

# NEWSLETTER

## SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

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### 2024 ELECTION RESULTS

I want to thank you all for exercising your right as an American and coming out and voting. You took the time to participate in the process that make our democracy work.

The results of the election are detailed in the charts below.

The Data was obtained from the CT Secretary of State's website: <https://ctempublic.tqstg.net/#/home>. (data as of: 11/8/2024 12:46:19 PM)

#### President/Vice President Race

Presidential / Vice President (Salem Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	Margin of Victory
R	Trump and Vance	1,345	50.56%	82
D	Harris and Walz	1,263	47.48%	
G	Stein and Ware	22	0.83%	
L	Oliver and ter Maat	17	0.64%	
PET	Kennedy, Jr. and Shanahan	13	0.49%	

Presidential / Vice President (CT Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	Margin of Victory
D	Harris and Walz	974,483	56.26%	246,569
R	Trump and Vance	727,914	42.03%	
G	Stein and Ware	14,114	0.81%	
L	Oliver and ter Maat	6,670	0.39%	
PET	Kennedy, Jr. and Shanahan	8,332	0.48%	
WI	De la Cruz and Garcia	249	0.01%	
WI	Fox and McVay	4	0.00%	
WI	McNeil and McNeil	0	0.00%	
WI	Potus and Kennedy	1	0.00%	
WI	Ayyadurai and Ellis	20	0.00%	
WI	Sonski and Onak	152	0.01%	
WI	West and Abdullah	126	0.01%	

**2024 ELECTION RESULTS (continued from p 1)****United States Senate Race – Chris Murphy (D) v Matthew Corey (R)**

United States Senator (Salem Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
R	Matthew M. Corey	1,281	48.91%	59
D	Christopher S. Murphy	1,222	46.66%	
WF	Christopher S. Murphy	69	2.63%	
G	Justin C. Paglino	20	0.76%	
CGG	Robert Finley Hyde	27	1.03%	

United States Senator (CT Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	Christopher S. Murphy	936,544	55.68%	266,679
R	Matthew M. Corey	669,865	39.83%	
WF	Christopher S. Murphy	46152	2.74%	
G	Justin C. Paglino	14657	0.87%	
CGG	Robert Finley Hyde	14,660	0.87%	
WI	John Flynn	6	0.00%	

**Congressional Representative, CT 2<sup>nd</sup> District Race – Joe Courtney (D) v Mike France (R)**

U.S. Congressional Rep., 2 <sup>nd</sup> District (Salem Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	Joe Courtney	1,404	53.49%	183
R	Mike France	1,221	46.51%	

U.S. Congressional Rep., 2 <sup>nd</sup> District (District Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	Joe Courtney	218,162	58.01%	60,284
R	Mike France	157,878	41.98%	
WI	Kenneth Kusmierski, Jr.	3	0.00%	
WI	Jeffery Russell	4	0.00%	

**Congressional Rep., 1<sup>st</sup> District Race  
John Larson (D) v Jim Griffin (R)**

U.S. Congressional Rep., 1 <sup>st</sup> District (District Result)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	John B. Larson	192,352	60.29%	82,696
R	Jim Griffin	109,656	34.37%	
WF	John B. Larson	10438	3.29%	
G	Mary L. Sanders	6549	205.00%	

**Congressional Rep., 3<sup>rd</sup> District Race  
Rosa DeLauro (D) v Michael Massey (R)**

U.S. Congressional Rep., 3 <sup>rd</sup> District (District Result)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	Rosa L. DeLauro	185,319	57.85%	55,329
R	Michael Massey	129,990	40.58%	
I	Michael Massey	4,925	1.54%	
WI	Leo Almony	0	0.00%	
WI	Omar Scott Antar	3	0.00%	
WI	Shahd Omar	118	0.04%	

**Congressional Rep., 4<sup>th</sup> District Race  
Jim Himes (D) v Michael Goldstein (R)**

U.S. Congressional Rep., 4 <sup>th</sup> District (District Result)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	Jim Himes	200,601	60.99%	77,568
R	Michael Goldstein	123,033	37.41%	
I	Benjamin Wesley	5279	1.60%	

