

Salem Democratic Town Committee

November 2022

MARTHA MARX

“I think we need working class people in the legislature who truly understand what it’s like to not always be able to pay their bills.”

“As a nurse with public health issues and labor issues, insurance and hospital issues, I have different strengths than Senator Formica had.”

“I’m not here to run in Formica’s footsteps and I think after a two-year pandemic we all realize how important it is to have doctors, nurses and health care professionals who truly understand public health serving in our legislature.”

(Sources: [CT Examiner](https://ctexaminer.com/2022/01/27/martha-marx-announces-third-run-for-state-senate-vies-for-formicas-seat/), <https://ctexaminer.com/2022/01/27/martha-marx-announces-third-run-for-state-senate-vies-for-formicas-seat/>)

JOHN OLIN

I am in this race to work for the residents of Salem, East Haddam, and East Hampton who want to find solutions for many, many critical problems we face. I’m talking about:

- the toll on life from the marketing of weapons of mass killing used against school children
- the taking away of the right of a woman to have or not have a child

NEWSLETTER

MEET THE CANDIDATES:



Martha Marx the Democratic Party, Working Families Party candidate for the 20th Connecticut State Senate District, a seat long held by Republican Senator Paul Formica who is not running for re-election. Martha Marx has been a trusted local leader in our district for decades. As a visiting nurse for over thirty years, she advocated for her patients.

As a two-term city councilor and chair of the council’s Public Welfare Committee, she collaborated with her colleagues to bring meaningful change to the city she loved. As a union president for over a decade, she fought for fair pay and better working conditions. And as a Waterford native, raising children in New London, she understands both the strengths and the improvements needed to make this district all it can be.

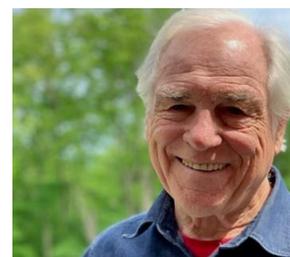
Martha Marx has never stopped listening to her neighbors and making their lives better. Now, as your State Senator, she will bring all this skill and experience Hartford.

We need a leader who focuses on our issues, understands our challenges, works effectively with others and, above all, gets things done. That leader is Martha Marx.

Martha Marx’s record is clear:

- Will fight to expand affordable healthcare
- Will always protect a woman’s freedom to choose
- Will uphold common-sense gun safety laws

(Sources: [CT Examiner](https://ctexaminer.com/2022/01/27/martha-marx-announces-third-run-for-state-senate-vies-for-formicas-seat/), <https://ctexaminer.com/2022/01/27/martha-marx-announces-third-run-for-state-senate-vies-for-formicas-seat/>, [Martha Marx Campaign Flyer](https://www.marthamarxforsenate.com/), and <https://www.marthamarxforsenate.com/>)



John Olin of East Haddam is the Democratic candidate for the 34th General Assembly District.

He has also been endorsed by the Working Families Party and Independent Party.

John was born in Passaic N.J. (April 18, 1945), and grew up in West Nyack, Rockland County, NY. He attended public school until 9th grade and then

Fordham Preparatory School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham College in English and Philosophy, a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Health Services at Johns Hopkins University and a Master’s degree in International Health (ethnography) from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

JOHN OLIN (continued)

- the flagrant corruption of ordinary Americans by misleading them to believe the 2020 election was stolen
- the weakening of democratic institutions
- the war against science, against facts, truth
- the rise of intolerance and fear and hatred of others
- the epidemics of opioid addiction and overdose, obesity, high incidence of childhood deaths in car crashes and from suicide
- the failure of our higher educational system to educate without impoverishing youth
- and the outrageous disparity in the goods of life between the rich and the well-off and most in us in the middle class and people who need decent jobs, health care, child care, and affordable housing.

NICK MENAPACE

My biggest goal is to help the people in East Lyme, Salem and Montville in any way I can. I really like to get involved and get my hands dirty.

I think the biggest issue for me right now is affordability. We need to do more about the cost of living, about the cost of housing. I also want to lower the cost of prescription drugs and make healthcare more affordable.

