

# NEWSLETTER

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## SDTC SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The **Salem Democratic Town Committee** held its Caucus on July 19<sup>th</sup> to nominate candidate for the municipal elections in November. The **SDTC** has nominated the following candidates for the various municipal offices up for election in November.

Office	Term yrs.	Democratic Candidate(s)	
First Selectman	2	Sue Spang	
Selectman	4	Leslie Hotary	Kay Zak
Board of Finance (full term)	6	Matt Rucci	
Board of Finance (full term)	4	Kate Belleville	
Board of Finance Alternate (full term)	6	John Houchin	
Board of Finance Alternate Alternat (fill a vacancy, fill by Sept. 6th)	6		
Board of Education (full term)	6	Sue Spang	
Board of Education (fill a vacancy for 4 Yrs.)	4	Kelly Francis	
Board of Assessment Appeals	4	Kay Zak	
Board of Assessment Appeals (fill a vacancy for 2 Yrs.)	2	Robert Cikatzen	
Planning & Zoning Commission (full term)	6	Jennifer Lindo	Gary Closius
Planning & Zoning Commission (full term) (fill a vacancy for 2 Yrs.)	2		
Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate	6	Hugh McKenney	
Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate (fill a vacancy for 2 Yrs.)	2		
Zoning Board of Appeals	6	David Bingham	
Zoning Board of Appeals	2	Toney Griggs	
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate	6	Kevin Milligan	
Library Board of Directors Full Term	6	Flora Drapeau	Hugh McKenney
Town Clerk	2	Diane Weston	
Town Treasurer	2	Pamala Henry	
Tax Collector	2	Vivian Waters	

## THE SDTC IS HOSTING TWO FUNDRAISERS

- The **SDTC** is again hosting its popular **Trivia Night Competition** to raise money for our democratic candidates running in the November 2023 municipal election.

The event will be held at the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse, 429 Old Colchester Road, Salem, CT.

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 6:45 PM, competition begins @ 7 PM.

**ENTRY FEE: \$30/PERSON**

**TEAM PRIZES: 1st: \$250: 2nd: \$100: 3rd: Gift Basket**

**Form a Team to win – Up to 8 people/team. Come and join in the fun!**

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**THE SDTC IS HOSTING TWO FUNDRAISERS (continued from pp 1)**

- The SDTC is also sponsoring a fundraiser to raise money for our democratic candidates running in the November 2023 municipal election. **The fundraiser will be held at the historic Bingham Camp, on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5 PM.**

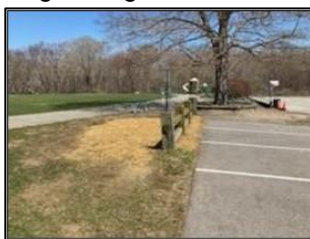
**SPRIGS AND TWIGGS COMPLETES REFIRBISHING GARDENS AT SALEM SCHOOL**

As some of you may know **Joan Gaynor and others From the Salem Senior Citizens Group** have restored the garden by the track at the Salem School and cleaned-up and weeded around the play-scape. She then set her sights on restoring the Courtyard Gardens in the back of the school. After hearing of Joan's efforts and plans to clean up and revive the Courtyard Gardens, fellow Group members, Robin and Andy Pelletier, told Joan a memorial to their son Ethan who had passed away was in the Garden. Joan found it and did some rudimentary cleaning up around the marker so it could be seen again. Robin works for a landscaping company, **Sprigs and Twigs** out of Gails Ferry, and they graciously offered to supply labor, plants, and materials to help clean up and restore the school's Courtyard Gardens.

**Joan reported that Sprigs and Twigs has completed refurbishing the school's Court Yard Garden!** Keep in mind this is now a young garden and will fill in over time. They also removed an overgrown bush next to the track. They also removed a tree close to the school and replaced with a young more appropriate one. All totaled **Sprigs and Twigs** donated more than \$11,000 worth of design work, plants, and labor at the Salem School Gardens. **Sprigs and Twiggq**s deserves a great big **THANK YOU** for their generous donation and Joan Gaynor deserves a great big **THANK YOU** for organizing this effort. See below for some before and after pictures.



