

SALEM TOWNSHIP MESSENGER



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Hello Salem Neighbors,

I hope you all have enjoyed the beautiful fall weather. With the snow fall we have already had; it looks like winter has joined us early this year. It's hard to believe the holidays are just around the corner and another year is almost in the books. I hope you all had a safe & happy 2019 and are looking forward to the new year. It has been a great year here in Salem Township and it has been a pleasure to serve you. I am thankful for your support and look forward to hearing from you in the upcoming year. Below are a few of our latest updates.

Chubb Road and 5 Mile RD Paving Project

By now, I am sure many of you have noticed the completion of the 5 Mile Rd paving from Chubb to Napier. It appears that weather and temperatures will start to have an impact on the contractor's operations. As of right now, it looks like Chubb Road will not be completed until the Spring of 2020. Although the project will not be fully completed until Spring, the contractor has indicated that they will open both north and southbound lanes to traffic. There will be a list of things that need to be completed in the spring including restoration and pavement markings. I would like to thank you all for your patience during this important paving project.

MEDC Grant and the USD (Urban Services District) Update

Once again, as I mentioned in our last newsletter, the MEDC Grant of \$20 million dollars has been secured. There has not been much change from our last newsletter concerning utilities for the USD. An application has been submitted to Superior Township for the sewer line to come through the road right of way through their community. Most of the other required permits have already been acquired at this time. I will continue to keep you posted as more information becomes available.

Once again, it has been a pleasure for our board members and staff at the Township to serve you this year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, as well as any of our board members, with the email addresses 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 speak with you about any questions or concerns you may have. Last but surely not least, Sherry and I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and may your New Year be blessed with peace and joy.

Take good care,



Gary

CLERK'S COMMENTARY: FROM THE DESK OF DEL WENSLEY

Reminder: Presidential Primary – Tuesday, March 10, 2020

The 2020 Presidential Primary is designated a “closed primary,” just as it was in 2012 and 2016. Michigan Election Law, requires voters wishing to participate in the March 10 election to choose a Democratic, Republican, or no-Presidential Primary ballot when voting absentee or at the polls on Election Day (local issues only, when applicable). While a voter must select a specific party ballot, there is no political party registration in Michigan’s voter registration system.

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.



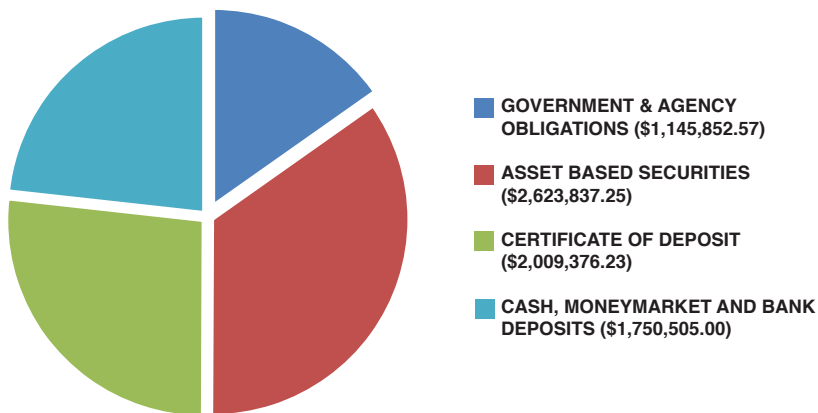
TREASURER'S UPDATE: FROM THE DESK OF DALE CONVERSE

The paving of Five Mile Road has been completed. If you have not driven over it yet, I'm sure that you will be as impressed as I was. The portion of Chubb Road between the Rail Road tracks and Six Mile has the first and second of three asphalt lifts completed. The section between the Rail Road tracks and Five Mile Road was halted when a major issue was discovered that delayed the final paving by 2 to 3 weeks. That delay pushed laying the of asphalt well out of the season when paving can be accomplished due to weather conditions. We have been informed that construction will resume most probably in April 2020 and paving approximately 4 weeks later. In the meantime, Dans Excavating will be prepping the road for normal public use and for snow maintenance.

The SAW grant is now completed. The SAW grant was basically an asset management program sponsored by the MDEQ where the condition of all components of the sewer system were evaluated against their life expectancy. After 22 years of service to the Hamlet and sewer expansion, several areas were identified that needed to be addressed. We were aware of several issues identified during the investigation and have already implemented corrective action. A work plan is being developed with input from our engineers and Highland Treatment to address several other issues as we go forward.

