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**White or color paper**  
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**Aluminum foil**  
**Aluminum pots and pans**  
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**Plastic soda bottles**  
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**The next deadline is October 1.**

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# News and Notes from . . . **OUR TOWN**

*Read about what's new in Salem and learn how to become more involved in shaping the town's future*

## *From the Office of the First Selectman*

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

I hope you all have been enjoying your summer with a host of activities. It's nice to have the long days for gardening, recreation and especially to unwind, sit back and enjoy the company of our family and friends.



**Let's review what has been going on in our town:**

### New Building Committee

The new building committee is established and making progress on assessing the needs of the school. They will be bringing a less costly plan for repairs and renovation to the Board of Selectmen in October.

### Sidewalk is Endorsed

Thanks to the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments. They realized that a sidewalk between our school and new library is a necessary safety upgrade. They have endorsed our plan enabling 80% of the cost to be paid for by a grant. Thank you again SCCOG.

### Solar Anyone?

With the help of a municipal program from DCS Solar, we will soon have photovoltaic solar systems on many of our town buildings. There is no cost to the town. DCS depreciates the systems and enjoys the tax credits. We keep the electricity generated by the systems. We are expecting a savings of approximately \$8,000.00 in our electric bills per year.

### FEMA Road Assessment

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has assessed the damage to our roads and infrastructure from the flooding in March. They will be reimbursing the town 75% of these costs. We are expecting approximately \$50,000.00 from FEMA.

### Budget Savings!

Due to the many cost saving initiatives we now have in place, we were able to return \$130,000.00 to the town of Salem from our 2009-2010 budget year. This was no small task in such a tight budget year. I want to thank every department for looking at ways to increase efficiencies and drive down costs for our residents.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I hope to see you at one of the fundraiser Turkey Dinners put on by our fire companies.

I want to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talents to make our town of Salem a better place in which to live.

I am honored to be your First Selectman.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lyden

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## *From the Desk of the Town Clerk*

By Pat Crisanti

Could we become the town of the next casino? This excerpt from The History of New London County, Connecticut explains Salem's connection to the Mohegans.

"In 1699, Colchester was bought by one Nathaniel Foote, who acted as agent in behalf of a company of purchasers. If we may believe the subsequent petitions of the Mohegans, this purchase was effected in a manner by no means honest, Owaneco being under the influence of liquor at the time, and the only consideration given by the said Foote being some five or six shillings. The settlers, however, may have acted on the ground that the Mohegan country was already justly the property of the colony. This purchase took in nearly all of what were called the "Mohegan Hunting-Grounds," and the town grant was enlarged soon after, so as to comprehend them entirely; but this last act, it is probable, was not intended to extinguish the Indian right.

A quarrel arose, doubtless on account of these transactions, between the Mohegans and the settlers of Colchester, and each inflicted petty insults and injuries upon the other. Daniel Mason took the part of the Indians, and so excited the wrath of the townsmen that as he was riding through Colchester one day some of them threatened to shoot his horse under him.

But the dissatisfaction of the Mohegans still continued respecting the territory which they had lost in Colchester. They acknowledged, indeed, that this land had been purchased, but they asserted that the manner of the purchase was illegal and its terms unfair, -- illegal, because made without the consent of Mason, their overseer; unfair, because Owaneco was intoxicated at the time, and because the price bore no proportion to the value of the property. History informs us that Nicholas Hallam, a strong friend of the Mohegans, drew up a petition enumerating all their wrongs and presented it to Queen Anne. A commission was issued July 29, 1704, for the trial of the case, and twelve commissioners were

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appointed, at the head of whom was Joseph Dudley, Governor of Massachusetts. Dudley was in private life an estimable man, a lawyer, a scholar, a gentleman, and a Christian. He was, however, stigmatized as the tool of Sir Edmund Andros, and was long regarded as the bitter enemy of the colony of Connecticut.

The commissioners were empowered to restore the Mohegans their lands if it appeared they had been unjustly taken away; yet their decision was not irrevocable, an appeal might be had to the crown.

The court was appointed at Stonington. The commissioners met, and the Governor and company of Connecticut, with all persons holding lands claimed by the Mohegans, were summoned to appear.

In reply the government of the colony appointed a committee with the following instructions: If the court was simply to act as a court of inquiry, they were to defend the cause of the colony, and show the unreasonableness of the Mohegan claims; if the design of the court appeared to be to decide definitely upon the case, they were to enter a protest and withdraw. They, of course, protested, and their protest was founded on the assertion that the crown had no right to issue such a commission, it being contrary to the statute of Charles I. and to the charter of Connecticut.