Environmental issues are big, especially for a shoreline community. I want to do more

MEET THE CANDIDATES: (continued)

John is dedicated to public service. He is a lifelong conservationist, published author and retired physician assistant and research associate from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

He has been a resident of East Haddam since March, 2019, where he serves as a member of the East Haddam Conservation Commission, and the East Haddam Village Alliance.

While living in Baltimore Maryland he was a member of the Chesapeake Energy Alliance, the State of Maryland Radiation Advisory Board, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and later in Central Pennsylvania and living on the bank of the Susquehanna River he was active in a local stream restoration group and was an Island Steward for the Susquehanna River Trails Association.

He has worked as a high school teacher in New York City, as a member of the Peace Corps in Turkey. He did educational work on Native American reservations in the South West. He started his medical career as a nursing assistant. Then worked as a physician assistant in various medical settings including neurology and neurosurgery and as a research associate in clinical trials in HIV/AIDS research in India and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Upon retiring John has written three young-adult books and several collections of essays including a book on the Susquehanna River. He is currently working on a biography of a local resident.

His interests include his great book collection, exploring the natural world and history around the globe. He has kayaked extensively including circumnavigation of a large remote island in the South Pacific. He finds relaxation in baking bread in his homemade hearth oven and his model trains.

John is married to Amalia Shaltiel. He has an adult son, Evan, and two grandchildren.

(Source: <https://www.johnolinforthe34th.com/>)



Nick Menapace is the Democratic Party and Working Families Party candidate for the 37th General Assembly District.

He is a lifelong resident of Connecticut and local educator. Public service is something that Nick has chosen throughout his life. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout to have a more positive impact on the South Windsor community and was politically active in college to improve the

lives of students at CCSU. He spent the last ten years teaching in diverse communities throughout the state. These experiences, specifically working with Connecticut students and families, motivated Nick to take his passion for civic engagement and represent East Lyme, Salem, and Montville in Hartford.

Nick is firmly pro-choice and believes the Supreme Court's ruling is both an incredible danger to so many people because it targets the right to privacy

NICK MENAPACE (cont.)

to preserve open space, because that's really going to help our shoreline communities dealing with the effects of climate change.

I also want to make sure that we're doing more to defend and expand reproductive rights in Connecticut.

(Source CT Examiner, <https://ctexaminer.com/2022/10/02/menapace-runs-on-affordability-move-away-from-car-culture-mental-health-in-race-to-unseat-cheeseman/>)

For a complete list of candidates running for State and national office see pages 10 & 11.

REDISTRICTING

Federal law mandates that election district lines be drawn every ten years based on population statistics from the Federal Census. An appointed committee was tasked with determining the new districts to ensure that each contains approximately the same number of people, thereby providing for equal representation.

Based on the fact that Fairfield Co. gained and New London County lost population over the past decade, it was necessary to alter some of the district lines. The committee's decision is final and there is no recourse for the affected towns. Salem, which had been a single district, was divided into two General Assembly Districts – the 34th and

MEET THE CANDIDATES: (continued)

and equal rights for citizens. The best way to help Connecticut's economy is by making it more affordable for citizens. He wants to make housing and energy more affordable by increasing wages and purchasing power for everyone while also making environmentally conscious choices. He also wants to preserve open space and help Connecticut move to a more sustainable energy system to help combat climate change.

Nick's priorities:

