

SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Dear Salem Neighbors,

I hope you and your families are doing well and have been able to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. It's just amazing how quickly it flew by this year. Autumn is already upon us with cooler temperatures and the leaves beginning to change. Although, summer came and went way too fast, fall in Michigan is so beautiful. It is a great time for me to give thanks for family, friends and the opportunity to interact with so many of you. Below are a few updates on happenings in Salem Township.

The Hamlet Streetscaping

Our engineers and planners are still hopeful the Hamlet Streetscaping Project can begin in the fall. As of now, it depends on Detroit Edison replacing some of the polls in the Hamlet.

Chubb Road Paving Project

The Chubb Road paving project is still on schedule for paving that will be beginning the spring of 2019. In a few weeks, the Washtenaw County Road Commission and the Township will be meeting with property owners that will be affected. Once the project is set to start, the property owners will be notified and the date and time will be posted on WCRoads.org as well as Salem-MI.org.

The USD (Urban Services District) Utilities

As mentioned in the last Salem Township Newsletter, roughly \$1 million dollars is being spent out of the grant money for engineering on the utilities. Approximately 70% of this project is already completed.

Currie Road Repaving Project

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the Currie Road Project should be completed. I know this was especially difficult for the residents that live on Currie Road. This project sure needed to be done and I am grateful for your patience while the construction was being completed.

I want to make sure and thank all the volunteers and sponsors who made Flag Day a great success again. This is a huge undertaking that just would not be possible without the efforts of so many who work tirelessly to pull it off. It was a great success and so many of our Salem residents had a wonderful time enjoying all the festivities. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers.

For those of you that are new to Salem Township, we have three organizations that you can volunteer to help with if you would like to be involved. They are the Salem Historical Society, Salem Community

Events and the Salem Promise. Please check out their information in this Newsletter or feel free to contact the office if you would like more information.

In closing, I hope you all enjoy a wonderful Autumn season here in Salem Township. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at 248-909-3200. It has been my pleasure to speak with many of you that have reached out to me in the past. It is always nice to have residents stop by for our monthly Township meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and would love to have you join us. If you can't make the meeting, remember you can always watch the video of the meeting, which we post on our website.

Take good care,



Gary

CLERK'S COMMENTARY: FROM THE DESK OF DEL WENSLEY

JUST A REMINDER "TO GET OUT TO VOTE"

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 - The State of Michigan's General Election

The last day to register to vote for the November election is October 9, 2018. You must be registered by that date to participate.



Salem Township Needs Election Workers for the November Election

Have you ever wondered why our elections go so smoothly? It is because of our fine township residents who serve in the capacity of election workers. If you would like to learn more about serving as an election worker, please call me and we can go over the details.

Qualifications

- Must be a registered voter of Michigan.
- Must complete and file an Election Inspector Application.
- Must attend a training session prior to working as an election inspector.

Election Day Requirements

- The polling place must be open for voting between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- A majority of the workers must be in attendance at the polling place at all times during the election.
- Election inspectors must report for work at the Precinct by 6:15am.
- Flexible work schedule is available.
- After the polls close at 8:00 p.m., election inspectors must prepare the election materials to be turned into the Clerk's Office. The rest of the supplies and equipment must also be stored before leaving the polling place.

Election Workers Pay

- Election workers get paid \$12.00 per hour for training and work.

Please call the Clerk, Del Wensley at 248.912.6726 to receive an application by mail OR stop by the Township Office and talk with Barb to pick up an application in person.

TREASURER'S UPDATE: FROM THE DESK OF DALE CONVERSE

As the summer winds down, I can't help but to look back and reflect on the pleasures I received from assisting and helping the many residents of this Township. I never knew when taking this office how rewarding it would be to be able to assist those that needed information or be their advocate in some situations.

