

SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Dear Salem Neighbors,

Summer is here and I am looking forward to putting this spring behind us. The Covid-19 pandemic's influence certainly has been significant. Life has been altered for us here in Salem and the far-reaching effects have been felt throughout our state, our country and even throughout the world. My heartfelt condolences go out to all who have suffered because of this pandemic. While this has caused tremendous loss, sickness and financial hardship for so many, there are some positive things I have noticed as well. It has been refreshing to see and hear about many stories of people who have offered to help others who have been struggling. You can learn a lot about people when they step up and serve others in difficult times without seeking any reward or recognition for themselves. I am grateful for the selfless examples of many that made the needs of others their priority. I am especially grateful to our Salem Township firefighters, Washtenaw County Police Officers as well as the Michigan State Police. I appreciate the sacrifices of our first responders and their willingness to serve the residents of Salem Township in these uncertain times. While we were able to shelter in place to be safe, they have been the first to run toward emergencies to serve and protect our community and I am grateful. We will get through this difficult time together. Hang in there and know that we look forward to seeing you soon.

Our Flag Day is usually on the first Saturday in June, but due to the current restrictions, Salem Community Events is planning on a modified event on Saturday, August 15, 2020. All of the dates in this Summer Newsletter are tentative due to the Covid-19 shutdown. We will post any changes to township meeting dates on our website should the need arise. Feel free to call the office if you have any questions. Below are some of our latest updates:

UPDATES ON 2020 SALEM ROAD PROJECTS

- Weed Rd, North Territorial to Brookville Road
- Vorhies Road, North Territorial to Joy Road
- Five Mile Rd, Dixboro Road to Pontiac Trail
- Chubb Road, Six Mile Road north 700 feet
- Currie Road, Five Mile Road to Wellington Drive
- Tower Road, Five Mile Road south 700 feet

*The projects above will include ditching, tree cutting and limestone application.

- Currie Road, Six Mile Road to Pleasantview Drive

*The above project will include shaping road and adding limestone.

Pontiac Trail, Eight Mile Road southerly 1,215 feet

*The above project will include widening roadway to extend a southbound left-turn lane through the library entrance. The cost will be \$108,800.00 and will be shared equally with the library.

UPDATE ON WATER UTILITIES IN THE URBAN SERVICE DISTRICT

As previously reported to you, Salem Township has been awarded a second \$10 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for installing water utilities in the Urban Service District. This means the township now has a total of \$20 million in grant money to finance the USD water systems. The township continues to be faithful to its position that no township funds will be used for the engineering and construction of these utilities. Furthermore, no construction will take place until the financing of that construction is in place through the developers and property owners in the USD. The water project is planned to take place in three stages. The three phases are:

Water Project:

Phase 1: Connecting to the water supply of the Great Lakes Water Authority and constructing a water booster station at the corner of Joy Road and Napier Road. Constructing approximately 11,000 feet of watermain north on Napier Road, west on Joy Road to Gotfredson and north on Gotfredson Road.

Phase 2: Constructing an additional 4,400 feet of watermain continuing north on Gotfredson and under M-14 to the proposed water tank site.

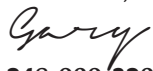
Phase 3: Constructing additional 3,500 feet of watermain continuing north on Gotfredson from the proposed water tank site to North Territorial Road.

The township received bids to construct phase 1 of the water project. The lowest bidder was Stante Construction who bid \$6,636,565 for construction of phase 1 of the water system project. The Township Board voted to award the contract to Stante Construction at its regular board meeting on June 9th.

The money for this first phase of construction will be entirely funded by the state MEDC grants awarded to Salem Township. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our board members at the email addresses on the back of this newsletter. You can also reach me on my cell phone should you have any questions or concerns. I am grateful for your continued support and wish you and your families a safe and peaceful summer.

Take care,



248-909-3200

CLERK'S COMMENTARY: FROM THE DESK OF DEL WENSLEY

Don't forget to vote: State Primary Election - Tuesday, August 4, 2020

The Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Precinct 1 - Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Rd., Salem, MI 48175

Precinct 2 - Salem-South Lyon Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178

Precinct 3 - Salem Elementary School, 7806 Salem Rd., Northville, MI 48168



Who is Eligible for an Absent Voter Ballot?

Due to the passage of the statewide ballot proposal 18-3, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

Join the Permanent Absent Voter List

Salem Township offers this great service that allows you to receive an Absent Voter Ballot Application automatically prior to every election in your precinct. You will still have to sign & return the application to us before each election so we can send you a ballot. It is a more convenient way to vote in the privacy of your own home rather than waiting in lines on election day.