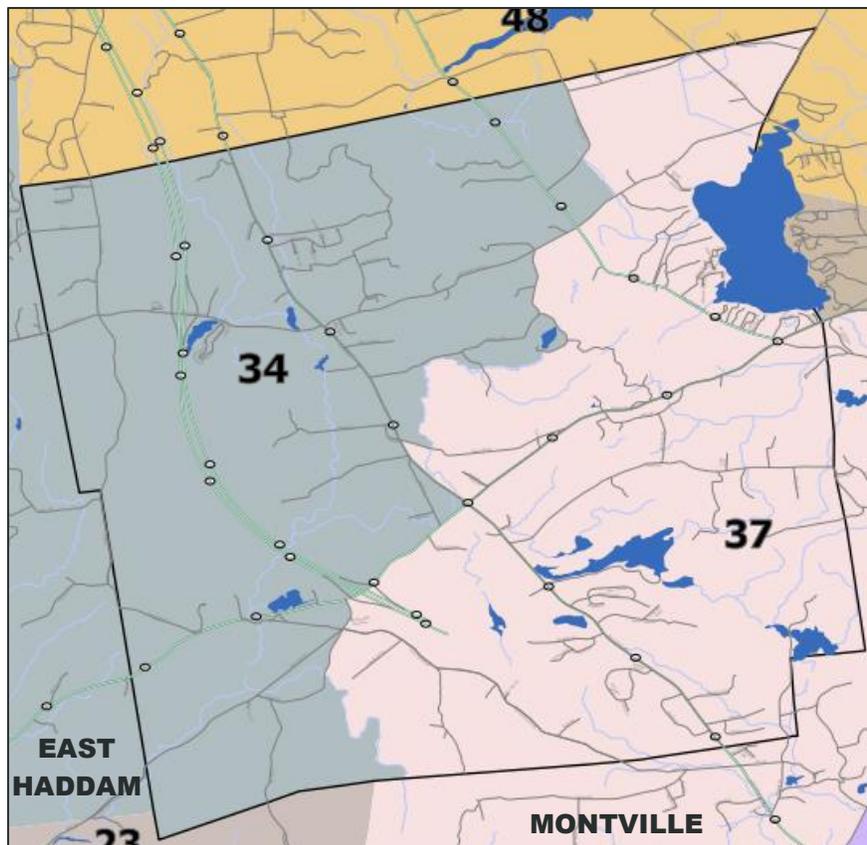
- Make Connecticut more affordable for working and middle-class families
- Cut the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs
- Protect out common-sense gun laws and keep our communities safe

(Source: **Nick Menapace Campaign Flyer**,

<https://directory.runforsomething.net/candidate/2936/menapace-nick>)

REDISTRICTING COMES TO SALEM

CT General Assembly Redistricting Map For Salem



The following streets are split between both General Assembly District 34 & General Assembly District 37, based upon street number:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| • Darling Road | • Rathbun Hill Road |
| • East Haddam Road | • Rattlesnake Ledge Road |
| • Hartford Road | • Round Hill Road |
| • Music Vale Road | • Witter Road |
| • Old Colchester Road | |

REDISTRICTING (continued)

referred to as **District 1** (General Assembly District 34) and **District 2** (General Assembly District 37).

Voting for both districts will take place at Salem Town Hall, where voters will be directed to the proper line based upon their residence address.

The majority of streets are within a single voting district, but some streets are divided between districts.

Street numbers are the determining factor in these cases.

Voters can determine their district by accessing the website: <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx>. The Polling Location Address will indicate either Room 1 (District 1) or Room 2 (District 2).

Voters may also contact the Registrars of Voters at 860-859-3873, ext. 230, during office hours, Mondays 8:30-10:30AM and Wednesdays 10:30AM-12:30PM.

Betsy B. Butts & Doris C. Burr,
Registrars of Voters

EVERYTHING VOTING

Online Registration

To use the online voter registration system, you must have a current and valid driver's license, learner's permit or non-driver photo identification card issued by the CT Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and a signature on file with DMV.

Go to website:

<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/prefix.do>

REDISTRICTING COMES TO SALEM (continued)

The following streets are entirely within General Assembly District 34):

- Alexander Road
- Bayberry Place
- Brookside Drive
- Cherry Tree Road
- Cockle Hill Road
- Gungy Road
- Hagen Road
- Hill Top Trail
- Lexington Trail
- Meadow Lane
- Mill Lane
- Morgan Road
- Pheasant Hill Road
- Pleasant View Road
- Pratt Road
- Salem Ridge Drive
- Salem Ridge Drive North
- Salter Road
- Sullivan Road
- West Road
- White Birch Road
- Witch Meadow Road
- Woodbridge Road

The following streets are entirely within General Assembly District 37:

