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LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR

DEAR SALEM NEIGHBORS,

I hope all is well and you and your family and have enjoyed the beautiful fall season. The election season has come and gone and I am grateful. I would like to welcome back the current board for another four-year term. I am hopeful that together with the community, we can continue to move Salem forward.

We would like to welcome Bruce Reeve to our Planning Commission. Bruce and his wife have lived in the township for 15 years. It is been a pleasure getting to know Bruce these last few years and we appreciate his willingness to serve. Bruce is replacing Bill Lawson who has just recently moved to Brighton. We would like to thank Bill for his dedication and service during his time on the Planning Commission.

UPDATES ON ROAD REPAIRS

In September the township was notified by the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) about closures of some local roads in our township because of failing culverts. The WCRC only funds 50% of improvements on our local roads; therefore the township is responsible for the rest. The estimate for the improvements was \$650,000, meaning the township would be responsible \$325,000. The Salem Township Board of Trustees voted in October to fund this project so these roads can be open as soon as possible. There are 15 failed culverts in Washtenaw County. Four of them are in our township. The closures are Chubb Rd, two on Currie and weight restrictions on 5 mile. The Pontiac Trail failed culvert is not considered a local road; therefore it was federally funded and has already been repaired.

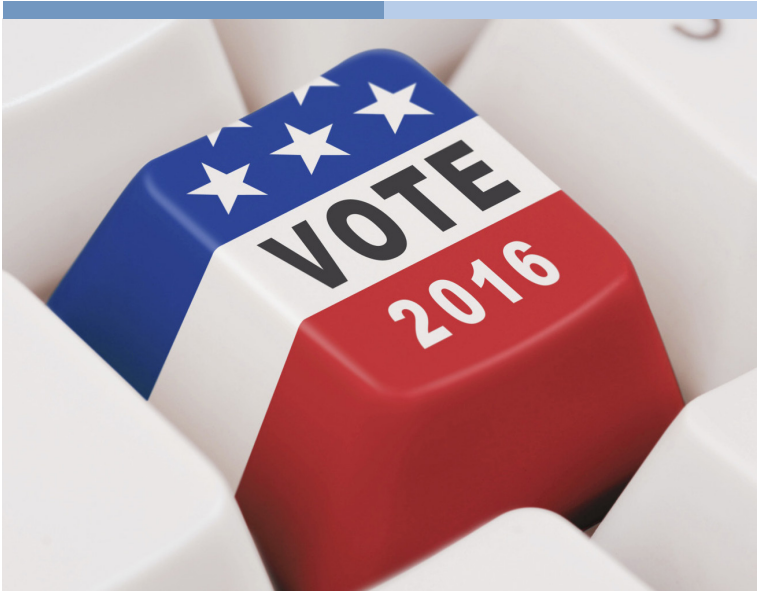
LANDFILL EXPANSION

As most of you are aware, Advanced Disposal has withdrawn their request to have an area for future expansion. You can read their press release on our website, www.salem-mi.org. Their main focus now is working with our township and fixing the infrastructure surrounding the landfill.

In closing, I sincerely thank you for your support over these past four years. It is been very rewarding to serve as your township supervisor. My hope in moving forward is that we can work together, agree, disagree and yet still be respectful to each other. Sherry and I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. As always, I look forward to hearing your opinions and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to give me a call anytime.

Take good care,

248-909-3200



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

AS A REGISTERED VOTER, YOU MAY OBTAIN AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT IF YOU ARE:

- *age 60 years old or older*
- *unable to vote without assistance at the polls*
- *expecting to be out of town on election day*
- *in jail awaiting arraignment or trial*
- *unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons*
- *appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.*

Absent voter ballots are available for all elections. They provide voters with a convenient method for casting a ballot when they are unable to attend the polls on Election Day.

A person who registers to vote by mail must vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates. The restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are disabled or voters who are 60 years of age or older.

