

SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Dear Salem Neighbors,

Summer is quickly approaching and I am certainly looking forward to it. We've had a wet, soggy spring this year and I think the warmer weather and sunshine will do us all some good. Our summer season will get kicked off to a great start on Saturday, June 1st when we celebrate Flag Day here in Salem Township. Below are some of our latest updates:

Chubb Rd and 5 Mile Rd Paving Project

This project is moving right along. The trees that were necessary to remove have been cut down and the Washtenaw County Road Commission has started the bidding process. Here is a tentative schedule for this project:

May 9, 2019

-Bids will be opened to determine the lowest bidder. This will take place at Washtenaw County Road Commission Office.

May 14, 2019

-Salem Township Board will vote on the contract with WCRC to pay for all construction cost.

May 21, 2019

-WCRC will vote to approve the contract with Salem Township.
-Contract will be awarded to the confirmed lowest bidder.

May 31 2019 or before

-WCRC will host a pre-construction meeting.

June 11

-Salem Township will hold a public hearing to confirm the assessment roll per P.A. 188.

June (date is yet to be determined)

-Construction will start for the Chubb Rd and 5 Mile Rd Paving Project. This project will take roughly 5 months to complete once work begins. This essentially creates a realistic end date of November 15, 2019.

Other upcoming Road Projects

-Joy Rd, between Curtis and Gottfredson is going to have work done later this summer. Improvements include heavy brushing, tree cutting, ditching, roadside berm removal, shaping the existing surface, the application of 6 inches (CIP) of 23A limestone. This will be a shared project with Superior Township.
-Five Mile Rd between Curtis and Salem will have some improvements later this summer as well. Improvements will include roadside berm removal and associated project restoration.

Urban Services District (USD)

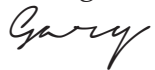
In the last newsletter we mentioned that we had been notified that Salem would receive another \$10 million Infrastructure Grant for sewer and water from the MEDC. As of now, we still have not heard from the state when the Township will be receiving this grant. Once again it is important to note, these grants have been requested by the developer, not requested by the township. Our engineers have completed the engineering and design plans for both the water and wastewater systems. A majority of the required permits for the wastewater project have been either secured or approval is in progress. We will keep you posted in the upcoming newsletters as information becomes available.

Flag Day

We would love to have you join us on Saturday, June 1st for Salem Township's 40th Flag Day Celebration! The parade will start at 11:00 am, followed by food, activities and a spectacular fireworks display starting at dusk. The Salem Community Events volunteers always do an amazing job to provide a fun-filled day for residents of all ages. We are truly grateful for their hard work and dedication to this event every year. It is a great time to come together as friends and neighbors and celebrate this great community we call home. I sincerely look forward to seeing you there!

In closing, I wish you all a safe and happy summer. Feel free to reach out to me or any board members, with the email addresses on the back of this newsletter. As always, you can reach me directly on my cell phone at 248-909-3200. I welcome the chance to answer any questions or listen to any concerns you may have.

Take good care,



CLERK'S COMMENTARY: FROM THE DESK OF DEL WENSLEY

Salem Township Needs Election Workers for the 2020 Election Season

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

New 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 to pick up an application in person.



TREASURER'S UPDATE: FROM THE DESK OF DALE CONVERSE

Each year the Township evaluates the present and future revenue sources during the annual budgeting process. Salem Township's revenue is primarily received through contractual agreement with our Landfill Host Agreement (Tipping fees), Landfill Power Plant (Gas) fees, the Michigan State Revenue Sharing program and other sources (interest income and etc.). I felt it would be important to share our assessment with our residents not only as to the sources of our revenue but their future. I will be presenting the revenue in total dollars received plus in a millage format so that you have a better understanding how you personally benefit for the Township's revenue sources. Salem Township does not collect a township tax so the numbers you observe below are for reference purposes only.