**Overgrown Bush Removal Before**



**Overgrown Bush Removal After**



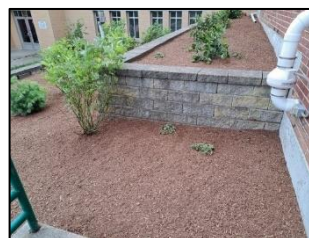
**Refurbished Track-side Garden**



**Courtyard Gardens – Before**



**Courtyard Gardens – After**



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**CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS IN SALEM****A Brief History of the Legalization of the Adult Use of Marijuana in CT**

“The marijuana law signed on June 2021 by Governor Ned Lamont made the adult use and possession of small amounts of recreational marijuana legal in Connecticut on July 1, 2021, but retail sales were not expected until late 2022.

The legislation left significant work for a Social Equity Council to determine how to define and regulate how a legal marijuana market should become an instrument for addressing racial, social and economic injustice.

Connecticut became the 19<sup>th</sup> state to legalize recreational marijuana. Adults 21 and older are able to possess up to 1.5 ounces on their person and 5 ounces in their home or locked car. The new law automatically erased criminal records for possession of up to 4 ounces of marijuana.

Lamont’s predecessor, Governor Dannel P. Malloy, successfully pushed for the decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana in 2011, then legalization of marijuana for prescribed medical use in 2012. But legalization of recreational marijuana had stalled.

More complex were the questions of social justice and equity, including how Connecticut could ease access to the new business by residents of communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs.

Beginning August 1, 2021, the council was to identify census tracts in the state that were disproportionately impacted and publish a list of these tracts on the council’s website.

Half of all licenses for the cultivation, packaging, transportation and marketing of recreational marijuana would be reserved for social equity applicants from those census tracts.

Each licensed producer was be required to contribute \$500,000 to the council for a program to help social equity applicants open micro-cultivator establishments. By January 1, the council was to use the results of the study to recommend legislation for implementing social equity policies.

Taxes on retail sales included a 3% municipal sales tax directed to the town or city where the retail sale occurred, plus the 6.35% state sales tax and a tax based on the THC content of the product. Lamont’s office said the tax rate would be lower than in New York and comparable to Massachusetts.

Municipalities can ban retail sales through zoning and regulate public use, much as they presently can with the smoking of tobacco. The bill explicitly band smoking marijuana in state parks and on state waterways, and it expanded smoking prohibitions of all kinds by prohibiting smoking at workplaces, including within 25 feet of an entrance. It also bared hotels from offering smoking rooms.

Connecticut currently has four producers of medical marijuana, plus 18 retail dispensaries.”<sup>1</sup>

Adult-use marijuana sales in Connecticut begin on January 10, 2023 nearly 18 months after Governor Ned Lamont signed the state’s law legalizing recreational pot. Beginning on January 10, the nine existing medical marijuana dispensaries that received approval to convert to a “hybrid” retail model — offering both medical and adult-use products — were be able to start selling recreational pot. Depending on local zoning, sales began at 10 AM or later on that date.

Sales are expected continue to expand in the coming months. Michelle Seagull, commissioner of the state Department of Consumer Protection, said 42 provisional licenses have been granted to various types of marijuana businesses, from cultivators to manufacturers, distributors, retailers and delivery services. In all, nearly 100 businesses “are somewhere in the licensing pipeline,” Seagull said.

Provisional license recipients are now working to get up and running, which includes finding space for their operations and obtaining local zoning approvals, said Andrea Comer, DCP deputy commissioner and chair of the Social Equity Council tasked with evaluating applicants. Those businesses are given 14 months to obtain a final license.

Standing up the new industry, while meeting legislative intentions to make it accessible and equitable for interested entrepreneurs, took months of complex deliberation on the part of the social equity council.

