

# SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Dear Salem Neighbors,

I hope you and your loved ones are having a great start to 2019! I must say, I am happy to be writing this letter for the Spring Newsletter! I am looking forward to a long-awaited Michigan Spring. With the heavy storms this year, it has been so nice hear about many of you reaching out to help out others. It is always encouraging to see Salem residents looking out for each other. Below are a few updates on happenings in Salem Township.

### **Chubb Rd and Five-Mile Paving Project.**

At our January 8, 2019 board meeting the Washtenaw County Road Commission made a presentation to the Salem Township Board. They summarized the timeline of both projects that will run simultaneously. The tree removal process will begin in February and should end before March 31. The right of way acquisition plan will continue from March through April. The utility and culvert relocation portion, along with the railroad crossing redevelopment will begin in April and end in May. The final road construction and paving will commence in June and should wrap up by October 31. The total cost of this paving project is estimated at \$4 million. I would like to sincerely thank Advanced Disposal for their commitment of \$1 million towards the road project. Project will be funded as laid out below:

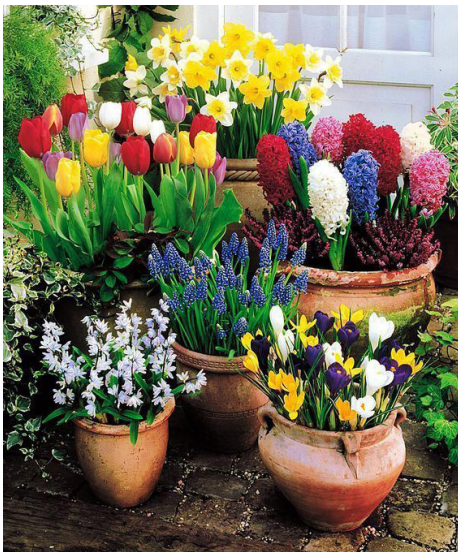
\$1.3 Million from Salem Township

\$1.0 Million from Advanced disposal

Balance to be paid by property owners on Chubb Rd and 5 Mile, with a special assessment.

### **Urban services district (USD)**

At the end of last year, Salem Township heard from multiple media sources that we will be receiving another \$10 million Infrastructure Grant from the MEDC. This would bring the total grant money to \$20 million. As of today, the Township has received \$5 million from the first grant and has spent approximate \$900,000 of the grant money on engineering. It is important to note; these grants have been requested by the developer, not requested by the Township. We will keep you posted on the second grant as the information becomes available.



## New Fire Truck Bid Acceptance

In December, after twelve months of discussions regarding the bid specifications and bid selection processes, the Board of Trustees accepted a bid for a new fire truck in the amount of \$566,548.00. The whole process should take approximately one year to complete.

Make sure you put our 40th Flag Day celebration on your calendars for Saturday, June 1st. It happens to fall on the first day of June and I would hate to have you miss it if you didn't hear about it in time. It is one of my favorite days of the year here in Salem, when we can all come together and have a great time. The volunteers of Salem Community Events go above and beyond every year to make sure the festivities are fun for all. I would love to see you there!

In closing, remember our Board of Trustees meetings are posted on the front page of our website for you to view at your convenience. We would love to have you join us in person at our meetings for information, refreshments and socializing with your neighbors.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime you have questions or concerns. It has been my pleasure to hear from many of you in the past and I look forward to hearing from you again.

Take care,



Gary

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

### Legislative Update: Proposal 3

As you may have heard, Proposal 3 implementation bills became law. In December, Governor Snyder signed PAs 603-607 into law, streamlining voter registration and absentee voting. These new laws provide clarity on Proposal 3. These include automatic voter registration, registration by mail up to 15 days before an election, in-person registration extended to Election Day with proof of residency, and no reason absentee voting and statewide audit of election results.

### Other new laws include:

**PA 523 of 2018** – Prevents mysterious FOIA requests.

**PAs 634-636** – Fireworks will now be limited to 12 days a year.

**PA 533 of 2018** - Agricultural truck loads are exempt from truck route restrictions.

**PAs 653- 654 of 2018** - Allows candidates for township office to either pay a filing fee or submit a nominating petition.