CLERK'S COMMENTARY: DEL WENSLEY

NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION RESULTS – SALEM TOWNSHIP
TERM – 4 YEARS (2016 – 2020)

Supervisor: Gary Whittaker

Clerk: Del Wensley

Treasurer: Dale Converse

Trustees: John Daniel
TJ McLaughlin
Reggie DeLuca
David Trent

Salem Township had a very good turn-out of registered voters on Election Day. About 74% of our registered voters either voted in-person or with an Absentee Ballot. The actual Canvass reports that show the vote totals by precinct for Candidate races can be found on the Washtenaw County website (elections.ewashtenaw.org).

2016 ELECTION WORKERS

I would like to personally thank all of our election workers for a job well-done! It is a lot of work, but it is a great learning experience. Thank you again for making our township's election process run so smoothly.

Citizens, who desire to learn more about the voting process and would like to work at an upcoming election, please call the Clerk's office at (248) 912-6725 or email me at dwensley@salem-mi.org.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

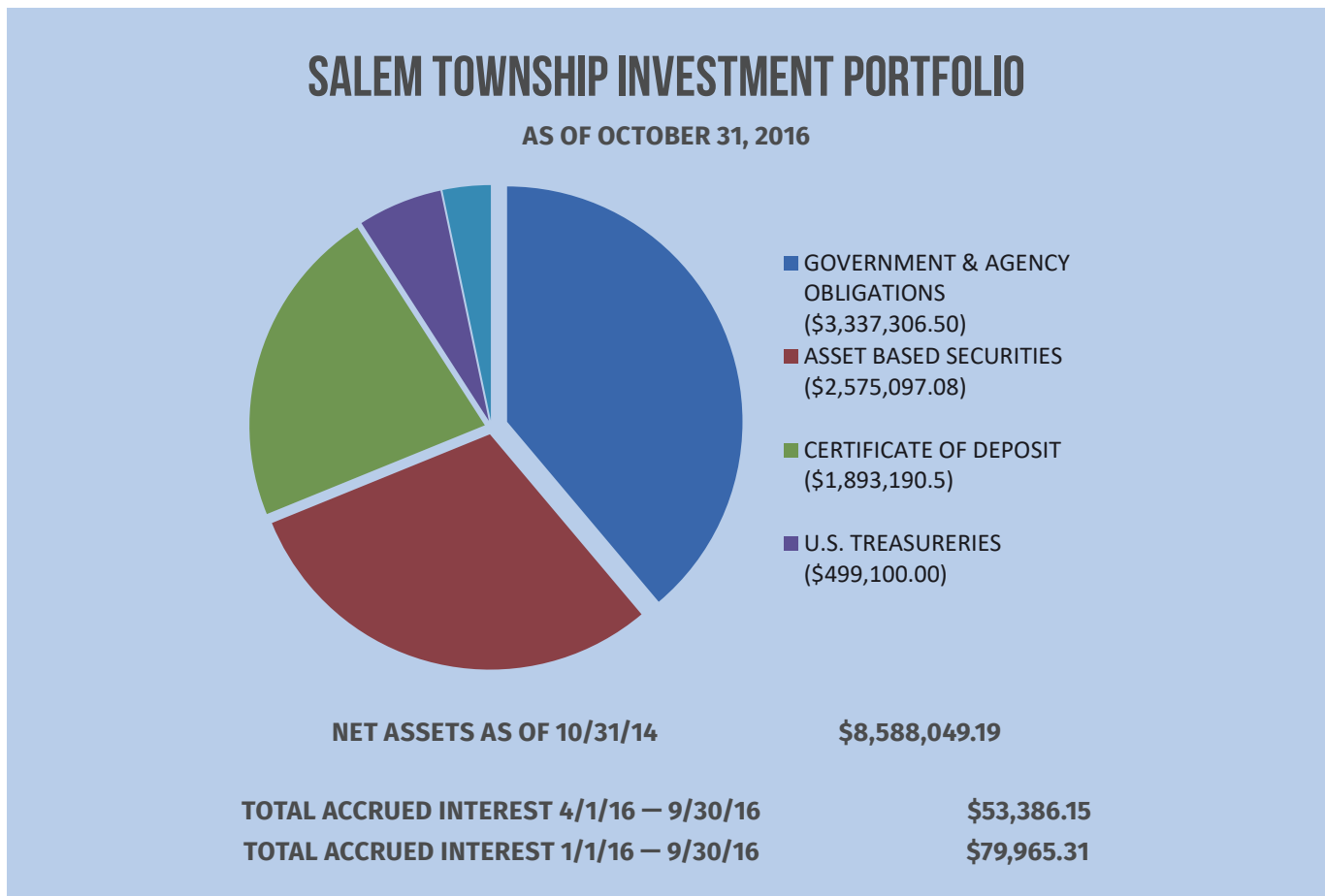
FROM THE DESK OF DALE CONVERSE

Salem Township sought a SAW (Storm water, Asset Management, Wastewater) Grant administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for assistance in covering the costs of: 1) planning, design, and/or user charge of the wastewater system; 2) asset management for a wastewater system; 3) innovative wastewater technologies. The Township applied for the grant November 2013 and was recently awarded the grant.

The Township was and is interested in pursuing the SAW funding to develop and implement an Asset Management Program (AMP) for the Hamlet's wastewater collection and treatment system. The purpose of the AMP is to help preserve, protect and enhance the quality of the Township's level of service. The AMP will allow the Township to systematically manage the wastewater system assets in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner.

The Hamlet's wastewater collection and treatment facilities are nearly 20 years old and it is expected that upgrades and maintenance will be necessary in the near future. This grant will enhance our ability to plan for and fund those needs when maintenance and/or enhancements become necessary.

The Treasurer's office is informing those residents who pay their taxes through an escrow account and needs a stamped paid receipt for any reason can contact the Township office and a stamped receipt will be available or mailed to them after the payment has been received from their escrow company.



SALEM SOUTH LYON LIBRARY EVENTS

RJ SPANGLER TRIO: LIVE JAZZ MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12; 2:00-3:00 PM

