

# SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Dear Salem Residents,

Another beautiful Michigan summer is already winding down. It has been nice to see so many people out and about enjoying the warm weather. I hope you and your families are doing well and have been able to find time for some summer rest and relaxation.

Once again, a big thank you to all the volunteers and committee members for another successful Flag Day event. They put a lot of time and effort to make this such a wonderful day. It was a big success enjoyed by many residents and we are grateful. Flag Day is a great tradition here in Salem and we could not pull it off without the time and dedication of our volunteers.

### *Updates on the USD*

In July, the Planning Commission approved the Preliminary Site Plan submitted for the Salem Springs residential development located along Napier and Joy roads. This approval is contingent upon the developer meeting a list of stipulations. Moving forward, the developer will be able to submit a Final Site Plan. To review the list of the requirements that must be met on the Final Site Plan, please refer to our web-site and review our Planning Commission minutes on demand.

In closing, remember that our Township Board meetings and Planning Commission meetings are on the front page of our website for you to view and help keep you informed of issues about our township. Even better, we would encourage you to attend our monthly meetings for information, refreshments and socializing with your neighbors. We would love the chance to see you in person.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me when you have ideas or things that need to be addressed. It has been my pleasure to hear from many of you about questions or concerns you have had. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Take care,

Gary  
248-909-3200



## CLERK'S COMMENTARY: FROM THE DESK OF DEL WENSLEY

Hi Everyone,

Just wanted to give you a quick update.

My deputy, Kim Taggart has decided to move on to another position in the private sector. She was very good at her skill set and needed more hours and in order to send her kids off to college.

We all just had a big going away party for her that our Supervisor, Gary Whittaker helped sponsor. We had a great time roasting her and she will be dearly missed!

I actively searched the past 3 weeks for her replacement. I just hired Lori Copland as my deputy. Lori & her husband have lived in Salem Township for many years.

She has been a lead bookkeeper for about 15 years at a small business and is currently working in the accounting department for Domino's Pizza. She will continue working there and work for our township part-time as well. For the first year, Lori will not be involved in the election process because there is so much "governmental accounting" knowledge to grasp.

Another bit of exciting news is that all election precincts in Michigan are getting new voting machines & equipment! No more heavy equipment. So, if you plan to help out in our upcoming elections, save some time to attend Washtenaw County's new voting machine training in September. Later in August, I should know the exact dates.

I appreciate those of you who have made time to help with our elections in the past and look forward to working with you again.

Del

**Del Wensley**  
**Salem Township Clerk**



## TREASURER'S UPDATE: FROM THE DESK OF DALE CONVERSE

The Treasurer's office is once again in the process of collecting and distributing the 2017 Summer taxes. Sometimes our data base does not contain updated information when the tax statements are generated. There have been instances where someone did not receive a tax statement. The taxes are still due even if someone did not receive a tax bill. If you did not receive a tax bill please contact the Treasurer's office. Summer taxes are due on or before September 14, 2017. A 1% penalty will be imposed September 15 and another 1% the first of each month thereafter. We do not honor post marks so if you choose to mail your taxes, please allow sufficient time for the mail delivery.

Questions have been asked by several residents that reside in the Northville and Plymouth Canton school districts as to why they are being taxed the 2 mill Wayne County ISD Enhanced Tax that was approved on the November 2016 ballot. The reason is that the approved proposal was for the 2016-2022 calendar years thus the 2016 taxes were collected and distributed in the 2016 Winter tax bills. The school districts in the greater Wayne County desire to receive their revenue at the beginning of each school year. Therefore, the 2017 and future tax years will appear on the Summer tax statements instead of the Winter tax statements.

Contracts have been approved to start the sewer line inspections within the sewer district. Work will commence later this summer or early this fall. This is the first and most important activity in fulfilling our commitment to the SAW grant. The initial Hamlet sewer bond will be fully funded March 1, 2018, so those that pay the debt service fee and/or the principle and interest will conclude with the February 2018 statement. The sewer expansion bond will be paid in full with the July 2021 payment.

It is noted in the June Investment Summary that the Township has over \$880,000 in our short-term MI CLASS account. We have opted not to transfer our excess funds into our investment account, but to carry the excess funds in our MI CLASS account where we receive 1.15% interest and funds are available without selling a bond that may be trading below par. The Township is starting to receive invoices for the road and culvert construction projects covered in the past summer Messenger. The funds held in our MI CLASS account will be used to fund those invoices. The remaining funds once those projects have been completed will be transferred into our investment account.



# SALEM TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF JUNE 30, 2017



- GOVERNMENT & AGENCY OBLIGATIONS (\$3,223,939.25)
- ASSET BASED SECURITIES (\$2,422,010.14)
- CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (\$1,877,070.00)
- U.S. TREASURIES (\$495,370.00)
- CASH, MONEYMARKET AND BANK DEPOSITS (\$587,368.26)

NET ASSETS AS OF 6/30/2017

**\$8,605,757.90\***

TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST 1/1/17-6/30/17	\$59,339.05
TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST 4/1/17-6/30/17	\$39,562.60

## \* NOTE:

\$883,619.95 are being held in a Michigan CLASS savings account which is currently yielding a greater interest rate than can be obtained in the bond market. The funds are 100% liquid on a daily basis and can be transferred into the long term investment account when the bond market rates exceed the CLASS interest rates.