**PA 631 of 2018** - Changes how the MDEQ defines inland lakes, streams and wetlands.

**PA 660 of 2018** Property Tax Assessment reforms will require better accountability from township officials.



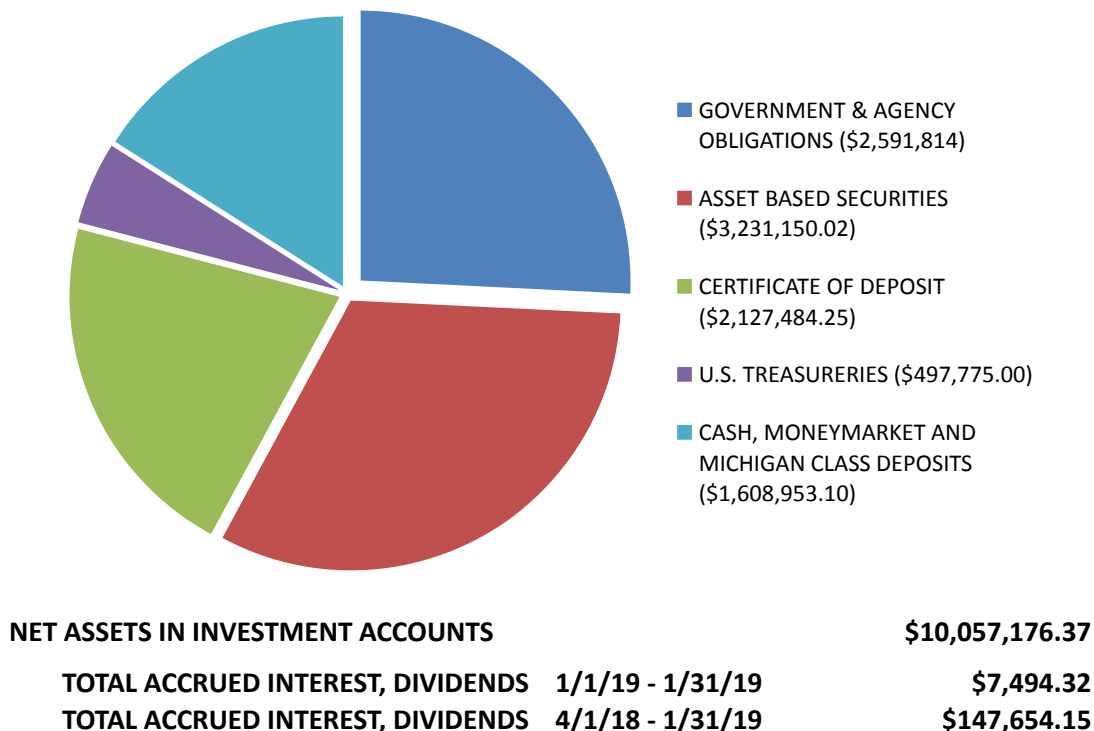
## TREASURER'S UPDATE: FROM THE DESK OF DALE CONVERSE

I hope you were able to keep safe and warm during the cold spell and icy road conditions we experienced this winter. The Township received many calls and unfortunately had to refer the callers to contact the Washtenaw County Road Commission. Unfortunately, they were overwhelmed and were not able to treat our local roads until the following day.

The Treasurer's office has been informed that United Way of Washtenaw County will be offering free tax preparation services through their volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program and MyFreeTax.com for low income, all ages. For more information and to schedule an appointment visit [uwgive.org/freetaxhelp](http://uwgive.org/freetaxhelp) or call (734) 677-7235. The Township office also has a list of other organizations that are offering free tax services for low income, all ages. If you are interested, please call the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer office and we would be happy to furnish a complete list of contact information.

The Township office was appraised that the 2020 United States Census is starting to be ramped up. We were informed that the Township's role will be to begin solicitating workers for office and in-field positions so that everyone will be counted. This year the Complete Count Committees will be opening field offices and develop a strategy and work plan. Next year the actual census will be completed. There are many full and part time positions available, most of which can be worked from your home. Training and I-Pads will be furnished. If you would like the opportunity to be involved with the census, you can apply online at "2020census.fov/jobs" or call (855) job-2020. For further information please view our web site or if you desire, you may contact Anne Alexander or myself and we would be happy to help.

### SALEM TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019



## WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FROM THE DESK OF LIEUTENANT KEITH FLORES

We would like you to be aware of some phone scams we have seen lately. An informed public is less likely to be taken advantage of by scammers. Here are a few of the more frequent scams we are seeing:

- 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. One of ours had this happen to them.

Phone scams are nothing new. The voice mail system sounds very official and may cause lots of confusion. However, the Sheriff's Office would never call demanding money. An informed public is less likely to be taken advantage of by scammers. If something doesn't sound right, trust your gut and make a call to report it. If this occurs in your area, please call 911 to report the incident.





