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There are a total of 13 seats on various boards and commissions that are will be on the ballot in the November 2025 election that we need candidates for. The list below details the positions/seats that will be on the ballot:

- **Board of Selectmen**
  - First Selectman – 1 seat *we have 2 people interested*
  - Selectman – 2 members *we need candidates*
- **Board of Education**
  - 3 members – *we need a candidate*  
we have 1 person interested
- **Board of Finance**
  - Member – 2 *we need a candidate*  
we have 1 person interested
  - Alternate member – 2 *we need candidates*
- **Planning and Zoning Commission**
  - Member – 3 *we need candidates*  
we have 1 person interested
  - Alternate member – 2 *we need candidates*
- **Library Board of Directors**
  - Member – 2 *we have 2 people interested*
- **Board of Assessment Appeals**
  - Member – 2 *we a candidate*  
we have 1 person interested
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**
  - Member – 1 *we have 1 person interested*
  - Alternate Member – 1 *we need a candidate*

## **Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20<sup>th</sup> District)**

Dear Neighbor,

I'm grateful to Governor Lamont and the State Bond Commission for their recognition of our communities. In Old Lyme, these investments will greatly improve local nautical resources, providing more access for traveling boaters and allowing emergency boats to respond to duress calls in much quicker fashion. Supporting first responders is also a priority in New London, reimbursing the town's police for acquiring dash and body cameras to increase transparency and facilitate better trust between the town and its officers.

Among the items approved in the Bond Commission agenda were:

- \$228,500 to support the expansion of Old Lyme's Town Dock, adding the ability to support transient small boats and dockage for town emergency services vessels,
- \$33,000 for permitting in Old Lyme to start the process of maintenance dredging the Four Mile River,
- \$109,673 to reimburse purchases of body cameras, dash cameras and video storage devices for the New London Police Department.

### **Trump Tariffs Officially Announced**

Tariffs long-threatened by the Trump administration were officially put in place this week, with economists and business professionals nearly universally reporting the plan will have a heavy toll on consumer prices, inflation and the stock market. The tariffs, which are effectively import taxes as they require an importer to pay a surcharge on the cost of goods to the federal government, range from 10% to 49% for different countries trading with the United States, as some countries face flat tariffs and others have custom focuses. At large, this effectively means \$4 trillion in import goods will face a minimum of a 10% tax.



One of the biggest factors of the tariffs was an immediate 25% tariff on all foreign-made automobiles, expected to increase the cost of many vehicle models by thousands of dollars. Countries with major imports to America, including Vietnam, Cambodia, China and Taiwan, are subject to new tariffs over 30%, meaning electronics and clothing will also be among the products with price hikes in the near future – though almost all imported goods will be covered. Some heavily imported goods will include shoes and produce; several food items covered under the tariffs cannot be grown in the United States.

The global tariffs come in addition to previously announced 25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico and previously announced tariffs on China. The stock market saw sharp drops immediately after the tariffs' announcement and that decline continued into future market days. A number of economists raised alarms predicting the impacts of the tariffs could send the national economy into a recession. With an expected cost of up to \$6 trillion for American consumers, and economists expecting the tariffs to cost the average American household up to \$4,200 annually, this is expected to be the largest tax increase in American history.

### **CT Home Funds Invests In Homeownership**

Connecticut launched CT Home Funds this week, a \$30 million investment in three housing programs preserving, incentivizing and increasing homeownership opportunities across the state. These programs include the Connecticut Home Improvement Program, which will receive \$8.5 million to provide low-interest loans directly to homeowners for energy improvements and housing code repairs, with support for roof repair/replacement, accessibility improvements and remediation of environmental health hazards among covered projects. Additionally, the Time To Own-Rehabilitation Program will receive \$10 million to support new homeowners who received support from the Time To Own Program, offering them forgivable loans to help with home repair and improvement costs, and the Homeownership Construction Program will receive \$11.5 million, providing grants of up to \$150,000 per home to help cover construction or rehabilitation costs for up to ten affordable homes.



## **Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20<sup>th</sup> District, continued from p 2)**

### **Drug Take Back Day**

On Saturday, April 26, the DEA and local police departments will hold the twice-yearly National Drug Take Back Day with the purpose of reducing unused, unwanted and expired prescription and over-the-counter medication from households to reduce misuse or abuse of medications. Dozens of events around Connecticut will invite residents to dispose of medications, many of them in drive-through settings. Visit [www.dea.gov/takebackday](http://www.dea.gov/takebackday) to find locations near you.

### **It's not too late to save vital health care support**

On Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, my editorial was published in *The Day* (see below) regarding the announced end of the Yale New Haven Health (YNHH) at Home program. This is an important local service helping people in our community and I believe its end would be short-sighted.

