



# NEWSLETTER

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Please click on the button to the right



## SDTC FUNDRAISERS

The SDTC will be holding several fundraisers in the coming months so check our website ([salemctdems.org](http://salemctdems.org)) and Facebook ([Salem](https://www.facebook.com/Salem)) for information on upcoming fundraisers.

- On **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM** come join us at the Historic Bingham Camp, 490 East Haddam Rd, Salem, to honor of John Houchin Sr.'s memory. Come grab a bite to eat, have a glass or two of wine, write or pick up postcards and, if you wish, make a donation to the Salem DTC in John's memory.

For those that cannot come out and join us but would still like to make a donation please click on the **DONATE** button in the lower left corner of this page or go to our webpage [salemctdems.org](http://salemctdems.org). Suggested donation is \$35 per person.

- The SDTC is holding the first of several planned **Trivia Nights** on **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at the Gardner Lake Fire House, 429 Old Colchester Road, Salem, doors open at 6:30 PM.



**Team Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Canned Fox Farm Beer (12 pack).** Get up to 8 of your friends, form a team and come have some fun.

Suggested donation \$35 per person.

Scan to purchase tickets. ----->



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING SALEM?

### **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

In preparation for the municipal elections in November 2025 the Salem Democratic Town Committee (SDTC) is interested in hearing from anyone interested in running for public office. If you are interested in serving a Salem Board and Commission we want to hear from you as well. We want to build bench strength so when a vacancy on a Board or Commission opens, we would have a candidate or candidates that have expressed interest in serving Salem who we could recommend to the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy in a timely fashion.

If you are interested in running for public office, serving on the PZC, or any other Board or Commission please contact Gary Closius at [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net) or call 880-961-9176.

**In addition to a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission for an Alternate Member, there is a vacancy on the Economic Development Commission.** If you are interested in either of the current Commission openings, please contact Gary Closius at [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net) or call 880-961-9176.

## KAMALA HARRIS – TIM WALZ HEAD THE DEMOCRAT TICKET

**It is not too early to promote the winning ticket for the Presidency. JOYFULL WARRIORS – WE ARE NOT GOING BACK, WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!**

## **REMEMBERING JOHN HOUCHIN SR.**

On July 11<sup>th</sup> John Houchin Sr. lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. Salem lost a good caring and involved citizen, The Lions Club lost a long-standing active member and volunteer, the Salem DTC lost a long-time member and active supporter, and I personally lost a good friend and mentor. John served Salem as Vice Chair of Salem's Economic Development Commission, and was a past member of Salem's Board of Finance. He was a long-standing member in good standing, the current Secretary, and past President of Salem's Lions Club. John was an active member and past Chairman of Salem's DTC. For me John was a great friend, and supporter. When I became Chairman of the DTC, I was a rookie, John mentored me. His guidance and patience with the multitude of questions were invaluable. John was a kind man and I valued his friendship and I will truly miss him, Salem will truly miss him.



## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL?**



### ***GET INVOLVED IN THE PROGRESSIVE TURNOUT PROJECT.***

**Progressive Turnout Project (PTP)** is the largest voter contact organization in the country, specifically dedicated to mobilizing the Democratic Party and defending democracy. PTP's mission is to rally Democrats to vote.

### **TURNOUT WINS ELECTIONS**

The best way to turn out voters is with one-on-one conversations.

Progressive Turnout Project is built around this truth, proven time and time again by researchers — including them. On average, PTP's field work boosts voter turnout by more than 10 percent.

How does that happen? PTP talks to inconsistent voters who are likely Democrats, so they don't need persuading on who to vote for. They just need a nudge, some information, and to hear from a real person. That means every eligible non-voter PTP is able to reach brings Democrats closer to success on Election Day.

### **POSTCARDS TO SWING STATES**

**Help write postcards to voters in 11 key states! PTP will mail you free postcards, voter lists and instructions with proven message options. You'll provide the stamps and mail the postcards to voters in October.**

In 2021-22, PTP volunteers — in all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico — sent 20.7 million handwritten postcards to voters in seven key Senate states and 41 frontline House districts. PTP also delivered more than 135,000 Neighborhood Letters.

Use the following link to sign-up to write post cards:  
[secure.everyaction.com/wWYzSycvi0uyLrKtsMnNXw2](https://secure.everyaction.com/wWYzSycvi0uyLrKtsMnNXw2).