# SALEM BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Koinonia Coffee Cafe, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday evening Bible Study 7:00p.m.

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

## MARCH

8 - All church breakfast  
9,16, 23 & 30 Work on Time Machine  
17 - Dinner Out - Steak and Shake run  
24 - Collecting food for Cedine missionaries

## MAY

4 - Ladies trip to Youth Haven Ranch  
10 - All church breakfast  
18 - Adult Grand Prix & Chili cook off 5:00 p.m.

## APRIL

1-5 deliver food to Cedine missionaries  
13-14 EASTER TIME MACHINE  
Don't miss this spectacular event,  
Reservations needed call 248-719-6728  
21 - Easter Cantata-Morning Worship Service,  
no evening service

**COME JOIN US FOR ONE, OR ALL ACTIVITIES. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

9481 West Six Mile Road  
Pastor Lance Rubringer 248-349-0674  
We preach Christ. [sbc4christ.org](http://sbc4christ.org)

# SALEM MEMORIES

The next installment in our exploration of the early hamlets of Salem Township leads us to Riders. Riders was located near the intersections of Seven Mile, Angle, and Tower Roads. It is most famously now known as the location of the Salem-Walker Church and Cemetery. To stroll through the cemetery, you will see the tombstones dedicated to the members of the Rider and Walker families. Unfortunately, the hamlet never appears to have had any businesses, just farmsteads surrounding their local church and burial grounds. This lack of commercial activity probably led to the hamlet's eventual demise.



## 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](mailto:lilacridge@charter.net).

# SALEM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

## MARCH

- 12 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

## APRIL

- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Good Friday – Office Closes at 12:00 p.m.

## MAY

- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Happy Memorial Day - Office Closed



## SALEM COMPOST DAY

*Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4th. Compost will be available to Salem Township residents for pick up on Six Mile Rd between Chubb Rd and the railroad tracks. It will be available from 8:30 until it is gone.*

## Grilled Avocado Salsa Chicken

### Ingredients

- 1 cup balsamic vinegar
- ¾ cup honey
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 6 slices mozzarella cheese
- 3 avocados, diced
- 4 roma tomatoes, diced (any tomato will work)
- ½ cup fresh chopped basil
- salt and pepper
- balsamic vinegar for drizzling (optional)

### Directions

1. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk the balsamic vinegar, honey, garlic, olive oil, Italian seasoning, and salt & pepper. Add the chicken breasts and coat. Marinate for at least one hour.
2. In a small mixing bowl, add avocado, tomato, basil and salt and pepper to taste. Set aside.
3. Heat the grill to medium high heat. Grill the chicken on each side about 6 minutes or until cooked throughout and not pink in center. Top with mozzarella cheese and avocado, tomato & basil mixture. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar and serve immediately.

**Enjoy!**



# SALEM-SOUTH LYON LIBRARY EVENTS

Please visit our website at [ssldl.info](http://ssldl.info) for a complete listing of our programs. We also have detailed listing of our ongoing events such as Genealogy, One-on-one Tech help, SCORE Counseling, Medicare Assistance, Sewing for you, and our Needlework Group. Please call us at 248-437-6431 to register.

## MARCH

### LIVE JAZZ: TBONE PAXTON MARDI GRAS SHOW

3/3/2019 2:00-3:00 pm - Drop-in, no registration required.

### AUGMENTED REALITY WORKSHOP

3/9/2019 2:00-4:00 pm - Registration required.

### TEEN TECH WEEK: TECH TAKE APART

3/5/2019 6:30-8:00 pm - For ages 12 and up. Registration required.

### DIY CRAFT SERIES - FLORAL EMBROIDERY HOOPS

3/19/2019 6:00-7:00 pm - Registration required.

### AARP SAFE DRIVER TEK

3/22/2019 10:30 am-12:00 pm - Registration required.

## APRIL

### LIVE JAZZ: LIVE JAZZ: THE PHIL HALE TRIO SPONSORED BY THE JAZZ FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

4/7/2019 2:00-3:00 pm - Drop-in, no registration required.

### DIY CRAFT SERIES - WOOLEN APPLIQUES

4/16/2019 6:00-7:00 pm - Registration required.

### MANAGING YOUR MONEY FOR STUDENTS

4/23/2019 7:00-8:00 pm - Drop-in, no registration required.