Please call Barb Thompson at the Salem Township Offices at 248.349.1690 ext 0 or email at barb@saalem-mi.org or the Clerk's office at dwensley@saalem-mi.org to request to be on the Permanent AV list.

TREASURER'S UPDATE: FROM THE DESK OF DALE CONVERSE

We are looking forward to when the Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted and we will be able to help the residents in person once again. We have been closed to the public, but still have to keep up with the issues as they come up. The summer tax season is upon us so we are busy getting all the assessing information imported, mileages, and updating our escrow accounts.

The Township office is requesting that the following procedures be followed to protect our residents and employees.

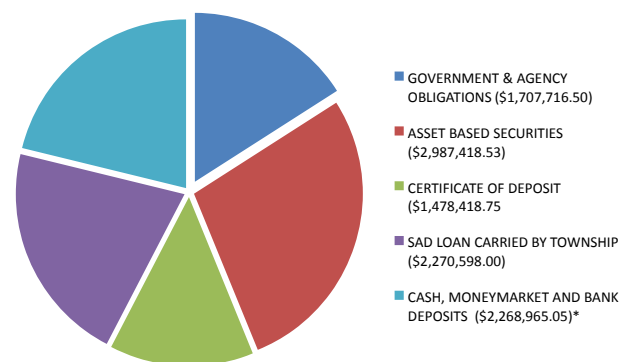
- Please use the drop box whenever possible. This includes but is not limited to water bills, tax bills, burn permits and landfill pass applications. Please indicate if you would like to request a stamped receipt and we will be happy to send one to you.
- Preferred forms of payments are checks or money orders.
- Please see our website at WWW.SALEM-MI.ORG for online resources and more information.
- If you have questions of concerns, please contact the Township office at 248 349-1690

The shutdown delayed the implementation of our new computer system I reported on in the past. We are now up and running. We were fortunate to have our phone service provider that had the expertise and time to move all the wires to relocate the computers from the utility room to the adjacent room. We are still learning the new system, but are comfortable knowing we are not operating on a system that was no longer being supported.

The Township board approved a bathroom remodeling project back in January. The project was put on hold as the building inspectors were restricted by the state lock down. The inspectors were released May 11 so we were able to get the required building permit. Work is now in progress. After the restrooms are completed, we will be turning our attention to the new computer room. The lavatory and sink will be removed and a counter installed for storage and a mini snack preparation area. The staff is excited.

A major goal that the Board has had was the paving of Chubb and Five Mile road which is now complete. We did experience a major issue with the sewer expansion lines. Unfortunately, the construction nearly exposed the forced main and the main had to be relocated. The weather was kind to us and we did not experience any freeze up. We were also fortunate to locate the forced main while the road construction was shut down for the winter. It is such a pleasure to drive on the beautiful new roads in lieu of the old Six Mile and Napier roads. Hopefully you will enjoy it as much as I have.

**SALEM TOWNSHIP'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO
AS OF
March 31, 2020**



NET ASSETS IN INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	\$10,713,116.83
TOTAL ACCURED INCOME JAN 1, 2020 - MAR 31, 2019	\$30,500.42
TOTAL ACCURED INCOME APR 1, 2019 - MAR 31, 2020	\$176,086.51

THIS INVESTMENT REPORT IS NOW CARRING THE TOWNSHIP LOAN FOR THE FIVE MILE AND CHUBB ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LOAN TO THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE A PART OF THAT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. THERE ARE OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS NOT BEING REPORTED AS THE ROAD PROJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED AS OF THIS DATE.

SALEM-SOUTH LYON LIBRARY EVENTS

NEWS!! WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE LIBRARY REOPENED JUNE 8, 2020, IN A LIMITED CAPACITY AS DIRECTED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-110 AND 2020-97! IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP OUR STAFF AND PATRONS SAFE WE WILL START BY OFFERING A CONTACTLESS CURBSIDE DELIVERY SERVICE AT THE LIBRARY. THE BUILDING WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THOSE WHO HAVE HOLDS WAITING AT THE LIBRARY WILL RECEIVE A CALL TO SCHEDULE A TIME FOR PICK UP. WE EXPECT THERE WILL BE A HIGH DEMAND FOR THIS SERVICE. THEREFORE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE ARRIVES AT THEIR SCHEDULED PICK UP TIME TO ENSURE PROMPT, ACCURATE, AND SAFE SERVICE FOR ALL. PLEASE CALL 248-437-6431 TO SCHEDULE A PICK UP TIME!