The Treasurer's office is now preparing to mail, collect and distribute the 2019 winter taxes. The office will be open until 5:00 PM on December 31 and March 2. Delinquent taxes paid after February 14 have until March 2 to be paid, after which those delinquent taxes will be turned over to the Washtenaw County. Delinquent taxes that are turned over to the county for collection will be assessed a 5% penalty. We once again caution everyone that mailing their taxes after Feb 1 runs the risk of not being received prior to the deadline. In the past, several individuals had their taxes returned due to a USPS error. Typically, it takes over 30 days for letters to be returned to the sender when the issues arise like "address unknown" is encountered. In those cases, a 5% penalty was imposed which we were unable to waive. If you choose to send your payment by mail, I would check with your bank to make sure it clears by the due date or feel free to call the office and see if your payment has been posted.

SALEM TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019



THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS TWO DRAW DOWN FROM THE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT THAT WENT TOWARD THE CHUBB/FIVE MILE ROAD PAVING PROJECT. \$3,506,763.80 HAS BEEN PAID TOWARDS THE ROAD PROJECT THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE INVESTMENT REPORTING. A COMPLETE TRACKING OF THE SAD THAT WILL BE REPORTED IN THE INVESTMENT REPORT ONCE THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE AND FINAL FINANCIAL NUMBERS ARE KNOWN.

NET ASSETS IN INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT \$9,087,086.98

TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST & DIVIDENDS 1/1/19-9/30/19	\$145,878.82
TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST & DIVIDENDS 4/1/19-9/30/19	\$105,658.23

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S DESK

I just received the inflation multiplier from the State Tax Commission. They have calculated a **1.9%** increase in your Taxable Value for 2020. You can take last year's value and multiply it by 1.019 to get an estimate of the amount you will pay taxes on for 2020. This is assuming that you didn't make any changes on your property during 2019. You can get more information on how the State calculations are made on line at this link:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/Bulletin_15_of_2019 - Inflation Rate Multiplier for 2020_668832_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/Bulletin_15_of_2019_-_Inflation_Rate_Multiplier_for_2020_668832_7.pdf)

I will be sending out your assessment notices by the end of February. Please watch for it and if you don't agree with my value, please call and make an appointment to visit the Board of Review. Appointments will be available in March. I will be driving throughout the Township during December, January, and February to look at new construction, so if you see a black Ford Escape driving around in your neighborhood, please feel free to come out and ask me any questions you might have.

To anyone in the Township that is operating a business, if you have less than \$80,000 in personal business property, please don't forget to file the "**Affidavit to Claim Small Business Tax Exemption**" with my office by February 10, 2020, unless you filed the form last year. If you are no longer in business as of December 31, 2019, let me know by returning the form with "**No longer in Business**" written on it and I'll take you off the Tax Roll. If you didn't receive your form by February, either stop by and get one at the office, or on line at michigan.gov, the State Treasury Department.

I hope you all have a joyful holiday season.

Respectfully,

Bill Guenther

Salem Township Assessor

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.

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

DECEMBER

- 6** Northville Crossing Outreach, dinner/Christmas Party
- 18** Living Proof, All children age 4 – 8th grade welcome.
- 22** Christmas Cantata 11:00 am, all are welcome.
- 24** Christmas Eve Service 7 pm
- 31** New Year's Eve Gathering 6:00 pm

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Living Proof, All children age 4 – 8th grade welcome. Wednesdays, dinner is served at 6:00pm.

A whole class Biblical Message is presented, children divide into fun Christian activities. Puppet making, cooking simple foods, Colorful Worship (coloring with a purpose), beginning sewing, pinewood derby car making, just to name a few.

SALEM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 10 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Land Preservation & Conservation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday
- 25 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year – Office Closed
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed
- 21 Land Preservation & Conservation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 11 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Presidents' Day – Office Closed
- 18 Land Preservation & Conservation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

*“Snow is like
kindness; it
makes everything
it touches more
beautiful.”*

– Author Unknown



Chocolate Yule Log Cake

Ingredients

CAKE

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa (plus, a little extra to sprinkle)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup cooled melted butter