All subjects of the colony were likewise forbidden to present themselves before the court, or in any other manner to acknowledge its authority.

Thus no defendants appeared to support their case. It was not claimed, however, that the Mohegans ought to possess all this territory, but only that portion which they had remaining to them when the last treaty was made in 1680 between Uncas and the colony. The commissioners went over the circumstances by which, in a space of twenty-two years, the Mohegans had been deprived of land measuring, as they said, more than forty square miles, almost without receiving any compensation at all. This land referred to covers the whole of Colchester, a portion of Salem, Lyme, and Montville.

They referred also to an enactment of the colony by which Daniel Mason was acknowledged as trustee of the Indian lands, and pointed out the number of grants which had been made of those lands, some by Owaneco, some by the colony, without the concurrence of Mason.

The decision was then pronounced that the Governor and company of Connecticut should replace the Mohegans in possession of all the lands which they held at the death of Uncas.

These consisted of three tracts, two of which embraced nearly all of the town of Salem, one of them eighteen square on the

northern bounds of Lyme, since incorporated a portion thereof of this town, and the other comprising the whole township of Colchester. A bill of costs was filed against the colony of L573 12s. Sd. Owaneco and Ben Uncas thanked the commissioners for their decision, expressed their complete satisfaction with it, and begged that their acknowledgments might be sent to the queen for her kind care of the Mohegans.

Owaneco next requested that, as Samuel Mason who had acted as their guardian, was lately deceased, his nephew, John Mason, of Stonington, might be appointed in his place. John Mason was accordingly appointed guardian to Owaneco and his people, with authority to manage all their affairs.”



Captain John Mason



Uncas, Sachem of the Mohegan Tribe

(From the History of New London County, Connecticut, Page 605  
Pictures downloaded from the Web)



# Budget Ensures Short-Term Stability and Fosters Long-Term Growth

By Sen. Andrea L. Stillman, 20th District



When the gavel came down to adjourn this year’s legislative session it signaled an accomplishment unforeseen only weeks beforehand. Our session ended with an adjusted state budget in place for the fiscal year just underway despite a tumultuous economy and increasingly caustic partisan rhetoric.

To be sure, no one is using the word ‘perfect’ to describe this budget; to be sure, no budget ever wins such high praise. However, given its turbulent, 18-month journey, this budget represents a pinnacle of the attainable, knowing how legislative leaders and Governor Rell began the process separated literally by billions of dollars and figuratively by a world of ideology.

To address grossly disparate deficit projections in 2009 the legislature overrode a gubernatorial veto and enacted a new law requiring consensus forecasting. Then, after yet another veto last year, of a bill to raise the state income tax on the wealthiest residents, the legislature worked to enact the governor’s insistence we borrow – up to \$1.3 billion – to overcome revenue that would’ve otherwise been realized.

The result is an agreement with the governor for next year that requires no tax increases, yet preserves all budgeted state aid for cities and towns, and maintains essential programs for healthcare and human services. The state kept its commitment to public education with vitally important grants; the budget also includes innovative jobs creation initiatives to help reverse the effects of this economic downturn.

We also capitalized on a brightening revenue picture to reduce the amount of borrowing the governor wanted by about \$300 million. Furthermore, the cost of that reduced borrowing will

be less thanks to dramatic bond cancellations the legislature approved.

Beyond the nuts and bolts of the balanced budget, its enactment sends a strong signal that a majority of legislators and the governor will not succumb to calls to dismantle Connecticut and shut it down to try and save it. Instead, we voted to remain open 24/7 with programs residents depend upon, and with investments to protect and provide for our future.

There’s just no question the on-time adjustment for this year is ‘Exhibit A’ for banks, financial institutions, investors, other business interests, and all Connecticut residents to see that our state is stable for the short-term, with a revenue-and-spending plan to shore up the state’s economic foundation and set the stage for long-term economic growth.

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To update another priority of mine this session, three laws were enacted to address and reform the state’s formal response to cases of domestic violence. These crimes, often with tragic outcomes, are attributed to factors like financial instability, substance abuse, and mental health issues, so the bills are comparably broad-based.

The key provision of one law ensures the timely release of dedicated revenue for shelters and safe houses available to victims of abuse and assault. An existing marriage license surcharge underwrites these shelter operations, now we can be sure collected funds will be distributed as intended. Another law makes it easier for renters to terminate a lease if they are victims of domestic violence. It also requires the state to begin a public service campaign about domestic violence symptoms and the availability of services for victims.