Existing medical-use cultivators and retailers had to pay steep fees to convert their operations. Those fees went into a fund to be reinvested in communities most impacted by historically discriminatory federal drug policy. Comer said there’s currently roughly \$50 million in that fund, and that’s expected to grow. The council plans to work with the beneficiary communities to evaluate the best ways for those funds to be reinvested, but there’s no timeline yet on when that process will commence.

For those hopeful new entrants to the market who were not converting from medical-use operations, the council held lotteries for licenses in several categories. Prospective growers, product manufacturers, transporters and shops vied for a limited number of licenses; half were designated for “social equity applicants” who have to meet certain income and residency requirements.

## **CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS IN SALEM (continued from pp 3)**

One final hurdle in opening the adult-use market was meeting the law's capacity requirement of at least 250,000 square feet of licensed growing and manufacturing space, in order to ensure enough supply for both recreational and medical customers. Seagull said that threshold had been met. Each adult-use cannabis transaction will be limited to a quarter-ounce or less — in part to protect the supply for medical patients, who can purchase up to 5 ounces a month for health purposes, Seagull said.

On July 11, 2023, the Salem Planning & Zoning Commission rendered a decision approving ZRA 23-01 Salem Planning and Zoning Commission Application request to amend the Salem Zoning Regulations, adding a new section 3.26 establishing a temporary (180-day) moratorium on cannabis establishments effective September 1, 2023. The purpose of this is to allow Salem's Planning and Zoning Commission to draft the appropriate zoning regulations governing cannabis establishments and conduct the requisite public hearings to gain public input on this issue.

Some key points to be determined are:

1. Should cannabis establishments\* be allowed in Salem, and if so
2. Where should they be allowed,
3. What, if any, controls should be placed on their operation.

\* Per CT State Statutes cannabis establishments are defined as:

**CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT:** Producer, dispensary facility, cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery service or transporter as defined below:

**CULTIVATOR:** Person that is licensed to engage in the cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an establishment with not less than fifteen thousand square feet of grow space.

**DISPENSARY FACILITY:** A place of business where medical marijuana may be dispensed or sold at retail to qualifying patients and primary caregivers and for which the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection has issued a dispensary facility permit under Connecticut General Statutes Section 21a-408 et seq. as may be amended and Sections 21a-408-1 to 21a-408-70, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as they may be amended.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANUFACTURER:** Person that is licensed to own and operate a place of business that acquires cannabis and creates food and beverages.

**HYBRID RETAILER:** Person that is licensed to purchase cannabis and sell cannabis and medical marijuana products.

**MICRO-CULTIVATOR:** A person licensed to engage in the cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an establishment containing not less than two thousand square feet and not more than ten thousand square feet of grow space, prior to any expansion authorized by the commissioner.

**PRODUCER:** A person that is licensed as a producer pursuant to section 21a-408i of the general statutes and any regulations adopted thereunder.

**PRODUCT MANUFACTURER:** A person that is licensed to obtain cannabis, extract and manufacture products exclusive to such license type;

**PRODUCT PACKAGER:** A person that is licensed to and label cannabis.

**RETAILER:** A person, excluding a dispensary facility and hybrid retailer, that is licensed to purchase cannabis from producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers and to sell cannabis to consumers and research programs.

**TRANSPORTER:** A person licensed to transport cannabis between cannabis establishments, laboratories and research programs.

<sup>1</sup> [\*CT Mirror\*](#) article "[\*Adult-use marijuana sales in Connecticut begin on Jan. 10, 2023\*](#)" by Mark Pazniokas, June 22, 2021

<sup>2</sup> [\*CT Mirror\*](#) article "[\*Lamont signs Connecticut's marijuana legalization law\*](#)" by Erica E. Phillips, December 9, 2022

## **OPINION**

### **Salem Should Revise the Town's Planning and Zoning Regulations to Control the Development of the Cannabis Industry in Salem, By G. Closius, August 11, 2023**

Recently Salem's Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) added a section to the zoning regulations putting a 180-day moratorium on cannabis establishments in Salem. This will allow the PZC the time to develop the regulatory controls to control the development of the cannabis industry in Salem and hold the requisite public hearings as appropriate to get public input.