## **OPINION**

### **SALEM RESIDENTS MADE THEIR VOICES HEARD**

#### ***Two of the three resolutions voted down at the Special Town Meeting.***

I, along with I estimate 50 of our town's people, attended the Special Town Meeting called to consider and vote on three resolutions\*:

1. A resolution to revise and modify an Ordinance of the Town of Salem, Connecticut, entitled Emergency Responders' Awards for the Town of Salem, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the guidelines and a range of exemptions for real property taxes for Emergency Responders and to provide for the maximum amount to the statutory level of Connecticut General Statutes §12-81w.
2. A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Salem, Connecticut, providing for the establishment of the Town of Salem Fire and Emergency Services Department pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-301.
3. A resolution to approve the Connecticut Green Bank's Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Agreement and authorize the First Selectman to execute and deliver the C-PACE Agreement.

After a lengthy discussion and question and answer session the resolutions #1 and #2 were overwhelmingly defeated and resolution #3 was overwhelmingly passed by the voters. (I will not be further commenting on resolution 3 in this article.)

**OPINION (continued from p 2)**

For resolutions #1 & #2, the first thing that struck me was, after listening to the questions raised by the public and the answers provided by the BOS, the key stakeholders, namely the two volunteer fire companies, were not involved or consulted in the development of the resolutions. It appeared to me to have been done in a vacuum.

The ordinance forwarded by resolution #1 takes the decision of which emergency responders would qualify for the emergency responders awards away from each volunteer fire company Fire Chief and gives it to the BOS. Further, the criteria to be used on which to base the decision was not included in the resolution. For several years both the Gardner Lake and Salem Volunteer Fire Companies have used an agreed upon set of criteria to be used by the Chiefs to make that decision and they submit the list of emergency responders award recipients to the BOS for approval. The BOS had an opportunity to "fix" it by saying "you are right, this needs to be corrected and we should table this." The BOS could then have redrafted the resolution to include the qualification criteria, put the decision back in the Chief's hands, and bring it back to a town meeting for a vote." Instead, they kept trying to push it. The question was asked "why the criteria were not included and the decision on which emergency responders qualify?" The response from the BOS was "we want the ordinance to be simple so if the CT General Statutes governing this were to change, we wouldn't have to redraft the ordinance and hold an expensive town meeting." I find it difficult to believe in the context of a multi-million-dollar town budget a few hundred dollars to notice and hold a town meeting is that significant. One has to wonder what the real motive might be.

The ordinance forwarded by resolution #2 creates a Salem Fire and Emergency Services Department. The new ordinance aimed at simplifying and consolidating the current fire and emergency services structure would create a Town of Salem Fire and Emergency Services Department with a paid administrative fire chief, after appointment, the paid Salem Firefighters/EMTs and support staff as well as the current fire company Chiefs would report to this new town role. This new organization structure was described as an effort improve the working relationship between the current fire companies. The budgets for both of the current fire companies would be consolidated, the operating policies and procedures and equipment would be standardized, as would be the firefighter training. Several members of the public noted that creating a third fire department would not be simplifying the organizational structure. They also raised the question as to who would be in charge of operations at a fire scene. When asked what it would cost to implement the new department, the BOS responded that it would **not** cost anything, the costs for the staffing the new fire department were included the F/Y 24/25 budget. Several people noted that if the costs for the new fire department are included in the budget, it **is** costing the town money and can be expected to increase every year. Several members of each of the current fire companies indicated they have been working together for years and when firefighters from each company arrive at a fire scene there has never been a problem with coordination or working together. Lastly, creating a new fire department would require a change to the Town's Charter. While there might be some potential improvements derived from the proposed consolidated organization there are other ways to achieve those that does not require creating a new fire department and incurring all the associated costs. One possible way to consolidate the administrative functions would be to create a Fire and Emergency Services Commission (a change to the Town Charter required) staffed by volunteers and the Chief of each of the current fire companies having a seat on the Commission. The Commission would manage the budget much the same way the Board of Education does and submit it to the Board of Finance.

It is clear to me that the development of either of these resolutions and corresponding ordinances were not thoroughly vetted. Furthermore, the major stakeholders (current fire companies and staffs) were not directly involved in the development of either of these resolutions and corresponding ordinances, thus, it is not surprising that resolutions #1 and #2 were voted down.