Cloud Library: eBooks and Audiobooks

Hoopla: eBooks, Audiobooks, Comics, Movies, TV

Kanopy: Stream films from your mobile device, computer or TV

Mango Languages: award-winning language-learning resource

Overdrive: eBooks and Audiobooks

RbDigital: Access to audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, streaming video from Acorn TV, Indyflix, and Great Courses.

We also have links for things such as:

Ancestry Genealogy

Chilton Library

CreativeBug video classes for crafters

Lynda online learning that can help anyone learn business, software, and technology

Morningstar Investment Center with comprehensive financial information on stocks, mutual funds and market trends.

Melcat: has loads of information from Turfgrass to Small Engine Repair, Opposing viewpoints to Legal Information Reference.

YOUTH

We have many resources to help your children with educational and enrichment needs. There is

Tumblebooks: An online collection of talking picture books with nearly 1,500 titles with content appropriate for grades K-6.

Novelist Plus K-8: can help your child find their next read. by genre, read-alike, next in series and more.

Britannica School has nonfiction content geared for K-12 students.

Explora: Separated by grade range of Elementary, Middle, and High School with a variety of information on Arts, Music, Biographies, Animals, Math and more.

World Books Kids: Has pictures, activities, maps, science projects and games.

TEEN

Teen Book Cloud: Has an online collection of nearly 1,200 enhanced novels, eBooks, graphic novels, videos, and audiobooks.

Teens will also find a variety of interests thru **Hoopla Digital**, **RB Digital**, and **Overdrive**. Need a suggestion? Hit Novelist Plus.

Our Teen Librarian will have weekly suggestions on our "Teen Book Tuesday"

This is a small sampling of what we still have to offer the community. For detailed information please check our website at ssldl.info or our Facebook page!



WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Please see our curfew laws relating to minor children. People often tell us they didn't realize the curfew restrictions and we thought this would be good information to share.

Curfew for children under age 12:

No minor under the age of 12 years shall loiter, idle or congregate in or on any public street, highway, alley or park between the hours of 10:00p.m. and 6:00a.m., unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian, or some adult delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the child.

Curfew for children under age 16:

A minor under the age of 16 years shall not loiter, idle or congregate in or on any public street, highway, alley or park between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., immediately following, except where the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian, or an adult delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the minor, or where the minor is upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by his parent or guardian.

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

Many years ago, the historical society was presented with two photographs of structures purported to be in Salem Township. One was of a home and the other a church building. It was asked around if anyone could identify the structures.

I was amazed because I could positively identify the church. You may ask, How. It was because of the windows. Some of those very window sashes are installed in my garage.

I knew of the oral history that the windows were salvaged from the Lapham's Methodist Episcopal Church, but a picture of the building was not known to exist. Here was the church, with the windows installed.

Do any of you have artifacts you would like to share with us regarding Salem's founding history?



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.



"In the face of adversity, hope often comes in the form of a friend who reaches out to us."

-Christopher Reeve



Strawberry-Shortcake Cake

Ingredients

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup water
- 2 teaspoon vanilla, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 12-ounce carton of whipped topping, divided
- 2 oz softened cream cheese
- 1/3 cup powdered sugar
- 2 pounds of fresh sliced strawberries, plus more to decorate.

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking pan and line bottom with parchment paper.
2. Beat eggs until very light. Beat in sugar, water and vanilla. Sift flour, baking powder and salt and beat quickly into mixture. Immediately pour into pan. (Batter should be liquid and bubbly.)
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.
4. Invert onto a flat surface. Peel off parchment paper, and cool completely.
5. * Freeze for about an hour to make carving easier.
6. Cool then, slice cake evenly horizontally into three layers with large serrated knife. Set aside.
7. Put one of the layers in the bottom of the parchment paper lined baking pan/cookie sheet.
8. Spread a layer of whipped topping over it, then arrange strawberry slices evenly over the whipped topping. Take a second layer of cake and spread a layer of whipped topping over it, then place it, whipped topping side down, on top of the already built cake layer.
9. Repeat the whipped topping-strawberries-whipped topping-cake process 1 more time (2 times total).
10. In a bowl, beat the cream cheese, powdered sugar and 1 tsp vanilla until smooth. Fold the 1 cup whipped topping into the cream cheese mixture. Spread across top of the cake. Run a spoon or a fork through the top to make stripes. Refrigerate overnight.
11. Cut into squares and garnish each square with a strawberry half.

