



# NEWSLETTER

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## ROAD WORK ON TOWN ROADS

Beginning Monday June 3rd there will be road work on the following roads:

- Skyline Drive
- Forsyth Road
- Rattlesnake Ledge Road
- Chester Court
- Beckwith Hill Drive

At this time, there are no road closures; however, please plan accordingly for a single lane of traffic.

**\*\*\* PLEASE USE CAUTION \*\*\***

## SALEM BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) VACANCY

Any member of the community with an interest in serving on the BOE is encouraged to complete an application and submit a Letter of Interest to Jennifer Kayser, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

The application may be accessed by clicking on [www.salemschools.org/cms/lib/CT01000057/Centricity/Domain/7/applicboe.pdf](http://www.salemschools.org/cms/lib/CT01000057/Centricity/Domain/7/applicboe.pdf) (Also available on our website at [www.salemschools.org](http://www.salemschools.org).)

Applications will be due by 7/10/24. Jennifer Kayser will collect and notify the BOE regarding the number of applicants by 7/11/24. Jennifer will contact applicants to set up interviews by 7/12/24.

Interviews will be held the night of the regular BOE meeting on 7/15/24. The meeting would start in Executive Session at 6pm for BOE Interviews/Deliberation. Appointment would be an action item on the agenda for regular session later that evening.

The new member would need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk within 14 days of the appointment by the BOE and would serve until the next municipal election.

Please call Jennifer Kayser at 860-892-1223 x 3201 with any questions.

## SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT BLOOD DRIVE

The Salem Volunteer Fire Dept will hold a blood drive on **Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM** at the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. firehouse at 424 Hartford Road, Salem, CT.

The next Blood Drive after July will be held Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

**Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Salem CT to schedule an appointment**

## OPINION

### **WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR THE BOS TO FILL THE IWCC VACANCIES? WAS IT POLITICAL?**

After almost 4 months Salem's Board of Selectmen (BOS) FINALLY took action to fill the two full member seats on Salem's Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission (IWCC) left vacant when two IWCC member's terms expired. The Salem Democratic Town Committee (SDTC) provided the BOS with two very qualified candidates for appointment to the vacant seats, one prior to the March BOS meeting, and the other prior to the April BOS meeting. The First Selectman chose not to put IWCC appointments on either the March or April BOS meeting agendas. I, as the SDTC Chairman, met with the First Selectman several times and expressed my disappointment that no action was taken to fill the IWCC vacancies. I reminded him that the SDTC had submitted two very qualified candidates. I also reminded him that the impact of not having filled the IWCC vacancies resulted in the April IWCC not being held because a quorum of members could not be achieved and the IWCC could not take/make any official actions/decisions at the May meeting because a quorum of members was not present. As a direct result of inaction by the BOS to fill the IWCC vacancies, Salem residents with business in front of the IWCC could not get permits, approvals etc. acted on for at least two months. Prior to the May BOS meeting, I met with the First selectman and requested he put making the IWCC member appointments on the agenda for that meeting or convene a special BOS meeting for the purpose of filling the IWCC vacancies. I reminded him again of the consequences of BOS inaction in this matter. His response was he was not going to put it on the agenda for May's BOS meeting.

To let this process to drag on for months is totally unacceptable.

The candidates submitted by the SDTC to the BOS for appointment to the IWCC have the following qualifications:

#### **Candidate 1 (male):**

- Currently serves as a Steward for Zemko Sawmill preserve and a volunteer for Salem Land Trust.
- Previously on the SLT Board of Directors for 5 years.
- Negotiated the acquisition of the Ransom Brook Preserve.  
Compiled the submission for DEEP OSWA grant which involved researching wetlands and soils on the property.
- Worked with the IWCC for approval of bog-bridges on the Goodwin Trail in the Darling Road Preserve.
- Active Board member on the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC).

#### **Candidate 2 (female):**

- BS in Natural Resources from the University of Massachusetts- Amherst with minors in Forestry and Wildlife and Fisheries Biology.
- Worked at the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (DPNC) from 1998-2013 and returned as Education Director in 2017.
  - At DPNC, coordinates the education department that serves over 30,000 people each year.
- Is the lead naturalist and assists with habitat restoration, invasive species removal, and land management projects.
- Is a skilled naturalist in New England flora, fauna and habitats, including wetlands ecology.
- Overseeing the education budget, writing and managing grants, managing staff and leading programs.
- Worked for the Contra Costa California Water District leading environmental education programs highlighting water systems.