The 2018 Summer tax season is nearly over. I would like to remind everyone that chooses to send their taxes by the USPS that there is a risk that your taxes may not be delivered by the Sept 14 deadline. Last year we had several residents that had to pay a late fee because we did not receive the payment on time here at the Township. I know this can be very frustrating, especially if you feel like you mailed your tax

payment in plenty of time. I would suggest one of the following safe guards to make sure you avoid late payments and associated fees. You can drop it off in person, place it in our drop box in front of our main entrance, send by registered mail or make sure to confirm that your check for taxes has cleared your bank by the due date.

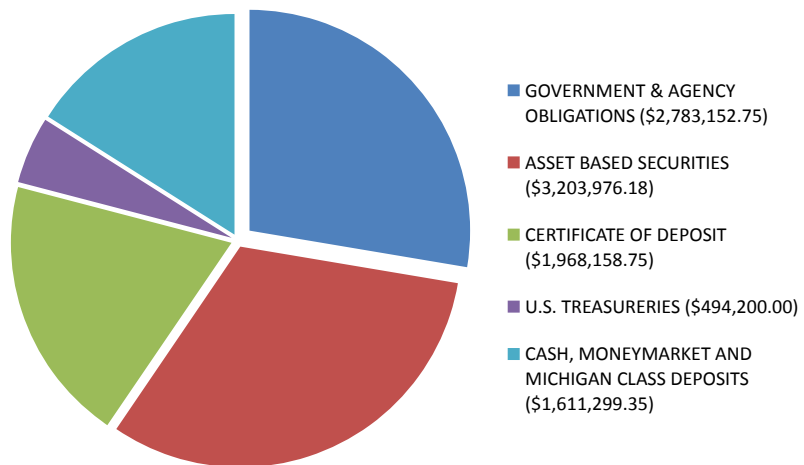
Bids were received and the final contract was awarded to replace the two-window wall and all the entrance doors to the Township hall. We will be pushing to get the glass and doors replaced later this fall. Hopefully by the time you receive this Newsletter, the work will be in progress or finished. We are still planning on further updates this fall, as I outlined in our last Newsletter.

The results of the CCTV sewer scans were reviewed by the Township and several areas were identified that need attention. Corrective action has begun and we will monitor the infiltration rates at the conclusion of each phase. We were pleased that area judged to contribute the most to the infiltration rate is relatively inexpensive to correct.

As you can see from the investment report, Salem Township now has exceeded \$10,000,000.00 in our investment portfolio.

SALEM TOWNSHIP'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

AS OF
July 31, 2018



NET ASSETS IN INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS		\$10,060,787.03
TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST, DIVIDENDS	1/1/18 - 7/31/18	\$70,726.95
TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST, DIVIDENDS	4/1/18 - 7/31/18	\$48,870.08

ASSESSOR'S INFO: FROM THE DESK OF BILL GUNTHER

The Michigan State Tax Commission has adopted a new pricing manual that Assessors statewide will be required to use in developing assessments for the 2019 tax season. The new manual must be used for both existing homes and new construction built during 2018. I have been in the process of modifying our software to comply with the new manual. I am also looking at property sale prices over the past two years and comparing them to my assessments. By State law, the average of my assessments must be set at 50% of market value of all the properties in the Township. These are the first steps in developing a final assessment roll for 2019. Once these values are set, look for a "Notice of Assessment", that will be mailed to you in late February. It is important that you look at your assessment for 2019, to make sure it is in line with what you feel your property is worth because the State only allows you to appeal that assessment to the March Board of Review. I am always available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to answer your questions, and you can get information on your property during Township office hours Monday through Friday.

WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



WITH THE CONSTANT THREAT OF FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT, HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY:

- Don't share your Social Security number unless absolutely necessary, such as required by law. You often have options for verification other than providing your SSN.
- If you receive an email from someone you don't know, be cautious. It may be a phishing attempt, designed to fool you into providing information to an identity thief. These fraudulent emails will often look like they are from reputable companies and ask for personal information such as passwords and credit card numbers.
- Don't give information over the phone. Criminals will call and pose as legitimate credit card companies, collectors, and/or governmental agencies. Do not give information over the phone.
- If you get a phone call saying they are the IRS and you have back taxes that must be paid or a warrant for your arrest will be issued, just hang up. This is a scam. If the IRS wants to contact you about taxes owed, they will do so by mail.
- Report any events that threaten your identity, such as stolen credit cards, identity, tax fraud, etc., to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.