SALEM BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Salem Bible Church is here for you. Before the virus. During the virus (live streams) and after the virus. Come check us out - sbc4christ.org, or call 248-349-0674. Pastor Lance Rubringer.

Please join us for Corn Fest on Saturday, August 15th.

Pastor Lance Rubringer.
9481 West Six Mile Road
Pastor Lance Rubringer 248-349-0674
We preach Christ. sbc4christ.org

SALEM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

JUNE

- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 16 Land Preservation & Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm

JULY

- 3 Independence Day - Office Closed
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 21 Land Preservation/Conservation Meeting - 7:00 pm

AUGUST

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



SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

There's no need to rehash the particulars concerning the current pandemic but it has changed the plans for the 2020 Salem Flag Day Celebration. A modified event will be held on August 15, 2020. This is the same day as Salem Bible Church's Corn Fest. Stop by the corn fest and enjoy some corn-on-the cob! Then join Salem Community Events that evening beginning at 6:00 pm at Salem Elementary School. We will be hosting a community picnic with a live band, followed by fireworks. Please bring a picnic lunch. We hope to have ice cream, snacks and glow toys available for purchase. The bounce house and giant slide will be available until the fireworks begin. During the band's break we will have a brief ceremony and honor our Grand Marshals Jim and Nancy Quigly. Rain date for the community picnic and fireworks is August 22, 2020. Check out our Facebook page under *Salem Community Events* for any updates.



Jim and Nancy met at a concert in Canada where Nancy was vacationing. Jim moved to Detroit to attend college after serving in the Medical Corp. of the 349th Army hospital. Jim received a Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit School of Law. Jim worked as Assistant Corporation Counsel for Wayne County. Nancy and Jim have two children and five grandchildren. Jim and Nancy moved to Salem, in 1991 in pursuit of property to build on away from the bustle of the big city and to enjoy their gardening passions. Soon after they participated in the "Focus Salem" work group. Jim served on the Planning Commission 5 years before being elected Township Trustee for 4 years. Jim and Nancy have assisted in the food tent at Flag Day and helped at our annual children's Christmas party for years. Nancy and Jim pursued their love of books as members of the Friends of the Library where they collected books left from book sales to hospitals and Hawthorne Center for Children and COTS. They estimate that several thousand books were given a second life. Jim who served 6 years as a Library Trustee is especially proud of the Library's pursuit of policies that promote services that provide for entertainment and business information in the rapidly changing digital world. The many wonderful volunteers ensure that the library, from its beautiful gardens to its book collections, will be first class. Currently, Jim serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Nancy demonstrates her love of animals supporting organizations such as the Humane Society.

To help Salem Community Events financially

By shopping 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. Flag Day and the annual Christmas party would not be a reality without the generous support of the people and businesses of Salem Township.

SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the February meeting due to the weather and the March, April, and May meetings due to the Governor's Executive Orders regarding COVID-19. We will attempt to reschedule these topics (Underground Railroad - Local Connections, Dangerous Experiment [Women's Education], and Victorian Clothing) for future meetings. Also, Liberty Awakes in Washtenaw County – When Women Won the Vote exhibit that the Salem Area Historical Society was going to present in the Salem-South Lyon District Library has been postponed with no future date yet determined.

SUMMER EVENTS:

The summer events for the Salem Area Historical Society are all tentative. Up-to-date information on these events can be found on the SAHS Website of www.SAHShistory.org and the SAHS Facebook Page. These events are:

- River Raisin National Battlefield Park Excursion in late June or early July
- Michigan Historical Museum Excursion in late July or early August
- 11th Arts and Craft Fair on August 15th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Jarvis Stone School Historic District (7991 N. Territorial Rd. at Curtis Rd.). Once the decision is made to hold the fair, Crafters can reserve their SPACES. Sorry, no electricity available. Home businesses welcome. To reserve a spot, email your request to SAHS.CountryFair@gmail.com or use the form at the SAHS Website (www.SAHShistory.org).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Salem Area Historical Society Annual Memberships for 2020/21 will last until March 31, 2021. If you are not a member or you want to renew your membership, please use either the form below and mail SAHS the membership application or do it via our Website Membership Page and pay via PayPal or credit card to join/renew.

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

Building Department, Anne Alexander
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