A third law addresses some concerns in terms of law enforcement and judicial proceedings. It strengthens interstate standards and reciprocity regarding protective and restraining orders and works to improve electronic monitoring of known offenders. It is gratifying to know these initiatives are now state law.

Andrea Stillman represents the 20th Senatorial District, which includes New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem and Montville.

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## *New Legislation Helps Put Connecticut Residents Back to Work*



*By State Rep. Ed Jutila, 37th District*

In a challenging legislative session focused on budget deficit mitigation that ended on May 5th, one bright spot that emerged is the job creation bill that grew out of House Majority Leader Denise Merrill's Job Growth Roundtable. The purpose of House Bill 5435 is to put our state on the path to economic recovery by providing assistance and incentives to businesses, especially small businesses, to expand and create new, high quality jobs.

The bill, recently signed into law by Governor Rell, will promote job growth by making available, among other things:

*Up to \$500,000 in loans and lines of credit for small businesses and nonprofits*

*Student loan reimbursement and training grants for education and careers in green technology, life sciences and health information technology*

*Personal income tax credits for investments in new and emerging technologies*

*Sales tax exemptions for machinery, supplies and fuel used in renewable energy industries*

*Tax credits and a cap on insurance premiums for small businesses that create new jobs*

*Up to \$150,000 in pre-seed financing and technical services to businesses that develop innovative new concepts*

In addition to these key initiatives, the bill also establishes a Community-Technical College advisory board to assess the training needs of unemployed residents. It also creates a very important task force to boost government efficiency and eliminate waste.

At the same time, the student loan forgiveness program will help to stem the brain drain by making it more attractive for our college graduates to remain in our state. Students who obtain two or four-year degrees, and meet certain requirements, can qualify for up to \$10,000 in loan forgiveness when they become employed in designated fields. This will also help to turn us away from our dependence on oil and toward renewable energy sources.

Connecticut has lost over 100,000 jobs since the start of the severe economic recession in 2008. I believe this legislation will be a tremendous catalyst, igniting new job creation and getting our economy going again.

It is often said that crisis breeds opportunity. The Connecticut General Assembly responded to the worst worldwide economic downturn since the Great Depression by crafting legislation that will put people back to work and get our state moving forward once again.

*Ed Jutila represents the 37th Assembly District, which includes Salem and East Lyme.*

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## **AN ENTHUSIASTIC START TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

*By Donna P. Leake, Superintendent of Schools*

All members of the Salem learning community are looking forward to the unfolding of another educationally enriching and stimulating school year. Although our students left us in June to enjoy their summer break before returning again in August, other members of the Salem school community used the months of July and August to prepare for the year ahead. Teachers, although technically "on vacation," spent time arranging their classrooms, writing curriculum documents, meeting with their grade level colleagues or attending professional development meetings.

The administrative team spent the summer months fine tuning the schedules for students and staff that will allow us to maximize the time we have together with our students once the school year begins. The administrative team also spent time working in collaboration with the teaching staff to develop professional development opportunities that provide the support needed to introduce and/or continue high quality educational programs for our students.

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The central office team and the school secretarial staff were kept busy updating student records and handbooks, ordering materials, and responding to staff or parent questions or concerns that arose during the summer months. The technical support staff updated and refurbished our technology equipment and supplies. The Salem custodial team and the town public works employees worked together to make sure that the school and grounds were in “just right” condition for return of the teaching staff on August 25th and 26th for the beginning of year orientation and professional development activities, and the students return on August 30th, full of excited anticipation about beginning another new learning year of learning.



Thanks to community support of the Salem School and Town budgets at the referendum in May, we have the necessary funding to provide programs of excellence for students in all areas. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the school administrators and members of their respective teaching staffs, students will be provided with learning opportunities that are educationally motivating and carefully aligned with their learning needs. Spanish and French will be offered to students beginning in the elementary grades. The Strings program, which has grown through the years, will now include middle school students. Our students will be introduced to new fitness and safety units as part of the health and physical education programs. Thanks to the efforts of our district curriculum writing teams, with district administrative support, the science and mathematics materials have been updated to make it easier for teachers to provide and for students to engage in high level problem solving activities. Our language arts and social studies programs will provide students with opportunities to develop their reading, writing and research skills by exposing them to a wide variety of resource materials, including many primary source documents. Although our

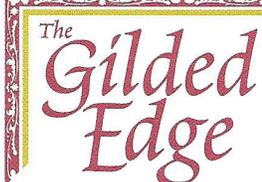
demand for technology exceeds our supply, through careful scheduling of available technology, we will continue to incorporate the use of technology into all subject areas. And again, thanks to the generosity of the town in the approval of the capital budget, we now have a more stable and expansive server infrastructure.