SALEM-SOUTH LYON LIBRARY EVENTS

LORD OF THE GOURD

No Limit, Drop-in

Monday, October 1; 4:00 - 8:00PM

Drop in and watch the Lord of the Gourd, Patrick Harrison, do a pumpkin carving demonstration. Lord of the Gourd has done multiple TV appearances 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

Thursday, October 24; 6:00PM - 7:00PM Please Register!

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

Please register only the number of children attending.



EXTEND YOUR GROWING SEASON

Monday, September 10th; 6:30PM

Registration Required

Joannée DeBruhl of Stone Coop Farm will be sharing tips and tricks to extend the life of your garden. Learn simple ways to grow late fall, winter and early spring crops. She will discuss vegetables that love cold weather, how to build cold frames, understanding your garden's microclimate and so much more. Armed with her shared wisdom and you'll be enjoying the summer's bounty long after the season has peaked.



MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE'S FULL-SERVICE MOBILE OFFICE

Wednesday, October 17th; 12:00PM - 6:00PM

The Michigan Secretary of State's full-service Mobile Office is designed to make taking care of business fast and easy for you! Their friendly staff will help answer your questions and tell you about new services and conveniences. Visitors will also be able to change their address, update their voter registration, sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry or order a replacement vehicle title. The Mobile Office will be located in the library parking lot.



SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2018 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 7th 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

On **Wednesday, September 26th**, 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 "**Florence Nightingale**" by Florence Johnston, MS, RN, and Linda Strodtman, Ph.D., RN, who completed a recent trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum, estate and burial site in London. Linda Strodtman is Assistant Professor Emerita at the University of Michigan School of Nursing. Florence Nightingale, OM, RRC, DStJ (12 May 1820 - 13 August 1910) was an English social reformer and statistician, and the founder of modern nursing. Free Admission for SAHS members and \$2 for non-members.

OCTOBER 2018 EVENT:

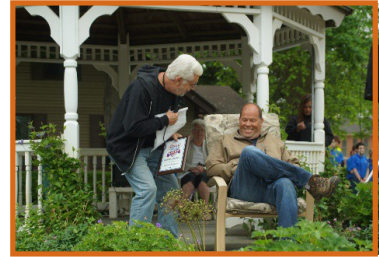
On **Wednesday, October 24th**, Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its monthly meeting at the South Salem Stone School starting at 7:30 PM. After a short business meeting, there will be a presentation about "Detroit Prohibition" by Joe Oldenburg. Historian and archivist Joe Oldenburg will present a fascinating tour of Prohibition in Detroit. Discover the exciting days of the Roaring Twenties, the infamous Purple Gang, speakeasies, bathtub gin, and rum runners on the Detroit River. Free Admission for SAHS members and \$2 for non-members.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

If you are not a member or you have not renewed your 2018-19 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. Dues can also be paid at that Website through PayPal.

SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

Were you part of Salem's 2018 Flag Day celebration? The South Lyon Middle School bands marched and later played music during the brief ceremony honoring Grand Marshal Leonard Bourgoin. 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. 2019 will be our 40th Flag Day celebration. Please share your stories and pictures from past years with us.



Our next activity is our annual children's Christmas party. Planning will begin September 15, 2018. The meeting begins at 11:00 am at the township hall. The Christmas party will be December 1, 2018 at Salem Hills Golf Club. We invite you to come and be a part of this annual event. This year will have a special gift for volunteers.

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. Visit 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.

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 Facebook under Salem Community Events. We are using these methods to update the community about our events.