Perhaps, in addition, the BOS did not expect such a large turnout for the Town Meeting, however it does show that the people of Salem care very much about the services in town, especially those related to emergency and fire safety.

**By: Gary J. Closius – Chairman – Salem Democratic Town Committee, August 4, 2024**

\* A copy of the notice of the Special Town Meeting and the proposed ordinances are available on the Salem Town webpage and can be viewed by clicking on: <https://www.salemct.gov/home/news/rescheduled-notice-special-town-meeting>.

**KAMALA HARRIS – TIM WALZ & JOE COURTNEY LAWN SIGNS AVAILABLE****Kamala Harris – Tim Walz Campaign Lawn Signs:**

Lawn signs will be available around September 1<sup>st</sup> for purchase \$10 each. If you would like to purchase a sign or signs, please contact Gary Closius at: e-mail: [gclosius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gclosius@sbcglobal.net), or call (860) 961-9173.

**Joe Courtney Campaign Lawn Signs:**

If you would like a sign or signs click on the link below: (free)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck4RraUvvNcnB6hjWJsqvs4aVM3rpJSnPPMIHLBOUJbOfZQ/viewform>.

## LOCAL DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE FUNDRAISERS

### • LOCAL DTCS ARE HOSTING A FUNDRAISER TO RE-ELECT SENATOR CHRIS MURPHY

On **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM**, the DTCs of Clinton, Deep River, East Lyme, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem, and Westbrook will hold a fund-raising reception in Lyme to **re-elect Senator Chris Murphy this November**.

Tickets to the reception are available by clicking on the link below.

The reception is being hosted by Lyndon Haviland, Tom Neff, Penny Smyth, Paul Smyth, John Kiker, Daniel Hulseberg and the nine area DTCs listed above.

**(The address of the reception will be provided to participants when they RSVP or contribute through the following link <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/7.14lymefocm>.)**



### • EAST LYME DTC FUNDRAISER

**Drag Yourself To Brunch** FUNdraiser: **August 17, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM**. Join members of the East Lyme DTC at Ocean Beach for brunch and the Niantic premiere of Boston entertainer **Patty Bourée**.

#### TO BUY TICKETS:

Click on the following link: <https://secure.anedot.com/eldtc/donate> for the ELDTDC DONATION page (or access via the home page red bar at bottom) and **Donate \$55 for a General Admission Ticket** or \$100 for **Preferred Seating** (includes a drink ticket, raffle, & goody bag)

**BE SURE to SELECT "SPECIAL EVENT ADMISSION"** and then look for a next-day confirmation email with added details.

**ADMISSION** includes brunch & singing diva comedy hour.

**Buy your tickets TODAY— Last year's event was a SELL OUT!**

Checks are welcome & save processing fees but must be accompanied by donor form. Email [eastlymedtc@gmail.com](mailto:eastlymedtc@gmail.com) for drop off/pick up.

**Doors open at 11:30 AM, program begins at 1:00 PM.** Proceeds support the municipal Democratic slate with a portion to be donated to East Lyme Public Schools' GSA Clubs.



## SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT BLOOD DRIVE

The Salem Volunteer Fire Dept will hold the next blood drive on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM** at the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. firehouse at 424 Hartford Road, Salem, CT.

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

## AROUND TOWN – AUGUST

### • Emergency Services:

#### - Emergency Preparedness Agency\*

- This year's hurricane season is forecasted to be significant. AccuWeather meteorologists are forecasting 20-25 named storms across the Atlantic basin in 2024, including 8-12 hurricanes, four to seven major hurricanes and four to six direct U.S. impacts.\*\*
- Participated in the Governor's 2024 Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Drill to assist in identifying vulnerabilities and risks.

#### - Fire Marshal Report\*

##### ▸ Emergency Calls:

* HAZMAT Calls	2
* EMS Calls	50***
* Service Calls	3
* False Alarms	12
* Cancelled Calls	<u>15</u>
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>82</b>

##### ▸ Call Location:

* Bozrah	10
* Salem	46
* Colchester	19
* East Haddam	4
* Lyme	1
* Montville	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>82</b>



**AROUND TOWN – AUGUST (continued from p 4)**

• **Emergency Services: (continued)**

- **Fire Marshal Report\* (continued)**

▸ **Total Calls by Station:**

* Station 27 (GLVFC)	43
* Station 22 (SVFC)	18
* Service Calls (Town of Salem)	<u>21</u>
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>82</b>

▸ **Inspections completed in June:**

- \* Fox Farm Brewery,
- \* Quality Daycare.