In addition to the daytime programming, as a result of the outreach efforts of our school principals to foster the growth of partnerships with community organizations, such as Salem Recreation and the nearby YMCA, we have added many opportunities for students to participate in enriching after hours programs.

As you may have guessed, we are very enthusiastic about beginning the new school year. We are even more excited about a sharing what we believe will be an exciting year of learning with the families and the community members of Salem. In addition to the traditional events such as Open House and Grandparent’s Day, Salem families will be receiving invitations to participate in several new Family Fun and Learning events. We will also continue to provide Salem Seniors and the Salem students opportunities to share meaningful events and make memories together. Community members, who may not have had recent opportunities to visit Salem School, will be invited to participate in Open School programs designed especially for them. Perhaps these visits can provide the answers to questions such as: “What is a SmartBoard and why do we need them?” and “Do young children really need to learn other languages, when they are still trying to learn English?”

Enjoy the remaining days of August. I hope that all of you take advantage of at the opportunities that will become available throughout the year to become involved in and catch the Salem Spirit.

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## INLAND WETLANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Diba Khan-Bureau

On June 5th I sat with our Inland Wetland Conservation Commission (IWCC) officer, Mary Ann Chinatti, and IWCC commission and Educational outreach committee member, Linda Wildrick. We were in segment 2 of the wetland commissioners training program when we discussed the need for a simplified definition section for the inland wetland conservation educational outreach to be published in Our Town - Salem. We thought it would be beneficial for definitions to be provided here although the Salem Web site (below) has this information as well.

### What is a regulated area?

ANSWER: Regulated areas are wetlands or watercourses defined as such by a soil scientist. All wetlands and watercourses in the town of Salem fall under the jurisdiction of the Salem Inland Wetland Conservation Commission.

### What is a wetland?

ANSWER: "Submerged lands" means those lands which are inundated by water on a seasonal or more frequent basis. A wetland and watercourse can be intermittent which means that they may be wet or flowing seasonally and not continually.

### What is a watercourse?

ANSWER: "Watercourses" means rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs, and all other bodies of water, natural or artificial, vernal or intermittent,

public or private, which are contained within, flow through or border upon the town. To see the full version go to the Salem Web site included at the end of this article.

### What is a vernal pool or pond?

ANSWER: Vernal means spring time. A vernal pool can be a pool or pond that dries up every year or even intermittently every couple years depending on several factors, particularly precipitation amounts. The drying cycle normally occurs during the growing season in the summer months when the trees are uptaking water. The pools then fill back up in the spring (or sooner). Vernal pools are important habitat for frogs, salamanders, turtles, and many other organisms.

### What is a riparian zone?

ANSWER: It is the interface between land and the river. The riparian zone is a very important ecosystem for fauna and flora. Plants and other organisms and animals are typically distinctly different from other communities because of the richness of the soils. The riparian zone makes an important habitat for wildlife and provides important ecosystem services.

These are just a few definitions of words or phrases that are associated with the IWCC. For more information regarding the Inland Wetland Conservation Commission or information pertaining to the definitions above, please go to the Salem town Web site at:

[http://www.salemct.gov/Pages/SalemCT\\_BComm/inland](http://www.salemct.gov/Pages/SalemCT_BComm/inland)

The next article will have several more definitions for your convenience.

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# SALEM MULTI PURPOSE PATH

By Sue Spang



If you haven't been to the Salem Multi Purpose Path you are in for a big surprise. The Salem Public Works crew has done a great job constructing the beginning of the path, parking lot, picnic area, and two crossings. The completed part of the path is 10 feet wide and has a finished surface. We are very pleased the path and its surface held up to the flooding and rain of late March.

In late spring Public Works installed a fence around the parking lot, leveled off the site for a picnic area, and installed a message board. Two picnic tables will be placed at the site as soon as they arrive. All of the construction of the path and picnic area is at the trail head on Music Vale Road, near Route 85.

We hope residents will come down and see what has been accomplished so far. The Path Committee is very proud of what has been done and we are looking forward to the next phase. We are working with engineers to come up with a plan to cross Harris Brook, enabling the trail to connect from Music Vale to the Round Hill Road Recreation Complex. All of the work done so far and work in progress was accomplished with grants from the State.

If you would like more information on the path please feel free to email us at: [salempath@snet.net](mailto:salempath@snet.net)

## SALEM RECREATION

By Diane Weston

The summer has been very active with the programs from the Salem Recreation Commission!

Camps have run for music lessons with Chris Hebert, Mad Science, tennis and Multi-sports. We have had success with the programs, and everyone had a great time!