- Beckwith Hill Drive
- Buckley Road
- Carvalho Drive
- Cedar Hill Lane
- Centre Street
- Chester Court
- Clark Lane
- Corrina Lane
- Diamond Hill Road
- Eden Park Drive
- Emerald Glen Lane
- Fairy Lake Road
- Fawn Run
- Fett Road
- Forest Drive
- Forsyth Road
- Gardner Lake Heights
- Harris Road
- Harris Road Extension
- Horse Pond Road
- Lake View Avenue
- Laurelwood Drive
- Maynard Road
- New London Road
- Norwich Road
- Oak Ridge Road
- Old New London Road
- Shingle Mill Road
- Skyline Drive
- Stonewall Road
- Sunset Hill Road
- Syleo Lane
- Tamarack Place
- Valley Drive
- Way Road
- Woodchuck Road
- Woodland Drive

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE!

The Salem Town Clerk's office has been notified that some campaigns will be sending absentee ballot applications to many registered voters in Salem. If you do not need an Absentee Ballot and receive an application in the mail, simply discard it.

Connecticut Law allows you to receive an absentee ballot if you cannot appear at your assigned polling place on Election Day because of any of the following reasons:

EVERYTHING VOTING (cont.)

Are You Registered To Vote?

To find out go to website:
<https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx>.

Polling Location

Salem Town Office Building
Room 1
270 Hartford Road, Salem

Absentee Voting Information Can Be Found Here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>

Voter ID

Is a driver's license or photo ID required to vote in Connecticut?

NO. When you arrive at the polling place the poll worker will request that you present ID but if you do not have any than in most cases, you may sign an affidavit in lieu of presenting ID. There are several options for identification and they do not need to be a driver's license or have a photo.

My new driver's license indicates that it is NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION. May I use it as identification at the polling place?

YES. You may continue to use your current driver's license at the polling place when you vote.

When you check-in to vote, in lieu of the driver's license, you may also show a credit card with your name and signature, an ID with your name and photograph,

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE! (CONT.)

- My active service in the Armed Forces of the United States
- My absence from my town of residence
- Sickness
- My religious tenets forbid secular activity on the day of the election
- My duties as a primary, election or referendum official at a polling place other than my own during all of the hours of voting
- Physical disability

Applications must be signed (***original signature***) by the voter requesting the ballot. Anyone assisting a voter in filling out the application must also sign and include their name, address and telephone number in Section VII.

Applications may be submitted immediately and dropped in the Election Drop Box located at the entrance of Town Hall or they may be mailed to the Town Clerk's office. In order for you to receive your ballot on time, applications should be submitted as soon as possible to avoid receiving a late ballot.

Ballots will be mailed starting October 7, 2022. Completed ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Please contact the Town Clerk's office if you have additional questions or concerns. Linda Flugrad, Salem Town Clerk; Phone: 860-859-3873 ext. 7 or e-mail: Linda.flugrad@salemct.gov

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

OUTDOOR SAFETY DURING HUNTING SEASON

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has announced the opening days of fall hunting seasons.

According to the agency, opening dates are:

- Firearms turkey season: Saturday, October 1st and continuing through October 31st.
- Pheasant and rabbit hunting seasons open at a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, October 15th.
- Firearms deer hunting season began November 16th.

Hikers, Hunters, Horseback Riders, Mountain Bikers. What You Need to Know When You Are Outdoors.

Fall and winter days are great times to enjoy Connecticut's woodlands. Whether you like to hike, horseback ride, mountain bike, hunt, or fish, it's a good idea to observe a few safety precautions while afield.

Outdoor Safety Tips:

- If you hike, ride, hunt, or fish alone, let somebody know where you will be.
- Familiarize yourself with the area you will be using, and know the activities which occur there.
- Ask landowners' permission to hike, ride, hunt, or fish.
- Dress appropriately and be prepared for any sudden changes in the weather.

EVERYTHING VOTING**Voter ID (cont.)**

or any document with your name and address such as a checkbook or a utility bill.