#### ***If it's not broken, don't fix it – By State Sen. Martha Marx***

*That's time-honored advice that people have followed for decades, but I'm not sure Yale New Haven Health got the memo. Despite having a program in place that supports hundreds of people in our communities, providing great service at a low cost, YNHH leaders have decided not just to "fix" it — they're going to break it.*

*If you missed the news, in February, YNHH's At Home Southeast, formerly operating as the Visiting Nurse Association of SE Connecticut, announced plans to prematurely discontinue its Nurse Family Partnership contract, funded by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, and the Wellness Program, funded in part by surrounding municipalities. Without action, they will close June 30.*

*This made the news earlier this year, but if you're not familiar, the nationally renowned Nurse Family Partnership sends nurses on home visits to expectant families, providing additional support from birth to three years of age. The Wellness Program sends nurses to the Homeless Hospitality Center, local senior centers and into the homes of homebound residents to provide assessments and care.*

*The needs of our youngest and most senior residents have changed radically in just the two months since YNHH first made its announcement. In recent weeks, we've seen constant piecemeal cuts of federal programs. A local program giving more than 400 aging seniors rides, food and companionship lost federal funding. The state lost more than a hundred million dollars in public health funds to track diseases and screen newborns for illnesses. Veteran services and Meals on Wheels have already seen impacts as well.*

*When we're already losing federal support for programs that help people, I would certainly hope YNHH reconsiders this decision.*

*To put it simply, these programs are not broken and provide strong community benefits. They actually have no cost burdens for YNHH, either. The town of Old Lyme contracts for up to \$70,000 per year to provide wellness care at its senior center and visits to homebound residents. Waterford and other local municipalities have similar programs with YNHH At Home SE to provide care and visits as well.*

*Yet here we are, two months after the programs' shuttering was first announced. As the termination date of June 30 draws closer, YNHH has refused to reconsider its decision despite feedback regarding the essential supports these programs provide and the hole left once they close.*

*These programs cost Yale a relative pittance. When they end, we're losing eight health care jobs in our region, but they're not just jobs. They are nurses who have worked for decades to serve and support the health of others. Several of them will retire if they lose their jobs, pulling trained, skilled professionals out of our workforce right when Connecticut faces health care worker shortages. They've been working in local towns, getting to know their patients, making vital connections with those needing a little extra help and who deserve to live with dignity.*

*These services offer a significant lifeline to people, connecting them with needed medical support and disease management. Without them, our neighbors, friends and family members will struggle. They'll need more frequent medical care, straining our systems and their finances. They'll suffer and experience worse outcomes.*

*At a time when so much attention is on Elon Musk's "chainsaw" approach to cutting federal systems and workers, slashing first and picking up the pieces later, Yale's decision to end these programs in a similarly thoughtless fashion is just as glaring.*

*The good news: there's still time for a reversal so vital health care support for young families, unhoused guests at the Homeless Hospitality Center and seniors doesn't vanish for no good reason.*

### **Bozrah Farmers Market Mothers Day Market**

The Bozrah Farmers' Market will launch for the season this year on Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 45 Bozrah Street with its Mother's Day Market. It will resume weekly events on Fridays from 4:00-7:00 PM starting in July.



## **Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20<sup>th</sup> District, continued from p 3)**

### **Contact My Office**

If you have a direct question about legislation or an issue you're seeking help with, please reach out to my office. My staff and I are dedicated to representing you and assisting you with any issues you may be experiencing. Please contact me at 860-240-0436 or by email at [martha.marx@cga.ct.gov](mailto:martha.marx@cga.ct.gov).

All the best,



## **Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37<sup>th</sup> District)**

Dear Neighbor,

This weekend, I had the opportunity to join so many of you at the "Hands Off" rally in Niantic. It was inspiring to see people in our community taking a stand for what's right. I promise that as the session continues in Hartford, I will fight for legislation aimed at supporting education funding, equal rights, the environment, and other pillars of our community the president is attacking.



The rally is not the only opportunity I have had to connect with the community recently. In this week's update I'll detail a community forum I attended, talk about women-owned businesses in East Lyme, and highlight some of my legislative priorities. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you have about my work in Hartford and the changes you hope to see in our communities.

Sincerely,



Nick Menapace  
State Representative

### **Around the 37th**

I was proud to join so many in Niantic at the "Hands off" rally on Sunday to stand up for our rights, democracy, and future. We can't let an anti-American wannabe autocrat and his oligarch backers trample our freedoms for their vanity and power.

If a high school student can organize this rally and get hundreds of people to show up in the rain, you can get involved, too.

Whether it's joining Indivisible, your local Democratic Town Committee, or simply speaking out — every action matters, and if you need help getting started, I'm here. Let's fight back together!



Thank you to everyone who joined Senator Marx and me at our legislative community forum yesterday for East Lyme and Salem! And our Montville forum on Tuesday.

We had great conversations about everything from what's happening in Washington to early voting, housing, the state budget, and more.

Always grateful for the chance to connect directly with the community and hear your thoughts and questions!



## **Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District, continued from p 4)**

### **Celebrated Women-Owned Businesses in East Lyme During This Women's Month In March**

I was proud to celebrate Women-Owned Businesses in East Lyme during this Women's Month in March!

There's no better time to highlight the incredible women-owned businesses that help drive our local economy and strengthen our community! I had an amazing time on my Women's Business Tour visiting some fantastic businesses right here in East Lyme, including:

- **Knitty Gritty Yarn Girl** – A cozy haven for yarn lovers and crafters!
- **Pinspiration East Lyme** – A DIY crafting studio that brings creativity to life.
- **Smith's Acres LLC** – A beautiful greenhouse and garden center filled with fresh plants and local goods. Also, the featured location of the Niantic Winter Farmers Market!
- **La Belle Aurore** – A farm-to-table restaurant serving delicious, locally sourced meals. I am especially a fan of their Sunday Brunch!

Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy and state. They create jobs, foster innovation, and build strong communities. Supporting them means investing in our neighbors and ensuring a vibrant future for Connecticut.

Regardless of the month, let's show extra appreciation for women entrepreneurs and their incredible contributions! Do you have a favorite women-owned business in our area?



