

SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Greetings Salem neighbors,

I hope you and your families have had a great start to 2018. I know this winter weather has been challenging and I am looking forward to a long-awaited Spring here in Michigan. I am grateful to those of you who have gone above and beyond to help others who needed it during our winter storms. It has been encouraging to see Salem residents looking out for each other.

In our last addition of the Messenger, we talked about a \$10 million grant that was a legislative appropriation earmarked specifically for Salem Township. It will be administrated through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MECD). This grant will be for the purpose of design and construction of the infrastructure for development in the USD for water and sanitary sewer utilities. In the February Board of Trustees meeting, the board finalized the paperwork for the grant. Our engineers will be starting the design work for the infrastructure which will take approximately 6 to 8 months. The estimated total cost will be 23 million dollars. We maintain our position that the cost of this infrastructure will be the sole responsibility of the developers. They must fund this project with no burden on the taxpayers of Salem Township.

Second in the February the Board of Trustees meeting we voted and passed the streetscape project in the Salem Hamlet. This project will include engineering, streetlights, trees, sidewalks and signage. It will be a nice makeover for our downtown, historical Hamlet area. The estimated cost is \$500,000.

Once again, I want to sincerely thank many of you who have reached out to me concerning any issues or questions that you have had. Unfortunately, some have heard rumors that have been spread. Should you hear anything that is cause for concern, I would count it a privilege to speak with you and provide you with facts that will help our community understand what is before us. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me on my personal cell phone.

Take good care,

248-909-3200



CLERK'S COMMENTARY: FROM THE DESK OF DEL WENSLEY

May 8, 2018: Ann Arbor School Election – Precinct Consolidated with Northfield Township

For the upcoming May 8, 2018 Ann Arbor School election, in an effort to save taxpayer dollars, we have consolidated the precinct for this election only due to the small number of electors in this school precinct. Citizens who reside in the Ann Arbor school system will vote at the Salem Township Hall at 9600 Six Mile Rd. More details will follow for voters in Precinct 3.

Inside Michigan Politics – 2017 Public Acts

The Michigan Legislature introduced many new issues that were signed into law during the end of 2017. The following is a partial list of 2017 public acts that may impact townships throughout Michigan.

- **PA 37: Emergency Vehicles:** Eliminates requirement that emergency lights must be mounted on the roof of an authorized vehicle.
- **PA 61: Unattended Running Vehicles:** Allows unattended running vehicles under certain circumstances with subject to violation.
- **PA 112: Roadway Solicitations:** Allows solicitation of contributions in public roadways during daylight hours by certain charitable or veterans organizations subject to compliance with local regulations.
- **PA 147: Water treatment project grants:** Increase the amount of grants that a municipality may receive to help finance certain sewage & water treatment projects.