**Congressional Rep., 5<sup>th</sup> District Race  
Jahana Hayes (D) v George Logan (R)**

U.S. Congressional Rep., 5 <sup>th</sup> District (District Result)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	Jahana Hayes	167,830	50.83%	14,256
R	George Logan	153,574	46.51%	
WF	Party Jahana Hayes	8,689	2.63%	
WI	Ahmad AJ Darwish	70	0.02%	
WI	Bertram Ferguson	3	0.00%	

**2024 ELECTION RESULTS (continued from p 2)**

**State Senator, 20<sup>th</sup> District Race – Martha Marx (D) v Shaun Mastroianni (R)**

State Senator, 20 <sup>th</sup> District (Salem Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
R	Shaun Mastroianni	1,342	51.83%	204
D	Martha Marx	1,138	43.96%	
WI	Martha Marx	65	2.51%	
I	Shaun Mastroianni	44	1.70%	

State Senator, 20 <sup>th</sup> District (District Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	Martha Marx	26,609	53.61%	5,765
R	Shaun Mastroianni	20,844	41.99%	
WI	Martha Marx	1266	2.55%	
I	Shaun Mastroianni	917	1.85%	

**State Representative, 34<sup>th</sup> District Race – Rich Knotek (D) v Irene Haines (R)**

State Representative, 34 <sup>th</sup> District (Salem Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
R	Irene Haines	520	55.14%	129
D	Richard E. Knotek	391	41.46%	
I	David Brice Cassenti	32	3.39%	

State Representative, 34 <sup>th</sup> District (District Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
R	Irene Haines	7,730	53.11%	1,200
D	Richard E. Knotek	6,530	44.86%	
I	David Brice Cassenti	296	2.03%	

**State Representative, 37<sup>th</sup> District Race – Nick Menapace (D) v Holly Cheeseman (R)**

State Representative, 37 <sup>th</sup> (Salem Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
R	Holly H. Cheeseman	896	54.37%	219
D	Nick Menapace	677	41.08%	
WF	Nick Menapace	40	2.43%	
I	Holly H. Cheeseman	35	2.12%	

State Representative 37 <sup>th</sup> (District Results)				
	CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %	MARGIN OF VICTORY
D	Nick Menapace	7,405	48.18%	103
R	Holly H. Cheeseman	7,302	47.51%	
WF	Nick Menapace	330	2.15%	
I	Holly H. Cheeseman	334	2.17%	

R	Republican Party	G	Green Party	WF	Working Families Party	PET	Petitioning Party	WI	Write In
D	Demacratic Party	L	Libritarian Party	I	Independent Party	CGG	Cheeper Gas & Groceries Party		

**Salem Voter Turnout and Voter Registration Statistics.**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Year	# of Eligible Voters	# of Voters Who Voted	# of Absentee Ballots Received	# of Absentee Ballots COUNTED	# of Early Ballots Received	# of Early Ballots COUNTED	# of Same Day Registration (SDR) Ballots Issued *	# of Same Day Registration (SDR) Ballots COUNTED	Turnout
2020	2,977	2,639	780	777	NA	NA	42	42	88.7%
2024	3,207	2,700	139	136	1,268	1,264	67	66	84.2%

\* The Number of Same Day Registration Ballots (SDR, column H) does not include the number of SDRs during the early voting period.

**Salem Registered Voter Rolls (data as of October 31, 2024)**

Year	Republican Party			Democratic Party			Minor Parties			Unaffiliated			Totals		
	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Totals
2020	741	61	802	882	38	920	46	4	50	1,312	94	1,406	2,981	197	3,178
2024	874	56	930	850	60	910	45	0	45	1,385	99	1,484	3,154	215	3,369

The voter/voting data was obtained from the CT Secretary of State's website: <https://ctemspubli.c.tgsg.net/#/home>. (data as of: 11/8/2024 12:46:19 PM)

## [2024 ELECTION RESULTS \(continued from p 3\)](#)

### **Salem Registered Voter Rolls (continued)**

From the chart on p 3, it can be seen that in the period from 2020 to 2024, Salem gained 173 more registered active voters. Over the same time period the Republicans gained 133 more active voters, the Democrats lost 32 active voters, there are 73 more unaffiliated active voters, and there is one less minor party active voter. Over the same period of time the Democratic registered active voters vs. Republican registered active voters went from + 144 (**D**) to + 24 (**R**), a swing of 168 registered active voters. Additionally, the Republicans decreased the number of inactive registered voters by 5 while the Democrats increased the number of inactive registered voters by 22.