### **Studying the Impact of Data Centers**

The proposed data center at Millstone is on a lot of people's minds, and I'm happy to share that SB 1292 is moving forward in the Energy & Technology Committee.

This bill aims to set the standard for Connecticut's entire data center industry by ensuring we carefully study their impacts and implement responsible policies moving forward. Read more in [The Day](#) [HERE](#).



### **Now is the Right Time to Adjust Connecticut's Fiscal Controls**

Connecticut's fiscal guardrails have helped stabilize our economy. Still, as we look to the future, we must make savvy adjustments that allow responsible investments in our state's people and infrastructure.

I'm proud to join my colleagues in pushing for a balanced approach that keeps us on solid financial footing while ensuring we meet the needs of our communities.

Our commitment to these responsible investments should instill confidence in the proposed changes.

Read more in my latest op-ed in [CT Examiner](#) by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Getting Real on the Real Story**

I had the opportunity to sit down on Real Talk with **FOX61** to discuss some of the essential work we're doing in the Government Administration & Elections Committee (GAE), including efforts regarding Ranked Choice Voting and the voters' desire for No-Excuse Absentee Ballots.

Making our elections more accessible, fair, and representative is critical to strengthening democracy. I'm excited about these initiatives and our conversations to move Connecticut forward.

To watch the full interview click [HERE](#).

### **\$30 Million for CT Home Funds Program**

Introducing CT Home Funds! This means an investment in:

- The Connecticut Home Improvement Program
- The Time to Own – Rehabilitation Program
- The Homeownership Construction Program

Administered by Capital for Change and the Housing Development Fund, learn more about the new launch [HERE](#).

## **Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District, continued from p 5)**

### **Making a Case for a CT Child Tax Credit**

I'm proud to have authored this op-ed alongside my fellow Democratic Freshman Legislators, calling for a Connecticut Child Tax Credit. Families across our state are struggling with the rising cost of living, and it's time we take action to provide them with real relief.

- It has to start sometime.
- What better place than here?
- What better time than now?
- Read more about why we're fighting for this in our op-ed [HERE](#).



### **April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is a time to stand in solidarity with survivors and advocate for change. Through the power of legislation, we're making progress, closing legal gaps, expanding protections, and ensuring survivors have access to resources and support.

- Employee who are victims of sexual assault can now take leave from work and receive paid benefits during that time.
- Crimes against older adults, including sexual offenses, now receive specialized attention and resources.
- Employees now have 300 days, rather than 180, to file a sexual harassment complaint with the CHRO.
- Police officers now have clear guidelines when handling assault cases.
- A peace officer must be present at the scene of a sexual assault.
- Previous legal gaps have been closed to ensure that non-consensual sexual acts by a spouse are prosecutable.
- At the scene of a sexual assault, law enforcement must share information about victim services.
- Survivors of childhood sexual abuse can now file civil lawsuits against their abusers up until the age of 51.

### **Senior Day At The State Capital**

Senior Day at the State Capital hosted by State Representative Jane Garibay and The Aging Committee will be held Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Capital Hall of Flags & North Lobby. Come meet legislators and learn about senior programs & resources in CT. Food & ice cream will be served. State Representatives Mich Bolinsky (Newtown), Mary Fotier (Bristol), Senator Jan Hochoadel (Cheshire, Meridan, Middlefield, Middletown, and Newtown), Senator Tony Hwang (Bethel, Easton, Fairfield, and Newtown) will be in attendance.



## **Salem Town Budget**

### **Board of Finance (BOF) Finalizes Salem Town Budget For Town Meeting**

On Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> the BOF held a public hearing to gather input from Sale citizens regarding the F/Y2025/2026 Town Budget. On Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> the BOF held a meeting to finalize the Budget considering the input received from the public meeting. The finalized F/Y 2025/2026 Salem Town Budget is shown below:

**Town of Salem Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Proposed Budget:** (the numbers below are NOT official)

	Proposed F/Y 2025/2026 Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Change %
General Government	\$ 5,347,854	\$130,192	3.05%
Salem Board of Education	\$12,028,168	\$ 64,872	3.00%
Capital Expenditures	\$ 1,060,660	\$350,335	6.50%
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$18,436,682</b>	<b>\$545,399</b>	<b>3.05%</b>
Revenue	\$16,889,414	\$165,982	0.99%
Surplus/(Shortage)	(\$ 1,547,268)	Projected mil rate increase: 1.0 mil	



## Opinion – Salem Proposed Budget for F/Y 2025/2026

### ***The Proposed Budget May Not Please Everyone BUT It Is A Reasonable Compromise***

The BOF worked hard to pare the originally proposed F/Y 2025/2026 budget with a 6 +% increase over the current budget to a proposed budget with a 3.0% increase. The annual inflation rate for the Northeast region (which includes Connecticut) was 3.4% in March 2025, according to the [Consumer Price Index \(CPI\)](#) data released by the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

The Salem residents when asked in last Plan of Conservation and Development survey “*why they moved to Salem or want to continue to live in Salem*”; the top responses were “*the rural environment*” and “*the school district*”. If the school budget is cut further the proposed program designed to help the students scoring below the standardized test scores improve their performance would be in danger of being cut. The Salem Free Public Library which served in excess of 14,000 patrons over the past year and 1,745 patrons last month alone would likely have to cut programming and/or hours. The Town would likely need to push needed capital funds further into the future for replacement of emergency services vehicles (firetrucks/tankers) that are at the end of their lives resulting in those vehicles costing the Town tens of thousands of dollars more.