I attended the special BOS on May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting convened for the purpose of FINALLY filling the IWCC vacancies. The qualifications of the three individuals appointed to the IWCC presented to the BOS included:

- "They work in quality assurance,"
- "They are good people,"
- "They are smart."

A review of the meeting minutes of the special BOS meeting of May 30<sup>th</sup> provided no information on the appointees what so ever.

One has to ask why did it take so long to make these appointments especially in light of the fact two very qualified candidates were available. Since there is no other information available perhaps the choices were politically motivated, because I would hate to think gender bias played a role in the process.

Gary J. Closius – Chairman – Salem Democratic Town Committee, June 4, 2024

## GUN VIOLENCE – 2024 STATISTICS AND DATA

2024	Mass Shootings	Deaths	Injuries
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>533</b>
January	36	66	110
February	26	40	107
March	32	35	138
April	37	32	178
May	49	53	208

\* Data current through May 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
Florida	3	16	Arkansas	0	4
Illinois	4	13	Kentucky	1	4
Texas	2	13	Maryland	1	4
Alabama	5	11	Minnesota	2	4
California	3	10	Ohio	2	3
Louisiana	0	10	Connecticut	1	2
Pennsylvania	3	10	Oklahoma	0	2
Missouri	4	9	Alaska	0	1
Georgia	3	8	Arizona	0	1
Mississippi	0	8	Colorado	0	1
Tennessee	1	7	Iowa	0	1
District of Columbia	0	6	Massachusetts	1	1
New York	3	6	Nevada	0	1
North Carolina	2	6	New Jersey	1	1
Indiana	1	5	New Mexico	1	1
Michigan	3	5	South Carolina	0	1
Virginia	2	5			

<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

Total deaths (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 7,012

Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 13,095

\* Data through June 2<sup>nd</sup>



### OPINION:

#### Is This Who We Want To Be Leading The Country?

Charles Sykes wrote in the June 3, 2024 edition of the *"The Atlantic Daily"*: "After the 2016 release of the Access Hollywood tape in which Donald Trump boasts about groping women, Republicans considered their options—and Trump's candidacy faced a moment of maximum peril. But after Trump's conviction last week, an enraged MAGA establishment moved quickly to enforce new litmus tests.

Think of last Friday as a bookend to the transformation of the GOP.

Back in October 2016, after the Access Hollywood tape was made public, many Republicans paused and took a deep breath. Then, some of them—such as Senator Mike Lee of Utah—decided to openly abandon their party's nominee. I remember texting Reince Priebus, then the chair of the Republican National Committee. "I am the guy trying to fix this!" he wrote. "I am in tears over this."

**OPINION: (continued from p 3)****“Is This Who We Want To Be Leading The Country?” (continued)**

Within a few hours, House Speaker Paul Ryan withdrew his invitation to Trump to appear at a joint appearance the next day in Wisconsin. For a moment, it seemed like a turning point. But it wasn't, at least not in the way I thought it would be. In the end, most of the Republicans returned after a few days of fruitless soul-searching.”

That interview on Access Hollywood where Donald Trump boasted about grouping women (and I'm being kind here) was my personal enough is enough moment. Any CEO of any large company would not have a job the next day had they said something like that and DJT is the Republican candidate for President of the United States. After the January 6, 2020 insurrection in which many mainstream Republicans pushed the idea that the storming of the Capital wasn't so bad, they were just tourists, and to cap it off supported the idea the election was stolen I could no longer remain a registered Republican so I changed my affiliation to Unaffiliated. I, in clear conscience, could no longer support a party with no clear morals or values. As the year went on and more and more prominent Republicans continued to push the “stop the steal” mantra and so I could vote in primaries, I had to register as Democrat

Sykes continued: “This time, there was no hesitation. Republicans fell seamlessly in line last week, not merely defending Trump after his conviction on 34 felony charges but also embracing his threats of retribution. Seemingly prewritten statements of unwavering, fervent support were issued within minutes. The GOP presumptive nominee had just been found guilty of paying hush money to a porn star and covering it up, and not a single prominent Republican withdrew their endorsement.

