

# SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Dear Salem Neighbors,

I hope you and your families are doing well. I am so grateful the warm weather has finally arrived and I am looking forward to a beautiful Michigan summer. It really is amazing what a difference a few weeks can make! Below are a few updates on upcoming projects in Salem Township.

**Hamlet Streetscaping** – In our March Board of Trustees meeting we approved the Hamlet Streetscaping Project which will include street lights, sidewalks, brick pavers, a cross walk and new trees. This will give the Hamlet District much needed update. Engineering is almost completed for this project and the next step is for the bidding process to begin.

**Chubb Road Paving Project** - Final costs for the paving project should be submitted in the next two months. We are looking forward to the project to begin by the Spring of 2019. Work on the Chubb Rd. railroad crossing should be completed by the end of this May.

**USDA Grant Money** - As I mentioned in our last Newsletter, the \$10 million-dollar grant for Salem Township, that will be administered by the MEDC, is for the design and construction of the infrastructure for development in the USD for water and sanitary sewer utilities. So far, the township has received \$5 million-dollars, which is half of the money. Our engineers have begun the engineering process for the water and sewer, which will take approximately 6 to 8 months.

**Currie Road Repaving Project** - We received information from the Washtenaw County Road Commission that they will be repaving Currie Road between 6 Mile Rd and 7 Mile Rd sometime this year. However, there aren't funds available to repave between 7 Mile Rd and 8 Mile Rd. We reached out to the road commission to see how we could assist with this important project. The agreement is that Salem Township will front the money for the project with a pay back from the road commission in the next two years. This will ensure that this much needed project will finally be able to move forward and be completed. We were also informed that 8 Mile Rd between Tower and Pontiac Trail is slated to be repaved next year. We have offered similar assistance for this project if it can be completed this year.



**Flag Day Saturday, June 2nd** - Flag day is always one of my favorite days here in Salem Township and I look forward to seeing many of you. It is a great time to kick off the summer and come together as one great community. The Salem Community Events volunteers work tirelessly to make this fun filled day that is memorable for all. I sincerely want to thank each of them as well as the businesses and individuals who donate funds to make this event such a great success.

Lastly, I want to wish you all a safe and happy summer. Please feel free to reach out to me, as well as any of our board members, with the email addresses available on the back of this newsletter. As always, feel free to contact me directly on my cell phone at 248-909-3200. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions or talk about concerns you might have.

Take care,



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

### **JUST A REMINDER "TO GET OUT TO VOTE":**

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018 - The State of Michigan's Primary Election**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 2018 - The State of Michigan's General Election**

#### **Salem Township Needs Election Workers for the August & November Elections**

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 at all three of our Precincts. 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 in the state 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 board 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.
- A 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 are paid \$12.00 per hour for training and work.

\*Please call 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

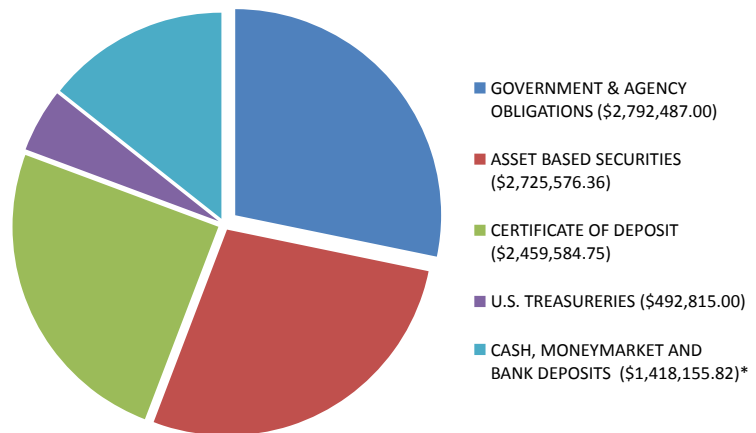
The Township has been awaiting the results of the CCTV sewer scan so that we can begin the planning process for the improvements needed to address the excessive water infiltration that is experienced during heavy rain falls. The findings have revealed several areas of concern that we have determined must be addressed as soon as possible. The SAW grant we received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality funds 90% of the sewer study, but the Township will be responsible for the actual upgrade work.

