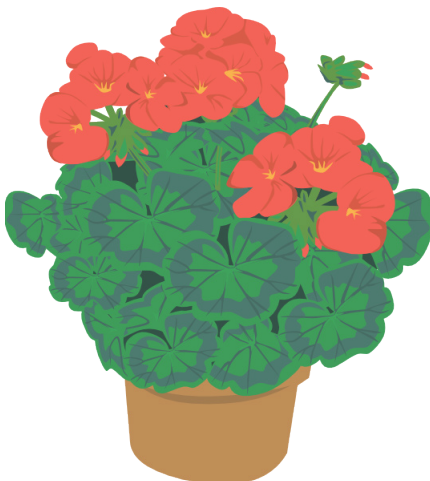


SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Dear Salem Neighbors,

I hope all is well with you and your family. Summer is quickly approaching and I am sure many of you are looking forward to it as much as I am. Hopefully we will have a beautiful Michigan summer here in Salem that we all can enjoy.

Often in the springtime, we receive many phone calls asking about our local road maintenance and upgrades. I like to take this opportunity to update you now. The Board of Trustees voted to fund many projects that were presented by the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

We have work planned for Chubb Rd (6 Mile Rd to 8 Mile Rd) and Brookville Rd (Curtis to Salem). These improvements include tree cutting, roadside berm removal, ditching and shaping the existing surface with six inches of limestone. Also, on Old North Territorial they will be completing a ditch draining project. Lastly, to address dust control, grading and brining will be applied to our gravel roads. Our goal in the next three years is to have all our local roads updated.

Washtenaw County Road Commission has begun repaving some of our major roads this year. They include 6 Mile Rd, between Angle and Currie and 8 Mile Rd, between Currie and Tower. They have also begun chip sealing 7 Mile Rd, between Angle and Napier.

Many of you have expressed frustration with the closed culverts on Currie and Chubb and I completely agree that these road closures have been a major inconvenience. I am happy to report that the repair on Chubb Rd between 6 Mile Rd and 7 Mile Rd is complete and open for traffic. The Currie Rd culvert repair is slated for July. I appreciate your patience with these projects.

We are currently working with Washtenaw County Road Commission to iron out a plan to re-pave Currie Rd from 6 Mile Rd to 8 Mile Rd this year, We will keep you posted on our progress planning this project.

The Washtenaw County Road Commission has launched "WCRC Fix It" an online platform that allows residents to report non-emergency

issues online at wcroads.org/report. Using the website, residents will identify where a road issue is located on a map, answer a few brief questions and submit the issue to the Road Commission. Citizens will be able to track their service requests and will be notified when the issue is resolved.

Lastly, please set aside June 3rd for our annual Flag Day festivities. The Salem Community Events volunteers always do an amazing job providing a fun filled day for our residents. Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donate financially to make this event possible. The parade will start at 11:00 am with food and activities. Live music will begin at Salem Elementary at 7:00 pm, provided by the Flat Rockers. The day will end with a spectacular fireworks display at Salem Elementary, beginning at dusk, Flag Day is a great way to kick off the summer and come together as a community. I look forward to seeing you there.

In closing, I wish you and your families a wonderful summer season. Always feel free to contact any of our board members using our township email addresses provided on the back of this newsletter. We would love to have you join us for our monthly board meetings which are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. If you ever have questions or concerns and would like to speak with me directly, you are welcome to call me on my mobile number at 248-909-3200.

Take good care,



CLERK'S COMMENTARY: FROM THE DESK OF DEL WENSLEY

ANN ARBOR, MI - Aging Ann Arbor Public Schools buildings will be restored in the coming years after voters approved a tax increase on Tuesday, May 2 to raise \$200 million for the school district. AAPS' 2.5-mill, 10-year sinking fund proposal received the support of 70 percent of voters in Tuesday's special election, according to unofficial results from the Washtenaw County elections division. The proposal passed 9,566 to 4,008, with 10-percent voter turnout within the school district.

What is the Michigan Township Association?

The MTA Represents **1,240** local units of government that govern over 96% of Michigan's land area, in which over **58%** of Michigan's property values are located. Townships provide essential services to over **51%** of Michigan's citizens, and deliver the best value for local services.