## MAY

### BOATER SAFETY CLASS

5/4/2019 10:00 am-5:00 pm -Ages 12 and up. - This beginner boating class will give you the basic knowledge needed to obtain a Boating Safety Certificate in Michigan. The course fee is \$40 and includes all study materials, written test and completion certificate. Registration required.

### COMMUNITY DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

5/4/2019 10:00-2:00 pm - We have partnered with American Data Security, Inc. to provide secure disposal of your private documents. The Limit of 4 boxes per vehicle will be strictly enforced.

### LIVE JAZZ W/RJ SPANGLER & THE LEGENDARY LARRY SMITH ON SAX

5/5/2019 2:00-3:00 pm - Drop-in event, no registration required.

### AUTISM AWARENESS PRESENTED BY OUCARES

5/13/2019 6:30-7:30 pm - Registration required.

### PET FIRST AID

5/6/2019 6:30-7:30 pm - For ages 11 and up. Registration required.



# SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

## 2019 SALEM FLAG DAY

2019 will be the 40th anniversary of Salem celebration of Flag Day which will be held June 1st. We want to make this the biggest, best celebration ever – more fireworks, a return of all previous grand marshals and tee shirts with cutting edge technology graphics. But, to do this we have to raise funds. The people and businesses of Salem have been generous in the past 39 years and we hope you will be generous again in 2019.

If you were a previous Grand Marshal, we want to honor you again this year. Please contact us if you plan to attend (248.380.7017 or SalemFlagDay40@gmail.com). We plan to have the Grand Marshals share a float in the parade. Our advertising booklet will include the names of all known Grand Marshals:

Larry Kassab	John Myers	Pauline Horton
Ferman Rohraff	Rosemary Quigley	Olive Conant
Nancy Geiger	Bill Taft	Rose (Tiny) Tarrow Dillion
Phil Brandon	Dick & Virginia Hausrath	Don & Lorena Zwiernikowski
John Reiff	Fred Roperti	John & Jean (Squeak) Van Dyke
Paula Hornback	Betty Nulty	Ray Givens
Maurice Alexander	Guyla Kryka	Kent and Betty Stanbury
Megan Braun	Bob Horton	Leonard Bourgoon
Clara Dickerson		

## TO HELP SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS FINANCIALLY

By Shopping at **Kroger**:

1. Click on Sign In/Register ([krogercommunityrewards.com](https://krogercommunityrewards.com))
2. 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.
3. Follow Kroger's instructions entering the number, 63534 or name of organization, Salem Community Events.

By Shopping at **Amazon Smile**:

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://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. Flag Day and the annual Christmas party would not be a reality without the generous support of the people and businesses of Salem Township.

Check out our Facebook page under Salem Community Events. We use Facebook to update the community about our events.



# 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](http://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](http://www.sahshistory.org)) or on our Facebook page.

## APRIL EVENTS:

Tickets are now available for the Salem Area Historical Society's 2019 Annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 6th, at 6 PM at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center's 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 will include:

Tickets to Area Attractions:

- Tipping Point Theatre
- Meadow Brook Hall
- E & E Ford House
- The Henry Ford Museum

Historical Items

Tickets to National Attractions:

- Grand Hotel
- African Safari Wildlife Park
- Tour the Mackinac Bridge

Local Business Items

Restaurant Gift Cards:

- Karl's Cabin
- Fox Hill's Sunday Brunch

All proceeds will be used to maintain the South Salem Stone School and the Dickenson Barn. Tickets can be purchased using the form below, via our Website's "SAHS Dinner/Auction" Webpage (<http://www.sahshistory.org>) or via an email to [Salem\\_Area\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com).

The SAHS Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, at 7:30 PM in the South Salem Stone School. A short SAHS Business agenda will be followed by a presentation on Prisons in Plymouth & Northville by historian and archivist Joe Oldenburg. Admission Fee: \$2 for non-SAHS Members.

## MAY EVENTS:

The Salem Area Historical Society Trinkets to Treasures Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 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 22nd, at 7:30 PM in the South Salem Stone School. A short SAHS Business agenda will be followed by a presentation on Cobblestone Farm by George Taylor, President of the Cobblestone Farm Association. Admission Fee: \$2 for non-SAHS Members.

**For SAHS Membership 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$42 each non-member =** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$37 each SAHS Member =** \_\_\_\_\_

**SAHS Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(\$10 - Senior; \$15 - Individual; \$25 - Family)**

**Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Township Contact Info

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[firechief@saalem-mi.org](mailto:firechief@saalem-mi.org)

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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.salem-mi.org](http://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