SALEM BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

At SALEM BIBLE CHURCH here in center town Salem, our motto is: *We Preach Christ.*

- Sunday Services are @ 11am & 6pm, Adult & Children's Sunday School is @ 9:45am
- Junior Church for children during the service starts about 10:30am
- Prayer Meeting Wednesdays is @ 7pm

We are located @ 9481 West Six Mile Road, Salem, MI 48168 • Phone: 248-349-0674. Web: sbc4christ.org

The following are some exciting functions coming up soon. *ALL ARE WELCOME!*

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Chili Dinner & Adult Pinewood Derby, 5pm.
26 Wednesday Bible Club begins for ages 4 through 8th grade, 6:30pm.
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OCTOBER

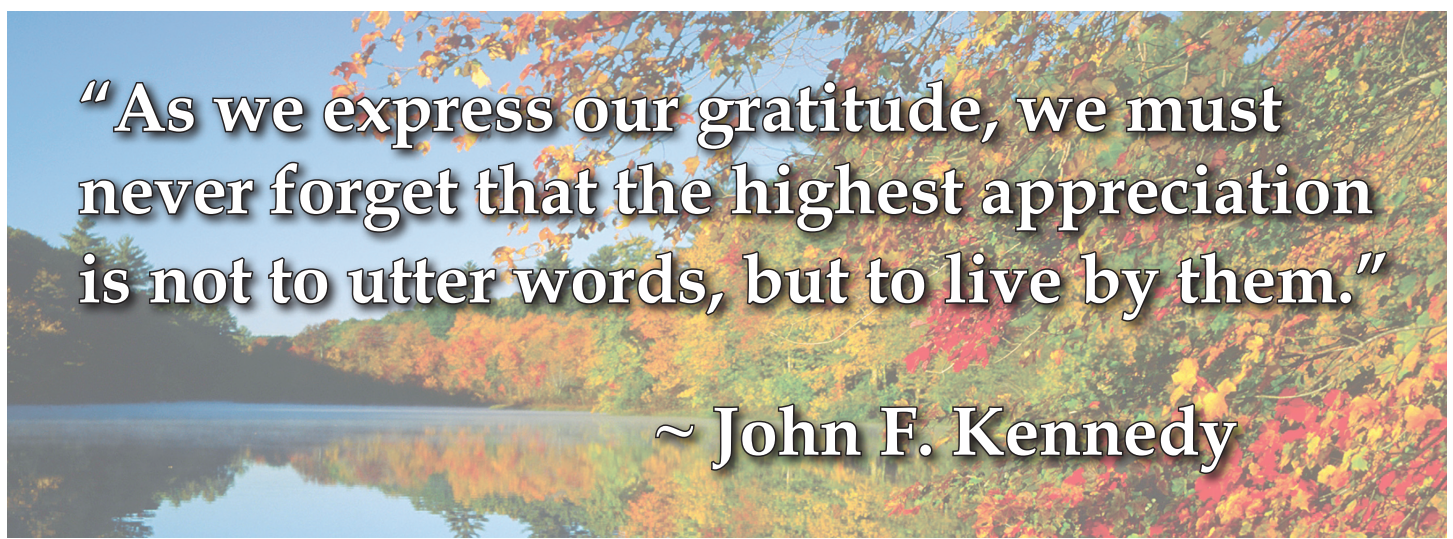
- 17 Hayride Night for Bible Club & their Families, 6:30pm.
26-27 Men's Retreat
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NOVEMBER

- 18 The Salem Bible Church Harvest Dinner, held immediately following the 11am Sunday morning service.
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DECEMBER

- 7 Christmas Dinner with Santa @ Northville Crossings Club House, 6pm. Reservations required.
16 Salem Bible Church Christmas Cantata, held during the 11am Sunday morning service.
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"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

~ John F. Kennedy

THE SALEM PROMISE

"SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION." – BEN SWEETLAND

As The Salem Promise begins its sixth year, we are proud to tell you that for the first time the Promise has awarded two scholarships for the 2018 school year.

This year's recipients are Sara Tarhanich on the left, a 4th generation Hamlet resident, and Gabrielle (Gabby) Lundgren, right. Both graduates of South Lyon East.