The BOF finalized proposed budget for consideration at this year’s Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> (official notification to be issued soon) will likely result in an increase of one mil. I like most Salem taxpayers don’t wish to pay any more in taxes than necessary, however, with the cost of most everything going up, it is unreasonable to expect the tax rate to remain flat. The potential cost of cuts in services like the programs at the school, the library and capital funds would be worse for the residents and taxpayers of Salem in the long run. I urge Salem residents to vote YES to send the Budget to Referendum on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – April 12, 2025

## Gun Violence – 2025 Statistics And Data

2025	Mass Shootings	Deaths	Injuries
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>295</b>
January	23	27	103
February	17	26	59
March	27	24	133
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

\* Data current through March 31<sup>st</sup>

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

Shootings By State					
State	# Current Month	# Year To Date	State	# Current Month	# Year To Date
Alabama	3	4	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	1	1
Arizona	0	2	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0
California	2	6	1	1	0
Colorado	0	0	1	1	0
Connecticut	0	0	0	1	1
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1
District of Colum	0	1	0	0	0
Florida	1	4	0	2	2
Georgia	2	4	0	1	1
Hawaii	0	0	0	1	1
Idaho	0	0	0	2	2
Illinois	0	1	0	0	0
Indiana	2	3	1	1	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0	2	2
Kentucky	0	0	4	9	5
Louisiana	4	7	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	2	3	1	3	2
Massachusetts	0	0	2	2	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	1	0	0	0
Mississippi	1	1	0	1	1
Missouri	0	1			

**Total deaths (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 4,014\*\***

**Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 6,830**

\* Data through April 16<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Totals not including suicide

<b>DARK BLUE:</b>	Democrats won the majority 4 times
<b>LIGHT BLUE:</b>	Democrats won the 3 times
<b>PURPLE:</b>	Democrats and Republicans each won twice
<b>LIGHT RED</b>	Republicans won the 3 times
<b>DARK RED</b>	Republicans won the 4 times

## **Democrat Of The Month – Focus On Gary Closius**



Gary is a 51-year resident of CT and a 28-year resident of Salem. He moved to Salem for its excellent school system and rural small-town environment. Gary is the proud parent of two Salem School, and ELHS graduates and currently serves Salem as a Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman of the Salem Democratic Town Committee 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 Free Public Library. He founded the Salem Venturing Crew 123 (coed part of Boy Scouts of America) and has been one of the adult advisors (Scout Master) for 18 years. Gary has served Salem's Cub Scout/Boy Scouting community for more than 25 years.

He has received several honors for volunteerism including the J. Michael Leahy Memorial Volunteerism Award for Service to the CT Special Olympics Sailing Regatta, Salem's Unsung Hero Award, Salem Lions Club Humanitarian of the Year for 2023, and the Melvin Jones Award, the highest honor from the Lions International Club Humanitarians for outstanding voluntarism.

Gary earned a BS, Nuclear Science degree from the State University of New York Maritime College and held a U.S. Coast Guard 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Engineer License Unlimited Horsepower Steam and Motor, and a Commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve attaining the rank of Lieutenant.

He retired from the Millstone Nuclear Power Station after 43 years of service with more than 20 years managing department personnel and a multi-million-dollar budget. Gary's work experience includes more than 20 years' experience of liaising with agencies external to Millstone including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and advising executive and line management on the interpretation of, and compliance with, NRC, and other federal, state, and regional agencies' regulations.

He looks forward to continuing working 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.

## **Around Town**

\* *The following information was excerpted from the First Selectman and CT State Police Troop K February reports*

### • **Emergency Services**•:

#### - **Fire Marshal Report**

<u><b>Emergency Calls:</b></u>	<u><b>Calls Town:</b></u>	<u><b>Mutual Aid:</b></u>	<u><b>Received</b></u>	<u><b>Given:</b></u>
* Fire 5	* Bozrah 11	* Bozrah 0	11	
* EMS Calls 39	* Colchester/Hayward 4	* Colchester/Hayward 1	12	
* Hazmat Calls 0	* East Haddam 2	* East Haddam 0	2	
* Hazardous Conditions 2	* Montville 2	* Montville 0	2	
* Service Calls 4	* Lebanon 0	* Lebanon 0	0	
* Cancelled Enroute 8	* Lyme 0	* Lyme 0	0	
* False Alarms 6	* Chesterfield 0	* Chesterfield 1	0	
<b>TOTAL CALLS 64</b>	* Oakdale 2	* Oakdale 0	2	
	* Salem 64	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>
	<b>TOTAL CALLS 85</b>			

#### ▸ **Total Calls by Station:**

* Station 27 (GLVFC)	18
* Station 21 (SVFC)	6
* Service Calls (Town of Salem)	39
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>63</b>

#### ▸ **Annual/Follow-up Fire Safety Inspections:** **Completed in March:**

* 1 New London Rd. (14 occupancies)	
- Dunkin'	- Subway
- Sweet Rice	- Salem Liquors
- Marissa's Dance Studio	- Brimstone Candles
- AZ Pawn	- Authentic Apparel
- Azappa Tattoo	- Mary & Beth's Nails
- Smoker's Zone	- Music Bureau
- Focus Home Companions	- Plumb Tomato



## **Around Town** *(continued from p 8)*

- **Tax Collector\***

- No report received this month.

- **Recreation Commission**

- See pp 12- 13 for Recreation Commission events.