In Salem in 2020 the Biden/Harris ticket lost to the Trump/Pence ticket by 6 votes. In 2024 the Harris/Walz ticket lost to the Trump/Vance ticket by 82 votes. As a result, the trends from a Democratic perspective are going in the wrong direction.

## [OPINION](#)

### **The Election Results Not All Bad**

First, I want to thank all Salem DTC members for the work you have put into the DTC as well as the work and support you all provided for our Democratic slate of candidates. I also want to thank all those who participated in our democratic process and voted, in particular those who voted for our Democratic slate of candidates. I know the results of the presidential election, were disappointing and not what we had hoped for. However, here in CT there were some good outcomes. Both Senator Chris Murphy and our district's Congressman Joe Courtney, both Democrats, were re-elected. All the other CT Congressmen (all Democrats) were re-elected. On the local Democratic front Democrat State Senator Martha Marx was re-elected defeating Republican Shaun Mastroianni for the 20th CT Senate District seat and Democrat Nick Menapace defeated Republican Holly Cheesman for the 37th district state house seat. Sadly, however, Democrat Rich Knotek was not able to unseat Republican Irene Haines for the 34th district state house seat.

I think we all need to take a breather for a few days so that with clearer minds so that we can analyze these election results, develop a strategy to turn things around, and develop a solid slate of candidates and focus on the upcoming municipal elections. ***We have a lot of work to do to.***

***By: Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC***

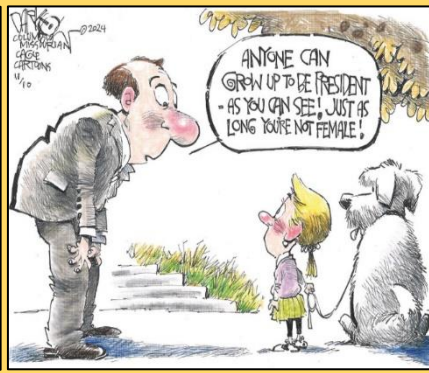
### **This Election's Silver Lining**

While the national news has been devastating, a silver lining is that in CT the Dems have had a gain of several House seats in the State Legislature, and continue to hold a strong majority in the State Senate. At a time when the Republicans in Congress and the administration will be leaving more responsibility to states to solve their own problems, the strong progressive presence in CT's legislature will be important. Dems have a great delegation from New London County, flipping not only Cheeseman's seat but also McCarty's seat from the 38th district, to give it an even stronger voice.

So, we will be well-represented and are in a good position to help guide state policy on issues like housing, climate change. And it is a relief to know that all ten Pro-Choice initiatives in other states had a majority of voters support them. Unfortunately, Florida's initiative did not reach the 60% majority needed to change Florida's constitution, but all the other initiatives supporting women's reproductive rights passed.

Now we will have a real test of our democratic system and its checks and balances. They have not yet folded. Most courts will not want to give up their power to the administration, and most Congressional legislators will not want to cede power to the presidency. The guardrails are still there, although clearly not what they have been.

***By: David Bingham MD***



## THANK YOU BETSY BUTTS

The Salem Democratic Registrar of Voters will be resigning effective March 31, 2025. I along with the members of the Salem DTC wish to thank you, Betsy, for your 20 years of dedicated service the citizens of Salem. You have been a fixture in the Registrar's office working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure Salem's election process was secure and ran smoothly and efficiently. You will be sorely missed. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

Gary Closius – Chairman – Salem DTC

## GUN VIOLENCE – 2024 STATISTICS AND DATA

2024	Mass Shootings	Deaths	Injuries
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1,795</b>
January	36	66	110
February	26	40	107
March	32	35	138
April	37	32	178
May	49	53	208
June	72	57	378
July	63	68	304
August	52	37	211
September	36	40	161
October	29	27	151
November			
December			