## SALEM-SOUTH LYON LIBRARY

### LORD OF THE GOURD

*No Limit, Drop-in*

**Monday, September 25; 4:00 - 8:00PM**

Drop in and watch the Lord of the Gourd, Patrick Harrison, do a pumpkin carving demonstration. There will be a Pumpkin bounce house outside for the kids! Lord of the Gourd has done 26 TV appearances, a recent episode of 'Destination Michigan' on WCMU, and has been featured in newspapers and magazines nationwide. Check out his carvings on Pinterest at <http://pinterest.com/lordofthegourd/boards/> or on YouTube by searching "Lord of the Gourd Pat Harrison".



### HOWL-O-WEEN UNDER THE MOON

**Tuesday, October 10; 6:30PM - 7:30PM Please RSVP!**

Dress-up in your Halloween costume and trick-or-treat under the moon at the Library! Join us for a craft in the meeting room and trick-or-treating outside on the decorated path (weather permitting).



### SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, October 5th; 7:00 - 8:00PM**

An Open House for the teachers of South Lyon - all grade levels. During the Open House, we will be available to take suggestions for materials to add to our collection based on upcoming assignments. Teachers can apply for a library card if you don't already have one. We will demonstrate a few databases that you and the students can access free of charge, and we will have some free books to help build your classroom library. (Please contact the library for more details for obtaining a card - teachers need to bring in a paystub if they do not live in South Lyon.)





## HELP FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE



Figure 1 Johnson Creek, the highest quality tributary to the Rouge River, showing signs of bank erosion.

### Help Friends of the Rouge Reduce Pollution to Johnson and Tonquish Creeks.

Friends of the Rouge needs your input to better understand home and lawn care activities near Johnson Creek and Tonquish Creek, tributaries to the Rouge River. These two creeks flow through all or part of Northville Twp., Plymouth, Plymouth Twp., Salem Twp., Canton Twp., and Westland. As a resident in this area, your insights are important. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes of your time. Your answers are critical to efforts to promote a clean, healthy Rouge River and vibrant Rouge communities.



To participate, please visit [TheRouge.org/NPS-Survey](https://TheRouge.org/NPS-Survey), or scan the QR code.

**Thank you for your support!**

**"To touch someone with kindness is to change someone forever."**

**~ Mike Dooley**



# SALEM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day - Office Closed  
12 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm  
18 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm  
19 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm

## OCTOBER

- 9 Columbus Day - Office Closed  
10 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm  
16 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm  
17 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm

## NOVEMBER

- 10 Veteran's Day Observed - Office Closed  
14 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm  
20 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm  
21 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm  
23 Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed  
24 Office closed



## Delicious Pumpkin Roll

### Ingredients

- ¾ cup cake flour (not self-rising)
- 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 6 large eggs, separated
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup canned pure pumpkin puree
- 1 ½ 8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened
- ¾ cup powdered sugar, plus more for dusting
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375. Grease a 15 x 10-inch jelly-roll pan. Line pan with parchment paper & grease.
2. Wisk together flour, cinnamon, ginger and ¼ tsp. salt.
3. With electric mixer on high, beat egg yolks, sugar and brown sugar until thick and pale, about 3 minutes. On low, mix in pumpkin and then flour, cinnamon, ginger and salt.
4. Beat egg whites and remaining ¼ tsp. salt until stiff but not dry. Fold in batter slowly. Scrape into pan and spread. Bake 15 minutes, should be springy to touch.
5. Dust a clean kitchen towel with powdered sugar, loosen cake from pan, turn out onto towel and peel off parchment paper. Roll cake lengthwise in towel and turn seam to bottom and let cake cool.
6. Beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, butter, maple syrup and vanilla extract on high until smooth (about 3 minutes).
7. Unroll cake, spread filling evenly and reroll. Trim ends and dust with powdered sugar.



# SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

Did you see the “longest parade on the shortest route” during Salem’s 2017 Flag Day celebration? The South Lyon Middle School bands marched and later played music during the brief ceremony honoring Grand Marshal Bob Horton. Hundreds of people enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs, sausage or pulled pork under the big tent. The children, and even some of the adults enjoyed the giant inflatable slide and bounce house. A record breaking crowd viewed the evening’s fireworks. We would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who donated, participated and volunteered to make this year’s celebration such a success.



Our next activity is our annual children’s Christmas party. Planning will begin September 16, 2017. The meeting begins at 11:00 am at the township hall. We invite you to come and be a part of this annual event.

To help Salem Community Events by shopping at **Kroger**:

- Click on Sign In/Register ([krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com))
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- Follow Kroger’s instructions entering the number, 63534 or name of organization, Salem Community Events.

