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SDTC Needs Democrats Interested In Running For Town Offices

There are a total of 15 positions on various boards, commissions and Town offices that will be up for election in November 2025.

The table below details the specific positions/seats to be filled. The fifth column of the table below details the positions/seats that the Salem DTC will need candidates for.

Office/Position	Seats/ Openings	Term	People Interested	People Needed
Board of Selectmen				
First Selectman	1	2	2	0
Selectman	2	4	1	1
Town Offices				
Town Clerk	1	2	0	1
Town Treasurer	1	2	0	1
Tax Collector	1	2	0	1
Board of Education				
Full Member	2	6	1	1
Board of Finance				
Full Member	2	6	1	1
Alternate Member	1	6	0	1
Planning & Zoning Commission				
Full Member	3	6	1	2
Alternate Member (full term)	1	6	0	1
Alternate Member (Fill Vacancy 2 years)	1	2	0	1
Library Board of Directors				
Full member	2	6	2	0
Full member (Fill Vacancy 4 years)	1	2	0	0
Board of Assessment Appeals				
Full Member	1	6	1	0
Zoning Board of Appeals				
Full Member	2	6	1	1
Alternate Member	1	6	0	1
Total	23		10	15

I need each member of the Salem DTC to talk to their friends and neighbors about volunteering to run for a position and come to the next Salem DTC meeting with at least one name of a volunteer willing to run.

To those who are not members of the Salem DTC please consider volunteering to run for a position. If you have an interest in running for one of the positions/seats, please contact **Gary Closius** at gclosius@sbcglobal.net or call 860-961-9173, or **Kay Zak** at kayzak@hotmail.net or call 860-889-3989.

Every position we, the Democrats, do not have a candidate for in November is a position we automatically give to the Republicans.

Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20th District)

Dear Neighbor,

On Tuesday I voted to approve the 2026-27 biennial state budget. This budget, which passed by a 25-11 vote, invests significant amounts in education and childcare statewide, invests in families through an increase to the Earned Income Tax Credit and provides significant investments to local communities, including \$814,874 in new support for the 20th Senate District in the two-year period.



As we face uncertainty regarding the federal budget and know we need to support the people of Connecticut amid pressures they face now, this document provides refreshing levels of investment and support that prioritizes the people of our state. It assists young families through expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, makes landmark investments in child care and education, including vital special education aid, and generally ensures Connecticut lives up to its obligations. It's not perfect – nothing is – but it's a valuable document that provides key support for our communities.

The balanced \$55.16 billion two-year budget does not increase taxes, reduces state costs and maintains the state's fiscal responsibility in addition to making needed investments in Connecticut communities. It grows at a 5.4% rate in the 2026 fiscal year and 5.5% in the 2027 fiscal year.

The budget invests \$200 million in early childcare education, expanding access to Early Start CT childcare programs at affordable rates for families and allowing children receive high quality childcare from birth to five years old, also funding a health care subsidy for care providers.

Important parts of the new budget include:

- A \$250 tax refund for tens of thousands of workers with children through an expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit program, which will benefit as many as 195,000 children
- Projected state surpluses and continued investment in the state's Rainy-Day-Fund
- A total of \$2.4 billion in Education Cost Sharing grant investment, with \$186 million of new investments for the two-year period; this includes "holding harmless" 81 towns that would have seen a decrease in ECS funding
- \$80 million in additional special education cost savings and \$75 million in additional new special education funding for a total of \$442 million in special education excess cost spending
- Investing \$76 million in nonprofits in the second year of the budget to support worker wages
- Tax credits supporting refundable personal income tax credits for home daycare owners and farm investments
- Fully funding Medicaid, with more than \$400 million in increased funding to support the program 900,000 Connecticut residents rely on
- Investing \$7 million in Connecticut Foodshare, helping feed hungry Connecticut families
- Investing \$3 million in heating assistance as federal programs may see funding reductions

Passage of House Bill 5002

I could not be more proud to have led the Senate's passage of House Bill 5002, the Housing Committee's overarching bill to increase Connecticut's housing supply, reduce housing costs and address our housing shortage. My colleagues and I have worked tirelessly for months to pull together comprehensive and meaningful legislation that can deliver real beneficial change to our communities.



House Bill 5002 supports new housing through incentivizing increased construction of housing near transit, offers new opportunities for housing development in communities through easing zoning regulations, supports first-time homebuyers and funds affordable housing projects using union labor. It expands fair rent commissions in many communities, increases direct rental assistance programs and encourages projects constructed by housing authorities. It also reaches out to reduce homelessness by supporting individuals with portable showers and laundry facilities and prohibiting architecture preventing a person experiencing homelessness from sitting or lying in or on a building or structure, addressing and reducing the societal stigma that people facing housing insecurity experience.

Message From State Senator Martha Marx (D 20th District, continued from p 2)**Small Town Economic Assistance Program**

Great news! Over \$835,000 in state grants through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) is headed to Salem and Old Saybrook for important community improvements!

- Salem is receiving \$168,000 in state funding for upgrades to the Salem Center Community Building
- Old Saybrook is awarded \$667,948 for renovations to the Ferry Road Soccer Field

**Summer Most Dangerous For Teen Drivers**

The state Department of Transportation is warning the public about the "100 Deadliest Days" on state roadways, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when fatal crashes are most likely to occur and most likely to involve teen drivers. From 2019 to 2023, of the nearly 7,200 teen drivers killed in crashes, more than 31% died in the summer, with numbers increasing from pre- to post-pandemic. Young drivers are strongly encouraged to drive safely, follow the speed limit and buckle up to keep themselves safe. Distracted driving is the most common behavior causing issues for teen drivers.