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

Shootings By State					
State	# Current Month	# Year To Date	State	# Current Month	# Year To Date
Illinois	0	31	Washington	1	5
Texas	2	28	Arizona	0	3
Pennsylvania	1	27	Colorado	0	3
California	3	26	Connecticut	0	3
Florida	1	26	New Jersey	0	3
Alabama	2	23	Delaware	1	2
Missouri	1	21	Kansas	0	2
Georgia	2	19	Nevada	0	2
Mississippi	2	19	South Dakota	0	2
Ohio	1	17	West Virginia	0	2
Tennessee	2	16	Alaska	0	1
New York	0	15	Hawaii	0	1
North Carolina	1	14	Iowa	0	1
District of Columb	0	13	Maine	0	1
Louisiana	1	13	Nebraska	0	1
Michigan	2	13	New Mexico	0	1
Virginia	0	12	Idaho	0	0
Kentucky	0	11	Montana	0	0
Indiana	1	10	New Hampshire	0	0
Minnesota	0	8	North Dakota	0	0
Wisconsin	0	7	Oregon	0	0
Arkansas	0	6	Rhode Island	0	0
Massachusetts	0	6	Utah	0	0
Oklahoma	2	6	Vermont	0	0
South Carolina	1	6	Wyoming	0	0
Maryland	0	5			

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

Total deaths (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 14,623  
 Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 28,007

\* Data through November 11<sup>th</sup>

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

**AROUND TOWN – October**

★ *The data source – The First Selectman’s October Report was unavailable at the time of publication of the Newsletter.*

• **Tax Collector**

- ★

• **Recreation Commission**

- See p 9 for Recreation Commission events.

• **Emergency Services:**

- **Emergency Preparedness Agency**

- ▶ ★
- ▶ ★

- **Fire Marshal Report**

▶ **Emergency Calls:**

* Fire	★
* EMS Calls	★
* Service Calls	★
* False Alarms	★
* Cancelled Calls	★
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>★</b>

▶ **Call Location:**

* Bozrah	★
* Salem	★
* Colchester	★
* East Haddam	★
* Lyme	★
* Montville	★
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>★</b>

▶ **Total Calls by Station:**

* Station 27 (GLVFC)	★
* Station 21 (SVFC)	★
* Service Calls (Town of Salem)	★
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>★</b>

▶ **Inspections Completed in June:**

\* ★

• **Salem Resident State Trooper & Colchester Troop K**

★

▶ **Calls For Service:**

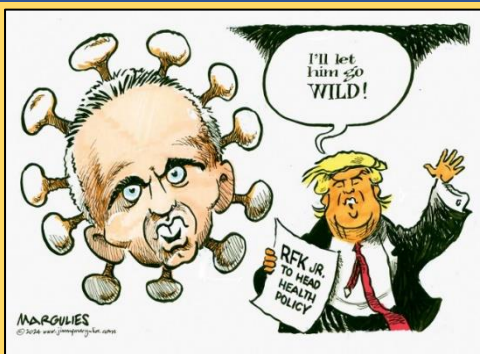
	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
* Accidents	★	★
* Criminal Investigations	★	★
* Burglaries	★	★
* Larcenies	★	★
* Nonreportable Matters	★	★
* Total Arrests	★	★
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>★</b>	<b>★</b>

▶ **Motor Vehicle Enforcement:**

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
* Onsite DUIs	★	★
* Arrests	★	★
* Misdemeanor Summons	★	★
* Infractions	★	★
* Written Warnings	★	★
* Verbal Warnings	★	★
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS</b>	<b>★</b>	<b>★</b>

• **The Salem Free Public Library (SFPL) Director’s Report**

- The SFPL served 1,374 patrons and provided 46 patrons with technical help in September.
- See pp 9-10 for additional library events.