Salem Township Functions:

State laws authorize Michigan townships to perform a wide variety of functions in two important categories: Mandated and Permissive.

Mandated Functions:

Mandated functions are activities that townships are required to perform. The three broadest mandated responsibilities are assessment administration, elections administration and tax collection, which are legally assigned functions of the supervisor, clerk and treasurer, respectively. In addition to these broad mandates, there are other, more narrow state requirements. Procedures for the township's financial administration, such as budgets, accounting, investments and deposits, are closely regulated by the state.

Permissive Functions

Beyond the mandated functions, Michigan townships are authorized to provide a wide variety of services that are generally expected from general purpose governmental entities. Virtually all townships provide fire protection and many also offer law enforcement as well. Parks and recreation programs, public water and sewer services, trash collection and recycling programs, sidewalks and trails, and cemeteries are other common township functions.

Townships have broad powers to enact and enforce ordinances. Zoning ordinances regulate land use, while many other “police power,” non-zoning ordinances control activities that protect the health, safety and general welfare of the community.



TREASURER'S UPDATE: FROM THE DESK OF DALE CONVERSE

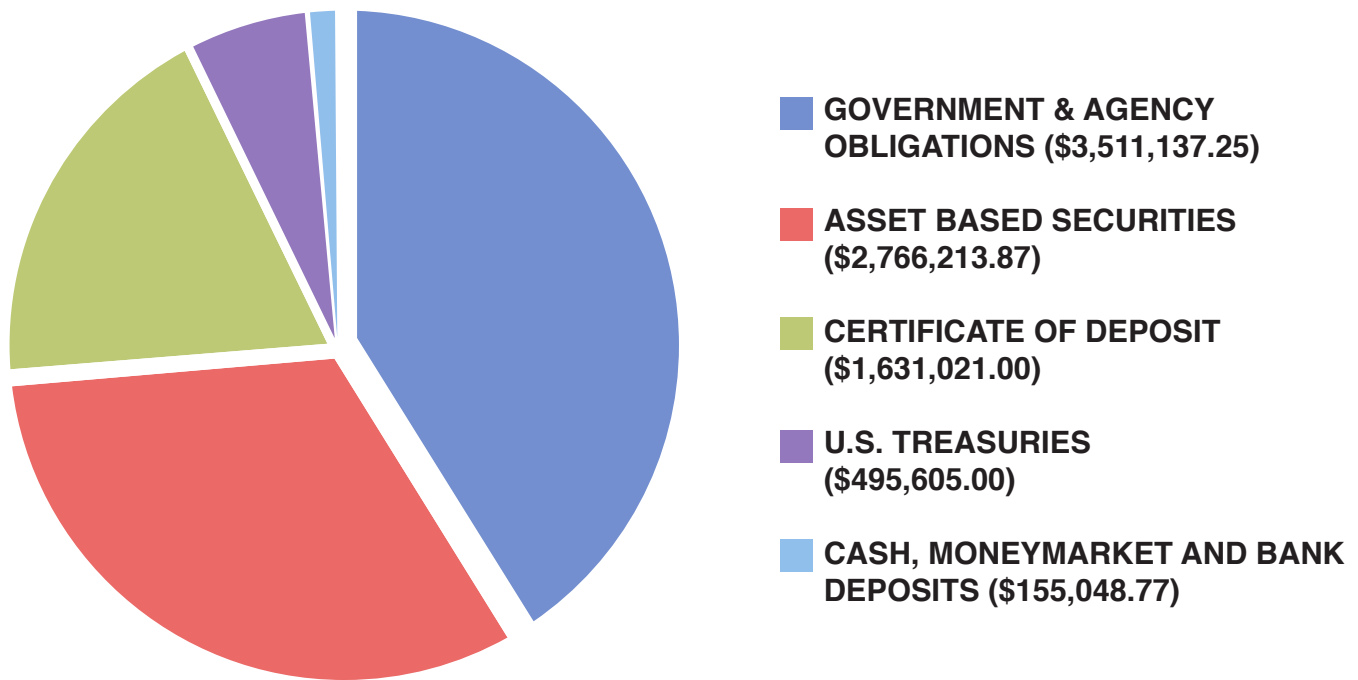
The Supervisor's article outlined the road projects that will be accomplished this year. The Executive officers did not allocate funding for the extra road projects as we were not aware of the needs at that time. We will have to amend the 2017 budget, but will also have to include funding for the culvert replacement that was approved in 2016. It is expected that the total amount of all the road projects that the Township is obligated to fund this year may exceed the total revenue we receive. If that situation exists, we have the Michigan CLASS account that currently has in excess of \$731,000 so that we should not have to draw on our investments.