**"Big Beautiful Budget" Hurts Student Loans**

The "Big Beautiful Budget" passed by the congressional Republicans last week is under deliberation and one of its provisions to support tax cuts for the wealthy and the Trump agenda, in addition to cutting Medicaid and SNAP, is to overhaul student loan programs. The new version of the bill would force student loan borrowers to enter one of two payment options as it gets rid of loan repayment plans. Under the new bill, loans could only be paid back through standard repayment plans or a plan based on annual income. The bill also imposes limits on new Pell Grants and loans, including a maximum of \$50,000 in total undergraduate loans accessible through federal programs. It will end the practice of borrowers deferring payments due to economic hardship and places limits on loan forbearance. These changes are expected to force more families to pursue private lenders, which is expected to increase overall period and cost of debt for those impacted. [READ MORE CLICK HERE.](#)

Connecticut Receives Water Quality Funds For Beaches

The state will receive more than \$200,000 from the federal Environmental Protection Agency to support water quality monitoring at beaches and public notifications if bacteria levels become unsafe. The funding is part of the BEACH Act, or Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act, signed into law more than 20 years ago. Connecticut beaches can be temporarily closed if bacteria levels in the water exceed healthy limits.

Celebrate New London: Save The Date

Celebrate New London is slated for July 12th, with food and music playing throughout downtown and fireworks over the Thames River thanks to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe. The festival this year will celebrate local businesses in the downtown area. It'll take place from 2 PM through the late evening of July 12th.

Montville Track and Field Renovations

Montville's athletic field and track have been closed for the summer to support renovation work in the area. The field and track are expected to reopen Friday, September 5th. For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

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.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha E. Marx".

Message From State Representative Nick Menapace (D 37th District)

Dear Neighbor,

I'm proud to be a member of the 2025 CT House Democrats' freshman class! We've had a productive and impactful legislative session. As the clock strikes midnight and we reach Sine Die, it will officially mark the end of our first session.

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the good people of East Lyme, Montville, and Salem, and I'm looking forward to continuing the important work ahead!

Sincerely,




The House Passed The \$55.8 Billion State Budget

The House voted 99 – 49 largely along party lines, to approve the budget shortly after midnight Tuesday following a debate that lasted more than seven hours.

Congrats East Lyme Athletes

It was an honor to recognize the East Lyme Boys' Tennis team on the House floor for their ECC Championship win — including doubles champions Eric Lovering and Alex Rindell.

I also had the privilege of congratulating the East Lyme girls' and boys' lacrosse teams on their ECC titles and Baseball Coach Jack Biggs on his 300th career victory and well-deserved recognition as ECC Coach of the Year.

Our East Lyme student-athletes and coaches continue to make us proud. Their dedication, teamwork, and spirit represent the best of our community. ***Go Vikings!***



Celebrating Southeastern Connecticut

Southeastern Connecticut isn't just part of our state—we're driving its future.

From the submarine capital of the world at Electric Boat to world-class hospitals and innovative universities, our region powers:

- **Industry:** Global defense manufacturing, agriculture, and small business
- **Healthcare:** Cutting-edge research and patient care
- **Education:** Preparing tomorrow's workforce
- **Tourism:** Historic seaports, pristine beaches, and vibrant arts



We don't just contribute—we lead. Let's invest in that momentum.

Standing in Support of Workers

Last week, I spoke in support of SB-8, a bill that supports workers in my district and across Connecticut. But just as important as what we pass is how we govern.

Every hour spent stalling, delaying, and grandstanding is an hour we're not solving real problems for the people of Connecticut — and that's not good enough.

We were elected to get things done: to make housing more affordable, grow our economy, and build a future where everyone can thrive.

That's what I'll keep fighting for.



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

The House Passed:

• ***House Priority Bill 5003: An Act Concerning The Early Childhood Care And Education Fund***

Every Connecticut family deserves affordable, high-quality child care. With the passage of House Priority Bill 5003 and Senate Bill 1, transformative legislation is set to become reality by expanding access, supporting educators, and investing in a stronger future for our children and our economy. These smart, sustainable investments position Connecticut to lead the nation in delivering affordable, high quality child care and establishing universal Pre-K by 2032.

• ***House Bill 5330: An Act Implementing Recommendations of the Department of Transportation***

The House passed an omnibus transportation bill late last week, applying several technical changes to current laws, expanding programs, and formalizing the state's authority to use cameras to enforce the speed limit in construction zones on the state's highways. To [READ THE BILL CLICK HERE](#).

• ***House Bill 5001: An Act Concerning The Quality And Delivery Of Special Education Services In CT***

This bill, which passed 148-0 in the House on a bipartisan basis, makes historic investments for students in special education, delivers better access to services, and provides cost controls and greater transparency.

- **Historic investment in our students**, including \$30 million for the Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program, which will help build capacity to serve students closer to home.
- **Prioritizing better access to services** through enhanced development screenings, behavioral assessment and intervention plans, access to remedial classes in higher education, and involvement of parents and local school districts before a student is moved from their school.
- **Reining in costs** by regulating third party rate processes and developing new billing and licensing standards.
- **Increasing oversight** through on-site compliance visits and detailed system-wide reporting to reduce unpredictability and improve accountability.

To [READ THE BILL CLICK HERE](#).

• ***House Bill 6442: An Act Concerning Various Measures Recognizing And Honoring The Military Service Of Veterans And Members Of The Armed Forces In Connecticut***

The House passed a bipartisan bill aimed at supporting the state's veterans and military families.

The legislation includes:

- Official recognition of November as Veterans' Month
- Creation of new commemorative license plates for women veterans, the Borinqueneers, and Purple Heart recipients — with fees waived
- Free driver's license renewals for veterans
- Increased property tax relief and prioritization of long-term care for those with service-connected disabilities
- Stronger protections for military families, including school enrollment stability and improved access to special education
- Establishment of new state-level military awards to recognize exceptional service

To [READ THE BILL CLICK HERE](#).

• ***House Bill 6442: An Act Concerning LGBTQ+ Discrimination in Long-Term Care Facilities***

House Bill 6913, An Act Concerning LGBTQ+ Discrimination in Long-Term Care Facilities, cleared the state House of Representatives in amended form by a 124-19 vote after three hours of debate and a lengthy pause for "language modification."

Here are the key elements of the bill:

- **Bipartisan Support:** The bill received bipartisan support and was passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate.

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

• **House Bill 6442 (continued)**

- **Prohibits Disclosure of Shelter Locations:** HB 6883 explicitly prohibits public agencies from disclosing information that could reveal the location of shelters or transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, regardless of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requirements.
- **Executive Session for Shelter Discussions:** The bill allows, but does not require, public agency meetings to be held in executive session if they discuss the location of shelters or transitional housing for domestic violence or sexual assault victims. This change from the original language was made to address concerns from freedom of information advocates.
- **Expansion of Existing Law:** This bill expands upon existing law that already prohibited public agencies from releasing information about domestic violence shelters to now include shelters for sexual assault victims.