Prior to the arrival of the jury's decision, Larry Hogan, the former Republican governor of Maryland and a current Senate candidate, issued a statement urging Americans “to respect the verdict and the legal process”; after the verdict, the Trump adviser Chris LaCivita fired back at Hogan: “You just ended your campaign.” Even though the former governor is locked in a competitive race that could determine control of the Senate, the RNC co-chair Lara Trump also lashed out at Hogan, saying that he “doesn't deserve the respect of anyone in the Republican Party at this point, and, quite frankly, anybody in America.”

Hogan stood nearly alone: One after another, Republican politicians at every level of government rallied to Trump's postconviction defense. Wealthy conservatives and business executives such as Bill Ackman and David Sacks also rushed to support Trump, perhaps thinking that they are buying while the stock is low—hoping that Trump will remember, and repay them for, their loyalty. (This, of course, is the same logic the GOP politicians have been using for a while now.)

Meanwhile, right-wing influencers echoed and amplified Trump's defiant calls for payback. Trump, of course, has made locking up his opponents a central theme of his campaigns and has repeatedly threatened to use another presidential term to retaliate against his critics, his opponents, and the media. Thus far, it has been tempting to dismiss all of this as Trump's peculiar and personal animus. But it's now clear that he has a substantial constituency for his campaign of vengeance. In fact, his base is demanding it. As Ali Breland reports in *The Atlantic*, the MAGA internet is seething with threats of violence and retaliation—not just at the fringes, but from well-known right-wing media outlets as well.

GOP members of Congress are seeking revenge too. Marjorie Taylor Greene called for defunding New York as a result of the jury verdict. Ronny Jackson, the White House physician turned Texas congressman, declared that if Trump wins, he will encourage members of Congress to go after Joe Biden and members of his family: “I'm just telling you right now, President Biden should be ready ... What's good for the goose is good for the gander.”

Really, is this what Republican leadership looks like?

Sykes continued: “And then there is Mike Lee. Back in 2016, Lee was so appalled by the Access Hollywood tape that he recorded a video asking Trump to step aside as the Republican nominee. Lee said that if someone had spoken to any of the women in his family the way Trump had spoken, “I wouldn't hire that person, wouldn't want to be associated with that person,” and most important, “I certainly don't think I would feel comfortable hiring that person to be the leader of the free world.”

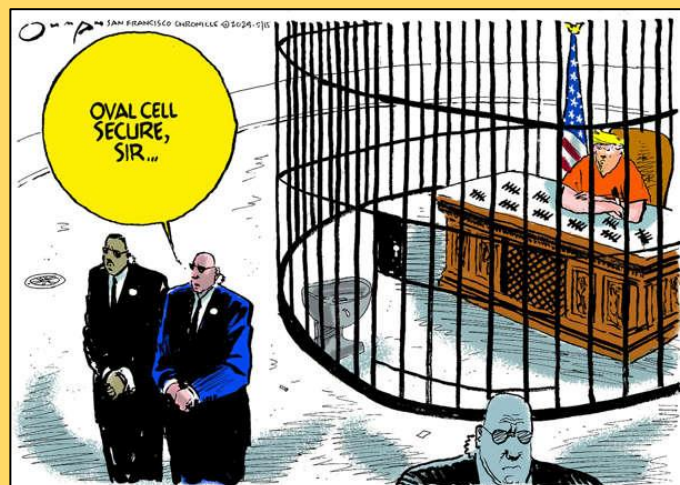
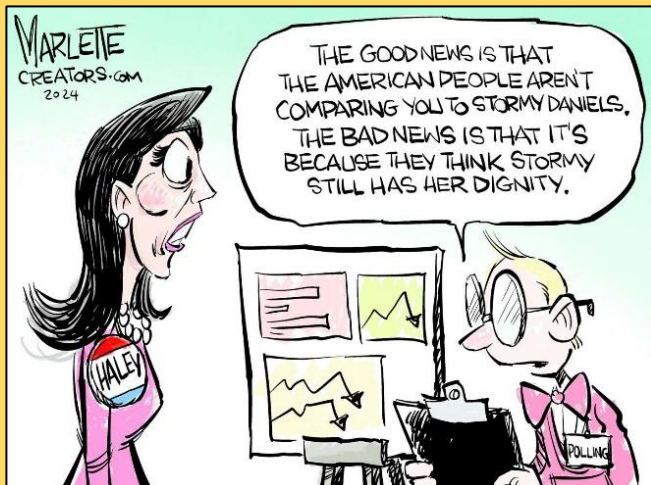
On Friday, Lee declared that his fealty to Trump was now so unbreakable that “strongly worded statements” were “not enough.” “Those who turned our judicial system into a political cudgel must be held accountable,” he declared, as he joined seven other GOP senators in refusing to cooperate with “any Democrat legislative priorities or nominations.”