There are three different taxes on cannabis products in Connecticut. A 6.35% sales tax, a 3% sales tax dedicated to the city or town where the sale occurs, and a tax based on THC content, which ranges from 10% to 15% of the sale price. Since Salem isn't likely attract a developer to build a business/industrial since Salem doesn't have like "city water or sewer", Salem should seriously consider modifying its Planning and Zoning regulations to allow cannabis establishments in town.

According to the CT Department of Consumer Protection from January 10, 2023 to July 31, 2023 the adult-use market

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recorded sales of almost \$69 million. The municipalities where the retail or hybrid dispensaries are located will share over \$2.3 million in tax revenue based on the sales from each location. In addition to the potential tax revenue produced by the sale of cannabis, the buildings, facilities, and real estate that the micro-cultivators, cultivators, cannabis product manufactures would need would be added to the town's grand list for property tax purposes.

With intelligent and thoughtful regulation and implementation, Salem could develop a new tax revenue stream. Salem should not turn its back on a chance to develop a new tax revenue stream.

**TOWN OF SALEM NOTICE OF DECISION****Planning & Zoning Commission Legal Notice of Decision**

POSTED ON: JULY 30, 2023 - 1:16PM

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

**Notice of Decision**

At their regular meeting of July 25, 2023, the Salem Planning & Zoning Commission rendered the following decisions:

1. **SD 23-03 Colchester Construction** Re-subdivision application for 343 Old Colchester Road for the creation of one new lot. **Approved, with conditions.**
2. **SP 23-05 Poyant Signs** Site Plan modification application including new drive thru lane components with digital menu board and new sign package at 1 New London Road for Dunkin Donuts. **Approved.**

**FOR THE COMMISSION**

Vernon Smith, Chairman  
Planning & Zoning Commission

**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](mailto:rlabonte@tvcca.org).**

Visit our website at [tvcca.org](http://tvcca.org) or [facebook.com/TVCCArsvp/](https://facebook.com/TVCCArsvp/).

- **THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION (TVCCA) (continued)**

**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](mailto:jhodge@tvcca.org).**

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- **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/](http://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.

- **CARE & SHARE – Website link: [careandshareofel.org/](http://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                 | - 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**

- **SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY 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](http://salemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes).**

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• **SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** (continued)  
NEWS & EVENTS (continued)

- **Family Movie Night**



Check out a movie from the library on Fridays from June 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup> and get a free bag popcorn. (Limit one bag per household)

- **Salem Free Public Library Concert**

Salem Free Public Library

## The Carroll Sisters

Celtic Music Concert

**Monday, August 14, 2023**  
**@ 6:00 p.m.**

Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Sponsored by the Bobbie Ziegra Memorial Fund

Register at the Library or call 860-859-1130.



- **Beekeeping 101**

Salem Free Public Library

## Beekeeping 101

Presented by Caitlin Stevenson of Stonewall Apiary

Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 PM

An overview of the basics of beekeeping

Limited to 30 attendees

Suitable for teens & adults

Register at the Library or call 860-859-1130.

Sponsored by the Bobbie Ziegra Memorial Fund

- **CELEBRATING CONNECTICUT LIBRARIES!**

Use the following link to watch a short video to see what Salem and other Connecticut Public Libraries have been doing to serve our communities over the past year!

[youtu.be/0J5B5i9ZtyY](https://youtu.be/0J5B5i9ZtyY)

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

For additional information use the following link visit the Salem Town Webpage for the Library at:

[salemct.gov/library](https://salemct.gov/library).