Bills Passed

For a complete look at bills passed during the 2025 session so far, please. [CLICK HERE](#).

Around the 37th District And The Capital



Salem Memorial Day Parade



East Lyme Memorial Day Parade



Montville Memorial Day Observance



Nick In The House Chamber



Nick With Demonstrators

Town Hall Meetings, Rallies, Protests & Marchs

NO KINGS –Protest to STOP Trump

When: Saturday, June 14th 10:00 AM – 12 Noon

Where: 70 Huntington Street, New London, CT

Sponsors: Indivisible Southeast CT, Guardians of Democracy Indivisible.

We are a non-violent peaceful movement. We expect all participants to engage in de-escalation should the need arise.



NO KINGS – Day of Defiance National Protest

When: Saturday, June 14th 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Where: Chelsea Parade, Norwich, CT

Sponsor: Norwich Indivisible

Protect our democracy. Uphold the Constitution



Town Hall Meetings, Rallies, Marchs & Protests *(continued for p XX)*

NO KINGS – Peaceful Protest

When: Saturday, June 14th 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Where: Niantic Green, 231 Main Street, Niantic, CT

Sponsor: Indivisible CT

The Flag doesn't belong to Donald Trump. It belongs to US.

We are not watching history happen -- we are making it.

All genders, ethnicities, Welcome!!

Will silence be your legacy?



NO KINGS – Day of Defiance National Peaceful Protest

When: Saturday, June 14th 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Where: 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT

Bring your best homemade signs

Bring a food item for our neighborhood pantries.



Opinion 1

Board of Selectmen Should Approve The Draft Town Charter For Inclusion On November Ballot

First, I want to commend the members of the Charter revision Commission for their diligence and hard work in preparing a draft revision of the Salem Town Charter for the Salem Board of Selectmen to consider.

As I see it there are numerous edits and what I call housekeeping that needed to be and have been made. Additionally, there are three major changes detailed in this draft revision:

1. *The creation of the Town Administrator position,*
2. *Making the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Tax Collector, hired positions instead of elected positions.*
3. *The Board of Finance (BOF) would no longer have the responsibility to draft any part of the General Government or Capital Budgets. Their role would be to review and suggest changes.*

The one thing that has not changed is the basic form of government of the Town of Salem. Salem citizens will still elect a First Selectman who will be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Board of Selectmen (BOS), will be the Town's Executive Body. The Voters will retain their ultimate authority in electing Salem's leadership. The Town Meeting will remain Salem's Legislative Body. An addition is the hiring a professional Town Administrator who will be the chief administrative officer of Salem reporting directly to the First Selectman, with the assistance of the BOS. The Town administrator will coordinate the day-to-day operations of Salem including but not limited to overseeing the work of the Department heads, oversight of uses and the condition of Town owned buildings and facilities, drafting the first draft of the General Government and Capital Budgets, make project, policy, procedure, and program recommendations to the First Selectman and BOS. This also includes securing state and federal grant money for projects, programs and town improvements.

Making the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Tax Collector, hired positions has nothing to do with the quality or performance of the incumbents but positions Salem to be able to secure the best possible future candidates by opening the prosecutive candidate pool beyond Salem residents when the need arises.

The BOF's other duties generally remain unchanged. Streamlining the Budget development process simplifies the budget process while still retaining budget adjustment and tax rate functions of the BOF.

The current Salem Town Charter served Salem well for the last 20 plus years. The proposed changes in the draft Salem Town Charter revision will make Salem's government more efficient and should serve Salem well for years to come.

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – June 6, 2025

Opinion 2

Military Parade A Waste Of Taxpayer's Money, Spend the Money On Veterans' Benefits, Needs And Causes

Our great nation's military branches are celebrating their 250th anniversaries of their founding; the U.S. Army – June 14, 1775, the U.S. Navy – October 13, 1775, and the U.S. Marine Corps – November 10, 1775, the U.S. Coast Guard – August 4, 1798.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day in 1949 to replace the separate celebrations of Army Day, Navy Day and Air Force Day. The new Armed Forces Day reinforced the unification of those U.S. military branches under one central agency, the Department of Defense. “....Saturday, May 20, 1950, marked the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, toward the goal of readiness for any eventuality,” President Truman said in an address during the first Armed Forces Day. “It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea and air defense.” Armed Forces Day this year was May 17th.

While I think celebrating the Services' 250th anniversaries is a noble idea and our service men and women are more than deserving of our nation's collective thanks and gratitude for their dedication, sacrifice, and service, we missed the boat. The parade could have and perhaps should have been held on Armed Forces Day, May 17th.

The parade itself is expected to include about 130 vehicles, including 28 M1A1 tanks, 28 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, 28 Stryker armored fighting vehicles, as well as a number of vehicles towing artillery launchers. Some of these vehicles are tracked vehicles and weigh 140,000 lbs. More than 50 helicopters will also participate in an “extensive flyover” in the nation's capital. The aircraft will include Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters, including several special operations variants. Also planned to fly are several historic aircraft, including World War II-era B-25s, P-51s and Vietnam-era helicopters.

It is estimated the event will also bring 9,000 soldiers from around the country to Washington, about 7,000 of whom will march in the parade itself. The event will also include at least eight Army bands, and some troops will ride on the nearly three dozen horses and two mules expected to march as part of a historical section of the parade.

The parade will be part of a massive celebration in downtown Washington that includes a number of events, historical displays and a demonstration by the Army's famous parachute team, the Golden Knights.

The cost of the parade is huge. The estimated cost to repair Washington, D.C., streets after the military parade could cost as much as \$16 million, according to U.S. military officials. The Army is preparing for the potential harm to Washington streets with several measures it hopes will avert damage. These include using 1-inch-thick steel plates, some as long as 20 feet, at places along the parade route where the tanks must turn and where those turns could cause the most damage to the streets. The addition of the steel plates is expected to cost the Army about \$3 million, officials said.