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

During the month of July, the Salem Resident Trooper as well as Troop K responded to 240 calls for service in the Town of Salem. Of these call for service, the most notable are:

▸ **Calls For Service:**

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
* Accidents	7	37
* Criminal Investigations	8	37
* Burglaries	0	1
* Larcenies	2	5
* Nonreportable Matters	177	761
* Total Arrests	<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1,259</b>

▸ **Motor Vehicle Enforcement:**

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
* Onsite DUIs	0	5
* Arrests	1	2
* Misdemeanor Summons	0	3
* Infractions	36	147
* Written Warnings	6	217
* Verbal Warnings	<u>7</u>	<u>52</u>
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>364</b>

• **Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC)**

- The PZC drafted an amendment to Salem's Zoning Regulations prohibiting Cannabis Establishments (as defined in the CT General Statutes) in Salem. On August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Salem Town Hall the PZC will hold a public hearing to consider the amendment to Salem's Zoning Regulations prohibiting Cannabis Establishments.

• **Tax Collector\***

- We ended F/Y 2023/2024 at 99.29% collected.
- For the first 5 weeks of F/Y 2024/2025 collections are at 53.83%.

• **Recreation Commission**

- See pp 8 & 9 for Recreation Commission events.

**FARMERS MARKETS**

• **COLCHESTER FARMERS MARKET**

Colchester Farmers Market open on **Sundays starting on June 19<sup>th</sup> thru October 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Located on the Colchester Green at 97 Hayward Avenue.

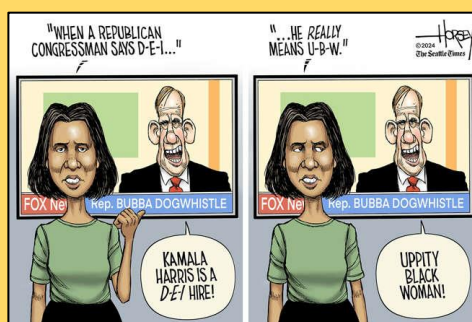


• **BOZRAH FARMERS MARKET**

**Bozrah Farmers Market open Fridays starting on July 12<sup>th</sup> thru October from 4PM – 7 PM.**

**Located at 45 Bozrah St., Bozrah.**

For more information click on: [bozrahfarmersmarket.org/](http://bozrahfarmersmarket.org/).



## 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
June	72	57	378
July	63	68	304

\* Data current through July 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

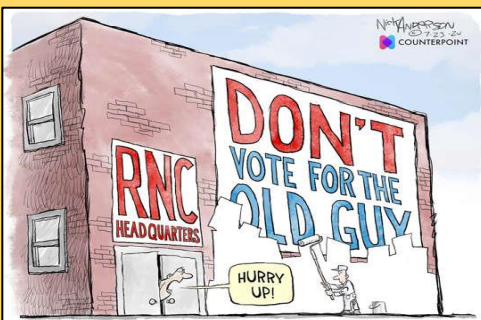
Shootings By State					
State	# Current Month	# Year To Date	State	# Current Month	# Year To Date
Florida	3	23	Maryland	0	4
Illinois	6	23	Minnesota	1	5
Pennsylvania	4	20	South Carolina	1	4
Texas	4	20	Arizona	0	2
California	4	19	Connecticut	1	3
Alabama	2	16	Massachusetts	2	4
Missouri	4	17	Nevada	0	2
Georgia	2	12	New Jersey	0	2
Louisiana	1	11	Oklahoma	0	2
Mississippi	4	14	Wisconsin	3	5
Ohio	2	12	Alaska	0	1
Michigan	2	11	Colorado	0	1
Tennessee	1	10	Iowa	0	1
Virginia	0	9	Nebraska	0	1
District of Columbia	2	10	New Mexico	0	1
New York	3	11	South Dakota	0	1
North Carolina	2	10	West Virginia	0	1
Arkansas	0	6	Kansas	2	2
Indiana	3	9	Maine	1	1
Kentucky	2	8	Washington	1	1

<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\* 10,123**

**Total injuries (all causes) in the U.S. due to gun violence\* 19,523**

\* Data through August 4<sup>th</sup>



## THE SDTC MEETING SCHEDULE

### The SDTC 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

- **Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**, at the Center School
- **Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**, at the Center School
- **Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM**, at the Center School
- **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

## **COMMUNITY HELP / ASSISTANCE**

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



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

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

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



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

Visit our website 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.