In order to obtain an accurate millage rate, I will be using the 2019 total taxable value for the entire Township of \$328,848,830. The revenue sources and expenditures will be what the Township reported for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Source	Revenue	/	Calculation	Millage Rate
State Revenue Sharing	\$487,573	/	\$328,848,830 = 0.00148	1.48 mills
Landfill Host Agreement	\$752,513	/	\$328,848,830 = 0.00229	2.29 mills
Landfill Power Plant revenue	\$1,578,607	/	\$328,848,830 = 0.00480	4.80 mills
Other Sources	\$655,743	/	\$328,848,830 = 0.00199	1.99 mills
Total Equivalent Revenue				10.51 mills

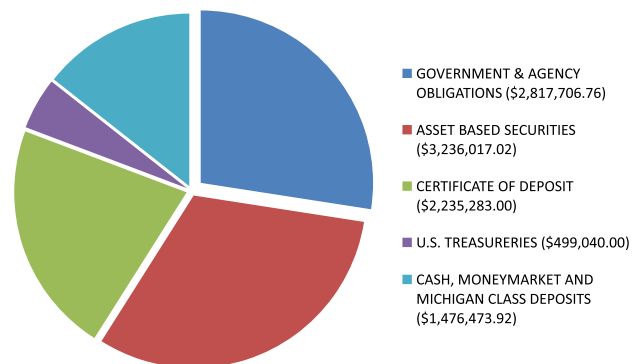
Effective millage rate to cover 2018-2019 expenditures: $\$2,432,119 / \$328,848,830 = .00740$ 7.4 mills

The above calculations illustrate that the Township's revenue exceeds our expenditures. Those funds are deposited into our investment account. Over the years the investment account has grown to be in excess of \$12M. Because the Township does operate with an excess this Board has chosen to give back to the community by improving our roads at a rate which is two to three times what other Washtenaw County Townships spend on their roads. Since taking office in 2012, the Township has spent \$3.175M on our public roads and is in the process of spending up to an additional \$1.3M for the paving of Chubb and Five Mile roads which is scheduled to take place later this year.

The fire department is another area that the Board has chosen to invest in excess of 1.3M for fire and utility vehicles in the same time period. The Township has purchased 1 new fire truck, 3 utility vehicles, and is in the process of acquiring another fire truck. The replacement trucks were needed as the fleet was aging and needed to be replaced. In addition, most Township residents benefit from these actions by improving our fire rating. The fire rating for those residents that live within 5 miles of the fire station has a rating of 8A and those greater than 5 miles has a rating of 10. It is advisable to check with your insurance broker to see if you would qualify for a reduced rate given these ratings.

The future of the Township's Landfill revenue source will come to an end at some point in time. The Host agreement will cease when the Landfill no longer receives waste. The Power Plant revenue will continue for up to 10-15 years and start to decline thereafter from the closing of the landfill. Township revenue sharing budget has been increased 3.2% in the latest budget submitted by the legislature.

**SALEM TOWNSHIP'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO
AS OF
March 31, 2019**



NET ASSETS IN INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS		\$10,264,520.70
TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST, DIVIDENDS	1/1/19 - 3/31/19	\$40,220.59
TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST, DIVIDENDS	4/1/18 - 3/31/19	\$187,874.74

SALEM BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Koinonia Coffee Cafe, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 - Flag Day
- 3 - Board Meeting
- 8 - Work Day Outreach
- 9 - Temple Keepers
- 14 - All Church Breakfast
- 23-25 - Living Proof Canoe Trip

AUGUST

- 27-Aug 3 - Family Camp
- 5 - Board Meeting
- 9 - All Church Breakfast
- 11 - Temple Keepers
- 17 - Corn Fest
- 25 - Church Picnic

JULY

- 1 - Board Meeting
- 7 - Temple Keepers
- 12 - All Church Breakfast
- 14-18 - Vacation Bible Church
- 21 - After Church Fellowship
- 27-Aug 3 - Family Camp

**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



"When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves."

-William Arthur Ward

WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office has recently received an increased number of email and phone SCAMS within our communities. The subject of the SCAM begins with saying they are employed by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and may use a current employee's name and/or email address. The scam then requests the receiver to send money, purchase gift cards or otherwise GIVE financial support to the "scammer".

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office **DOES NOT AND WILL NOT** ask for money to be given specifically to an employee. Please verify all phone and email communications purportedly from the Sheriff's Office through the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Metro Dispatch; 734-994-22911 or 911. Please do not provide any personal or financial information to these scammers.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department is committed to: *"Creating Public Safety, Providing Quality Service and Building Strong Sustainable Communities"*.