- **Salem Resident State Trooper & Colchester Troop K\***

During the month of December 2024, the Salem Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to **179** calls for service In the Town of Salem. Of these calls, the most notable are:

- **Calls For Service:**

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
* Accidents	2	19
* Criminal Investigations	2	16
* Burglaries	0	0
* Larcenies	0	0
* Nonreportable Matters	87	209
* Total Arrests	3	10
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>254</b>

- **Motor Vehicle Enforcement:**

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
* Onsite DUIs	0	0
* Arrests	0	1
* Misdemeanor Summons	0	0
* Infractions	35	55
* Written Warnings	74	84
* Verbal Warnings	4	11
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>148</b>

- **The Salem Free Public Library (SFPL) Director's Report\***

- **Library News:**

- The SFPL held two storytimes in March, with a total of 50 attendees for both programs.
- The Library held a mini-canvas art show for the month of March with 37 patrons participating.
- On March 8<sup>th</sup> the Library held an Oreo tasing with 40 participants taking part. Participants could sample Oreos of various flavors such as Mint, Java Chip, Birthday Cake, and a few gluten-free options.
- There were 36 take-and-make craft kits distributed in march.
- On March 24<sup>th</sup> the Library held a program to create an Easter wreath. The program was full with 11 participants.

- **Library Building And Collection:**

- New shelving in the Children's Reading Room was constructed by Public Works. The new shelving provides more adequate shelving for the larger picture books in this collection.
- The quilters have a beautiful array of items available for sale I celebration of Easter a spring. These sales help support Library programs.
- Salem resident Dawn Brindle from ArtSpace has a variety of her student's classwork on display.

- **The SFPL served 1,745 patrons and provided 133 patrons with technical help in March.**

See pp 11-12 for additional SFPL events.

## **The Salem DTC Meeting Schedule – 2025**

### **The Salem DTC 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule**

- **Wednesday, May TBD, 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School

## **Montville Animal Shelter**

### **Montville Animal Shelter**

The new Montville animal shelter to be constructed will be called **The K9 Barrett Memorial Animal Control Facility**. The Ground Breaking took place March 29<sup>th</sup>. Donations of bleach and paper towels are always needed and are gratefully accepted. A community group prioritizing animal welfare called the **Montville Animal Welfare Initiative Inc.** is being organized. Their posts can be seen on the **Salem CT Town Group** FB page or visit their FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=montville%20animal%20welfare%20initiative>

**Article by: Rita Howell**

## **Public Town Meetings For March/April**

### **Meetings in May**

**Charter Revision Commission,**  
Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00

**Board of Education, Policy**  
Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Planning & Zoning Commission,**  
Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM

**Charter Revision Commission,**  
Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00

**Board of Education, Policy**  
Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Board of Education,**  
Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Board of Selectmen,**  
Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Charter Revision Commission, Special Meeting,**  
Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

**Planning & Zoning Commission,**  
Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

**Board of Finance,**  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

**Board of Education Long Range Education Planning,** Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Board Of Education, Curriculum,**  
Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Charter Revision Commission,**  
Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00

**Board of Ed. Long Range Education Planning,**  
Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Board Of Education, Curriculum,**  
Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission,**  
Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Board of Finance,**  
Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

**Library Board of Directors,**  
Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Board of Finance,**  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

To view the Town Public Meeting Calendar, click on:

<https://www.salemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16/month/2025-05>

## **Community Help / Assistance**

### **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 Help / Assistance (continued from pp 10)**

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

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.

#### **Some Key Assistance programs available from TVCCA:**

- **Energy Assistance:** *the current energy assistance season (2024/25) has begun:*

#### **Important Dates To Remember For The Current Energy Assistance Season:**

- **April 1, 2025:** Deadline for fuel authorizations or deliveries.
- **May 30, 2025:** The last day that a household can apply to establish eligibility for benefits.
- **June 17, 2025:** Last day to submit deliverable fuel bills.

- **Food and Nutrition programs include:**

- Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition programs, as well as WIC and SNAP (food Stamps) assistance programs. For more information visit: <https://www.tvcca.org/food-nutrition/>.

Visit their website by clicking on [tvcca.org](http://tvcca.org) or [facebook.com/TVCCArsvp/](https://www.facebook.com/TVCCArsvp/).

Contact: Gina King Director, Senior Volunteer Services, at 860-425-6617 or e-mail: [gking@tvcca.org](mailto:gking@tvcca.org).

### **CARE & SHARE**

Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. provides food, financial and emergency support to individuals and families in East Lyme, Niantic, and Salem. *If you are interested in receiving assistance, contact them at 860-739-8502.* Leave a message with your name, telephone number and the type of assistance you are looking for, as well as the best time you can be reached. A responder will confidentially return your call. To see what other services they provide visit their website by clicking on: [careandshareofel.org/](http://careandshareofel.org/).

## **Community News You Can Use**

### **The Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA)**



SCRRA is the waste management and recycling authority for the 21 member municipalities of Bozrah, Colchester, East Haddam, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Ledyard, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sterling, Sprague, Stonington, Voluntown, and Waterford. Any household from any participating community can go to ANY of the 9 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events. For more information & questions about collections please contact SCRRA at <https://www.scrarra.org/>, or phone 860-381-5558.