**SALEM DTC – HELP WANTED**

The Salem DTC is looking for Salem Democrats and Unaffiliated voters who are interested in serving the citizens of Salem by either town offices or serving on various Boards or Commissions. Please contact Gary Closius at [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net) or call 860-961-9173 if you are interested in serving.

In addition the Registrar of Voters, early next year we will publish a list of town positions up for municipal election in November 2025.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **SALEM SCHOOL PTO FUNDRAISER EVENT** \* \* \* **NEW ITEM** \* \* \*

**Where:** Mel's Downtown Creamery, Colchester, CT

**When:** Monday, November 18, 2024 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The Salem School PTO is holding a fundraiser at Mel's Downtown Creamery on 32 Norwich Avenue, Colchester. During this time, a portion of each sale will directly benefit the students and educators of the Salem School.

**Mark your calendars and EAT DESSERT FIRST!!** Come down have some ice cream and help the Salem School PTO raise funds for the students and educators.

**PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER**

<i>Meetings in December</i>
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**Library Board of Directors**

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**BOE Policy,**

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Recreation Commission**

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Justice of the Peace Swearing in,**

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Gardner Lake Authority,**

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM

**BOE Long Range Education Planning**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Board of Education**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Board of Selectmen**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Emergency Preparedness Agency,**

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Board of Finance,**

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**BOE Curriculum**

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Economic development Commission,**

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Charter Revision Commission**

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**BOE Personnel/Contract Negotiations**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission (IWCC),**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Charter Revision Commission**

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

To view the Town Public Meeting Calendar, click on: [saalemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16/month/2024-11](http://saalemct.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16/month/2024-11)

**THE SDTC MEETING SCHEDULE****The SDTC 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule**

- **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM,** at the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. Firehouse
- **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, April 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School
- **Wednesday, July 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM,** at the Center School

## **COMMUNITY HELP / ASSISTANCE**

### **211 INFOLINE HELP STARTS HERE**

Call 2-1-1 for your connection to:

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

### **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/).**

### **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](http://tvcca.org) or [facebook.com/TVCCArsvp/](https://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).**

#### **• 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.



## COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

### SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

There are many activities for Salem residents of all ages:

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

#### Open Gym Games for Salem & East Lyme Residents

##### PICKLEBALL



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

#### Ages 18 & Up

##### VOLLEYBALL



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

#### Sign in upon arrival

##### BASKETBALL



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

- **NEXT LEVEL STRONG BASKETBALL**

Each session will focus on age-appropriate skill development in areas of the game such as dribbling, shooting, passing, defense, and rebounding. Next Level Strong is known for high intensity, high energy, and high-level basketball skills training in a positive and fun learning environment! Join them for a great day of basketball instruction!!!

**Fun games-completion-prizes.**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> @ Salem School Gym.**

**9:30 – 12:30AM Grades K-2 Boys & Girls**

**11:00 – 12:30 PM Grades 3-5 Boys & Girls**

**1:00 – 3:30 AM Grades 5-8 Boys & Girls**

**\$10 RESIDENTS – \$15 NON-RESIDENTS**



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

### SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### News & Events

- **MUSEUM PASSES AND DISCOUNTED ADMISSION PASSES:**

The Salem Free Public Library Offers Museum Passes And Discounted Admission Passes to many of the museums in our state, **visit the library, or go to the library website by clicking on:**

[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.

- **BOOKS IN THE AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

**Due to Thanksgiving, our club will be meeting one week earlier than usual – November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM.**

**Percival Everett, James: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**, both harrowing and ferociously, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond. While many narrative set pieces of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn remain in place (floods and storms, stumbling across both unexpected death and unexpected treasure in the myriad stopping points along the river's banks, encountering the scam artists posing as the Duke and Dauphin...), Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light. Brimming with the electrifying humor. (*Oprah Daily*)

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

**COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued from p 9)****SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (continued)**

- **FALL FAMILY STORYTIMES**

**Wednesdays, at 10:30 AM.  
November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Call 860-859-1130 to register  
or come in.**



- **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".**

- **SHINRIN-YOKU:  
THE ART OF FOREST BATHING**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

Join Regan Stacey, founder of the Forest Therapy School, for her presentation on forest bathing at the Salem Free Public Library.