Directions

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Line bottom of 15x10x1-inch baking pan with parchment paper.
2. Arrange clean, thin cotton napkin or towel onto counter (don't use terry cloth). sprinkle generously with unsweetened cocoa.
3. Mix flour, 1/4 cup cocoa, baking powder and salt in bowl.
4. Mix eggs and vanilla in another bowl and beat at high speed 5 minutes or until it is fluffy, thick and a pale-yellow color. Stir melted butter into egg mixture. Gently stir flour mixture into egg mixture until just combined. Spread into prepared pan. Bake 10-12 minutes or until center springs back when touched. Run knife around edges to loosen sides.
5. Flip hot cake out onto prepared towel and remove parchment paper. Lightly dust with powdered sugar and trim away crisp edges. Starting with one of the short sides of the cake, immediately roll the cake up in the cloth and cool on rack for at least 30 minutes.
6. Beat 1/2 cup chilled whipping cream and 1/4 cup powdered sugar in chilled bowl. Beat at medium-high speed, scraping bowl often, until stiff peaks form.
7. Place chocolate hazelnut spread and cream cheese in another bowl; beat at medium speed until well mixed. Gently stir whipped cream mixture into chocolate mixture until just combined. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour.
8. Combine 1/3 cup butter and melted chocolate in bowl and beat at medium speed until well mixed. Add 2 cups powdered sugar and beat on low until well mixed. Add 3 tablespoons whipping cream and beat at medium-high speed until smooth and creamy.
9. Unroll cake and spread with chilled filling. Reroll and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Spread cake with frosting and reroll.
10. Draw lines in frosting with a fork for bark appearance. Dust with powdered sugar. You can garnish with holly leaves and red M&M's for berries, just place the letter side down.
11. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Enjoy!

FILLING

- 1/2 cup chilled heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup chocolate Nutella
- 3 ounces softened cream cheese

FROSTING

- 1/3 cups softened butter
- 2 (1 oz) squares melted unsweetened chocolate
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream

SALEM MEMORIES



Jarvis (Salem) Stone School - Erected 1857

We have visited the early settlements of Salem including Brookville (Lapham's Corners), Worden (Pebble's Corners), Rider's (Walker) and Summit.

One additional location was pivotal in Salem's early history – that being Bullock's Corners. Bullock's Corners was situated at the intersection of North Territorial and Curtis Road.

In 1829 a schoolhouse was erected at this key intersection. The building would stand in as an early meeting place in the township's history. The outcome of two meetings held at this building 4 years prior to Michigan's statehood continue to impact the township to this day.

The first meeting took place on 17 January 1833 when a group of settlers gathered and voted to form a Baptist Society. The result was the formation of a congregation named The First Baptist Church of Salem. Around 1852 the society erected its first edifice on property north of the present Salem Hills Golf Course. When the railroad came through the township, the church was offered a parcel of land in the newly formed village of Salem. The church relocated its existing building to this parcel. In 1887 they built a new building; this is the current sanctuary of Salem Bible Church. The congregation continues with the mission as proposed by those early settlers 186 years ago.

Secondly, in March of 1833 the Michigan Territorial legislature voted to split Panama Township of Washtenaw County into two new townships: Salem and Superior. On 1 April 1833 the citizens of the newly formed township of Salem gathered at the Bullock's Corners schoolhouse and appointed the first Salem township officials. We as township residents continue to provide members to this group which serves our community at the citizenry's behest.

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-SOUTH LYON LIBRARY

Many programs require registration. Call 248.437.6431, go to our website at: ssldl.info, or in person to register.

YOUTH

- **Nature's Recyclers** 1/25/20 2:00 – 3:30 pm Grades K-5
See live rodents and a turkey vulture and learn how scavengers and decomposers play in our everyday lives.
- **Valentine Dance Party** 2/14/20 2:00 – 3:30 pm For 5th grade and younger
- **Meet the Masters: Fierce Female Artists** 3/11/20 6:30 – 7:30 pm Grades K-5
Celebrate Women's History Month by exploring female artists. Dress to get messy.
- **Battle of the Books** 3/28/20
The time has come. You've read the books, now it's time for the battle! Sign-up begins Dec. 7th

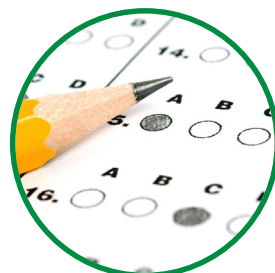
TEEN

- **Future Ready Teens Series:** all grades 6-12, all 6:30 - 7:30 pm 1/21, 2/18, 3/17
The Library will be holding workshops that focus on skills that teens need for the future
- **SAT Practice Test Session** 1/11/2020 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, grades 7-12
Set yourself up for success with a SAT practice test presented by Sylvan Learning Brighton.
- **DIY Gothic Valentines** 2/11/20 6:30 – 7:30 pm grades 6-12
Not a fan of Valentine's Day? Join us in making anti-Valentines crafts.
- **Middle School and High School Battle of the Books** 3/28/20 Sign up begins December 7th