The potential repairs needed the streets of the Capital is part of an estimated \$45 million total cost for the June 14th military parade. What is not discussed is the cost to paint and otherwise “spiff-up” all these vehicles so they are suitable for display in a parade. The cost estimates for the parade have fluctuated as planning continues.

I would much rather see the \$45 million or whatever the cost is be used to replace the cuts in Veteran's benefits and services made by DOGE. That in my opinion would be money well spent, not some military Parade celebrating Trump's 79th birthday thinly veiled as celebrating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army. Are we to look forward to similar parades later this year celebrating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Navy in October, the U.S. Marine Corps in November, and the U.S. Coast Guard in December? Fortunately the 250th anniversaries for the U.S. Air Force and Space Force are a long way off.

By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC – June 9, 2025

Gun Violence – 2025 Statistics And Data

2025	Mass Shootings	Deaths	Injuries
TOTALS	121	127	560
January	23	27	103
February	17	26	59
March	27	24	133
April	23	26	105
May	31	24	160
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

* Data current through May 31st

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	0	4	Montana	0	0
Alaska	0	0	Nebraska	0	1
Arizona	1	3	Nevada	1	1
Arkansas	0	1	New Hampshire	0	0
California	3	11	New Jersey	0	1
Colorado	1	1	New Mexico	0	1
Connecticut	2	2	New York	0	1
Delaware	0	0	North Carolina	0	3
District of Columbia	0	1	North Dakota	0	0
Florida	0	6	Ohio	0	2
Georgia	3	7	Oklahoma	2	3
Hawaii	1	1	Oregon	0	1
Idaho	0	0	Pennsylvania	3	5
Illinois	2	3	Rhode Island	0	0
Indiana	2	5	South Carolina	3	5
Iowa	0	0	South Dakota	0	0
Kansas	0	0	Tennessee	2	4
Kentucky	0	0	Texas	1	14
Louisiana	0	9	Utah	0	0
Maine	0	1	Vermont	0	0
Maryland	1	4	Virginia	0	3
Massachusetts	0	0	Washington	1	3
Michigan	1	1	West Virginia	0	0
Minnesota	0	2	Wisconsin	0	0
Mississippi	1	3	Wyoming	0	1
Missouri	0	2			

Total deaths (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 6,290**

Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence* 11,128

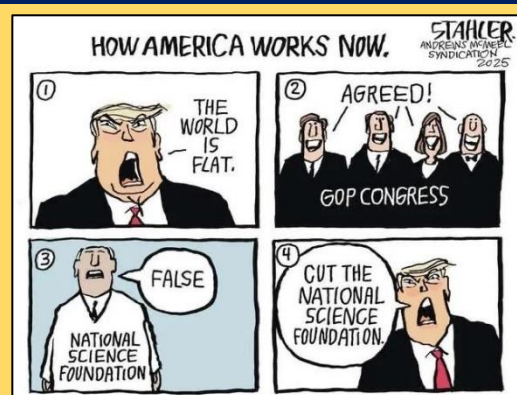
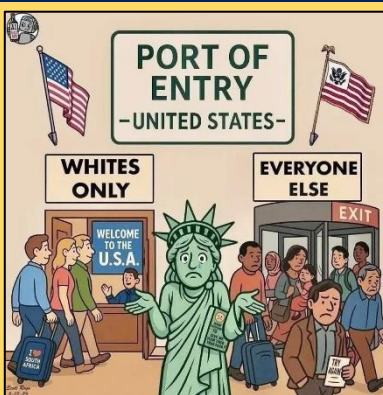
* Data through June 8th ** Totals not including suicide

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

The Salem DTC Meeting Schedule – 2025

The Salem DTC 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, July 2nd, at 7:00 PM, at the Center School
- Wednesday, Aug. 6th, at 7:00 PM, at the Center School
- Wednesday, Sep. 3rd, at 7:00 PM, at the Center School
- Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at 7:00 PM, at the Center School
- Wednesday, Nov. 5th, at 7:00 PM, at the Center School
- Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, at 7:00 PM, at the Center School



Community News You Can Use

Salem Free Public Library

News & Events

- **Museum Passes and Discounted Admission Passes**

The 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: salemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes to view the library website and view what they have to offer and pass availability.

- **Books In the Afternoon Book Club; Thursday, June 26th 1:00 PM;**

“The Berry Pickers - Amanda Peters”

A four-year-old Indigenous Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a mystery that will haunt the survivors, unravel a family and remain unsolved for fifty years. A story of love, race, brutality and the balm of forgiveness.

Adults over 18 are welcome. To join the group, e-mail Christine Murtha at: murthachristine@yahoo.com.

- **2025 Summer Reading Program**

Coming Soon!!

June 21st to August 11th

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)



- **Humming Birds**

Wednesday, June 18th, at 6:00 PM

**Presented by the
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center**

Learn about the Ruby-throated Hummingbird and hummingbirds throughout the world, including ways to attract them to your yard.

**Call 860 859-1130 to register
Limited to 40 participants**

(Sponsored By The Friends Of The Salem Free Library)

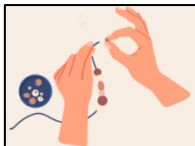
- **Learn How To Make Hemp Bracelets**

**Thursday, June 26th,
from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM**

Ages 10 and up

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)



- **Tabletop Miniature Painting Workshop**

**Saturday, June 28th from
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

One mini will be provided

Limited to 10 participants, ages 10+

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)



- **Beavers in CT**

Saturday, June 15th, at 11:00 AM

**Presented by Master Wildlife
Conservationist Ginny Apple.**



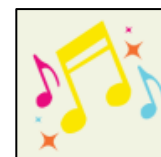
She will discuss beavers as a keystone species, their biology, behavior and history as well as the beaver's unique role in shaping North America's landscape.