Address:

2201 Hogback Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

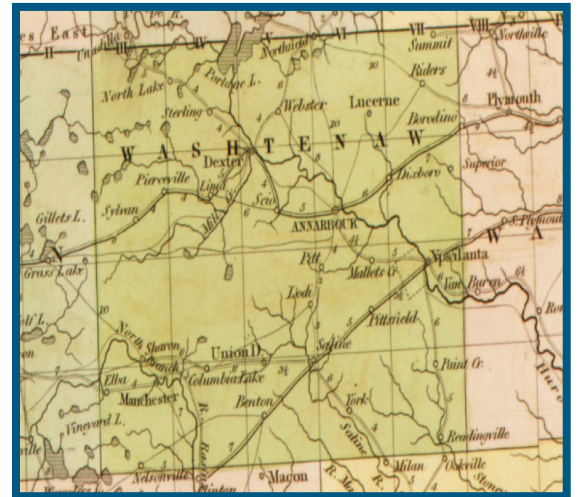
Contact:

Emergency: 911
Non-emergencies: 734-971-8400

SALEM MEMORIES

In our tour of early Salem Township Villages, we next come to Worden. First known as Peebles Corners it was later renamed Worden (or Worden Corners) when the short-lived railroad ran from Ann Arbor to South Lyon. This is the only early hamlet that retains its location on modern maps -- located at the intersection of Five Mile Road and Pontiac Trail. The village once consisted of a general store, blacksmith shop, creamery, tile works, railroad station, schoolhouse and cemetery. The schoolhouse and cemetery remain, as well as a few of the early residences. The schoolhouse presently serves as the offices and shop of Brownie's Signs LLC.

Do any of you have photographs or Do any of you have photographs or stories you would like to share with us regarding Worden?



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.

SALEM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

June

- 11 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 18 Land Preservation & Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm

July

- 4 Independence 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

August

- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 19 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm



Triple Berry Cobbler



Ingredients

For the Berry Filling

- 3 cups strawberries
- 2.5 cups blueberries
- 2.5 cups blackberries
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp corn starch

For the Topping

- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups strawberries
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup brown sugar
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
- 1 stick butter, cut into small pieces
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup boiling water
- 1 tsp sugar

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375° and spray a 13 x 9 baking dish just before adding the berry mixture.
2. Pour berries into large bowl & rinse.
3. Sprinkle berries with sugar, lemon juice & cornstarch. Let sit 10 mi & stir one more time & pour into baking dish.
4. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking powder and salt.
5. Using a pastry blender, or a fork, mix butter into flour mixture until crumbly.
6. Pour boiling water into flour mixture and stir until combined.
7. Spoon mixture over berries and spread gently until berries are covered completely.
8. Sprinkle additional sugar on top of batter.
9. Bake uncovered for 55-60 minutes or until topping is cooked and has started to brown.
10. Serve warm topped with vanilla ice cream & **Enjoy!**

SALEM-SOUTH LYON LIBRARY EVENTS

JUNE

PROMISES FULFILLED CELEBRATION

6/2/19 1-4 pm Drop-in event

Family event with activities, slides, petting farm, music, local history, caricaturists and more! Celebrate our Children's Expansion, 80th birthday, and the summer reading kick-off.

STORIES, SONGS & DANCES OF THE METIS "VOYAGER" W/ GENOT PICOR

6/8/19 11:00-12:00 Drop-in Event, All ages

ANIMAL ASTRONAUTS

6/24/19 10:30-11:30 All Ages-Sponsored by Vibe Credit Union. Reg. required.

LORDS OF THE SKY

6/25/19 11:00-12:00 for grades K-5 Registration required.

This program has been graciously sponsored by the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation.

A NIGHT WITH WAYNE KRAMER

6-20-19 7:00-8:00 Registration required. Wayne Kramer of the famous band MC5 will be at the Library as part of the Michigan Notable Book Tour.



JULY

EGG-POLLO 11 WITH THE MICHIGAN SCIENCE CENTER.

7-16-19 10:30-11:30 (Grades k-2), 11:30-12:30 (grades 3-5). Registration required.