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• **MITCHELL FARM MUSIC FESTIVAL RT 82 SALEM, CT, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Tickets \$58**

**Laurel Canyon & Broken Arrow**

Enjoy the magic of 70's music surrounded by peaceful grazing horses at this outdoor tented charitable event. Be transported by a masterful, day long tribute to the music of **Crosby, Stills, Nash and Neil Young** with **Laurel Canyon** and **Broken Arrow**.

Tickets on sale May 1<sup>st</sup>. [mitchellfarm.org/events](https://mitchellfarm.org/events).

Salem Senior's get your tickets through us and pay \$50 contact Kay Zak: 860 889-3989, or [kayzak@hotmail.com](mailto:kayzak@hotmail.com).

Gate opens at 1:30 PM. Music begins at 2:30 PM. Bring a lawn chair, picnic if you like, food vendors available. Come early and let's have a senior section at the concert.

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• **COLCHESTER FARMERS MARKET**

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



• **BOZRAH FARMERS MARKET**

Bozrah Farmers Market open Fridays starting on July 14<sup>th</sup> – TBD from 4PM – 7 PM. Located at 45 Bozrah St, Bozrah

- August 4, Dog Days
  - August 11, Family Night
  - September 1, Food Truck Roundup



• **THE SOUTHEASTERN CT REGIONAL RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY (SCRRA)**

SCRRA 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, 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!!

**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

• **SALEM SCHOOL NEWS**

Salem School website link: To view the Salem School website use the following link: [salemsschools.org/](http://salemsschools.org/)

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR**
  - **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, First day of school 23-24 year.**

• **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](http://eastlymeschools.org/high-school).

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR**
  - **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, First day of school 23-24 year.**



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• **SALEM LIONS TAG SALE**

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM – 3 PM  
 &  
 Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM – 1 PM, at the Zemko property 232 Hartford Rd. Salem.



• **FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM – 3 PM  
 &  
 Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM – 1 PM, at the Zemko property 232 Hartford Rd. Salem.



**For info or donations contact Carl Nawrocki at 860-608-9970, or Bart Drennen at 860-235-5889.**

**PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS FOR AUGUST**

- **Board of Selectmen,**  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission,**  
August 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Library Board of Directors**  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM
- **Emergency Preparedness Agency,**  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Planning and Zoning Commission,**  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Board of Finance,**  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Gardner Lake Authority,**  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **BOE Long-Range Educational Planning,**  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM
- **BOE Personnel/Contract Negotiations,**  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM
- **Board of Education,**  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Salem Green Cemetery Association**  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM
- **Economic Development Commission,**  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Recreation Commission,**  
August 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Planning & Zoning Commission**  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Zoning Board of Appeals,**  
August 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Board of Education Policy,**  
August 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM
- **BOE Curriculum,**  
August 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Use the following link to go the Town Public Meeting Calendar:** [saalemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16/month/2023-05](http://saalemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16/month/2023-05).

**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](http://gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home).

• **LION'S CLUB**

The Lions are looking for volunteers as well as new members. Please consider volunteering or joining. **Contact John Houchin at 860-887-2518 (home) or 860-705-1227 (mobile), or Hugh McKenney at 860-303-0042 (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](mailto:dee@mitchellfarm.org).

• **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

The Salem VFW is looking for help to clean up the branches and leaves from cemeteries before the grass starts to grow. **Our next clean-up will be Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM** at the **Hillard Cemetery on Music Vale Road**. Bring your gloves, weedwhacker, mower, rakes and tarps. Watch the Facebook website for future dates on other cemetery clean up opportunities.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** *(continued from pp 9)*

- **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 or e-mail at: [kayzak@hotmail.com](mailto:kayzak@hotmail.com), or

Gary Closius at: [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net), or 860-961-9173.

- **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.

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](http://www.salemschools.org). Put the cursor over the "Our School" tab, and click on the "Forms tab" to access the form.

**SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

*There are many activities for Salem residents of all ages:*

- **ADULT TENNIS**

- **Salem Recreation spring 2023 adult tennis** with Anne Santoro, session 3 clinic – **Advance Your Game**. Thursday Mornings — 9:30 AM — 10:45 AM, August 10<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> (4 classes), round hill road tennis courts. It's time to renew and improve your tennis skills — and your fitness — outdoors this Summer! 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.

**FEES:** \$80 resident; \$85 non-resident. **REGISTER AT:** [salemct.gov/recreation](http://salemct.gov/recreation).

- **SALEM RECREATION SUMMER CONCERT**



Featuring **Cover 2 Cover**. High energy dance music from the 60s – 70s – 80s.

A family and pet friendly event. Bring your friends, a chair, a blanket, and your dancing shoes.

**Special thanks to our sponsors:**

**Sid's Auto Sales, RADCOR, LLC, Casella.**

- **ADULT CO-ED PICKLEBALL PICKUP GAMES**

For Salem & East Lyme Residents

Saturday Mornings                      Tuesday Evenings

8-10 AM                                      5-7 PM

Round Hill Road Tennis / Pickleball Courts

**Sign In Upon Arrival**

- **ROUND HILL WILDLIFE GARDEN.**

Visit the Round Hill Wildlife Garden at the Round Hill Road Baseball Field, located outside the fence near the playground. Special Thanks to Veronika & her team for volunteering to help beautify the area and support our pollinators.

You can also keep up-to-date virtually at by using the following link:

[facebook.com/roundhillwildlifegarden](https://facebook.com/roundhillwildlifegarden).

- **2023 SALEM FUN RUN SERIES**

Tuesdays, July 11<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>

Salem School, Bingham Field

5:30 PM – Beginners 1-mile Walk / Run

6 PM 3-mile Fun Run

Check-in begins at 4:30 PM

Pre-Register online at:

[salemct.gov/summerfunrunseriesregistration](http://salemct.gov/summerfunrunseriesregistration)

**SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES** *(continued from pp 10)*

• **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 Path/Harris Brook Trail**

**Walden Preserve • Smuggler's Rock Preserve**

**Tatson's Woods Preserve**

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

[salemct.gov/recreation/footprintproject](http://salemct.gov/recreation/footprintproject)

According to our records, past footprints are still out there waiting to be found!



Special Thanks to



and all of our volunteers

• **COMING SOON**



• **ATTRACTION TICKETS**



Order tickets at:

[salemct.gov/recreation/goodanytimetickets](http://salemct.gov/recreation/goodanytimetickets)

or contact us at: [recreation@salemct.gov](mailto:recreation@salemct.gov)

or call 860-859-3873, x275.

• **SALEM SURGE SOCCER CLUB & YOUTH BASKETBALL REBOOT**



Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM @ Salem Town Hall

Whether you're just curious, interested in having your child play in a rec basketball or soccer program, coaching, or handing the team, please come and join us for a huddle to share thoughts, ideas, and our next steps!

**SENIOR NEWS**

• **Salem Senior Citizens Group**

The **Salem Senior Citizen's Group** boasts a current enrolment of over 132 members. Membership has more than doubled since the beginning of 2022.

• **Seniors' Gardening Team Work at the Salem School**

**The renovations on the court yard gardens have been completed (see page 3).** The team will work on the playscapes removing the Mugwort and vines from the fencing, watch FaceBook for Joan's announcement of work days.

Any questions about the project, please contact Joan Gaynor at [saalemtech53@yahoo.com](mailto:saalemtech53@yahoo.com). Or call Joan at 860 449-3064

• **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](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net), or call 860-961-9173, or Mary Cikatz (vice President): [mcikatz@yahoo.com](mailto:mcikatz@yahoo.com), or call 860-287-7275.

Use the following link to view our monthly newsletter:

[salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4966/f/uploads/august\\_newsletter\\_2023\\_final.pdf](http://salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4966/f/uploads/august_newsletter_2023_final.pdf).