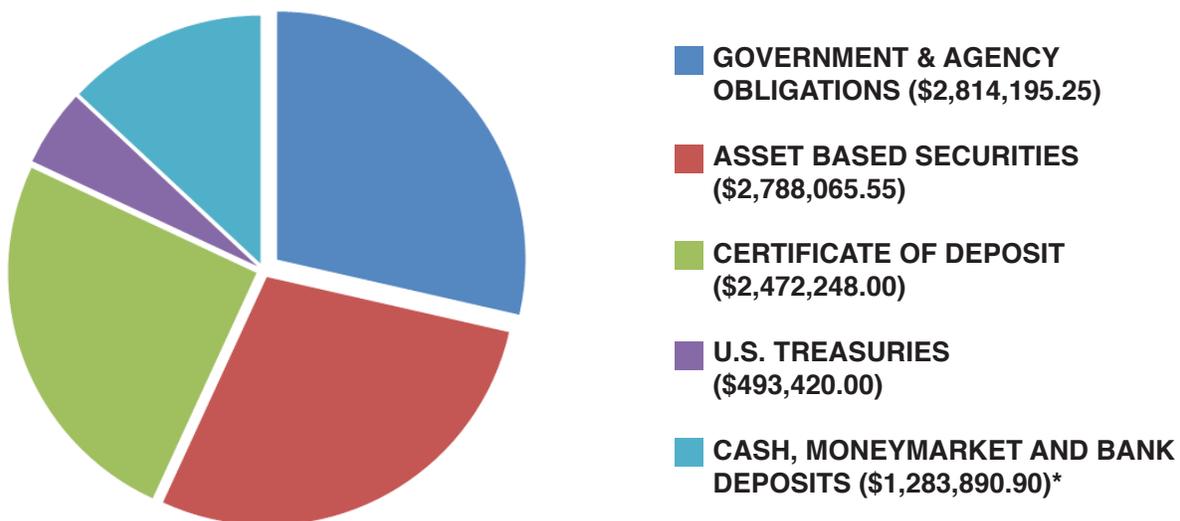
TREASURER'S UPDATE

Residents in the Hamlet that were paying for their sewer tap and/or debt service fee received their final bill for those charges this past February. The bond that financed the Hamlet sewer system is now paid in full. The sewer billing for the Hamlet going forward will only be \$49.50 per month which will be used to cover the operation and maintenance of the sewer plant. The Township still has an obligation for the bond that funded the sewer expansion that runs along Chubb Road between Five and Six Mile Roads until 2022. Billing for the Expansion will remain the same.

The status of the work to fulfill the SAW grant has not changed from my last communication. Inspection of the sewer collection system has been completed, but the assessment of the pumping stations, manholes, and waste disposal plant still need to be completed. Once all the different components are inspected a formal review will be completed and a final report issued. This process is expected to take at least two to three years to complete.

Looking ahead, Salem Township will be incurring major expenses for the road paving project, upcoming purchase of a fire truck/pumper, and other future major capital improvement projects. These expenditures will require the Township to use some of the capital held in our reserve / investment account. The Treasurer's office has been aware for past several years of the upcoming capital outlay that will be necessary and has directed all investments in the investment portfolio into investment that can be liquidated without major penalties. CD's, Treasuries, and interest-bearing accounts have and will be utilized in the future so that we do not incur penalties from a volatile bond market once those funds are required. The Treasurer's office has been using a liquid MI CLASS savings account that presently bears a 15 bases point disadvantage to a one-year CD. However, the Federal Reserve has indicated that they plan on having at least 3 maybe 4 rate increases in 2018. Given this information, I am confident that it is prudent to invest in this account where interest rate is tied to the FED Fund Rate verses a CD that is locked when it is purchased. The "CASH MONEYMARKET AND BANK DEPOSITS" in the chart below now includes the MI CLASS savings account instead of being reported separately as in the past.

SALEM TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018



NET ASSETS IN INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS **\$9,851,819.70**

*THE MI CLASS ACCOUNT HAS BEEN COMBINED WITH THE "CASH MONEY MARKET AND BANK DEPOSITS"

**ASSESSOR'S UPDATE:
FROM THE DESK OF BILL GUNTHER**

Salem Twp. Board of Review 2018

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SALEM TOWNSHIP

THE **BOARD OF REVIEW** FOR SALEM TOWNSHIP WILL MEET ON TUESDAY MARCH 5TH, AT 1:00 PM AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL FOR AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. **NO APPEALS HEARD AT THIS MEETING.**

THE SALEM TOWNSHIP MARCH 2018 BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET TO HEAR APPEALS TO THE 2018 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS ON THE DATES AND TIMES LISTED BELOW:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M., AND FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH, 3:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. ALL LETTER PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16TH, 2018, MAILED TO P.O. BOX 75002, SALEM, MI 48175 **FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL 248-349-1690 EXT. 0**
AFTER YOU RECEIVE YOUR NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SIGNED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER.