The Road Commission only uses brine to control dust and stabilize the gravel surface as the cost of calcium chloride is three times the cost of brine. Last summer the brine was not effective in controlling the dust due to the lack of rain to activate the brine and mixed with the finer particles of the freshly graded surfaces. Salem Township was not alone as all Townships experienced the same dust complaints. Hopefully we will get the proper amount of rain this year after scraping and brine application to reduce the amount of dust.

Residents should be aware of issues and timing of the Township roads. We revised our web site and included the information we received from the Road Commission. We will update the site when we become aware of the timing when the projects will be completed.

The 2017 tax season is nearly here. This year we can expect a 0.9 % increase in our taxes due to the State CPI (consumer price index). The increase will be valid for all properties where there are no improvements or change of ownership.

SALEM TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF MARCH 31, 2017



NET ASSETS AS OF 1/31/2017

\$8,559,026.39*

TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST 1/1/17-3/31/17	\$19,776.45
TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST 4/1/16-3/31/17	\$105,342.14

*** NOTE:**

\$731,600 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.

WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Jerry L. Clayton Media Release

CONSUMER ALERT: 'CAN YOU HEAR ME' SCAMS

The consumer's "Yes" response and thus obtains a voice signature. This signature can later be used by the scammers to pretend to be the consumer and authorize fraudulent charges via telephone. If you receive this type of call, immediately hang up. If you have already responded to this type of call, review all of your statements such as those from your bank, credit card lender, or Telephone Company for unauthorized charges. If you notice unauthorized charges on these and other types of statements, you have likely been a victim of "cramming".



Anyone who believes they have been targeted by this scam should immediately report the incident to their local enforcement agency, the Better Business Bureau's Scam Tracker and to the FCC Consumer Help Center. Consumers should always be on alert for telephone scams. The following tips can help ward off unwanted calls and scams **Phone Fraudsters Recording Consumers' Voice Responses:**

The Washtenaw County Sheriffs Office is alerting consumers to be on the lookout for scam callers seeking to get victims to say the word "yes" during a call and later use a recording of the response to authorize unwanted charges on the victim's utility or credit card account. According to complaints the FCC has received and public news reports, the fraudulent callers impersonate representatives from organizations that provide a service and may be familiar to the person receiving the call, such as a mortgage lender or utility, to establish a legitimate reason for trying to reach the consumer.

The scam begins when a consumer answers a call and the person at the end of the line asks, "Can you hear me?" The caller then records:

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers. Let them go to voicemail.
- If you answer and the caller (often a recording) asks you to hit a button to stop receiving calls, just hang up. Scammers often use these tricks to identify, and then target, live respondents.
- If you receive a scam call, write down the number and file a complaint with the FCC so we can help identify and take appropriate action to help consumers targeted by illegal callers.
- Ask your phone service provider if it offers a robocall blocking service. If not, encourage your provider to offer one. You can also visit the FCC's website for information and resources on available robocall blocking tools to help reduce unwanted calls.



SALEM-SOUTH LYON SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Reading Program

Hello Michiganders! Join us for our annual Summer Reading program! This year it's all about how much you can read. When you sign-up, you'll receive a free book (while supplies last) and a reading log. For every five hours you read, you'll receive a paper mitten to enter into drawings for prizes. The more you read, the more mittens you'll earn, and the more chances you'll have at winning a prize. We have a lot of great programs this year, including: Touch a Truck, Michigan Mammals, Glamping, Baby Splash Time, Incredible Edible Insects, Making Pasties, and many more! Let's have some pure Michigan fun this summer @ SSLDL!



Touch a Truck at the Library

Wednesday, June 21 from 10:00-11:00 AM

Honk! Beep! Stop by our parking lot with your "tall person" to explore vehicles of all types -public service, emergency, utility, construction, transportation, delivery and just plain cool - all in one place. Open to all ages.



SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

Plan to join the fun June 3rd and celebrate Flag Day June 3.