Call 860 859-1130 to register

(Sponsored By The Friends Of The Salem Free Library)

- **Musical Story Time**

**Join us for our summer reading
kickoff event by celebrating Make
Music Day**



Saturday, June 21st, at 10:30 AM

Presented by Julie Stepanek Murray

Call 860 859-1130 to register

Limited to 25 Children, ages 1 to 7

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)

- **Learn to Play the Ukulele**

**Celebrate our 2025 Summer Reading
Kickoff & Make Music Day**

Saturday, June 21st, at 11:30 AM

Presented by Julie Stepanek Murray

Call 860 859-1130 to register

Limited to 25 participants, ages 8 to adult

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)



Community News You Can Use (continued from p 13)**Salem Free Public Library** (continued from p X)**News & Events**

- Salem Free Public Library Tote Bags For Sale**



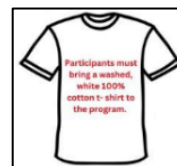
Available at the
circulation
desk @ the library.
\$10.00 Cash or Check made
payable to the Town of Salem



- Patriotic Tie-Dye**

Monday, June 30th at 11:00 AM

**Participants must bring a
washed, white 100% cotton
T-shirt to the program**



**Limited to 25 participants, ages 7 – adult
Call 860 859-1130 to register**

Rain date Monday July 7th, at 11:00 AM

(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)

Salem Recreation Department

- Lake Compounce Good Any Day Tickets**

Click [HERE](#) for the 2025 Lake Compounce Calendar.

Although tickets apply to all normal days and hours of operation for Lake Compounce, to avoid disappointment due to weather or an unusual situation, you are urged to call ahead to confirm days and hours for your visit. No refunds will be given once tickets have been used.

Parking: \$10.00 per vehicle. Parking fee is subject to change. Fee is payable to Lake Compounce on the day of your visit.



- Adult Tennis With
Anne Santoro**

Session 2 Clinics

**When: Monday mornings, (4 classes)
June 2nd – 23rd from
9:30 AM to 10:45 AM, and
Wednesday evenings, (4 classes)
June 4th – 25th from
5:15 PM to 6:30 PM**

Where: At the Round Hill Rd. Tennis Courts

**Fee: \$90.00 Residents &
\$95.00 non-residents**



To register click [HERE](#), or go to
www.salemct.gov/recreation/register

- Pilates – In-Person Classes**

**Where: Bob Appleby Fields
At Volunteer Park
24 Forsyth Road**



Come and try it out!!

Discs available for loan. Contact Us:

**e-mail: recreation@salemct.gov, or
Call: 860-859-3873 x275**

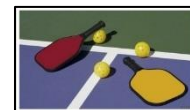
- Adult Co-Ed Pickleball**

Pick-Up Games

**When: Saturday mornings
April 12th through September 30th,
from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and
Tuesday evenings, from
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

**Where: Round Hill Road Tennis/
Pickleball Courts**

For Salem & East Lyme Residents, age 18 and up
Sign in upon arrival



- Fun Run Series FREE**

**When: Tuesdays, July 8th, 15th,
22nd, 29th, & August 5th,
& 12th at 5:30 PM**

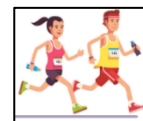
Where: The Salem School Bingham Field

Beginners 1-mile Walk/Run starts at 5:30 PM

3-mile Fun Run starts at 6:00 PM

Check-in begins at 5:00 PM

To register online click [HERE](#), or go to
www.salemct.gov/summerfunrunseriesregistration.



Community News You Can Use (continued from p 13)

Salem Recreation Department (continued)

• **Pilates – In-Person Classes**

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**

• **Find Your Footprint -Medallion Project**

**Let us know when you've found your
2024 Medallion & submit a photo!**



Find a medallion in the following preserves:

Walden Preserve, Zemko Sawmill Preserve,
Multi-Purpose Path/Harris Brook Trail,
Darling Road Preserve, Smuggler's Rock
Preserve,
Salem Riverside Preserve

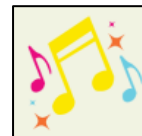
www.salemct.gov/recreation/footprintproject

Special Thanks to **Kim Ford, The Salem Land Trust,
and our Volunteers**

• **Summer Concerts – FREE**

**When: Thursdays, June 26th,
July 31st, & August 21st
at 6:00 PM**

Where: The Town Pavilion, 89 Norwich Rd.



• **In-Person Yoga Classes**

Tuesday Evenings, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

April 29th to June 3rd

6 Classes

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

Or

Thursday Mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

6 Classes

**At The 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**



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, 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.



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Community News You Can Use (continued from pp 15)

Salem Recreation Department (continued)

• **Personal Euphoria Virtual Fitness Classes**

Spring Fitness Schedule

Pilates – Tuesday April 22nd – June 17th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 weeks)

15 Min HIIT* – Wednesday April 23rd – June 18th

8:10 AM – 8:25 AM,

Cost: \$36.00 (9 Weeks)

Cardio Strength – Wednesday April 23rd – June 18th

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 Weeks)

Core Strength – Thursday April 24th – June 19th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$72.00 (9 Weeks)

* HIIT – High Intensity Training

Summer Fitness Schedule

Pilates – Tuesday July 8th – August 19th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$60.00 (7 weeks)

15 Min HIIT* – Wednesday July 16th – August 20th

8:10 AM – 8:25 AM,

Cost: \$27.00 (6 Weeks)

Cardio Strength – Wednesday July 16th – August 20th

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM,

Cost: \$51.00 (6 Weeks)

Core Strength – Thursday July 10th – August 21st

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM,

Cost: \$60.00 (7 Weeks)

* HIIT – High Intensity Training

• **AARP SmartDriver Course**

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SCAN ME

Community News You Can Use (continued from pp 16)

Great Things Are Happening At The Salem School

May 12th – 16th Book Fair And Grandparents Day



The students and their Grandparents attended the book fair after which they went to the student's classroom and worked on a project together. Alya and Joan built a fairy house and Alya showed Joan her design involving shoots directing a marble into a cup.

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

Salem School (continued)

The Fourth Grade Attends The CT Science Center



The Fourth Grade at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for an immersive driving activity in the Energy City exhibit.

Reading Hall-Of-Fame Students Receive Special Visitors



Students who completed Salem School's Reading Hall of Fame were rewarded with a special visit from Xen's Critters. They had the chance to spend time with bunnies, guinea pigs, chickens, goats, and more.



Cougars Take On The CNC Machining Challenge



The Salem School's EB Boats for Kids Program continues to make waves as our Cougars took on the CNC Machining Challenge. They put their knowledge to the test each student received a block of soap and were challenged to carve it into a miniature submarine.