BAT BIOLOGY WITH LESLIE NATURE CENTER

7-17-19 7:00 - 8:00 PM All ages- Please register. *Sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Troop 70869.*

MICHIGAN TIES TO SPACE

7-20-19 1:00 - 2:00 PM Registration required.

ADULT QUIDDITCH

7-31-19 6:00 - 8:30 PM at Volunteer Park (Rain Date August 2)

Players must bring their own broom. Teams will be finalized at the event. Additional details online. Registration Required for each player, spectators can drop-in.



AUGUST

CAMERON ZVARA: COMEDY MAGICIAN & ENTERTAINER

8-5-19 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM- Sponsored by Vibe Credit Union All Ages. Registration required.

MICHIGAN'S NEW CYBERBULLYING LAW - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Thursday, August 22, 7:00 - 8:30 PM Registration required.

A new law took effect in Michigan that makes it is illegal to cyberbully another person.

State Rep. Donna Lasinski will answer your questions. *Intended for parents, grandparents and guardians.*

WHOSE LIBRARY IS IT ANYWAYS? IMPROV GAMES FOR TEENS

Tuesday, August 6 6:30 - 8:00 PM Ages: 12 and up. Registration required.

GAME OF TOMES

8-1-19 6:00 - 8:00 pm Registration is \$25 and required. The proceeds will go to the winning team's charity pick. This program will be off-site at the Aubree's South Lyon location.



Mystery Lovers and Cover to Cover Book Clubs, Genealogy Help, One on one Tech appointments, and more! Check our website for dates, books, and times.

SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

2019 SALEM FLAG DAY

Because Flag Day is so early this year, June 1st we are not sure when you read this article whether we will be anticipating the event or it will be complete. We decided some years ago to celebrate Flag Day in Salem the first Saturday of June. This allows for ease of planning from year to year. 2019 will be the 40th anniversary of Salem celebration of Flag Day. We have been raising funds 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. The people and businesses of Salem have been generous in the past 39 years and were generous again in 2019. The parade starts at 11 am and the fireworks that evening at dusk, about 10:00 pm. Our rain date for the fireworks is June 8th. If there is inclement weather please check out our Facebook page or call 248.380.7017.



We are honoring all previous Grand Marshals again this year. A number of these individuals will be joining our celebration.

Larry Kassab
Ferman Rohraff
Nancy Geiger
Phil Brandon
John Reiff
Paula Hornback
Maurice Alexander
Megan Braun
Clara Dickerson

John Myers
Rosemary Quigley
Bill Taft
Dick & Virginia Hausrath
Fred Roperti
Betty Nulty
Guyla Kryka
Bob Horton

Pauline Horton
Olive Conant
Rose (Tiny) Tarrow Dillion
Don & Lorena Zwiernikowski
John & Jean (Squeak) Van Dyke
Ray Givens
Kent and Betty Stanbury
Leonard Bourgoin

To help Salem Community Events financially

By shipping at **Kroger**:

- Click on Sign In/Register ([krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.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.

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

SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

JUNE EVENTS:

Thursday, June 6th: Excursion to visit the Jackson Prison--Cell Block 7 Museum. Meet at 9 AM at the Jarvis Stone School Historic District (7991 N. Territorial Rd.) and car pool to Cell Block 7 to learn about Jackson's prison history and see what it's like to spend some time on the inside. An optional lunch planned for afterwards! Cost \$10/Seniors; \$15/Adult (lunch extra). For required reservations, please contact Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, June 26th: 7:30 PM. Members' trip reviews ala George Pierrot. Members will tell about their best travels. Gathering will be held at the South Salem Stone School, 7991 N. Territorial Rd., Salem Twp. To volunteer to review your trips, please contact Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

JULY EVENT:

Sunday, July 14th: The Salem Area Historical Society will be holding an open house 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:

10th COUNTRY FAIR FEATURING ARTS AND CRAFTS!

Saturday August 17th - 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 or use the form at the SAHS Website (www.SAHShistory.org).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Salem Area Historical Society Annual Memberships for 2019/20 will last until March 31, 2020. If you are not a member or you want to renew your membership, please send in your membership dues.

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)

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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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aalexander@saalem-mi.org

Office Hours

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

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