For more information on voter ID, go to website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/FAQ/FAQ---Voter-Identification>

PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS:

- **Board of Selectmen,**
Nov. 1 – 7:00PM
- **Library Board of Directors**
By-Laws Committee,
Nov. 2 – 5:00PM
- **Library Board of Directors**
By-Laws Committee,
Nov. 2 – 6:30PM
- **Library Board of Directors**
Policy & Procedure
Committee, Nov. 3 – 1:00PM
- **Board of Education** Long-
Range Educational Planning,
Nov. 7 – 5:00PM
- **Board of Education**
Personnel/Contract
Negotiations,
Nov. 7 – 6:00PM
- **Board of Education,**
Nov. 7 – 7:00PM
- **Inland Wetlands &
Conservation Commission,**
Nov. 7 – 7:00PM
- **Emergency Preparedness
Agency,** Nov. 8 – 7:00PM
- **Planning & Zoning
Commission,**
Nov. 8 – 7:00PM
- **Gardner Lake Authority,**
Nov. 10 – 7:00PM
- **Board of Finance,**
Nov. 10 – 7:00PM

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE (continued)

- **Wear bright clothing (400 square inches of fluorescent orange are required for hunters) to increase your visibility. Dogs should wear a bright orange vest when accompanying you on a hike.**
- **Avoid wearing gray, brown, tan, or white when hiking in hunted areas.**
- **Consider using a bell on your bike or horse during the hunting season.**
- **If you see someone hunting, call out to them to identify your location.**
- **Peak hunting occurs in early morning and late afternoon, primarily during the months of October through December.**
- **Look up and watch out for hazardous trees while in forested areas.**
Several years of storms, drought, and insect infestations have severely damaged a significant number of Connecticut's trees. A "hazard tree" has a structural defect that makes it likely to fail in whole or in part. Such a tree can fall without warning.

Connecticut Hunting Seasons

Hunting is regulated by the DEEP as part of its comprehensive wildlife management program. Listings of all seasons and pertinent regulations are published annually in the *Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guide or the CT Interactive Hunting Area Map*, which are available online and also at town halls, DEEP offices, and license vendor agents.

Hunting Season Dates: PEAK HUNTING ACTIVITY for small game and deer occurs from the **THIRD SATURDAY IN OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER**. Early morning hours (before 9:00 AM) are the most active hunting times, especially on Saturdays and holidays.

Sunday Hunting: Licensed archery deer hunters can hunt on **private land only** on Sundays in **ALL** Deer Management Zones (zone map). All archery deer hunting on Sundays must take place at least 40 yards away from blazed hiking trails. Sunday hunting also is allowed on licensed private shooting preserves when the operator has permission from the town.

Hunting Areas: Hunting is allowed at: **1)** specified state-owned lands (state forests, wildlife management areas), **2)** privately-owned land where landowners have granted permission, **3)** permit-regulated hunting areas, **4)** state-leased hunting areas, **5)** registered private shooting preserves, and **6)** lakes, rivers, and tidal wetlands during waterfowl hunting seasons. Hunting does not occur at most state parks. Consult the current *Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guide* or the CT Interactive Hunting Area Map for a listing of state-owned, state-leased, and permit-regulated lands that are open to hunting. (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/Outdoor-Safety-Tips#:~:text=Ask%20landowners'%20permission%20to%20hike,accompanying%20you%20on%20a%20hike.>)

Private Property: Many private landowners allow hunting on their property. All hunters are required to obtain permission from the land-owner before hunting. Sportsmen, as well as hikers, are encouraged to develop a responsible and open relationship with the landowner. As a landowner, if you suspect that unauthorized hunting is occurring on your property, call the DEEP Environmental Conservation Police T.I.P. hotline for assistance (1-800-842-HELP).