Community News You Can Use *(continued from pp 17)*

Salem School (continued)

The 6th Grade Students Take A Class Trip To Lake Compounce



The Sixth-Grade students had a fantastic time on their class trip to Lake Compounce. The students discussed how plate tectonics and boundaries relate to the motion and forces of some of the rides.

Pre-K Students Teaming Up With Fourth Grade Students



Pre-K students teamed up with Fourth Grade students to share their love of reading. Building a strong connection among the students across all grades is one of the things that make Salem School special.

BOE Recognition



The Salem Board of Education recognized a very special second grader, Wade Weatherspoon, for his illustrative work on "The Road to Referendum" budget book.



Additionally, the Gifted and Talented Team presented their proposal to improve the Library Media Center.

Grade 2 At The Garde Arts



Community News You Can Use *(continued from pp 17)*

Salem School *(continued)*

Grade 1 At Denison Pequot Sepos Nature Center



K-2 "U"ndercover Spy Day



"U" was for Undercover Spies! The students sprang into action when Mr. Driscoll mysteriously went missing. They searched his office for clues, brainstormed possible suspects, and finally tracked him down in the library with Taylor. These young detectives were incredible spies!

Middle School Field Day



Someone got wet!!!!

Things To Know

Bear Proof Your Yard And Home

A few weeks ago, there were several posts on Facebook regarding Bears trashing chicken coups. My first observation is to note there are at least two other predators in Connecticut that can and will tear apart screening and fencing, the Raccoon and the Fisher, sometimes referred to as a fisher cat, although it is not a cat, belongs to the weasel family. From the posted pictures I noticed similarities. There were either bird feeders, ripped trash bags, or trash cans present. So, I did a little research on "*Bear Proofing Your Home and Yard*"



Bear Facts

The black bear is an intelligent animal with keen senses of smell and hearing. The Bear's sense of smell is estimated to be 2,100 times better than a human's and 7 times better than a bloodhound. They can also climb trees and are strong swimmers. Black bears can run 35 miles per hour and can live for more than 25 years. Bears have the largest relative brain size of any carnivore.

Generally, male black bears have larger home ranges (15-80 square miles) than females (2.5-10 square miles). Some studies even show male home ranges can be as large as 300 square miles.

Black bears consume a vast amount of food, especially in the fall to build fat reserves for winter hibernation. During the fall, they can eat up to 20,000 calories a day, equivalent to 45 pounds of food. This voracious eating period can last up to 20 hours a day. In contrast, during the spring and summer months, they eat about 5,000 calories a day.

Tips To Bear-Proof Your Home

- ***Secure your trash (and keep the aromas at bay)***

Secure your trash cans inside sturdy enclosures or bear-resistant containers. Make sure to clean the cans regularly to minimize tempting odors.

- ***Say no to bird buffets***

Bird feeders can attract bears, so it's wise to hang them at least 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet away from any structure. Consider using bear-resistant feeders, take them in at night or remove them during bear season. Clean up the bird seed on the ground around the feeders and don't leave pet food or livestock feed out at night.

- ***Say goodbye to fruity fragrances***

Avoid leaving sweet-smelling items, such as ripe fruits or scented candles, near open windows as well as on your porch, deck, or compost pile. Bears have an incredible sense of smell and may mistake these for a scrumptious treat.

- ***Lock up the barbecue***

Bears can sniff the drippings from your barbecue. You should try to keep your grill away from your house when not in use and clean it regularly and thoroughly with ammonia or bleach. Similar to your trash cans, store your grill in a shed or garage, if possible, when you're not using it.

- ***Seal all entry points***

Inspect your home for potential bear access points, such as loose screens, gaps under doors, or broken windows. Seal them up promptly to prevent curious bears from inviting themselves in.

- ***Let there be light (and noise)***

Install motion-sensor lights around your property to deter bears from venturing too close. Similarly, loud noises like wind chimes or even a radio can help keep them at bay.

- ***Compost with care***

If you have a compost pile, avoid adding food scraps or anything with a strong odor that could attract bears. Opt for a compost bin with secure latches instead. You can also use lime to mask the compost smell.

Things To Know (continued from p VV)

Tips To Bear-Proof Your Home (continued)

- **Build a garden fortress**

Create a sturdy fence or an electric fence around your garden, chicken coops, beehives, and livestock to discourage bears from munching on your veggies and livestock.

- **Use tree defense tactics**

If you have fruit-bearing trees, consider using netting to protect the fruits. Prune branches that provide easy access for bears to climb and access your property.

In closing, to answer the Facebook poster's question "how do I keep the Bears away?" simply put the food and smelly things away.

Senior News

The Salem Senior Citizen's Group (SSG) boasts a current enrolment of over 180 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!**

Our monthly meetings are held at the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Co. Firehouse at 429 Old Colchester Road, Salem the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM, lunch is provided.

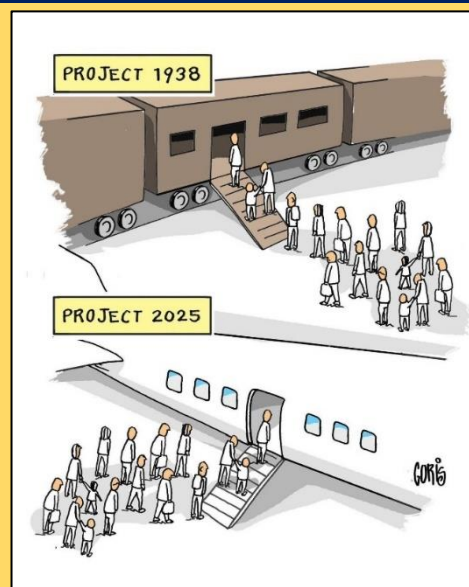
Meetings include town discussions, news, and updates, and interesting guest speakers. After the meeting noon lunch is provided. Trips, events, activities, and classes, throughout the year, are developed by our members.

For more information, contact Gary Closius (President): gclosius@sbcglobal.net, or call 860-961-9173, or Mary Cikatz (Vice President): 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 and click on the one you want.