The "longest parade on the shortest route" begins in downtown Salem at 11:00 am. This is followed by a selection of songs played by the South Lyon Middle School bands. There will be a brief ceremony honoring this year's Grand Marshal Bob Horton. Bob moved to Salem Township in 1968. He and his late wife Pauline started AA Anchor Bolt in 1978. Bolts produced in Salem Township can be found in the stadiums at both the University of Michigan and Michigan State. Other bolts can be found in projects in Jamaica and the current US 23 upgrade which includes bolts that are 2" in diameter and 10' long. Bob is a strong advocate for local businesses and the community. When he was younger Bob was a race car driver racing at Flat Rock and Toledo.

We are always looking for Flag Day volunteers - feel free to arrive at 8:00 am June 3rd and help setup for the day's activities. The fireworks rain date is June 10th. Crafters, nonprofits, or individuals with a product or service to sell, including such things as a garage sale are encouraged to participate. Space will be available at no charge. If a table is needed, please bring your own. Canopies are also welcome. Set up time starts at 9:00 am with space placement being on a first come basis. Join us, watch the parade, sell your products and take part in the fun and excitement of Flag Day! Hotdog, sausage(\$3.00) and pulled pork(\$3.50) meals will be available for purchase. Inflatables will be provided for the children's enjoyment.

Live music will be provided by the Flat Rockers at Salem Elementary School beginning at 7:00 pm. The Flat Rockers hail from the communities of Flat Rock, Dearborn, Plymouth and Salem. Their musical repertoire includes good old time Rock with a twang, classic country, danceable blues, 50's Rock, British Invasion and more. At dusk there will be fireworks. Viewing is best from behind Salem Elementary School. The fireworks are entirely supported by the people and businesses of Salem through generous donations. Jim Melosh is sponsoring a Michigan State burst while Dan and Patty Jenkinson provide a University of Michigan burst! (Fireworks rain date is June 11, 2016.) To check on the status of the fireworks should there be inclement weather please call 248.380.7017.

To help Salem Community Events by shopping at Kroger:

- Click on Sign In/Register(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. Visitsmile.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 or find us on Face book under Salem Community Events. We are using these methods to update the community about our events.

We hope to see you Flag Day 2017, celebrated Saturday, June 3rd!

SALEM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

June

- 3 Flag Day
- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 20 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm



July

- 4 July 4th Holiday - Office Closed
- 11 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 18 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm



August

- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 15 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm



Blue Cheese Potato Salad

From the desk, or I should say kitchen of our Assessor, Bill Gunther.

Ingredients

- 5 lbs. Yukon Gold Potatoes
- 1 lb. Green Beans cut into 1' pieces
- 4 oz. Cream Cheese softened
- 1 – 8 oz. Bottle of Chunky Blue Cheese Dressing
- 1 ½ Cup Mayonnaise
- ½ tsp. Salt & ½ tsp. Pepper
- 1 med. Red Onion diced
- 3 cloves Garlic minced

Directions

1. Peel and cut potatoes to size (approx. ½" cubes).
2. Boil potatoes for 10 min. or to desired tenderness and rinse in cold water
3. Boil beans for 5 min. or to desired tenderness and rinse in cold water
4. Stir together Mayo, Cream Cheese, Dressing, and Salt & Pepper
5. Put Potatoes, Beans, Onion & Garlic in large bowl, then add Mayo mixture
6. Refrigerate until ready to serve
7. Garnish with fresh dill

SALEM BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2, 2017 - Family Video Night 7:00 pm

June 3, 2017 - Flag Day Celebration in tune with Salem Flag Day Parade

June 14, 2017 - D3 Fun for all kids K thru 8th. 6:30 - 8:00

June 25-27 2017 - Teen Canoe Trip, For kids going into grades 6 thru 10. Contact SBC for details

July 16-20, 2017 - Vacation Bible School, kids 4 years old to 8th grade 6:30 - 8:00

August 6-12, 2017 - Family Camp (call church for details)

August 16, 2017 - D3 Fun for all kids K thru 8th. 6:30 - 8:00

August 20, 2017 - Regular 11:00 am service, Corn Fest 1:00 pm. to 6:00 pm

Come join us for one, or all activities. All are welcome!