Attn: All music lovers, dreamers, musicians and wannabees! Back by popular demand! Join us on the 2nd Sunday of the month for an afternoon of live Detroit Jazz, Blues, and history with **RJ Spangler Trio and friends**. Sponsored by the *Jazz Foundation of America* and the *Metro Detroit Book & Author Society 2016, James Dance Performance Grant*. Light refreshments provided.

WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA MONDAY, DECEMBER 12; 6:30-8:30 PM, PLEASE RSVP!

Dress for the weather and join us out in the gardens and inside the Library for a winter party! Santa and one of his reindeer will be here, so bring your camera! There will be a hot chocolate bar outside and you can enjoy a lighted walk on our path in the woods. Nelson the Animal Guy will also be here to bring the magic and adventure of winter animals to the Library for unique hands on experience.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOLIDAY BOOK SALE NOVEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 23

Stop by for some great deals on gently used books!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 29 AND 30; 1:00-7:00 PM

Call **248-437-6431** to sign up!

"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

-Benjamin Franklin

THE HISTORICAL COMMUNITY CEMETERIES OF SALEM TOWNSHIP

A person can prepare for his taxes by saving in advance of the inevitable tax day arrival. One can also prepare for death by pre-purchasing a grave site. This helps the family when the time comes to take care of your affairs. Two of the Historical Community Cemeteries of Salem Township still have gravesites available for purchase by township residents.

Lapham Cemetery

Corner of Brookville & Gotfredson Roads

Contact: Elaine McIntyre

Phone: 810-231-2930

Worden Cemetery

Five Mile Rd, east of Pontiac Trail

Contact: Steve Roberts

Phone: 248-437-5360



Lapham Cemetery



Worden Cemetery

TIPS FROM WASHTENAW COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

RANSOMWARE VICTIMS URGED TO REPORT INFECTIONS TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

The FBI urges victims to report ransomware incidents to federal law enforcement to help us gain a more comprehensive view of the current threat and its impact on U.S. victims.

What is Ransomware?

Ransomware is a type of malware installed on a computer or server that encrypts the files, making them inaccessible until a specified ransom is paid. Ransomware is typically installed when a user clicks on a malicious link, opens a file in an e-mail that installs the malware or through drive-by downloads (which does not require user-initiation) from a compromised Web site.