Salem Senior Citizens Group Refundable Bottles & Cans Fundraiser

The tent is down and the **Salem Senior Citizens Group Refundable Bottles & Cans Fundraiser** to support Earth Day is done. **With a couple of bag to return we returned 4740 bottles and cans and collected \$474!!** The proceeds of the fundraiser will go to benefit the Salem Seniors and the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library. **A Great Big THANK YOU to all who donated their returnable bottles and cans in support of the Salem Seniors and the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library.**



INFORMATION & SERVICES

Public Town Meetings For May/June

Meetings in July

Board of Finance,
Thursday, June 12th, 7:00 PM

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Thursday, June 12th, 7:00 PM

Board Of Education, Curriculum,
Monday, June 16th 6:00 PM

Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, June 17th, 6:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, June 19th, 3:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, June 26th, 3:00 PM

Charter Revision Commission,
Wednesday, July 2nd, 7:00 PM

Board of Finance,
Thursday, July 3rd, 7:00 PM

Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission
Monday, July 7th 7:00 PM

Planning & Zoning Commission,
Tuesday, July 8th 7:00 PM

Board of Finance,
Thursday, July 10th, 7:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, June 12th, 3:00 PM

Board of Education, Policy,
Monday, June 16th, 5:00 PM

Recreation Commission,
Monday, June 16th, 7:00 PM

Charter Revision Commission,
Wednesday, June 18th, 7:00 PM

Planning and Zoning Commission
Tuesday, June 24th, 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen,
Tuesday, July 1st, 7:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, July 3rd, 3:00 PM

Board of Ed. Long Range Educational Planning
Monday, July 7th, 5:00 PM

Library Board of Directors,
Tuesday, July 8th, 6:00 PM

Special BOS/Charter Revision Commission,
Thursday, July 10th, 3:00 PM

To view the Town Public Meeting Calendar, click on: <https://www.salemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16>

Health And Assistance

The CTALERT – Emergency Notification System

Overview:

The State of Connecticut has a state-of-the-art emergency notification system to alert residents about emergencies in your area. (**State of CT Emergency Notification System (CTALERT)**)

To sign-up for CTALERT go to the website by clicking on:

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721724#/signup

Municipal Medical Transportation Service

The Caregiver Mileage Reimbursement and Medical Transportation program is for adults 60+ and persons with disabilities who are unable to drive and need transportation medical appointments.

To access this service contact: **Agnes Miyuki**, Salem's Agent for the Elderly at 860-859-3873 X 125. Agnes can provide all program and eligibility information.

Use the following link to view the Guidelines for the Municipal Medical Transportation Service:

salemct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4966/f/uploads/transportation_fy22_packet_0.pdf

Community Assistance *(continued)*

211 Infoline Help

Follow the link <https://www.211ct.org/> to the webpage for more information on how 211 can assist you or someone you know that needs help.

Connecticut Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

All Connecticut Residents Can Sign Up for the Free Discount Card To Receive Savings on Medication

A prescription drug discount card program was launched in Connecticut on October 2, 2023, enabling all residents of the state to receive savings on certain prescription drugs. The program was established by a provision of Governor Lamont's health care affordability bill (Public Act 23-171), which was approved by the General Assembly and signed into law in June. It is administered by the Office of the State Comptroller.

For more information on how the **ArrayRx discount card works**, including a list of frequently asked questions and a drug price lookup tool, visit arrayrxcard.com/ or review our **February 2024 Newsletter**

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 need, 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/.**

Food Pantries

Below are a few of the local food pantries available in our area. Please contact them directly to get on their list and for more information as to when they are open for pick up. If you need assistance with pick up let the agency know and they can arrange for delivery.

Name	Locations	Contact	Phone Number
Care and Share	12 Roxbury Road	Niantic	860-739-8502
United Way Mobile Food Pantry	Three Rivers Community College	Norwich	860-464-3327
Rosalyn Allen Food Pantry	Mobile Pantry	Norwich	860-822-4146

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. **DATE PASSED**
- **May 30, 2025:** The last day that a household can apply to establish eligibility for benefits. **DATE PASSED**
- **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/>.

- ★ Due to federal budget cuts some programs/services may not be available, call TVCCA to check on program/service availability.

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

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

News And Information

Got Sneakers ★★ ★ **REMINDER** ★★ ★

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.



The Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA)

2025 Household Hazardous Waste and Confidential Paper Shredding Schedule.



- **Saturday, June 14th – Norwich:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Norwich Public Works, 50 Clinton Ave.
- **Saturday, July 12th – Groton:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Fitch High School, 101 Groton Long Point Rd.
- **Saturday, July 26th – Waterford:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, at Waterford High School, 20 Rope Ferry Rd.
- **Saturday, August 2nd – Montville:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Tyl Middle School, 166 Chesterfield Rd.
- **Saturday, September 13th – North Stonington:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Wheeler High School, 297 Norwich-Westerly Rd.
- **Saturday, October 4th – Griswold:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Griswold High Way Garage, 1148 Voluntown Rd. (Rt. 38).
- **Saturday, November 1st – Ledyard:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Ledyard High School 24 Gallup Hill Rd.

Participation Protocol

All events start at 9:00 AM and end promptly at 1:00 PM.

As you enter the event line, a SCRRA team member will greet you and conduct a brief survey.

Please stay in your vehicle for safety. If your items are in your trunk, pop the trunk for easy unloading by our crew.

If you want your totes and other containers returned, let our crew know. For gas can returns, we will move your vehicle to the side while the gas cans are emptied and then returned to your vehicle.

SCRRA covers the costs associated with these events, so they are free to households within our participating communities. Commercial and large generators of hazardous waste are NOT accepted.