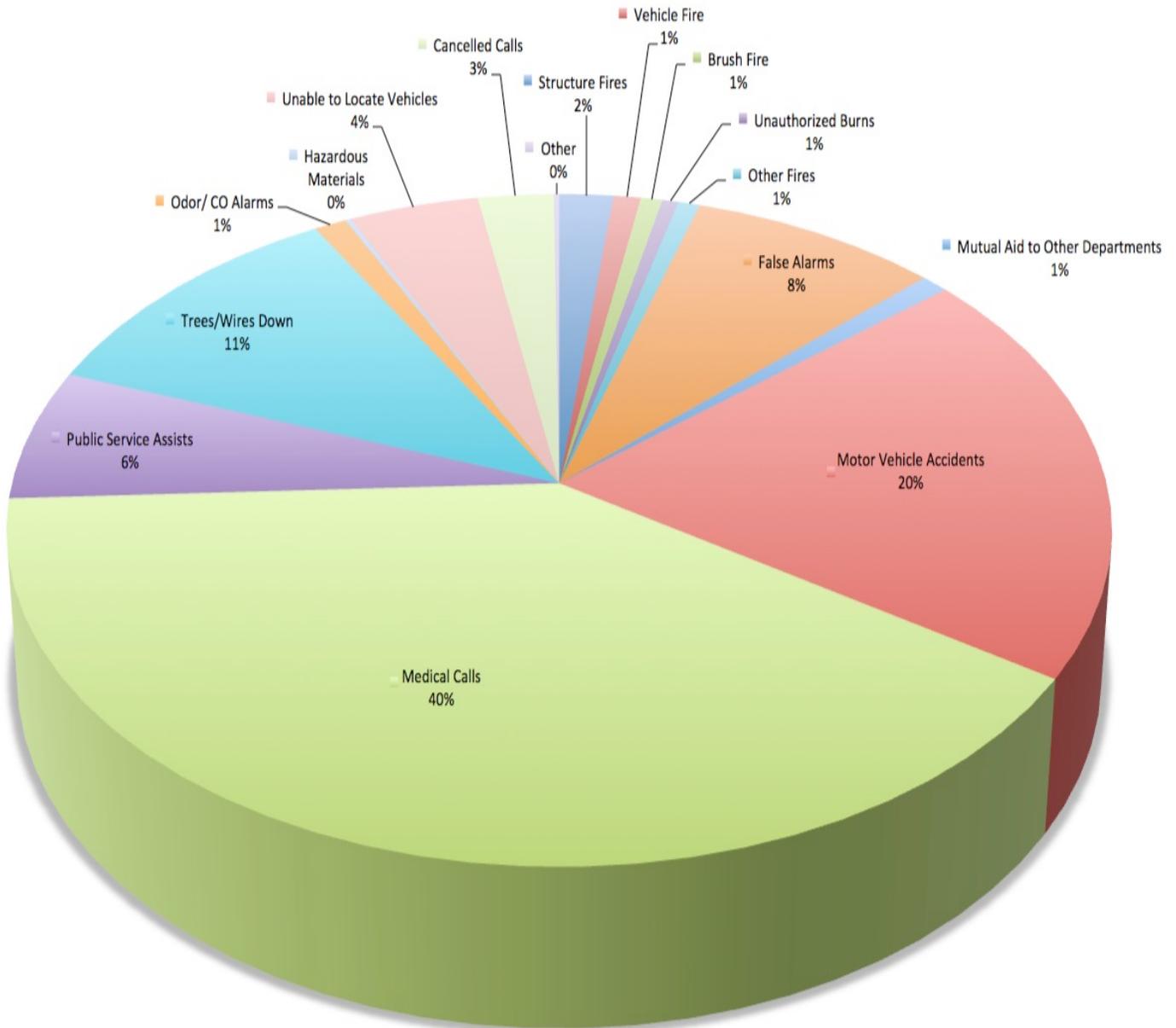
TENTATIVE RATIOS AND ESTIMATED MULTIPLIERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>RATIO</u>	<u>MULTIPLIER</u>
AGRICULTURAL	50%	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50%	1.0000
INDUSTRIAL	50%	1.0000
RESIDENTIAL	50%	1.0000
PERSONAL	50%	1.0000

SALEM TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dear Salem Township Residents,

The year of 2017 was a busy year for our fire department. Listed below is a percentage breakdown for the calls of service we received. For the over 500 calls for service in 2017, over half of them fell into two categories, medicals and car accidents. It is also worth noting that our average response times to these calls were well under the accepted national average.