Mark your calendars: October 16, 2010! We will be holding another "Day on Your Own" New York City bus trip. These have been very popular; please reserve your seat early to secure your spot. Spend the day doing what you please! Pick up will be a Salem School at 7:30 a.m. The bus will leave New York at 7:00 p.m.

We are pleased to announce the Commission will be working with Salem School to hold after school programs for grades 5 through 8. Please contact us if you have any interest in teaching an after school program.

Please check our Web site [www.salemct.gov](http://www.salemct.gov) for updates to the programs. You can also sign up to receive email "blasts" as we add new programs.

The Commission would like to thank Ann Duncan of the Salem Herb Farm for her help with the window boxes at Town Hall. They are a lovely addition to the building.

Ron and Bev Baker have been hard at work in the gardens at the ball fields. Ron is working on his Master Gardener certification and did his community service for the town. Salem is lucky to have Ron as a resident; many thanks to him for picking this project.

We'd also like to give a special "thank you" to the Public Works department for all of the hard work keeping the Salem Recreation playing fields and playground areas beautiful! It is because of them Salem residents can enjoy the great facilities we offer.

Contact Diane Weston at 8560-859-3873x215 or email [Diane.Weston@salemct.gov](mailto:Diane.Weston@salemct.gov) for more information.

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*Residents share their stories in columns related to various aspects of Salem life*

## SALEM VALLEY FARMS ICE CREAM CONTINUES AS A LOCAL LANDMARK

Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream Company, in the red barn that has enjoyed landmark status across the region for over twenty years, is currently owned by the husband and wife team of Joe and Jane Scacciaferro. Aided by a dairy devotee who creates the good stuff on premises and a large staff of local students, the Scacciaferros sell several thousand scoops of ice cream on their busiest weekends. Here, Jane relates various aspects of their success story.

### *On Life Before Ice Cream:*

“Before buying the ice cream store, I had a career of over 20 years in the tire business ending with almost 13 years working for Bridgestone/Firestone tire company. I left to start a family in 2001. My husband, Joe, was in the tire business (where we met), did construction, and then from 1993 through 2002 we opened and operated Grumpy Joe’s Restaurant and Bar in Oakdale.

We sold Grumpy Joe’s in 2002, and after Joe worked at NFA for a couple years, we decided we wanted to own our own business again. Joe looked at all sorts of businesses, and then we found the “Barn” for sale. Negotiations went quickly. We started talking with the Bingham family in April 2005, and opened for our first day on June 5, 2005.”

### *On Taking Over a Salem Tradition:*

“Having recently sold Grumpy Joe’s, and seeing the decline in business from the new owner making some changes, we knew not to change much [when taking over the business]. We added a bunch of picnic tables, a few flavors, that’s about it. Since then, we’ve just maintained what was already a wonderful little business, making only positive changes like expanding hours or flavors.”

### *On the Work Environment:*

“We employ 20+ kids each season. Ideally, we like to get them in as 16 or 17-year olds, and keep them through their first couple years of college. Although it varies, 3-6 years is the average for most of our crew. The trend of where our kids come from has transitioned several times. When we took over, most kids were from East Lyme High School, then a lot were from Bacon Academy. Now we have a bunch from Hale-Ray in East Haddam, too. The crew likes to recommend their friends, and it just works out nicely for everyone when they know each other and get along. Even with the mix of three schools, the ‘Barn’ is like a big family.”

### *On the Most Fulfilling Aspects of Business:*

“The smiles! I just love making people happy, and almost everyone always is. Kids bounce up and down with excitement at the window, and it just makes our day. Adults can get so excited, too, when they see all the flavor choices. Even the dogs know we make pup-cups, and many owners tell us their dogs go crazy just driving into the parking lot!”

### *On the Hardships:*

“The hardest part [of running the business] is not having family time in the beautiful summers. Either my husband, Joe, or myself is almost always there—and the other one is with our nearly 7-year old son. The three of us together don’t get much quality family time in season—but we get five months off each year. Added to this, the recent break-in [when, after record-breaking Memorial Day sales, a thief broke into the barn and stole the contents of their safe] has been very difficult to swallow. We’ve been broken into several times, but never anything that amounted to much—until now. We are still reeling from the shock of this violation, and the huge monetary loss.”

### *On Salem:*

“Salem is a wonderful town, and the people are great. So many customers have been so supportive since our recent loss. One even offered my husband \$10 in case we were taking up a collection to recoup our losses. Of course we declined—but how sweet is that? We love our customers!”





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Driver and rider must complete the **Caregiver Mileage Request Form**.