Prominent Republicans have not only made their peace with Trump's character; they have also made his revenge tour the centerpiece of their agenda. If Trump wins and enacts his campaign of retribution from office, do not expect any resistance from the GOP establishment. They will be cheering it on.”

Again, I ask is this what Republican Leadership looks like? Is this the kind of behavior we want our sons and daughters to emulate? For God's sake I hope not.

Gary J. Closius – Chairman – Salem Democratic Town Committee, June 3, 2024

Excerpted from Article appearing in *“The Atlantic Daily”* by: Charles Sykes on June 3, 2024.



## **COMMUNITY HELP / ASSISTANCE**

### **EVERSOURCE Connecticut Electric Discount Rate**

#### **Connecticut Electric Discount Rate**

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

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

- **Eligible income for 10% Discount Rate**

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

- **Eligible income for the 50% Discount Rate**

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

To apply for the 10% or 50% Connecticut electric discount rate visit the **EVERSOURCE** webpage click on the following link: [eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/discount-rate](https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/discount-rate), or call **EVERSOURCE** at 800-286-2828, or call TVCCA at 860-889-1365.

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



#### **CONNECTION = Volunteering & Veterans Coffeehouses**

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

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

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

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

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

**Contact James Hodge, Veterans Coffeehouse Coordinator at 860-425-6615 or e-mail: [jhodge@tvcca.org](mailto:jhodge@tvcca.org).**



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**TVCCA (continued)**

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

TVCCA provides energy assistance among other community assistance services. Visit the TVCCA website by clicking on: [tvcca.org/energy-assistance/](http://tvcca.org/energy-assistance/) for more information and a direct link to the application. If you have any questions or need help completing the application form, contact TVCCA at 860-889-1365. Note that not only does TVCCA provide funding for oil, but also for wood. TVCCA also has a Senior Nutrition Program for seniors 60 and over & Volunteer programs for seniors age 55 or over.

**CARE & SHARE**

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/).**

**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   |                      |

**THE SDTC MEETING SCHEDULE**

**The SDTC 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule**

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| • <b>Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Center School      | • <b>Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Center School    | • <b>Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Center School                         |
| • <b>Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Center School | • <b>Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Center School | • <b>Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. Firehouse |
| • <b>Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Center School  | • <b>Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Center School       | • <b>Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM</b> , at the Center School                             |

**PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS FOR JUNE**

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|---|--|
| • <b>Board of Education Long Range Edu Planning</b><br>June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5:00 PM | • <b>Board of Finance</b> ,<br>June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM               |
| • <b>BOE Personnel/Contract Negotiations</b><br>June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6:00 PM        | • <b>Recreation Commission</b><br>June 17 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM            |
| • <b>Board of Education</b> ,<br>June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7:00 PM                       | • <b>Salem Green Cemetery Association</b><br>June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 PM |

**PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS FOR JUNE (continued from p 6)**

**Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission,**  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Board of Selectmen,**  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Charter Revision Commission**  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Library Board of Directors**  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Planning & Zoning Commission**  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Emergency Preparedness Agency**  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Economic Development Commission**  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Charter Revision Commission**  
June 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Board of Education Policy**  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Board of Education Curriculum**  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Planning and Zoning Commission,**  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

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

**COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**

**SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**News & Events**

• **MUSEUM PASSES AND DISCOUNTED ADMISSION PASSES**

Passes and discounted passes to many of the museums in our state are available at the Salem Library. Visit the library, or go to the library website by clicking on: [salemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes](http://salemct.gov/library/pages/museum-passes) to view the library website and view what they have to offer and pass availability.