The FBI is requesting victims reach out to their local FBI office and/or file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center, at www.IC3.gov, with the following ransomware infection details (as applicable):

- 1. Date of Infection**
- 2. Ransomware Variant** (identified on the ransom page or by the encrypted file extension)
- 3. Victim Company Information** (industry type, business size, etc.)
- 4. How the Infection Occurred** (link in e-mail, browsing the Internet, etc.)
- 5. Requested Ransom Amount**
- 6. Actor's Bitcoin Wallet Address** (may be listed on the ransom page)
- 7. Ransom Amount Paid** (if any)
- 8. Overall Losses Associated with a Ransomware Infection** (including the ransom amount)
- 9. Victim Impact Statement**

The Ransom

The FBI does not support paying a ransom to the adversary. Paying a ransom does not guarantee the victim will regain access to their data; in fact, some individuals or organizations are never provided with decryption keys after paying a ransom. Paying a ransom emboldens the adversary to target other victims for profit, and could provide incentive for other criminals to engage in similar illicit activities for financial gain. While the FBI does not support paying a ransom, it recognizes executives, when faced with inoperability issues, will evaluate all options to protect their shareholders, employees, and customers.

Defense

The FBI recommends users consider implementing the following prevention and continuity measures to lessen the risk of a successful ransomware attack.

- Regularly back up data and verify the integrity of those backups. Backups are critical in ransomware incidents; if you are infected, backups may be the best way to recover your critical data.
- Secure your backups. Ensure backups are not connected to the computers and networks they are backing up. Examples might include securing backups in the cloud or physically storing them offline. It should be noted, some instances of ransomware have the capability to lock cloud-based backups when systems continuously back up in real-time, also known as persistent synchronization.
- Scrutinize links contained in e-mails and do not open attachments included in unsolicited e-mails.
- Only download software – especially free software – from sites you know and trust. When possible, verify the integrity of the software through a digital signature prior to execution.
- Ensure application patches for the operating system, software, and firmware are up to date, including Adobe Flash, Java, Web browsers, etc.
- Ensure anti-virus and anti-malware solutions are set to automatically update and regular scans are conducted.
- Disable macro scripts from files transmitted via e-mail. Consider using Office Viewer software to open Microsoft Office files transmitted via e-mail instead of full Office Suite applications.

SALEM BIBLE CHURCH

DECEMBER 18, 2016

"Carols of Christmas", 11:00AM

DECEMBER 24, 2016

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00PM

DECEMBER 25, 2016

Christmas Day, 11:00AM. Service Only

DECEMBER 31, 2016

New Years Eve Gathering, 5:30PM

9481 West Six Mile Road

Pastor Lance Rubringer 248-349-0674

Sbc4christ.org We Preach Christ

SALEM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 13th BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING — 7:00PM
- 19th PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING — 7:30PM
- 20th LAND PRESERVATION/CONSERVATION MEETING — 7:00PM
- 26th CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — OFFICE CLOSED

JANUARY

- 2nd HAPPY NEW YEAR — OFFICE CLOSED
- 10th BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING — 7:00PM
- 16th MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY — OFFICE CLOSED
- *23rd PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING — 7:30PM
- 17th LAND PRESERVATION/CONSERVATION MEETING — 7:00PM

FEBRUARY

- 14th BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING — 7:00PM
- *27th PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING — 7:30PM
- 20th PRESIDENT'S DAY — OFFICE CLOSED
- 21st LAND PRESERVATION/CONSERVATION MEETING — 7:00PM

* meeting date changed due to holiday

SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

Year Round Support

Did you know you can help support Salem Community Events year round? **Kroger** has a Community Rewards Program and if you do not currently support a local organization please consider signing up and supporting Salem Community Events. Our organization I.D. is 63534. This program does not impact any other savings, such as fuel points that you are already earning.

To sign up to help Salem Community Events you can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

Amazon Smile

1. Visit smile.amazon.com.

2. Sign in and Choose **Salem Community Events Association**

The screen will look slightly different depending on whether or not you're already signed into Amazon. If you're already signed in search for "Salem Community Events Association". If you're not signed, enter your email and password. Then proceed to step 3.

3. Select **"Salem Community Events Association."**

After signing in, search for "Salem Community Events Association" you will be given a list of possible matches. Select Salem Community Events Association to continue. Once selected, you will receive an email confirmation and you can begin shopping.