#### **2025 Household Hazardous Waste and Confidential Paper Shredding Schedule**

- **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – East Lyme:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, East Lyme High School, 30 Chesterfield Rd.
- **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Norwich:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Norwich Public Works, 50 Clinton Ave.
- **Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Groton:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Fitch High School, 101 Groton Long Point Rd.
- **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – Waterford:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, at Waterford High School, 20 Rope Ferry Rd.
- **Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Montville:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Tyl Middle School, 166 Chesterfield Rd.
- **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – North Stonington:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Wheeler High School, 297 Norwich-Westerly Rd.
- **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Griswold:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Griswold High Way Garage, 1148 Voluntown Rd. (Rt. 38).
- **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Ledyard:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Ledyard High School 24 Gallup Hill Rd.



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**SCRRRA (continued)**

**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

**Confidential Residential Paper Shredding**

- Tax Documents
- Financial Documents
- Financial Statements
- Personal Documents

**NOT ACCEPTED**

- News Papers
- Junk Mail
- Non-Sensitive Documents



**SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**News & Events**

• ***Museum Passes and Discounted Admission Passes***

The Salem Free Public Library offers museum passes and discounted admission passes to many of the museums in our state, visit the library, or go to the library website by clicking on:

[saalemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes](http://saalemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes) to view the library website and view what they have to offer and pass availability

**Community News You Can Use** (continued from pp 12)

**SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** (continued)

• **Books In the Afternoon Book Club Thursday – April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM.**

***A Day in the Life of Abed Salama – Nathan Thrall:*** Immersive and gripping, an intimate story of a deadly accident outside Jerusalem that unravels a tangle of lives, loves, enmities and histories over the course of one revealing, heartbreaking day. Pulitzer Prize 2024.

**Adults over 18 are welcome. To join the group, e-mail Christine Murtha at:**  
**[murthachristine@yahoo.com](mailto:murthachristine@yahoo.com)**.

• **The Salem Free Public Library will be closed Easter Weekend, April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>. They will reopen on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM.**

• **Family Story Time**

**Wednesdays**  
**at 10:30 AM**     **April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
                              **May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Please register at the circulation desk**  
**or call 860 859-1130**



• **Salem Free Public Library Tote Bags For Sale**



**Available at the circulation**  
**desk @ the library.**

**\$10.00 Cash or Check made**  
**payable to the Town of Salem**



**SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

There are many activities for Salem residents of all ages:

• **Adult Rec Co-Ed Pick-Up Games**

**PICKLEBALL**



<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Saturdays</b>
<b>5:00 PM – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>9:00 PM – 11:00 AM</b>
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>October 19<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Salem School Multi-Purpose Room</b>	

**VOLLEYBALL**



**Tuesdays**  
**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Salem School Gym**

**BASKETBALL**



**Tuesdays**  
**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Salem School Gym**

**Open Gym Games for Salem & East Lyme Residents, ages 18 & up. Sign in upon arrival**

• **Pilates**

**Monday evenings, 5:50 – 6:30 PM**

**6 Weeks**

**Gardner Lake**  
**Volunteer Fire Co.**  
**Firehouse, 429, Old**  
**Colchester Road.**



**\$60 Residents, \$65 Non-Resident**

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

**To Register:**

**<https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/register>,**  
**or call 860-859-3873 x275**

• **Yoga**

**Tuesday Evenings, 5:30 – 6:30 PM**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**6 Classes**

**Salem Volunteer Fire Co.**  
**Fire House, 424 Hartford Rd.**

**Thursday Mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 AM**  
**6 Classes**

**Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Co.**  
**Fire House, 429 Old Colchester Rd.**

**\$60 Residents, \$65 Non-Resident**

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

**To Register:**

**<https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/register>,**  
**or call 860-859-3873 x275**



**Community News You Can Use** (continued from pp 13)

**SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT** (Continued)

- **Start Gathering Up Your Goodies For The Salem Recreation's Community Tag Salem Day**

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 12 PM,

Rain Date: Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Location: Salem Community Park Pavilion, Residences and Businesses

Salem Recreation/ [recreation@salemct.gov](mailto:recreation@salemct.gov) / 860 859-3873 X 275 [salemct.gov/recreation](http://salemct.gov/recreation)

- **Stargazing**

WHEN: Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (Rain/Cloud date May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**



Sponsored by the Salem Recreation &  
Three Rivers Community College United Environmental and Environmental Engineering Technology Program

- **AARP SmartDriver Course**

WHEN: Tuesday, August 19, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Where: Salem Volunteer Fire Company, 424 Hartford Road.

The \$20 (AARP Members) or \$25 (Non-Members) fee may be paid at the door in cash or by check (made payable to AARP). **Don't forget to bring your AARP Card if you are an AARP Member!**

**Save your Spot Today!**

online: <https://www.salemct.gov/recreation/aarpsmartdrivercourse>,

by e-mail: [recreation@salemct.gov](mailto:recreation@salemct.gov), by phone: 860-859-3873, x275, or Scan the QR code

Walk-ins are also welcome with the understanding that class size will be limited.



**SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT** (continued)

- **Adult Tennis – With Anne Santoro Session 1 Clinic**

WHEN: Monday Mornings 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM, April 14<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup> (4 classes)

FEE: \$90.00 Residents; \$95.00 Non-Residents

Required equipment: Tennis racquet, tennis shoes, or supportive sneakers, large towel for stretching, and athletic clothing you can easily move in.



**GOT SNEAKERS**

The Salem Lions Club is collecting used sneakers as a fundraiser. The collected sneakers are then sent to **Got Sneakers**. SO, save those old used sneakers, the sneakers you grew out of, or the sneakers you just plain don't like anymore.