In an effort to continue to improve service to our community, we are seeking bids to replace our 23-year engine. The new engine, if purchased as designed, would greatly enhance our firefighting capability by adding the ability to attack a fire with foam as well as increased the vehicle dependability.

WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

We have had several scams in the last couple months. There have been 4 scams total and 2 of the 4 have given a considerable amount of money (\$1,500 and \$3,000).

- Victims receive a call from someone claiming to be with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.
- Scammer leaves a message telling the victim that they have an issue that needs to be taken care of.
- Victims call back to a number that is set up to mimic our official phone service voicemail. After selecting the appropriate option, they are connected to a real person.
- From here there are several variations
 - The scammer informs them that they have missed jury duty and now have a warrant. In order to clear the warrant, they are told that they need to get a money card and call back. Upon calling back they are instructed to give the money card number and the scammers then have access to the funds. Two of the four have had this happen and it sounds like a 3rd may have had this same scam just today.
 - The other variation is that a grandparent is told that their grandchild is in jail and needs bond money. To do so the victim is asked to get a money card and call back and the same thing happens with the card numbers.

Although scams are nothing new, it is not normal to have so many in close proximity. We also heard the voice mail system and it sounds very official and may cause confusion. However, we would never call demanding money. We are hoping to get this information out as much as possible so that citizens will be prepared if they are contacted by one of these scammers.



"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have."

~ Irish Proverb

SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Membership News:

Salem Area Historical Society annual Memberships expire on March 31st. If you are not a member or you want to renew your membership, please send in your membership dues. Use the form below or the one on the "Membership" page of the Salem Area Historical Society's web site www.sahshistory.org.

The SAHS hopes that we can capture your interest in our goal of preserving the past for the future and to see you at our events. More information can be found at the Salem Area Historical Society's Website (www.sahshistory.org) or on our Facebook page. You can become a member or renew your membership for 2018 at any of our events or via our Website.

March 2018 Event:

Tickets are now available for the **Salem Area Historical Society's 2018 Annual Dinner and Auction** on Saturday, March 24th, at 6 PM at Fox Hills' Classic Log Cabin Club House. Tickets to this pre-paid event are \$37.00 per SAHS Member and \$42 per non-SAHS Member. Everyone is invited. The event includes a buffet dinner, a silent auction, a live auction and Fun for all. There will be around 100 items up for auction. Auction items include gift cards to: Tipping Point Theatre, Meadow Brook Theatre, Purple Rose Theatre, Henry Ford Museum, Disney World, The Grand Hotel, Karl's Cabin, Fox Hills, CJ's brewing, and Nassau Grill & Bar. Checks may be made out to **Salem Historical Society**. They may be mailed to SAHS, PO BOX 75011, Salem, MI 48175.

April 2018 Event:

The SAHS Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **April 25th**, at 7:30 PM in the South Salem Stone School. A short SAHS Business agenda will be followed by a presentation on **Local Area Native American History - Pre-1600** by Carol Clements, Nankin Mills Naturalist. Admission Fee: \$2 for non-SAHS Members.

May 2018 Events:

The **Salem Area Historical Society Trinkets to Treasures Yard Sale** will be held on Saturday, **May 19th**, from 9 AM to 2 PM. This will be a community wide yard sale featuring flea market and resale items. You can buy a space to sell your items or you can donate items to SAHS with all proceeds from their sale going to SAHS General Fund. Clean out your attic, your garage, your house! It's time to sell your unwanted treasures or donate them to SAHS to sell. Vendors welcome. For more information, go to the SAHS Website.

The SAHS Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **May 23rd**, at 7:30 PM in the South Salem Stone School. A short SAHS Business agenda will be followed by a presentation on **Local Area Native American History - 1600** and later by Carol Clements, Nankin Mills Naturalist. Admission Fee: \$2 for non-SAHS Members.



SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

Salem Community Events held its annual Children's Christmas party in December. We would like to thank all those who helped make it such a success. Santa arrived 15 minutes after the party started and stayed, listening to the children's Christmas wishes for about an hour. The kids also enjoyed Christmas bingo, face painting, balloon creations and crafts. Salem Hills Golf Course graciously hosts this event for us each year.

We have begun planning for the 2018 Salem Flag Day Celebration held June 2nd. Leonard Bourgoïn will be the 2018 Grand Marshal. He grew up in Garden City and moved to South Lyon in 1979. He used to drive to Redford for work along Seven and Eight Mile Roads. One day he was detoured to Six Mile and saw a sign advertising a building for lease. Along with a partner he moved his business, Salem Tool, to that building. Leonard worked with his brother, Mike for 30 years until Mike's death. Mike lived just down the street from Leonard in Salem. Leonard manufactures a soil density tester developed by with the US Army Corp of Engineers and a company in Plymouth with whom he did business. The device was on loan and Leonard was involved in the redesign and manufacturing of the improved device. The device is used for road work to determine bearing capacity. The device is shipped for use all over the world.

Leonard's granddaughter lives with him and he is active in various volunteer opportunities at her school. Leonard shared that his dream was to work in the community in which he lived manufacturing a unique product. Leonard's dream has become a reality in Salem!

Please consider becoming involved in this community event. We need people to help during the actual event. Vendors are welcome to set up tables to sell their wares. We are looking for a band to perform before the fireworks. If you would like to be part of the "longest parade on the shortest route" join the line up at Salem Elementary School at 10:00 am Saturday morning, June 2nd. Dan Jenkinson and helpers will be on site to tell you what you need to do. Fireworks will be shot that evening. (Rain date is June 9th.) Donors are needed to underwrite the fireworks and other expenses. Give Theresa (248.808.0870) or Linda (248.380.7017) a call if you want to help. Checks should be mailed to Salem Community Events, PO Box 75041, Salem, MI 48175. You can also help us by shopping at Kroger or Amazon -

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. 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.

SALEM-SOUTH LYON LIBRARY EVENTS

FANCY NANCY TEA PARTY

Limit 25, grades K and above. Register online. Saturday, March 10, 2:00- 3:00
Celebrate reading month, dress up in fancy clothes, and join us for afternoon tea and a craft.



THE DAKOTA WAR OF 1862

Limit 75, Please Register. Thursday, March 29, 7:00pm
Writer & Historian Heather Bruegl will discuss the Dakota War of 1862.



RUSTIC SPRING HOLIDAY DECOR

Limit 25, Please Register. March 20, 7-8:30pm
Add a little charm to your home with our DIY rustic holiday decor. Join us in making Spring themed crafts guaranteed to brighten your home for the season.



GLUTEN INTOLERANCE & WHAT IT MEANS

Limit 20, Please Register. March 14, 7:00pm
Juli Johnson from Back to Basics Health and Nutrition will unravel the confusion about gluten sensitivity and intolerance.



MICHIGAN GARDENER ROAD TRIPS

Limit 75, Please Register. April 3, 7:00pm
Presented by Julia Hofley garden writer and contributor to Michigan Garden Magazine, Fine Gardening Magazine and assorted publications.



TEA CUP BIRD FEEDER

Limit 25, Please Register. Tuesday, April 24, 7-8:00pm.
Give your feathered friends a pretty little place to land with this tea cup bird feeder.



LIVE JAZZ WITH RJ SPANGLER TRIO & LEGENDARY LARRY SMITH ON SAX

April 8, 2:00pm. Drop in, no registration required.



DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Limit 4 boxes per vehicle will be enforced. Saturday, April 28, 10am - 2:00pm
We have partnered with American Data security to provide secure disposal of your documents.