## Amazon Smile

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
2. Sign in and Choose **Salem Community Events Association**
3. Select “**Salem Community Events Association.**”

After signing in, search for “Salem Community Events Association” select Salem Community Events Association to continue. Once selected, you will receive an email confirmation and you can begin shopping. Shop for your favorite products or the perfect gift. Most products are eligible on Amazon Smile—if not, you’ll be notified. You can checkout normally as well.

We still accept donations by check which should be mailed to Salem Community Events, PO Box 75041, Salem, MI 48175. Assistance at Flag Day is always appreciated. For additional information call Theresa at 248.446.9277

Salem Community Events has joined the social media phenomenon. Check out our updated website [www.salemflagday.com](http://www.salemflagday.com) or find us on Facebook under Salem Community Events. We are using these methods to update the community about our events.

# SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 2017 EVENTS:

Let the Fall season begin! "Bow to your partner, bow to your corner...." The Annual SAHS Barn Dance will be held on Friday, September 8th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Three Cedars Farm on Six Mile Road just west of Curtis Road. Members and non-members are welcome. Admission at the door will be \$5.00 per person or \$3.00 for SAHS Members. The Square Dance Caller will assist dancers with all levels of experience. This event is enjoyed by all ages from 6 to 96. Proceeds to SAHS will be used for the upkeep of the South Salem Stone School and the Dickerson Barn. Please support our Major Sponsors of the Barn Dance, who are:



- Salem Tool
- Alumitect Industries
- AA Anchor Bolt
- Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar
- All-American Storage
- Gardner-Westcott
- Three Cedars Farm

The Salem Area Historical Society will be holding a celebration on **Sunday, September 10th** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. It has been 50 years since the end of the 110 years of continuous school years at this one-room schoolhouse. All are invited, especially all students of all classes who have attended the South Salem Stone School located at 7991 North Territorial Road (corner of North Territorial and Curtis Roads in Salem Township, Washtenaw County, MI.). The celebration will be held at the old school, which is now part of the Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District.

If you were a student or can help the SAHS locate previous students, please contact Terry Cwik at [Salem\\_Area\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com) or go to the Salem Area Historical Society's Facebook page and leave a message.

On **Wednesday, September 27th**, Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its monthly meeting at the South Salem Stone School starting at 7:30 PM. It will start with a short business meeting that will be followed by a presentation about "**Butterflies of Southeast Michigan**" by Carol Clements. Carol is a naturalist at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

## OCTOBER 2017 EVENT:

On **Wednesday, October 25th**, Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its monthly meeting at the South Salem Stone School starting at 7:30 PM. After a short business meeting, there will be a presentation about "**Barn Preservation Matters**" by Charles Bultman. Ann Arbor architect Charles Bultman rescues historic barns destined for the sawdust pile and resurrects them into new, high-end homes across the country. Salem still has many opportunities to preserve its barns.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

If you are not a member or you have not renewed your 2017-18 membership, please send in your membership dues. Forms are available on the "SAHS Membership" page of the Salem Area Historical Society's Website [www.sahshistory.org](http://www.sahshistory.org). Dues can also be paid at that Website through PayPal.



# SALEM BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 Men's breakfast 7:00 a.m.
  - 13 AWANA begins. Age 4 to middle school 6:15 – 8:00 Transportation provided, check web site for details.
  - 17 Temple Keepers meeting, after evening service.
  - 22 Men's breakfast 7:00 a.m.
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## OCTOBER

- 4 AWANA pizza night 6:15
  - 6 Men's breakfast 7:00 a.m.
  - 8 Temple Keepers meeting, after evening service.
  - 11 AWANA hayride
  - 20 Men's breakfast 7:00 a.m.
  - 27-28 Men's camping trip, call for details.
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## NOVEMBER

- 1 AWANA pizza night 6:15
- 3 Men's breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- 12 Temple Keepers meeting, after evening service.
- 17 Men's breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- 19 Harvest Dinner after morning service. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Free to all!
- 22 No AWANA

## THE HISTORICAL COMMUNITY CEMETERIES OF SALEM TOWNSHIP

Salem has been blessed with three beautiful, historical cemeteries. These cemeteries have existed to provide a final resting place for loved ones of the township who have gone on before. Two of these cemeteries have grave sites available for purchase by township residents.

### Grave sites are available at:

#### Lapham Cemetery

Corner of Brooksville & Gotfredson Roads

Contact: Elaine McIntyre

Phone: 810-231-2930

#### Worden Cemetery

Five Mile Road, East of Pontiac Trail

Contact: Steve Roberts

Phone: 248-437-5360

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### Township Contact Info

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[firechief@saalem-mi.org](mailto:firechief@saalem-mi.org)

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[jradatz@saalem-mi.org](mailto:jradatz@saalem-mi.org)

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[deputyclerk@saalem-mi.org](mailto:deputyclerk@saalem-mi.org)

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[aalexander@saalem-mi.org](mailto:aalexander@saalem-mi.org)

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Website: [www.salem-mi.org](http://www.salem-mi.org)

Township phone: 248-349-1690  
Fax: 248-349-9350

Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 734-994-2911

### Landfill

Phone: 888-443-1717

### Hours Open

Monday - Friday 6 am - 5 pm  
Saturday 7 am - 12 pm  
Closed Sunday and Holidays