4. Begin shopping!

Once you've selected your charity everything else functions the same. Most products are eligible on Amazon Smile—if not, you'll be notified. You can checkout normally as well. No extra cost is passed onto you—Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Salem Community Events Association!

Salem Community Events has joined the social media phenomenon. Check out our updated website www.salemflagday.com or find us on Facebook under Salem Community Events. We are using these methods to update the community about our events. You will also find a list of the many Flag Day supporters as well as pictures from this year's Flag Day.

The members of Salem Community Events wish each one of you a happy and joyous holiday season!

SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The annual SAHS Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 4th from 1 to 4 PM. Plan on attending the Member's only Christmas gathering. For details, see the November edition of SAHS's *Spirit of Salem* newsletter.

- **January 25, Wednesday, 6:00 PM** — Salem Township Hall, Business Meeting and Salem Jeopardy
- **February 22, Wednesday, 7:30 PM** — Salem Township Hall, Lewis Family History Presentation
- **April 8, Saturday, 6:00 PM** — Fox Hills – Classic Log Cabin, Annual Dinner / Auction
- **April 26, Wednesday, 7:30 PM** — Jarvis Stone School, Rosie the Riveter Presentation
- **May 24, Wednesday, 7:30 PM** — Jarvis Stone School, Walter Chrysler Presentation
- **June 28, Wednesday, 7:00 PM** — Jarvis Stone School, History of Rug Making Presentation
- **September 27, Wednesday, 1:00 PM** — Jarvis Stone School, Butterflies of SE Michigan Presentation
- **October 25, Wednesday, 7:30 PM** — Jarvis Stone School, Barn Preservation Matters Presentation
- **December 3, Sunday, 1 PM** — Annual Christmas Party

The SAHS Board is still investigating adding a few more events to its 2017 schedule. To keep current, visit our Web Site at www.SAHShistory.org or the Salem Area Historical Society Facebook Page.

SAHS Memberships

The Salem Area Historical Society is offering a special membership period for those who join now. An annual membership paid in the remained of 2016 will last through March 31, 2018. Please use the form below to join. SAHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions to it may be tax deductible. You can also use this form to send your tax-deductible donation to the Salem Area Historical Society. Feel free to make copies to distribute to family and friends.

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: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

+ DONATION: _____

\$10 PER SENIOR _____ \$15 PER INDIVIDUAL _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

\$25 PER FAMILY _____ \$50 PER BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION _____

\$300 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP PER COUPLE _____

SALEM TOWNSHIP PROMISE

"The only time you fail is when you fall down and stay down." -Stephen Richards

By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be past and most will be preparing for Christmas. It's a great time of the year; snow, sledding, skiing, etc. I hope all had a great Thanksgiving and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

You may recall in the last Messenger we had arranged a "Dine to Donate" fund raiser at Aubree's in South Lyon. They would donate 10 percent of all food purchases to our scholarship. Thanks to those who participated, we received a modest check from Aubree's. Next time, who knows? Also, don't forget to sign up for Kroger Rewards. We are NPO #27398.

The Salem Township Promise is more than a scholarship program giving money away. It is a long term investment in the youth of our community. They will be the future leaders both here and in other venues. They will remember what we did for them and our community will benefit in the long run. So as you plan your year-end giving, remember them. Please write a check payable to "The Salem Township Promise", and mail it to P.O. Box 75319, Salem, Michigan 48175.

Thanks,



Pat Curley





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Trustee, Reggie DeLuca	reggie@saalem-mi.org
Trustee, David Trent	david@saalem-mi.org
Trustee, John Daniel	john@saalem-mi.org

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Firechief@saalem-mi.org

Deputy Treasurer, Janice Radatz
jradatz@saalem-mi.org

Deputy Clerk, Kim Taggart
deputyclerk@saalem-mi.org

Building Department, Anne Alexander
aalexander@saalem-mi.org

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Monday – Friday
9:00am – 4:30pm

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Fax: 248-349-9350

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 734-994-2911

LANDFILL

888-443-1717

Hours Open

Mon – Fri 6:00am – 5:00pm

Sat 7:00am – 12:00pm

Closed Sunday