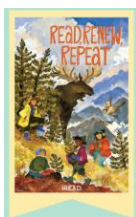
• **2024 SUMMER READING**

***Read, Renew, Repeat!***  
June 17<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>

***For all ages this year***

Registration & reading logs are on [ReadSquared](https://www.readsquared.com).

<https://salemlibrary.readsquared.com>



**You may register for the program and events now but logging of reading begins on June 17<sup>th</sup>**

See the Library's summer reading brochure for details.

Posters & brochures for the Library's summer reading program are on the table as you enter the Library.

• **BOOKS IN THE AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB.**

Meetings are normally held on the last Thursday of the month at 1.00 PM.

• **MASTER THE ART OF PRESERVING THE HARVEST**

Intensive Workshop Presented by Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Gable Lea Farm

**Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**

**You will learn:**

- Pickling
- Canning
- Freezing
- Dehydrating



**To register call: 860-859-1130.**

*(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)*

• **TAKE AND MAKE**

**Upcycled Wine Cork Sailboat**

**Available June 17<sup>th</sup>  
(while supplies last)**

*(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)*



**COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued from p 7)**

**SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (continued)**

**News & Events (continued)**

• **CREEK CRITTERS**

Presented by the Eightmile Wild & Scenic Watershed

**Saturday June 22 at 11:00 AM**



Come learn about all the macroinvertebrates that live in our local streams and ponds and how the presence of certain ones indicate the health of a body of water.

There will be several stations set up for you to explore.

The program is for families with children.

**Limited to 25 participants  
Call 860-859-1130 to register.**

*(Sponsored by the Eightmile Wild & Scenic Watershed)*

• **SMOKEY BEAR STORY TIME & TOUCH-A-FIRETRUCK**



**Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM**

In honor of *Smokey Bear's* 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, local firefighter, Marcie, from the Salem Volunteer Fire Co., will read a story about *Smokey Bear*.

She will also teach you about fire safety, show you some equipment firefighters use and get you to touch a firetruck!



**Call 860-859-1130 to register.**

*(Sponsored by the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. & The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)*

• **CULTIVATE YOUR GREEN THUMB**

Custom Container Garden Workshop  
Presented by Mark Gostkiewicz  
of Tri Gable Lea Farm



**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Call 860-859-1130  
to register for a 15  
minute time slot**

**Limited to 40 participants.  
Ages 7 to adult.**

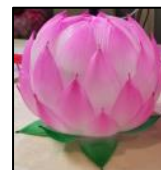
*(Sponsored by the Carole Eckart Memorial Summer Reading Fund)*

• **KOREAN LOTUS LANTERN WORKSHOP**

**Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.**

Suitable for ages 10 & up.

The Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will teach you how to make a lovely lotus flower using colored paper and a pre-made wire frame.



Participants will also learn about Korea's culture and watch a short documentary film.

Limited to 20 participants.

**Call 860-859-1130 to register.**

*(Sponsored by the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project & The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)*



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

**SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

There are many activities for Salem residents of all ages:

• **WE'RE BLAZN' TRAILS**

The Recreation Commission has started blazing the Multi-Purpose/Harris Brook Trails!

If you see the colored flagging on the trees, **please leave them be** as they mark our first run of where the safety/trail markers will be located.



• **SALEM WOODS DISC GOLF COURSE**

The Salem Woods Disc Golf Course is open for play.



Located at Bob Appleby Field at Volunteer Park, 24 Forsyth Road.

Discs available for loan contact The Recreation Commission.

• **SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT**



The volleyball court is open and ready for play. Located at the Salem Community Park Pavilion 89 Norwich Road/Route 82.

• **ADULT CO-ED PICKLEBALL**

Pick-up games for Salem & East Lyme Residents ages 18 & over.

**Saturday Mornings  
8:00 to 10:00 AM**

**Tuesday Evenings  
5:00 to 7:00 PM**



Round Hill Road Tennis/Pickleball Courts  
Starting Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Sign in upon arrival.

• **FIND YOUR FOOTPRINT! MEDALLION PROJECT**

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

Find your footprint in the following trails/preserves:

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



• **2024 SUMMER FUN RUN SERIES**

Salem School, Bingham Field

Tuesdays, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>.