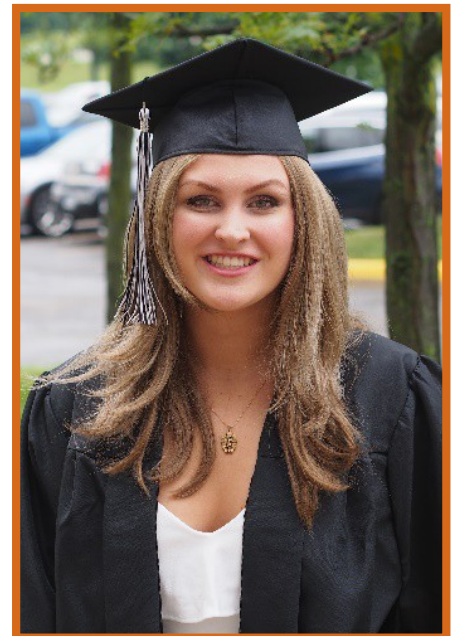
Sara will be attending Eastern Michigan studying Nutrition and Gabby will attend Madonna University School of Nursing.

Congratulations to them both.
Enjoy your journeys to the fullest.

And thanks to you our donors for your support. Without your generosity this would not be possible. As always please remember to send us your check, we'll put it to good use. ;-)

Thank you.

Pat Curley
The Salem Promise
P.O. Box 75319
Salem, MI. 48175



SALEM MEMORIES

Several small villages were scattered throughout Salem Township before the arrival of the railroad in the early 1870's. These villages were Summit, Riders, Laphams and Worden. Some existed for a time and were known by different names, often being that of the postman in that village.

The oldest documented village appears to have been Summit. The town was located on Currie Road south of Eight Mile Road. The town appears to have had a church and school house. Perhaps a lack of businesses led to the demise of the village. The last known remaining feature of the hamlet was the Wash-Oak School House. The building was relocated to the historic Mill Race Village in Northville.



Portion of 1839 Map of
Washtenaw County

If you know of any of the history of the village of Summit, please email me at the address below.

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. If you have a memory you would like to submit of a Salem ancestor, notable, business or place, please email Steve Roberts at lilacridge@charter.net.

Arbor Hills Residential Customer Appreciation Day

Saturday, September 22, 9am until noon
Northwest corner of Napier and Five Mile
(enter off of Napier)

- Enjoy refreshments •
- Meet our managers •
- Learn about our community partners •
- Receive a free gift •

Advanced Disposal is proud to provide cost-free residential waste disposal and recycling services at Arbor Hills to the people of Salem Township. We're happy to announce our new partnership with Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority, which will haul and process recyclables. This is one of many improvements we have in store this fall. We'd love to talk with you, show off our upgrades, and get your feedback.

We appreciate the residents of Salem Township and we want you to have the best possible experience at our residential disposal site. We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Customer Drop-Off Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. until noon.

Please do not put recyclables in bags or they will not be able to be recycled

SALEM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day - 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

OCTOBER

- 8 Columbus Day - Office Closed
- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 16 Land Preservation & Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER

- 12 Veteran's Day Observed - Office Closed
- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 20 Land Preservation & Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 22 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- 23 Office closed



Apple Bake Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 packs cinnamon roll dough with icing
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 granny smith apples, diced
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- vanilla ice cream

Preparation

Preheat oven to 375°

Cut the cinnamon roll dough into 3 even strips, then cut those strips in 3 pieces, making 9 pieces total per cinnamon roll. Set aside icing.

In a medium bowl, combine eggs, milk, cinnamon and extract, stirring until smooth. Set aside.

In a pan over medium heat, combine butter, apples and brown sugar, cooking until sugar starts to caramelize, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat.

Sprinkle the cinnamon roll dough pieces evenly in a 9x9 baking tray. Pour the egg mixture on top, followed by the apples.

Bake for 25-30 minutes, until golden brown. Serve with ice cream and drizzled caramel sauce.

Enjoy!

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firechief@saalem-mi.org

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jradatz@saalem-mi.org

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deputyclerk@saalem-mi.org

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
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Website: www.salem-mi.org

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

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

Landfill

Phone: 248-504-2527

Hours Open

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