SOO PORTER: ORGANIZE YOUR GARAGE

Limit 75, Please Register. Thursday, May 10, 7-8:30pm
Join us for our basic101 on how to organize your garage to make it a more efficient & useful space.



CAROUSEL ACRES MOBILE PETTING FARM

All ages, No Limit. Please register. Sunday, May 20, 2-3:00pm
Get up close and personal with farm animals and then browse our collection of books to learn more about them. We will meet outside on the lawn for this program.



THE SALEM PROMISE

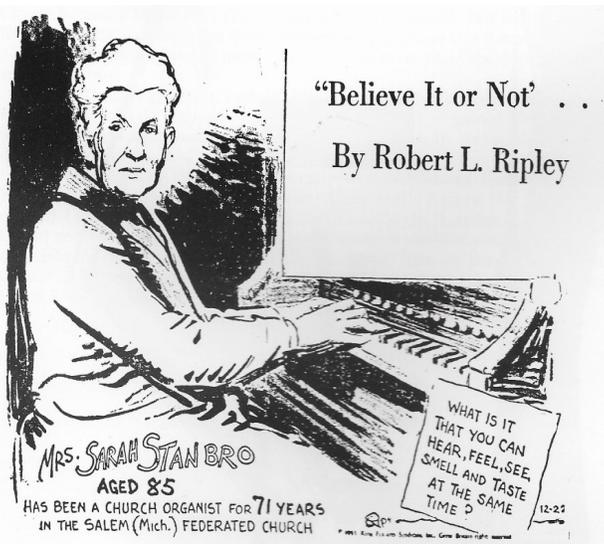
By the time you read this the scholarship applications will be at the schools and posted online. Students may either get a copy from their Counselor's office or go to our website: TheSalemPromise.org. Just scroll down to the application section and click the download button for either the printable version or the online version, your choice.

The deadline for submitting the application this year is April 21, 2018. It's a little earlier than in the past but will give the Awards Committee a little more time to meet and review them. All Salem Township graduating high school seniors are eligible, and to qualify, an applicant only has to have a 2.0 GPA. Remember, this scholarship isn't just for the straight "A" kids, it's open to everyone, even if you want to go to a Trade school.

As always, a copy can be picked up at the Township office or call me at 248-437-0012.

Thank you,
Pat Curley
The Salem Promise

MEMENTO MORI



On December 20, 1931, Salem Federated Church (now Salem Bible Church) celebrated its Centennial. At that celebration special recognition was given to Mrs. Sarah Stanbro for her faithful service as the church organist. Mrs. Stanbro had served in that capacity for the congregation for 71 years. Ripley's Believe It or Not picked up on the feat and published a clip in her honor in their regular daily column. To the left is a copy of that clip from a December 1931 copy of the Detroit News.

Mrs. Stanbro is 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 TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

March

- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 20 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 30 Good Friday - Office Closes at 12:00 pm

April

- 10 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 17 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm

May

- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 15 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 28 Memorial Day - Office Closed

The new resident drop off for Advanced Disposal Landfill has been moved. It is located off Napier Road, south of the rail road tracks, north of 5 Mile Rd. Residents will be able to drop off household refuse as well as recyclables. The compost area will still be located on the North side of Six Mile Rd, west of Napier.



Grilled Chicken Salad with Honey Mustard Dressing

Ingredients

- 1/2 c. mayonnaise
- 3 tbsp. yellow mustard
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 1 tbsp. vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 3 c. grilled chicken breasts
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 5 c. salad greens
- 4 slices cooked bacon, chopped
- 3 1/2 c. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 c. red onion, slivered
- 2 boiled eggs, sliced

Directions

1. **Make the dressing:** In a small bowl, add mayonnaise, mustard, honey, vinegar, and 1 teaspoon pepper and whisk until smooth and combined.
2. Grill chicken breasts
3. Divide salad greens between two large bowls and top each with half the bacon, tomatoes, onion, eggs, and chicken. Serve with honey mustard dressing.

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Non-Emergency: 734-994-2911

Landfill

Phone: 248-412-0691

Hours Open

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