**5:30 PM: Beginners 1-mile Walk/Run**

**6:00 PM: 3-mile Fun Run**

**Check-in begins at 5:00 PM**

**Pre-Register online at:**

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

• **LIVE CLASSES ONLINE**

There are dozens of on-line classes for adults and children are available through Salem's Recreation Commission.



**LIVE ONLINE COURSES  
ARE GOING ON RIGHT NOW!**

Live Classes Online is partnered with Town of Salem, so a portion of every purchase you make supports your community!

**HURRY UP! Limited classes!**  
Reserve your place now!

To explore what courses are available and sign up, click on the following link:

[salemct.gov/recreation/pages/live-classes-online](http://salemct.gov/recreation/pages/live-classes-online).

## COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE *(continued from p 9)*

### SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT *(continued)*

- SUMMER VIRUAL FITNESS CLASSES**

Pilates – Tuesdays, July 9<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup>,  
6:00 PM – 6:45 PM – \$50, (7 weeks)

15 Min. HIIT – Wednesdays, July 10<sup>th</sup> – August  
21<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 AM – 8:30 AM – \$25,  
(7 weeks)

Core Strength – Thursdays, July 11<sup>th</sup> – August  
22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM – \$50,  
(7 weeks)

- SUMMER CONCERTS FREE**

Thursdays, at the Pavilion at  
6:00 PM, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>,  
and August 22<sup>nd</sup>



- CHRISTMAS IN JULY EVENT**

The Salem Economic Development & Recreation  
Commissions invite you to:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** EVENT to  
celebrate and showcase our local businesses.

Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> (rain date – July 14<sup>th</sup>)  
from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Salem Community Park Pavilion, 89 Norwich  
Road/Route 82

For additional information on activities provided by the Salem Recreation Commission please visit their website by clicking on: [salemct.gov/recreation](http://salemct.gov/recreation), or call 860-859-3873, x275

## 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](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).

### LION'S CLUB

The Lions are looking for volunteers. Contact Bill Martin 860-705-6062 (home) or 860-705-1227 (mobile), or Hugh McKenney at 860-303-0042 (mobile).

### FRIENDS OF THE SALEM THE LIBRARY (FOSL)

The Friends of The Salem Library could always use help sorting books for the book sale, and at the book sales.

The FOSL will be sorting books most every Wednesday and Friday at the Zemko Garage, 231 Hartford Rd. from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. For future 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.*

### SALEM SCHOOL

Volunteers are always welcome at **Salem School**. Anyone interested in volunteering can **to 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.**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** *(continued from p 10)***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.**

**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.**

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

The Salem VFW is always looking for help to clean up the cemeteries. **The next two Cemetery Clean-up Parties" are scheduled for:**

- **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Paugwonk Baptist Cemetery #1 (Route 354 just north of Rattlesnake Ledge Road),**
- **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Ransome/Newton Cemetery, 376 West Road.**

Please bring your gloves, weed-whacker, mower, rakes, and tarps.

**Watch the Facebook website for future dates for cemetery clean up opportunities.**

**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**

- **Salem Senior Citizens Group**

The **Salem Senior Citizen's Group** boasts a current enrolment of over 150 members. Membership has almost tripled since the beginning of 2022.

- **Salem (or surrounding town) residents age 50 years or older are welcome to join the Salem Senior Citizen's Group!**

Meetings are held at 10:30 AM on the second Tuesday every month at Salem Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse, 424 Hartford Rd. (Rt. 85) in the rear meeting room. A yearly membership dues of \$10 is collected every March. Meetings include town discussions, news, and updates, and interesting guest speakers. After the meeting noon lunch is provided. Trips, events, activities, and classes, throughout the year, are developed by our members.

**For more information, please contact Gary Closius (President): [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net), or call 860-961-9173, or Mary Cikatz (Vice President): [mcikatz@yahoo.com](mailto:mcikatz@yahoo.com), or call 860-287-7275.**

Use the following link to view our monthly newsletter: [salemct.gov/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.

**JUNE "JUST FOR FUN" DAYS**

<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Say Something Nice Day	<b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Upsy Daisy Day
<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Chimborazo Day	<b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Go Skateboarding Day
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	National Yo-Yo Day	<b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Asteroid Day

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