**ALL SIZES WELCOME!!!**

**Benefits:**

- Environmental Service Project: This will keep sneakers out of our landfills. Approximately. 3.5 million pairs of sneakers are recycled and reused.
- Poverty Service Project – 600 million people worldwide don't own a pair of shoes.

**Be on the lookout for the drop box to be setup at the library and a large "collection day" (date TBD) in the spring/summer months.**





## **Community News You Can Use** *(continued from pp 14)*

### **Montville Farmers Market – 2025 Season**

#### **Camp Oakdale Large Pavilion – 4:00 PM-7:00 PM**

June 24 <sup>th</sup> – Opening Night	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – Community Night	July 8 <sup>th</sup> – Kids' Night
July 15 <sup>th</sup> – Car Cruise	July 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Regular Market	July 29 <sup>th</sup> – Native Market Night
August 5 <sup>th</sup> – National Farmers Market Week	August 12 <sup>th</sup> – Car Cruise	August 19 <sup>th</sup> – Regular Market
August 26 <sup>th</sup> – Dog Days	September 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Regular Market	September 9 <sup>th</sup> – Regular Market
September 16 <sup>th</sup> – Pirate Night	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Regular Market	September 30 <sup>th</sup> – Fall Harvest
October 7 <sup>th</sup> Spooky Night		

### **Great Things Are Happening At The Salem School**

Some snip-its of the great things that are happening at the Salem School as reported in the March edition of **"Cougar Tails"**.



#### **Kindergarten Hosted Their Very First A-Z Fashion Show**



Kindergarten hosted their very first A-Z Fashion Show! Each student was given a letter of the alphabet, and at home, they decorated a paper bag or poster with items that started with their assigned letter and then showed off their style for grades 1 – 6!!

#### **Fort Day**



As a whole-class reward, Ms. McAdam's and Ms. Andrews grade 4 classes earned Fort Day!

Fort Day is a STEM based learning day where students bring blanket fort materials from home and work with a partner(s) to build a fort in the classroom. Students spent the morning designing and then building their forts with their partner(s) using traditional blanket fort materials. In the afternoon, students had time inside their forts to complete various academic and extracurricular activities alongside their partner(s).

## **Community News You Can Use** *(continued from pp 15)*

### **Great Things Are Happening At The Salem School** *(continued)*

#### **ELMS Visits Our Community Meeting!**



**Respect All**

**Own It**

**Act Safely**

**Rise To The  
Challenge**

The East Lyme Middle School Student Leader-ship Group visited Salem to observe our **ROAR** Community Meeting. Following the meeting, a collaborative session took place with both **Salem Super Cougars** and **East Lyme students**, where they shared their thoughts on leadership and explored ways to incorporate community meetings into their own school.

Click on the following link to view "**Cougar Tails**" to see more:

<https://secure.smores.com/n/q0zvb-cougar-tales#bppqzsw7nh>.

### **Amnesty/Bulky Waste Days**

This year Amnesty/Bulky Waste Day are: Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>

**Do not bring mattresses, metal or electronics on Amnesty/Bulky Waste Days.**  
**These items are free any time. Bring them any other day.**



#### **ACCEPTABLE SINGLE STREAM RECYCLABLES:**

- Newspapers, inserts, magazines, brochures, junk mail
- Paper bags, paperboard boxes (cereal, egg cartons)
- Phone books, catalogs, hard and soft cover books
- White or colored paper, envelopes (window OK), school paper
- File folders, shredded paper, multi three-ply paper
- Glass containers
- Tin cans, small metal items
- Aluminum cans, foil, aluminum pots and pans
- Juice and milk cartons
- Plastic milk jugs and plastic soda bottles
- Plastic buckets and crates
- Detergent bottles
- All plastics #1 - #7
- Empty aerosol cans
- **No Styrofoam #6**
- **No trash or dirty paper products**

#### **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:**

Clean, corrugated cardboard – basically boxes which have been flattened.

#### **ANTIFREEZE:**

"Clean", non-contaminated used antifreeze in gallon containers.

#### **TIRES: (Only tires off rim accepted)**

Car and light truck tires require a \$2.00 disposal fee. Large truck tires (47" high or 12" wide) require a \$10.00 disposal fee.

#### **BATTERIES:**

Car, truck – lead acid only

**NO: Alkaline batteries.**

#### **OVERSIZED (BULKY)**

#### **HOUSEHOLD TRASH:**

A fee of \$10.00 per item is charged for residential items such as a sofa and stuffed chair and small items will be \$5.00.



## **Community News You Can Use** *(continued from pp 16)*

### **Amnesty/Bulky Waste Days** *(continued)*



#### **SCRAP METAL:**

Metal parts from bicycles, cars, lawnmowers, stripped of all non-metal parts & such metal items as iron rods and pipes, wire coat hangers, screws, nails, etc.

**NO: Food cans/containers, paint cans or propane gas containers.**

#### **WASTE OIL:**

Petroleum products (such as motor oil) used for lubrication and hydraulic applications in one (1) to five (5) gallon containers.

**NO: Gasoline, diesel fuel or cooking oils/fuels.**

**DO NOT USE CONTAINERS FROM BLEACH OR CHLORINE PRODUCTS.**

#### **BRUSH (under 3" in diameter):**

Free disposal for residents/homeowners/non-commercial vehicles.

\$10.00 per cubic yard for commercial haulers.

**NOTE: Compost material (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) are NOT ACCEPTED.**

#### **DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:**

See the operator. A fee by volume (minimum of \$5.00) is charged to dispose of used lumber, plywood, doors, door/window frames, etc.