Mileage will be calculated by ECTC based on the shortest distance.

Form must include date, start address, destination address, and must be signed and dated by client and driver.

The Town Representative should review and sign form to be sure it is completed correctly.

The Town Representative will fax form to ECTC at (860) 439-1209 or mail it to:

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by the last Wednesday of each month for processing along with an Eligibility Form if client has not been previously served.

ECTC will issue a check to the caregiver for authorized trips performed.

**ECTC's Payment Process**

Checks will be cut only on the first Monday of each month for Caregiver Mileage Request forms received the previous month. Checks will be made payable to the Caregiver and mailed directly to them unless otherwise requested. The Town Representatives should verify correct mailing address of Caregiver at the time the form is submitted.

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The Dial-a-Ride Medical Transportation is provided by Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, Inc. ECTC is a private non-profit agency incorporated in 1992 to promote the coordination and consolidation of Para transit services for persons of low income, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

For more information on transportation, other services available, or if you would like to make a donation, please call your Town Representative:

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### HOW TO ACCESS THIS SERVICE

- Call the Town Representative for the Eligibility Form.
- Complete form and return to the appropriate Town Department.
- Calls for rides will be taken from 8:30am to 2:00pm Monday – Friday (excluding holidays).
- When calling to request a ride, be ready to provide the complete address of your destination and your return trip pick up time.
- Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Weekend & Monday trips must be made no later than Friday.
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## THANKING SALEM FOR 22 YEARS OF OPPORTUNITY AND SUPPORT

By Nancy Sekinger

In 1985 when Chuck, Vanessa, Nathan and myself were looking for a place to settle and raise a family, we went to our first Apple Festival and thought it was wonderful how this small town all came together for a day of fellowship.

We bought our home in 1986, raised our family, and volunteered with many organizations.

I would like to thank the Boy Scouts, Salem Youth Baseball, Salem Congregational Church and the Apple Festival Committee, Unsung Hero Committee, the Paulino road race, and the Salem Recreation Board. I have met many wonderful people through my years, but most of all I want to thank all the people that kept the faith while we worked on getting a wonderful girls' softball program in Salem. Thank you for all your hard work. I am honored to have a spirit award named after me for the softball program.

Our children are grown, we have grandchildren, and we recently moved to North Carolina with Chuck's company, where we start the next chapter.

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*Our Town – Salem* is published by a volunteer staff of Salem residents. We are currently securing advertisements for the final two issues of the year.

**ADVERTISING SPECIFICATIONS AND RATES**

- Business card (\$25/issue): 3.5 x 2 in.
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Our Town - Salem is committed to high standards of quality. We ask that you adhere to the following guidelines in preparing your advertisements for production. When sending completed advertisements, digital format is preferred. Please submit your advertisement as a high-resolution PDF, EPS, or TIFF to layout designer Kerri Salan at fivesalan@yahoo.com.

If you do not have an existing ad and would like our designer to create one for you, please contact Kerri Salan for details. There is a small design fee.

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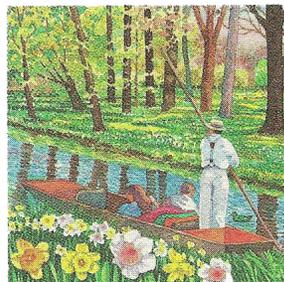
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## The Congregational Church of Salem

Pastor Tim Dubeau

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### Schedule of Activities

All are welcome to attend any of the following activities (for additional info please call 860-859-1211 or check on our Web site: [www.CongregationalChurchSalem.org](http://www.CongregationalChurchSalem.org)

**Sundays:** Summer Worship schedule – **9:00 a.m.**

*(Childcare available at the service for children age 5 and under.)*

### Upcoming 2010 Public Events and Special Services

(Please check our Web site for details:  
[www.CongregationalChurchSalem.org](http://www.CongregationalChurchSalem.org) )

**Bible study and prayer meeting at the Parsonage:  
First and Third Wednesdays each month – 7:00 p.m.**

**Rally Sunday: Sunday, September 12**

We return to two Worship Services @ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Zone (for children) registration between services @ 9:45 a.m. All are welcome!

**Apple Festival Preparation: Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays in September-October –**

*41st Annual Apple Festival:*  
**Saturday, October 30 – 9:00 a.m. – Sold out!**

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

A special thanks to all within the church and community who supported us in our Fall 2009 campaign to raise funds for the completion of the Christian Community Center (pictured below). The building shell is complete, along with the well, septic system and retaining wall. Next up is landscaping around the front of the building in August – September and then interior work begins in earnest with HVAC, plumbing, electrical and lighting.