The Treasurer's office has the responsibility to manage the \$10,000,000 Michigan Economic Development Corporation grant we received to bring water and sewer to the Urban Service District (USD). Setting up the various accounts was challenging, but after receiving the initial \$5,000,000 on March 28th, they have been working great. One benefit the Township has received is that the Township is able to retain the interest received from an interest-bearing liquid account while awaiting distribution for the design and construction work. It is anticipated that the Township will realize a revenue increase for 2018 fiscal year exceeding \$65,000 for managing the MEDC grant.

The Treasurer has been contacting various commercial glazing and door companies to discuss ideas on how to address the structural deterioration of the front doors to the Township Hall. Years of corrosion have taken its toll on the structural integrity of the glazing and door structure. We are planning on replacing all 8 doors and glazing with insulated glass, a new automatic sliding door on the south side, new double hinged doors for the north door and the hall and office doors. After the work is completed, we want to replace the concrete walk outside both exterior doors with brick pavers that will address the concrete movement between the summer and winter months. In addition, I have started the design and planning work to upgrade the bathrooms so that they will be fresh, modern, and ADA compliant.

The 2018 tax season is just around the corner. This past winter tax season we had some residents that mailed their taxes to the Township on or around February 5th from different post offices only to have them returned. The USPS did not recognize the Townships address so the letters were returned to the sender. The address on the letters were correct in all cases. The issue is that it takes 4-6 weeks for the USPS to return the letters to the residents, and by that time, the delinquent taxes had already been turned over to the County. Those residents were all assessed a 5% penalty as postmarks cannot be honored. Moving forward, I would encourage you to keep an eye on your bank statements, if you choose to mail your payment, to make sure that the checks have cleared the bank prior to the due dates. As always, you are welcome to bring your tax payments into the office or deposit them into the drop box outside the main door.

### SALEM TOWNSHIP'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF March 31, 2018



<b>NET ASSETS IN INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$9,888,618.93</b>
<b>TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST, DIVIDENDS 1/1/17-12/31/17</b>	<b>\$125,618.42</b>
<b>TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST, DIVIDENDS 4/1/17-3/31/18</b>	<b>\$126,689.02</b>

\* THE MI CLASS ACCOUNT HAS BEEN COMBINED WITH THE "CASH MONEYMARKET AND BANK DEPOSITS"

# SALEM-SOUTH LYON LIBRARY EVENTS

## LIBRARIES SUMMER READING KICKOFF!

Thursday, June 14 (All Ages)

Join us for the 2018 Summer Reading program!  
Register for the program and receive a free book!

## TAKE A SUMMER STORY WALK®! (ON-GOING EVENT)

New Stories available June 14, July 19 and August 23

Story Walks® combine three important elements that promote learning: reading, moving and enjoying the outdoors. Walk along the trail and enjoy reading the picture book displayed on signs along the way.

## BIRDS OF MICHIGAN

Wednesday, July 18; 11:00 am-12:00

Ages 6 years old and up

Join us to learn about birds that are common in Michigan. Weather permitting, you will have the opportunity to listen for and see birds along the wooded path at the library. Presented by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

## SUMMER SAMPLINGS: A BOOK & CRAFT EXPERIENCE

Friday, June 15; 6:00pm

Join us for a brand new "tasting" experience. You may have heard of wine, chocolate, or cheese tastings, but have you ever experienced a book tasting? To kick off our 2018 Summer Reading Program we'll be hosting a book tasting & craft making event where you'll be able to sample some great summer reads, staff picks, new releases and much more. While you're here, register for the Summer Reading Program, enjoy a few snacks, enter to win some prizes, and let us help you start your summer with the right book.

## DIGITAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Wednesday, July 25; 6:30pm start

Are you looking for an evening of fun? Do you like deciphering clues? Adults, gather your team of 2-5 people, grab your internet-connected smart phone or tablet, and head to downtown South Lyon.

Meet at the South Lyon Hotel for instructions, head out for the Hunt, and reconvene at the Hotel for a buffet dinner (drinks not included).

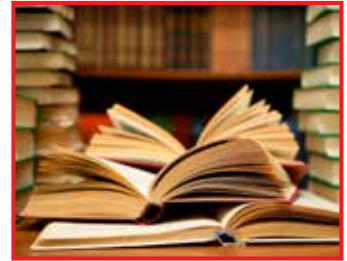
Cost: \$20 per person that includes a buffet dinner of pizza, mostaccioli, breadsticks, salad, & beverage.

Registration will be online Friday, June 1 - Friday, July 13. Payment is due at time of registration.

## INDIVIDUALIZED GENEALOGY ASSISTANCE

Individual, 1Hr appointments available on select Tuesdays. Please contact the library to register.

Looking for help starting or continuing a family tree (either printed or electronic)? Want information on genetic genealogy (DNA)? Need help with mysterious names of relatives you can't place? Have other genealogy questions? Our resident genealogy volunteer can help! Register for an appointment now! For your appointment, you should bring anything you have that's pertinent to the questions you have (any names, dates, etc. that you've tracked down). Bring an outline of the goal(s) you'd like to accomplish with your genealogy search (complete a basic family tree, work on an existing tree, find missing family, etc.).



# SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

Planning is almost completed for the 2018 Salem Flag Day Celebration to be held June 2nd. Leonard Bourgoin 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 the US Army Corp of Engineers and a company in Plymouth. The device was on loan and Leonard was involved in the redesign and manufacturing of the improved tester. The device is used for road work to determine bearing capacity. The soil density tester 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 is an avid fisherman and recently purchased a boat which he uses to fish in Lake Erie. He shared that some days you can catch your limit of perch and other days you return home with no fish. Leonard is concerned about the continuing health of the Johnson Creek, a cold-water stream which runs through Salem Township. He hopes that future development and land use will keep this cold-water stream in its pristine condition since it is home to the Red Side Dace. 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. Music will be provided by a local young person, Joey Skinner prior to 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](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 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.

We hope to see you at this year's Flag Day celebration! Our fireworks rain date is June 9, 2018. Check our Facebook page or call 248.380.7017 for any fireworks update the day of the event.

# SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

## June Events:

Salem Area Historical Society will be conducting a tour of historic structures in Salem Township on Thursday, June 14th. We will be starting from the South Salem Stone School at 11:00 am. We will car pool from there to the various historic structures in Salem. At each one, we will stop and learn a little bit about it. Stops will include houses, schools, churches and businesses. Our last stop on the tour will be at Salem's historic Karl's Cabin (Rusceak's Rustic Tavern), where those that are interested can have lunch. For more information visit our Website, [www.SAHShistory.org](http://www.SAHShistory.org) or our Facebook page. If you want to see and learn some history about Salem Township, please join us by sending an email request to [Salem\\_Area\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com).

On Wednesday, June 27th, SAHS is hoping to have a presentation by a Native American on life today as a member of a local Native American tribe. This will be at 7:30 PM in the South Salem Stone School. Confirmation of this event will be posted on the SAHS Website and Facebook page.

## July Event:

The Salem Area Historical Society will be holding an open house on Sunday, July 8th 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 Event:

### 9th COUNTRY FAIR FEATURING ARTS AND CRAFTS!

Saturday August 18th - 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 South Salem 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! Sorry, no electricity available. Home businesses welcome. To reserve a spot, email your request to [SAHS.CountryFair@aol.com](mailto:SAHS.CountryFair@aol.com) or use the form at the SAHS Website ([www.SAHShistory.org](http://www.SAHShistory.org)).