**Shinrin-yoku**, or forest bathing, is the simple method of being calm and quiet amongst the trees, observing nature around you while breathing deeply. The practice can help you to de-stress and boost health and wellbeing.

**Call 860 859-1130 to register for the presentation**

Sponsored by a grant from the  
Eighthmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed.

- **MRS CLAUS**

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM  
Stories, songs and activities!**

**Call 860 859-1130 to  
register for the presentation**

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



- **THE MAGIC OF HERBAL TEA**

**Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM.**

Join Kristy Benson-Amarante of Bitter-Sweet Farms as she discusses the magic of herbs and how to brew up the perfect cup of tea.

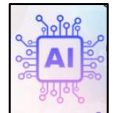


**Call 860 859-1130 to register**  
(Sponsored by the New England Grass Roots Environment Fund)

- **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 101**

**Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM**

**Presented by: Tony Griggs**  
Presentation on the uses of AI, how it came about, what it is today and the future of AI.



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

- **FILL THE BASKET SOCK DRIVE**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>**



The Library will be accepting new socks for all ages. Socks must be in package or have tags attached.



**Drop off at: Salem Free Public Library  
264 Hartford Rd, Salem, CT 06420**

Please place donations in designated basket by wooden table as you enter the library.



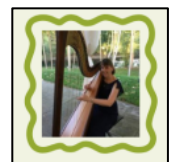
- **HOLIDAY CONCERT**

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM**

Debra Vinick, Harpist.  
Light refreshments will be served.

**Call 860 859-1130 to register**

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

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES****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. For future book sorting and book pick-up and work dates, stay tuned and watch for notifications on Facebook.

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

## **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).

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### **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).

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### **SALEM SCHOOL**

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

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### **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.**

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### **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.**

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### **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](mailto:kayzak@hotmail.com).**

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### **LION'S CLUB**

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

## **SENIOR NEWS**

- **Salem Senior Citizens Group**

The Salem Senior Citizen's Group boasts a current enrolment of over 170 members. Membership has tripled since the beginning of 2022.

**SENIOR NEWS (continued from p 11)**

- **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 Cikatzen (Vice President): [mcikatzen@yahoo.com](mailto:mcikatzen@yahoo.com), or call 860-287-7275.

Use the following link to view our monthly newsletter: [saalemct.gov/salem-senior-citizens/pages/salem-seniors-group-newsletters](http://saalemct.gov/salem-senior-citizens/pages/salem-seniors-group-newsletters) and click on the one you want.

**HOME FIRE PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN – AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Most of us don't realize we have just two minutes to escape a home fire — which is the nation's most frequent disaster.

***On average:***

- ***7 people die every day from a home fire, most impacting children and the elderly***
- ***More than 30 people suffer injuries from home fires every day***
- ***More than \$7 billion in property damage occurs from home fires every year***



**American  
Red Cross**

That's why the American Red Cross and their partners are preparing families to act quickly through their Home Fire Campaign. They have already made a lifesaving difference, achieving their initial goals of installing 2.5 million free smoke alarms and helping to make 1 million households safer in at-risk communities. But home fires remain a daily threat, so the Home Fire Campaign continues across the country.

***During their home visit, at no cost to you, they will share some simple steps you can take that will help you protect your family against fire.*** The visits last about 20 minutes.

**During your home visit the Red Cross will:**

- Install **FREE** smoke detectors if needed,
- Provide guidance in the development of a **Family Disaster Plan**,
- Provide valuable emergency preparedness tips and information,

All demonstrations and installations services are performed by American Red Cross trained volunteers and/or licensed/ insured professionals.

***Schedule an Appointment***

Visit the Red Cross webpage by using the link: <https://www.redcross.org/local/connecticut/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign/home-fire-safety-visit.html> and fill out the form. The American Red Cross will contact you asap. They will do their best to schedule an appointment during your preferred timeframe, but may need to request an alternative time or day if it cannot be accommodated.

**How Do I Get A Copy Of The Newsletter?**

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please send your request along with your e-mail address to:  
Gary Closius: [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net)

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