Asphalt shingles/other \$20.00 per cubic yard.

Some items may require showing a building or demolition permit. Permit or Letter of Exemption required from the Building Department.

### **RECYCLING SAVES!! PLEASE PITCH IN!!**

<https://www.salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4966/f/uploads/amnestyflyerbackpage.pdf>

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **FRIENDS OF THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOFSPL)**

The Friends of The Salem Library could always use help sorting books for the book sale, and at the book sales. For future book sorting and book pick-up and work dates, stay tuned and watch for notifications on Facebook.

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

### **GARDNER LAKE AND SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES**

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

- **Salem Volunteer Fire Company – NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860-859-0942.** To visit their website, click on: <https://www.salemfireco.com/>.
- **Gardner Lake Fire Company – NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860- 859-1743.** To visit their website, click on: [gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home](http://gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home).

### **MITCHELL FARM EQUINE RETIREMENT**

The Horse Retirement, Horse Sanctuary is looking for help.

**Contact Dee Doolittle 860 303-8705, or e-mail: [dee@mitchellfarm.org](mailto:dee@mitchellfarm.org).**

### **SALEM SCHOOL**

Volunteers are always welcome at **Salem School**. Anyone interested in volunteering can go to the Salem School website by clicking on: [salemschools.org](http://salemschools.org). Put the cursor over the "Our School" tab, & click on the "Forms tab" to access the form, OR visit the school and fill out the form at the front desk of the school. Make sure you bring a picture ID with you.

### **LION'S CLUB**

The Lions are looking for volunteers. **Contact Dan Holle at 860-300-7570, or Hugh McKenney at 860-303-0042.**



## **Volunteer Opportunities** *(continued from pp 17)*

### **CARE & SHARE**

Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. provides food, financial and emergency support to individuals and families in East Lyme, Niantic, and Salem. ***If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact them at 860-739-8502.***

### **THE SALEM LAND TRUST**

The Salem Land Trust (SLT) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization permanently conserving land in Salem for wildlife, their habitats, and for people to enjoy nature. Many volunteers begin by helping to keep our miles of hiking trails clear. Each of our 9 Preserves have experienced land Stewards assigned to them, so new volunteers start learning the job from them and other SLT members experienced with being "in the woods." Out in the field, experienced hikers and wildlife lovers cannot help but pass on their knowledge of nature on to all new volunteers. We also have volunteer opportunities in our Membership and Events Committee as we are always looking for new ways to bring the wonder of nature to more people.

***For more information or if you are interested in volunteering contact Linda Schroeder: e-mail: [lschroeder@snet.net](mailto:lschroeder@snet.net) or call 860-908-9553.***

### **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

The Salem VFW is always looking for help to clean up the cemeteries.

Come join Salem's VFW and the Salem community on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM** to help cleanup branches, leaves, and mow Newton-Ransom Cemetery on West Road at the Colchester/Salem Town line. Bring your gloves, rakes, tarps, weed whackers and lawn mowers. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. ***Thank you for helping us preserve Salem's history.***



**Please bring your gloves, weed-whacker, mower, rakes, and tarps. If you are interested in helping or have a need contact Kay Zak at: 860-889-3989 or e-mail at: [kayzak@hotmail.com](mailto:kayzak@hotmail.com).**

## **Senior News**

The Salem Senior Citizen's Group (SSG) boasts a current enrolment of over 177 members. Membership has 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!***

Due to the increase in meeting attendance, the Salem Seniors Group (SSG) have outgrown the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. Firehouse. ***Beginning with the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting monthly meetings will be held at the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Co. Firehouse at 429 Old Colchester Road, Salem.*** The meeting day and time will remain the same unchanged.

Meetings include town discussions, news, and updates, and interesting guest speakers. After the meeting noon lunch is provided. Trips, events, activities, and classes, throughout the year, are developed by our members.

**For more information, contact Gary Closius (President): [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net), or call 860-961-9173, or Mary Cikat (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/salem-senior-citizens/pages/salem-seniors-group-newsletters](http://salemct.gov/salem-senior-citizens/pages/salem-seniors-group-newsletters) and click on the one you want.

### **SALEM SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP REFUNDABLE BOTTLES & CANS FUNDRAISER**

The tent is finally up for the ***Salem Senior Citizens Group Refundable Bottles & Cans Fundraiser*** to support Earth Day. ***The proceeds of the fundraiser will go to benefit the Salem Seniors and the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library.*** Please drop your bottles and cans (preferably in a plastic bag) in the tent at 294 Hartford Road. Pull up the driveway and place them in the tent. The tent will be up until the end of May!

***Thank you for supporting the Salem Seniors and the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library.***



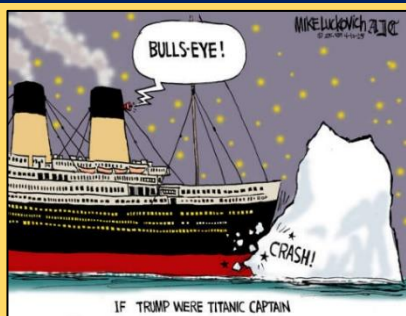
## Salem DTC Trivia Night Fund Raiser

### Trivia Night Fundraiser – April 5<sup>th</sup>



The SDTC raised \$1,400 and everyone had a good time doing it.

### SDTC Members Making Their Voices Heard



## To Get A Copy Of The Newsletter

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please send your request along with your e-mail address to:

Gary Closius: [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net)

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