## Membership News:

Salem Area Historical Society Annual Memberships for 2018/9 will last until March 31, 2019. If you are not a member or you want to renew your membership, please send in your membership dues.

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**For SAHS Memberships Application 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)

# 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



## Patriotic Trifle



### Ingredients

- 10 oz. angel food cake, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 pints strawberries, sliced
- 2 pints blueberries

### Cream Filling

- 6 Tbsp. sweetened condensed milk
- 1½ cups cold water
- 1 pkg. white chocolate instant pudding mix, dry
- 12 oz. cool whip, thawed
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

### Directions

1. In a large bowl, whisk the condensed milk and water. Add in the dry pudding mix and vanilla extract and whisk for an additional 2 minutes, or until it thickens. Let the filling sit for 3 minutes. Once it has thickened, fold in the whipped topping until evenly combined.
2. Place half of the cubed cake in the bottom of a 14-cup trifle dish. Sprinkle a layer of blueberries evenly over the cake cubes. Next, pour half of the cream mixture over the blueberries and gently spread. Top with a layer of strawberries. Repeat layers. Top with the remaining strawberries and blueberries, arranging them in a pattern. Cover and refrigerate at least one hour.

## Kensington Valley Chamber of Commerce Names Supervisor Gary Whittaker Citizen of the Year!

Our very own Supervisor Gary Whittaker was honored at an Awards Luncheon hosted by Kensington Valley Chamber of Commerce on May 17th. In a letter of congratulations, the chamber said, "Your tireless efforts on behalf of the community are greatly appreciated. It is citizens like you who make our area a wonderful place in which to work, play, live and thrive."

We would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to Gary for receiving this prestigious award!



### MEMENTO MORI

Abe Van Aken purchased a farm on Salem Road in Brookville in the early 1900's. Abe served as a trustee in the local church and as township treasurer. His love of gardens and skill at gardening showed. His home was surrounded by lovely plantings which became an inspiration to all who visited them. He would live out his days on his beloved farm.

#### 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 or notable please email Steve Roberts at [lilacridge@charter.net](mailto:lilacridge@charter.net).



## THE SALEM PROMISE

*“If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door”  
~ Milton Berle*

Recently I had a discussion about the future of Salem Township. To me the future, good or not so good, depends on our future leaders. To that end is another one of the reasons we created the Promise; to support our youth and their endeavors to become educated, knowledgeable members of the community.

To get an education is great, but best of all is when they complete their education is to have them come back home to Salem Township. Educating our children doesn't help the community much if they move away. We must all do what we can so they want to return to live, work, and raise their families. But how do we do that?

Here is one way. Presently there is a movement gaining traction that promotes providing technology to rural areas. Our Michigan House District 52 Rep. Donna Lasinski seems to support this effort, so let her know your thoughts about a low cost high speed internet infrastructure. You can contact her at [donnalasinski@house.mi.gov](mailto:donnalasinski@house.mi.gov) or phone (517) 373-0828.

We must gather and support those efforts. Advances in technology do not run contrary to a rural environment. So, let us all support moving our township forward all the while keeping the township rural. They are not opposing goals.

At the time of writing this article, we had not awarded the 2018 scholarship. We have received several applications and will be evaluating them in the upcoming days. And, as usual our plan is to announce the winner of the \$5,000.00 scholarship at Salem Flag Day.

Thank you all for your continued support, and remember, you can always send a check to:  
The Salem Promise  
P.O. Box 75319  
Salem, MI. 48175

**Pat Curley**  
**The Salem Promise**



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9600 Six Mile  
P.O. Box 75002  
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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)  
Building Department, Anne Alexander  
[aalexander@saalem-mi.org](mailto:aalexander@saalem-mi.org)

### Office Hours

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

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

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

Emergency: 911  
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