### **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   |                      |



## **PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS FOR AUGUST**

- **Board of Board of Education Personnel/Contract Negotiations**  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 PM
- **Charter Revision Commission**  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission,**  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Board of Selectmen,**  
August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Board of Finance,**  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Library Board of Directors**  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM
- **Emergency Preparedness Agency,**  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Planning & Zoning Commission**  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Charter Revision Commission**  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Gardner Lake Authority**  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Board of Education Long Range Education Planning**  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM
- **BOE Personnel/Contract Negotiations**  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM
- **Board of Education**  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Recreation Commission**  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- **Salem Green Cemetery Association**  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM
- **Economic Development Commission**  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM
- **Board of Education Policy**  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 PM
- **Board of Education Curriculum**  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM
- **Planning and Zoning Commission,**  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM

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



## **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**

### **SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

#### **News & Events**

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

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

**August 29<sup>th</sup>:** David Frazier, ***Cold Mountain***. [Fiction] Cold Mountain is a novel about a soldier's perilous journey back to his beloved near the Civil War's end. At once a love story & a harrowing account of one man's long walk home, Cold Mountain introduces a new talent in American literature. Based on local history & family stories passed down by Frazier's great-great-grandfather, Cold Mountain is the tale of a wounded Confederate soldier, Inman, who walks away from the ravages of the war & back home to his prewar sweetheart, Ada. His odyssey thru the devastated landscape of the soon-to-be-defeated South interweaves with Ada's struggle to revive her father's farm, with the help of an intrepid young drifter named Ruby. As their long-separated lives begin to converge at the close of the war, Inman & Ada confront the vastly transformed world they've been delivered. Frazier reveals insight into human relations with the land & the dangers of solitude. He also shares with the great 19<sup>th</sup> century novelists a keen observation of a society undergoing change. Cold Mountain recreates a world gone by that speaks to our time. (Good Reads)



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

**SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** (continued)

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

• **LUNCH BUNCH SUMMER STORYTIME**

**Wednesdays @ 11:30 AM,  
July 17<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Bring a blanket & a picnic lunch & listen to some great books read by a librarian on the Library's front lawn.

(in case of bad weather, we will meet in the Meeting Room)



• **ARIEL: THE LITTLE MERMAID**

**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**

Presented by: Rochelle Weinrauch of *Simply Enchanted*.

Interactive stories & songs with time for photos after the performance.

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

**Limited to 40 participants.**

(Sponsored by *The Carole Eckhart Summer Reading Fund*)



• **THE SWEET HISTORY OF HONEY & HONEY TASTING**

**Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Presented by: Catherine Wolko of the Bee Honey Co. LLC.



Learn the history of the honey harvest, beekeeping, hives of past & present, composition of honey, & enjoy tasting of 5 varieties of honey!



**Limited to 40 adults, call 860-859-1130 to register.**  
(Sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library)

• **FRIENDS OF THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE**

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>,**  
230 Hartford Road, Salem



• **SQUIRRELS & CHIPMUNKS**

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM**

Presented by Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist with the CT DEEP.

**Call 860 859-1130 to register**

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



**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.

• **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.



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**SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT (continued)**

● **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.**



● **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).**

● **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)

**Register: [salemct.gov/recreation/onlineregform](http://salemct.gov/recreation/onlineregform).**

● **SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT**



The volleyball court is open and ready for play.

Located at the Salem Community Park Pavilion 89 Norwich Road/Rt. 82.