In August, Daniel Myers of Salem will fulfill his Eagle Scout project by installing a paver walkway on the church portion of the Salem Town Green. This walkway will run between the two monument stones near the flagpole, connecting the Salem Green driveway to the newly painted crosswalk on Route 85.

An additional church project, in conjunction with the requirements of the approved site plan, calls for the installation of a fence on church property which will serve to discourage individuals from crossing over Route 85 at random spots along the road. This fence will border the Salem Green driveway and help direct pedestrians to the cross walk where they should cross Route 85 to get to the Christian Community Center.

Stay tuned for more progress reports! We're excited when we think how this building will be used for many different community related events and programs. It will also be available to rent for private functions, including receptions, showers, birthday parties and other family events requiring a large, comfortable space. We look forward to notifying all when the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.



**LIONS TALE**

By Lion Jim Fogarty



May and June were very busy months for the Salem Lions, while July and August (thus far) have served as a respite. In May, the Club agreed to coordinate the Salem Road Race beginning in 2011. This event has, for many years, been held each April. Rick Konon has coordinated the Race for the past 5-6 years, but has asked that he be relieved of this responsibility. This is a task that requires considerable planning and the assistance of many active volunteers. The Salem Lions will work with, and learn from, Rick this coming year. Lion Bob Ross has accepted a lead role in order to continue this annual town event.

May ended with several Lions helping set up for, and participating in, Salem's Memorial Day Parade.

In June, Lion Citizenship Awards were presented by First Selectman Kevin Lyden to 6th grader Nina Sanfilippo and 7th grader Shahan Kamai. At the Salem School graduation, Mr. Lyden also presented the Grange Community Service Award (a tradition carried on by the Lions) to Emma Cipriani. The 2010 recipients of the Salem Lions scholarships were two graduates from ELHS, Elizabeth LaRose and Rachel Likar. Their growth, interests and achievements over the past four years were exceptional. Both plan on medical field careers.

At the Club meeting on June 24th, a new Club President, Lion Bill Martin, was installed. Lion Skip Dickson will be a Club Vice President in 2010-11 along with Lion Alla Gorenbeyn. Lions Eric Belt, Skip Stangeland and Gordon Gillaspie will again serve as Club Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman. Two days later, on June 26th, Lion Norm Rabe again oversaw a very successful annual Lions tag sale! Thanks to all who contributed items, time, and/or cash!!

A final Club activity in June was ordering the next Salem Community calendar (our 28th!). Lion Gillaspie (860-859-3336) will arrange for delivery to every Salem residence by September 1st. Hope your summer was a pleasant one ... it's almost gone!

**SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*The Importance of Reading*

By Jackie Hemond, Salem Free Public Library

The Salem Library has a summer reading program for children, teens and adults with prizes and programs which encourage all to read. However, summer reading programs have traditionally focused on the reading a child does over the summer. There is a reason for this. A study has shown that if children don't read over the summer, their reading achievement declines an average of three months, which leads to an accumulated reading gap of two years by the time the child reaches middle school. (Jimmy Kim. "Summer Book Reading and the Achievement Gap: The Role of Public Libraries" Harvard University, March 2004). Kim also suggested that children who read as few as six books over the summer maintain the level of reading skills they achieved during the preceding school year. If children read ten to twenty books, as many as fifty percent of the children not only maintain their skills, but actually make reading gains.

But wait! Summer's over or nearly so. If your child didn't even read one book, there still may be time to bridge that scary reading gap. Read to your child. Bring your child to the library. Read yourself.

Many studies demonstrate that reading to children is one of the best motivators for children learning to read on their own. They receive better test scores. They tend to succeed in school, all the way through college, and are more apt to have a fulfilling and profitable life. To add additional reading time for your young child, come to the Salem Library. We have three story times: the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.; every Friday at 10:30 a.m.; and the first Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Our story times are for toddlers to kindergartners, but as parents you have no limitations, you can read to your child beyond kindergarten. Don't stop reading out loud to your child; read as long as he or she will allow it.

Bring your child to the library. Another recent study by researchers at the University of Nevada and UCLA entitled: "Family Scholarly Culture and Educational Success: Books and Schooling in 27 Nations" concludes that if a child is surrounded by a library of 500 books, the child has an educational advantage over those who don't have as many books. The study researched the benefits of a home library. But if you don't have the room or the funds for a 500 book library, the Salem Library is your solution.

Be a reader yourself. Show your child that reading is worthwhile and interesting. Visit the library. Have books, magazines, and even audio books around the house.



