behind the school! Keep in mind this is now a young garden and will fill in over time. They also removed a tree close to the school and replaced with a young more appropriate one. All this amazing work was accomplished in just one day. All totaled ***Sprigs and Twigs*** donated more than \$11,000 worth of design work, plants, and labor at the Salem School Gardens. ***Sprigs and Twigs*** deserves a great big **THANK YOU** for their generous donation and Joan Gaynor deserves a great big **THANK YOU Joan** for organizing this effort. See below for some before and after pictures.

**Before and After Photos**

Use the following link to view our monthly newsletter:
salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4966/f/uploads/august_newsletter_2023_final.pdf.