9481 West Six Mile Rd.

Pastor Lance Rubringer 248-349-0674

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Memento Mori

Two of the churches of the village of Salem had the unique distinction of having women pastors. These women, Mrs. Lucia Stroh (pastor at the Second Congregational Church) and Mrs. Cora Pennell (pastor at the Salem Federated Church - now Salem Bible Church) served long and distinguished careers in their positions. Mrs. Stroh started in the 1920's, while Mrs. Pennell started in 1931. They both continued pastoring their congregations into the 1950's.

Many current residents of Salem Township had their parents or grandparents married by these two faithful servants of the Lord.

Both ladies are interred in the Salem-Walker Cemetery.



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

Presented by: *The Historical Community Cemeteries of Salem Township* - remembering those who have gone before.

SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Membership News:

Salem Area Historical Society annual Memberships for 2016/17 expired on March 31st. If you are not a member or you want to renew your membership, please send in your membership dues.

June 2017 Events:

Salem Area Historical Society will be participating in the Salem Flag Day Parade on Saturday, June 3rd. If you would like to march with SAHS in the parade, please join us at the Salem Elementary School by 10:30 am for the parade that will start at 11:00 am.

Salem Area Historical Society will be making a trip to the Blanchard House in Ionia on Wednesday, June 21st. We will be leaving from the South Salem Stone School at 10:00 am. We will car pool there, have lunch, tour the city and finally have a tour of the Blanchard House with a return to the school around 4:30 pm. For more information visit our Website, www.SAHShistory.org or our Facebook page. If you want to join us, please send an email request to Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

On Wednesday, June 28th, Phyllis Lindblade will give a presentation titled "History of Rug Making" in the South Salem Stone School at 7:00 pm. Ms. Lindblade is the former proprietor of The Hamburg Store and the Michigan Director-at-Large for the Hooked Rug Museum of North America in Queensland, Nova Scotia.

July 2017 Events:

The Salem Area Historical Society will be holding an open house on Sunday, July 9th from 1 pm to 3 pm at the South Salem Stone School located at 7991 North Territorial Road (corner of North Territorial and Curtis Roads in Salem Township, Washtenaw County, MI.).

August 2017 Events:

9th COUNTRY FAIR FEATURING ARTS AND CRAFTS!

Saturday August 19th – 10 am to 4 pm

at the Jarvis Stone School Historic District (7991 N. Territorial Rd. at Curtis Rd.)

Join us to browse and buy treasures from some truly outstanding local artists and crafters. Bring the family for an enjoyable fun filled day! The one room Historic Jarvis Stone School will be open for visitors and there will be food, drinks and snacks ready for purchase, something to please everybody.

CRAFTERS! Get your SPACES now at early bird pricing! Sony, no electricity available. Home businesses welcome. To reserve a spot, email your request to SAHSCountryFair@aol.com or use the form at the SAHS Website (www.SAHShistory.org).

**For SAHS Memberships and/or Dinner/Auction Tickets make check payable to:
Salem Area Historical Society**

Mail to: SAHS, P.O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

email ID: _____

SAHS Membership _____ (\$10 - Senior; \$15 - Individual; \$25 - Family)

LAND PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION BOARD UPDATE

The Land Preservation and Conservation Board (LPCB) and the Board of Trustees (BOT) along with the Salem Township Planner held a joint meeting on January 17, 2017 to work on the future direction of land preservation in Salem.

The importance of “Keeping Salem a rural Community” was discussed and agreed upon. The BOT are willing to go after funding resources available to the Township through government agencies, re-establishing relationships and working with them. Also, they have funded the LPCB for operational expenditures.

At the regular March meeting, the LPCB had representatives from the Ann Arbor Greenbelt; Huron River Watershed Council; Land Legacy Conservancy; Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss strategies for enhancing land preservation and funding opportunities in Salem Township and establishing a collaboration.

Regular Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7PM in Township Hall

Board Members: Susan Bejin, Steve Shafer, Dan Vergari, Gary Whittaker and Bruce Reeve (Advisory Member). We are looking for another member. If you are interested in serving, please let us know.

Thanks

Respectfully submitted by
Susan Bejin
Chair, Land Preservation and Conservation Board



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deputyclerk@saalem-mi.org

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aalexander@saalem-mi.org

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

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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