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### **Kindle:**

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### **Library Statistics as of May 2010**

300 library programs were offered, attended by 3730 patrons (July 2009-May 2010)

By the end of the summer, the library will have offered at least 30 summer programs

16% increase in patrons (May 2010/May 2009)

10% increase in circulation of children & teen books (May 2010/May 2009)

9% increase in total circulation (May 2010/May 2009)

3% increase in circulation of adult books (May 2010/May 2009)

Total Patrons: 4,120

Total Circulation: 65,337 items

Total Items in the library: 32,008

The library borrowed 2,225 items from other libraries for our patrons

Our volunteers clocked over 2100 hours working at the library and the Friend's book sale (May 2009-May 2010)

### **Hire a Teen at Salem Library**

We are offering a job referral service for Salem and Bozrah teens aged 12-18. The positions available will be for year-round temporary jobs for a Salem or Bozrah resident. Employers and teens need to fill out an application. Teens also need to have a parent or guardian fill out a permission/waiver form, and be interviewed at the Salem Library. Once listed, a teen's application for employment is valid for one year.

When a job becomes available, the Salem Library will match a teen with the specific skills and interests required to fill the position. The teen will be provided with the employer's name and will contact the employer directly. Payment is decided upon between the employer and the teen. Minimum wage is suggested as a guideline. Transportation to the job should be provided by the teen or the teen's parent/guardian. Work arrangements should be made prior to the workday, with all the tools and materials provided by the employer/homeowner.

Applications for employee and employer, the permission/waiver form and guidelines for work are available at the library and on-line at the Salem Library's website located at "[http://bl115w.bl115.mail.live.com/mail/hire\\_a\\_teen.doc](http://bl115w.bl115.mail.live.com/mail/hire_a_teen.doc)" [salect.gov](http://salect.gov). Teens should call to make an appointment with Jackie Hemond at the Salem Free Public Library, 860-859-1130.



## **THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN ADVISORY GROUP**

*By Pat Aldrich*

The Salem Free Public Library's TAG (Teen Advisory Group) is about more than teens offering advice on what they want to read; it is also about having fun and learning something new! Many of our monthly meetings include programs put on by community members looking to share their knowledge with the youth in Salem and Bozrah. This spring we were lucky to have Salem resident and retired dietician Bobbie Ziegler demonstrate how to make a white sauce that we could use as a base for our own homemade Mac & Cheese. The teens got to taste the difference between boxed & homemade Mac & Cheese, and then we enjoyed a nice dinner together. This group is a wonderful way for teens to express themselves, and they are involved in planning future meetings, so it's what THEY want to do! We are always looking for community members to volunteer time and talent to our group. We meet the first Friday of the month from 6-7:30. For more information, please contact Pat Aldrich at 860-859-1130.

## Salem Green Cemetery Association

By Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton

The Salem Green Cemetery Association is always open to receiving new members. Recently, Evelyn Cunningham was voted in as an Association member. The responsibilities are primarily advisory concerning matters of finance, maintenance and regulations. Meetings lasting roughly 2 hours occur every other month at the Salem Town Offices. New members are welcome to join the Association at any time. If interested in membership or assisting with our gardens, please contact David Wordell, SGCA President at 860-859-5336.

Our garden area is nearly complete. A memorial stone engraved with the words "In memory of loved ones laid to rest elsewhere" now sits in the midst of a heart shaped planter bed. The bed is populated with deer and heat resistant perennials. For those who wish to sit and rest, the Woronik family has placed two (2) curved granite benches in a 7' x 15' crushed stone sitting area. Our future plans are to place a pergola over the sitting area and create a few garden walkways consisting of flat stones or pavers. We'll be installing a better quality pitcher pump in June for those who desire to draw water for their flowers during the summer months.

We're also preparing a revision to our cemetery regulations in order to clarify the proper decoration of plots. For example, our current regulations do not permit artificial flowers between April 16 and October 14. If used for decoration within the April - October timeframe, they will be removed. This regulation will remain unchanged in the proposed revision. The revised regulations, once approved by the Association, will be posted for all to see at the site of our current sign board.

Since the last issue of Our Town, there have been no inurnments/interments.

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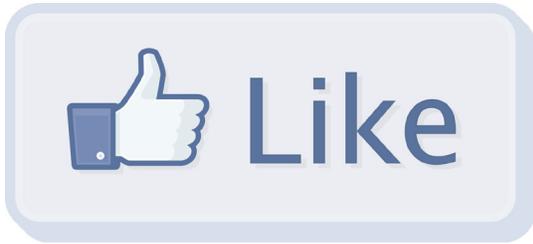
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