Use caution when transporting HHW materials! Use the original containers when possible. Secure items safely during transport to avoid spillage.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

<u>From the Shed & Garage</u>	<u>From the Lawn & Garden</u>	<u>From the Basement & Bathroom</u>	<u>NOT ACCEPTED</u>
Kerosene	Insecticides	Latex & Oil Paint, Stains & Varnish	Tires
Old Gasoline	Pool Chemicals	Paint Thinner	Ammunition / Gun Powder
Radiator Chemicals	Herbicides	Drain Cleaners	Auto & Marine Flares
Auto Body Chemicals	Rat Poison	Photographic Chemicals	Radioactive Materials
Fuel Additives	Moth Balls	Nail Polish Remover	Large Barrels or Drums

News And Information (continued)**SCRRA (continued)****ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (continued)**

<u>From the Shed & Garage</u>	<u>From the Lawn & Garden</u>	<u>From the Basement & Bathroom</u>	<u>NOT ACCEPTED</u>
Car Battery Acid	Fungicides	Oven Cleaners	Commercial Qty's of Paint, etc.
Camp Stove Fuel	Weed Removal Chemicals	Toilet Bowl Cleaners	Businesses with large amounts of Paper Shredding
All Light Bulbs	And much more!!	All Home Batteries	

CONFIDENTIAL RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING**ACCEPTED****NOT ACCEPTED**

Tax Documents	News Papers
Financial Documents	Junk Mail
Financial Statements	Non-Sensitive Documents
Personal Documents	e.g., newspapers, brochures, junk mail, etc.

For more information & questions about collections please contact SCRRA at <https://www.scrra.org/>, or phone 860-381-5558.

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. 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.

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOSFPL)

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. Check out the FOSFPL new webpage at www.friends-of-the-salem-free-public-library.org.

If you would like to help, contact Bart Drennen at 860-235-5889.

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.

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. 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.

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.***

Volunteer Opportunities *(continued)*

LION'S CLUB

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

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 or call 860-908-9553.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

The Salem VFW is always looking for help to clean up the cemeteries. **Watch the Facebook website for future dates for cemetery clean up opportunities.**

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.

Activities In Our Region

Bozrah Farmers Market – 2025 Season

The market is located at 45 Bozrah St, Bozrah. **Market nights are Fridays from July 12th through October 11th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.**

Each week we host 45+ vendors and have live music. It's a great place to wind down from a work week and enjoy the beginning of the weekend. There is no need to cook, because we usually have 4-5 food trucks.

Montville Farmers Market – 2025 Season

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

Opening Night – June 24th

Car Cruise – July 15th

National Farmers Market Week – August 5th

Dog Days – August 26th

Pirate Night – September 16th

Spooky Night – October 7th

Community Night – July 1st

Regular Market – July 22nd

Car Cruise – August 12th

Regular Market – September 2nd

Regular Market – September 23rd

Kids' Night – July 8th

Native Market Night – July 29th

Regular Marke – August 19th

Regular Market – September 9th

Fall Harvest – September 30th

Flea Markets And Other Farmers Markets

• **Club 55 Flea Market**

Date: Saturday, May 3rd

Location: 102 Newtown Rd, Groton, CT Indoors at the Thrive 55 Active Living Center

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 PM

• **Sprint Pop Up At Waterford Farmers Market**

Date: Saturday, May 10th

Location: 24 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford (Waterford community Center)

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Date: Saturday, May 24th

Location: Main St, Niantic

Time: 10:00 AM

Activities In Our Region *(continued)*

Flea Markets And Other Farmers Markets *(continued)*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Flea Market: Montville
 Date: Saturday, May 10th
 Location: 1650 Hartford New London Turnpike, Oakdale, (Route 85) in the parking lot of the Dinosaur Place
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 Date: Saturday, May 10th
 Location: 98 Neptune Avenue, New London
 Time: 9 AM – 3 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Mother's Day Market
 Date: Saturday, May 10th
 Location: 45 Bozrah St, Bozrah
 Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM • Niantic Artisan & Vintage Market
 Date: Saturday, May 24th
 Location: Main St, Niantic
 Time: 10:00 AM • Strawberry Festival (Old Mystic Village)
 Date: Saturday, June 21st & Sunday June 22nd
 Location: 27 Coogan Blvd, Mystic
 Time: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM |
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Summer in the Park Concerts & Events

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 Where: Colchester Town Green

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Bring a lawn chair and a friend

Goodspeed Opara House

Upcoming Events At The Goodspeed Opara House (6 Main Street, East Haddam)

- **"Ragtime"** – April 25th – June 15th.
- **"All Shook Up"** – June 27th – August 17th.
- **"A Chorus Line"** – September 5th – October 26th.
- **"Jerry Herman's Mrs. Santa Claus"** – November 14th – December 28th.

For details on the shows check out our May Newsletter or go to **Goodspeed website** at:

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

Activities In Our Region *(continued)*

Ivoryton Playhouse

Upcoming Events At The Ivoryton Playhouse (103 Main Street, Ivoryton)

Join the Salem Seniors at the Ivoryton Playhouse for any of the following shows.

- **“Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”** – Lyrics by Tim Rice; Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, June 26th – July 27th.
- **“My Fair Lady”** – book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner; music by Frederick Loewe, **August 7th – September 7th**
- **“Incident At Our Lady Of Perpetual Help”** – by Katie Forgette, **October 2nd – 26th**
- **“Playhouse Holiday Jamboree”** – Created by Katie Barton and Ben Hope, **November 20th – December 21st**

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

Niantic Bay Playhouse

Upcoming Events At The Niantic Bay Playhouse (279 Main Street, Niantic)

2025 Season

- **“Lion King Jr.”** – June 13th – 15th & 20th – 22nd
- **“Hello Dolly”** – July 17th, 18th, 20th, 24th – 27th, 31st, & Aug 1st – 3rd
- **“Murder Mystery”** – October 10th – 12th, 16th – 19th, 24th – 26th
- **“White Christmas”** – December 5th – 7th, 11th – 14th, 8th – 21st

Check the theatre’s website for show times and tickets by clicking on: nianticbayplayhouse.org/.

Garde Arts Center

Upcoming Events At The Garde Arts Center (325 State St, New London)

2025 Season

- **“Sinner’s Circle”** – Jim Carpenter, Hugh Birdsall, John Fries and Ben Parent – Friday, June 20th 8:00 PM
- **Broadway Kids & Company Presents, “2025 Showcase”** – Saturday June 21st 2:00 PM
- **A Spark Makerspace Presents Midsummer Nights Gala Fundraiser** – Saturday, June 28th 7:00 PM
- **“Girls Night The Musical”** – Sunday, June 29th 7:00 PM

For tickets contact the box office Monday thru Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and two hours prior to ticketed performances, by calling 860-444-7373 ext. 1, or by visiting the Garde Arts Center website by clicking on:

gardearts.org/events/.

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