● **SALEM SUMMER CONCERTS – AT THE SALEM IN COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION**



- Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 PM

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

**CONNECTICUT FAIR CALENDAR**

**AUGUST**

- 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Bridgewater Country Fair
- 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Hamburg Fair
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Milford Oyster Festival
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Brooklyn Fair
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: Plainville Fire Company Hot Air Balloon Festival
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Chester Fair
- 23<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Terryville Lions Club Fair
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Naugatuck Food Truck Festival
- 30<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>: Haddam Neck Fair
- 30<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>: Woodstock Fair
- 31-1<sup>st</sup>: Corn Maze & Cider Donut Festival
- 31-2<sup>nd</sup>: Goshen Fair

**SEPTEMBER**

- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Hebron Harvest Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: North Haven Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Wapping Fair
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Bethlehem Fair
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: East Haven Fall Festival
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Norwalk Oyster Festival
- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival

**SEPTEMBER (continued)**

- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Saint Peter's Grace Apple Festival
- 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: Four Town Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: Berlin Lions Agricultural Fair
- 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>: Milford Irish Festival
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Trumbull Arts Festival
- 20-22<sup>nd</sup>: Guilford Fair
- 20-22<sup>nd</sup>: Newtown Arts Festival
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Niantic Bay Oyster Festival
- 21-22<sup>nd</sup>: Olde Mistick Village Garlic Festival
- 21-22<sup>nd</sup>: Orange County Fair
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Seymour Pumpkin Festival
- 26-29: Durham Fair
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Bark & Brewfest

**OCTOBER**

- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: Harwinton Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: Portland Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: Southington Apple Harvest Festival
- 5<sup>th</sup>: South Windsor Apple Fest
- 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: Milford Pumpkin Festival
- 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: Riverton Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: Bruce Museum Outdoor Arts Festival

## **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 to 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.**

### **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. **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).**



## 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.

## ON THIS DAY IN AUGUST

**August 3, 1492** – Christopher Columbus set sail with three ships, the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria.

**August 6, 1945** – The first atomic bomb was dropped over the center of Japanese city of Hiroshima.

**August 6, 1965** – President Lyndon B. Johnson Passed the Voting Rights Act Passed whose purpose was to ensure that black people could vote.

**August 11, 1841** – Escaped slave Frederick Douglass Gives his first anti-slavery speech to the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society.

**August 1933** – A published story documented George Spicer's account of sighting the Loch Ness Monster.

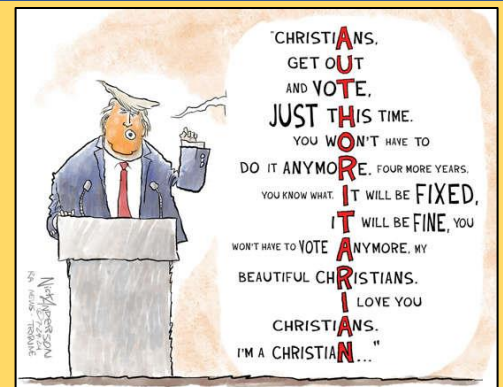
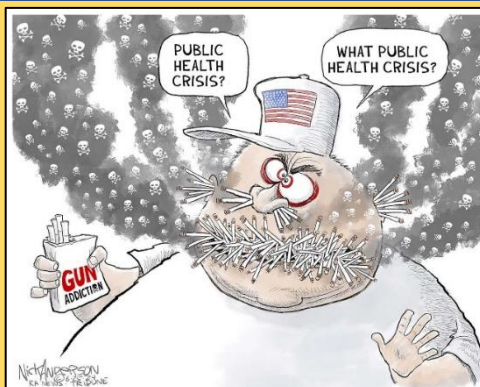
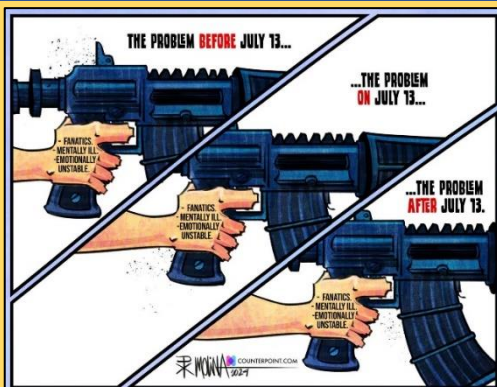
**August 16, 1896** – The discovered gold in Rabbit Creek Alaska sparked the start of the Great Klondike Gold Rush.

**August 17, 1978** – The first hot air balloon trip across the Atlantic Ocean began on this day in 1978.

**August 18, 1920** – The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution came into effect on this day in 1920 giving women the Right to Vote in the US.

**August 21, 1959** – President Dwight D. Eisenhower made Hawaii the 50th state in the union.

**August 24, 79 A.D.** – Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D., destroying the Italian city of Pompeii.



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