ADULT

- **Human Trafficking: Myths and Realities** 1/15/20 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Get updates, myths and misinformation and the best estimates on human trafficking.
- **Cut the Cord!** 1/16/20 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Want to cancel cable? Find out which combination of devices and services is for work best for.
- **Live Mardi Gras Jazz with T-bone Quartet** 2/23/20 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- **AARP Smart Driver TEK** 3/2/20 10:00 – 11:30 AM
- **History of Ernie Harwell** 3/17/20 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Sports Fans! Come check out a part of Ernie Harwell's collection.
- **Excel 101** 3/5/20 7:00 – 8:00 pm
- **Repeating Programs and Partnerships:**
- **Community Care Project:** 1/5 & 1/19, 2/2 & 2/16, 3/8 & 3/22
- **Monthly Needlework Group:** First Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Wood Appliques Group:** 1/22, 2/26, 3/25 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- **Notary @ the Library:** 1/28, 2/25, 3/31 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- **Cover to Cover Book Club:** 1/30, 2/27, 3/26 7:00 – 8:00 pm
- **Cliffhangers Mystery Book Club:** 1/13, 2/10, 3/9 7:00 – 8:00 pm
- **Podcast Brunch Club:** 1/21, 2/18, 3/17 10:30 – 11:30 am
- **South Lyon Writer's Group:** 1/4, 2/1, 3/7 contact: bsspot@aol.com
- **Genealogy Help:** Select Tuesdays and Wednesdays- call or check website for info
- **Tai-Chi:** Most Saturdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Zumba:** 1/27, 2/3, 3/23 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- **ESL Café:** Wednesdays 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Area Agency on Aging MMAP Counseling:** 1/3 & 1/17, 2/7 & 2/21, 3/6 & 3/20
CALL 1-800-852-7795 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Digital Services: Cloud Library, Hoopla, Overdrive, Libby, Teen Book Cloud, Canopy, RB Digital, Salem-South Lyon Digital Archives and Tumble Book Library



SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Do you have young children or grandchildren? Plan to attend Salem Community Events annual Children's Christmas party December 7th, 1-3:00 pm at Salem Hills Golf Course. Santa will arrive at 1:15 pm and depart at 2:00 pm. Children will also enjoy games, crafts and balloon sculptures. Cookies and cider will also be available. If you would like to help, set-up begins at 11:30 am or have dinner with us at the township hall December 5th at 6:30 pm and help us stuff stockings for the children. To RSVP please call Linda at 248.380.7017.



2020 SALEM FLAG DAY

Flag Day 2020 will be June 6th. We will begin planning for Flag Day in January, although we are working on recruiting volunteers and sponsors now. If you would like to help out during the Flag Day activities just let us know. Last year we had a tremendous firework show due to the generous support of people and businesses in Salem. We also budgeted and saved money for several years so that we could have a great show to celebrate our 40th year. Many people have shared that they really enjoyed the fireworks and would like to see us continue to that type of show. We need your help to so. Let us know of individuals and businesses who are willing to support Salem Flag Day.



TO HELP SALEM COMMUNITY EVENTS FINANCIALLY

By Shopping at **Kroger**:

1. Click on Sign In/Register ([krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.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
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. Find us on Facebook under Salem Community Events. The members of Salem Community Events wish each one of you a happy and joyous holiday season!

SALEM AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

DECEMBER 2019 EVENT:

The annual SAHS Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8th from 1 to 3 PM. Plan on attending the Member's only Christmas gathering. For details, see the November edition of SAHS's *Spirit of Salem* newsletter.

2020 MEETING TOPICS:

- Wednesday, January 22 - Pot Luck Dinner Business Meeting, Local Civil War Veterans
- Wednesday, February 26 - Underground Railroad - Local Connections
- Saturday, April 4 - Annual Dinner / Auction
- Wednesday, April 22 - Dangerous Experiment
- Wednesday, May 27 - Victorian Clothing
- Wednesday, September 23 - Women's Suffrage
- Wednesday, October 28 - MIA/POW Recovery Efforts
- Sunday, December 6 - Annual Christmas Gathering



To keep current with our events, visit our Web Site at www.SAHShistory.org or the Salem Area Historical Society Facebook Page. SAHS can be contacted via email at Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

SAHS ANNUAL DINNER / AUCTION:

Tickets are now available for the Salem Area Historical Society's 2020 Annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 4th, 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 with \$2 discounts if purchased prior to March 1st or a Table of 8 for \$275. Everyone is invited. The event includes a buffet dinner, a silent auction, a live auction and Fun for all. There will be over 80 items up for auction.

SAHS MEMBERSHIPS:

The Salem Area Historical Society is offering a special membership period for those who join now. An annual membership paid in the remainder of 2019 will last through March 31, 2021. Please use the form below to join or pay at the SAHS Website through PayPal. SAHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions to it may be tax deductible. You can also use this form to send your tax-deductible donation to the Salem Area Historical Society. You are encouraged to make copies and distribute this application form to your family and friends. Society. You are encouraged to make copies and distribute this application form to your family and friends.

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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Trustee, John Daniel	john@saalem-mi.org

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firechief@saalem-mi.org

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jradatz@saalem-mi.org

Deputy Clerk, Lori Copland
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