PUBLIC TOWN MEETINGS:
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- **Library Board of Directors Bylaws Committee,**
Nov. 14 – 4:00PM
- **Library Board of Directors,**
Nov. 15 – 6:00PM
- **Economic Development Commission,**
Nov. 15 – 7:00PM
- **Salem Land Trust,**
Nov. 16 – 7:00PM
- **Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors,**
Nov. 21 – 7:00PM
- **Recreation Commission,**
Nov. 21 – 7:00PM
- **Board Of Education Policy,**
Nov. 28 – 4:00PM
- **Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Meeting,**
Nov. 28 – 7:00PM

SALEM SCHOOL NEWS

(Salem School website link:
<https://www.salemschools.org/>)

EARLY DISMISSALS/HOLIDAYS

- **October 10,** Columbus Day
- **October 27,** Early Dismissal – Staff PD
- **November 8,** Staff PD (Regional PD)
- **November 21,** Early Dismissal – Conferences
- **November 22,** Early Dismissal – Conferences
- **November 23-25,** Thanksgiving

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GARDNER LAKE AND SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Both the Salem and Gardner Lake Fire Departments are looking for volunteers of ALL AGES.

- **Salem Volunteer Fire Company:**
NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860-859-0942
- **Gardner Lake Fire Company:**
NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 860-859-1743

Website: <https://www.gardnerlakevolunteerfirecompany.com/home>

COMMUNITY HELP/ASSISTANCE

- **CARE & SHARE** – (website link: <http://www.careandshareofel.org/>)
Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. provides food, financial and emergency support to individuals and families in East Lyme, Niantic and Salem. If you are interested in receiving assistance, contact us at 860-739-8502. Leave a message with your name, telephone number and the type of assistance you are looking for, as well as the best time you can be reached. A responder will confidentially return your call.
- **TVCCA** – (Thames Valley Council for Community Action Inc. (website link: <https://www.tvcca.org/>) Get connected to the people and services that can benefit you. TVCCA Navigators can also assist with referrals to other community resources including but not limited to food banks, furniture banks, and housing authorities. Client Assistance Funds are also available.
- **FOOD PANTRIES**
 - **Care and Share** – East Lyme, 860-739-8502
 - **Shoreline Soup Kitchen St. John’s Episcopal Church** – East Lyme, 860-388-1988
 - **United Way Mobile Food Pantry Three Rivers Community College** – Norwich, 860-464-3327
 - **Rosalyn Allen Food Pantry Mobile Pantry** – Norwich, 860-822-4146
- **SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER** – (website link: <https://www.sprc.org/>)
----CALL: 988----Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, reach out get help
- **PLANNED PARENTHOOD** – (website link: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>). Planned Parenthood Stands for Care. Your health is our highest priority and we believe your body is your own. Make an in-person or telehealth appointment online or call 1-800-230-PLAN.
- **VETERAN SERVICES**
 - **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** – (website: <https://www.va.gov/>),

EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

(East Lyme High School website link:

<https://www.eastlymeschools.org/high-school/>)

EARLY DISMISSALS/HOLIDAYS

- **October 10**, School Holiday
- **November 8**, Staff Professional Learning/ Election Day
- **November 21**, *Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences (PM)
- **November 22**, No School Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **November 23-25**, School Holiday

SALEM SENIOR NEWS

- Richard Chyinski of The Salem Land Trust has offered to lead a hike in Walden Preserve on October 16th.
- **SENIORS' DANCE** at the Gardner Lake Fire House on Friday, November 11th. Tickets \$10 for Salem Senior Group members, \$15 for non-members.
- **Holiday Luncheon** is planned for Saturday December 10th at Noon at the Salem Firehouse. Tickets will be \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.
- **Art Classes** – Dawn Shumbo of Salem ArtSpace will provide art classes after the monthly Tuesday meetings starting October 11th meeting and will end around 2:00-2.30PM. The cost is \$15.00 per person. If there is enough interest, she will hold a class for us on

COMMUNITY HELP/ASSISTANCE (continued)

- MyVA411 main information line: 800-698-2411,
- VA benefits hotline: 800-827-1000,
- GI Bill hotline: 888-442-4551,
- VA health benefits hotline: 877-222-8387.
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELP**
 - **SAMHSA** – (Substance Abuse and Mental Health) (website link: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>)
National Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357),
 - **Alcoholics Anonymous** – (website link: <https://www.aa.org/>)
CT Statewide 24-Hour Hotline: 866-783-7712,
- **CHILD & FAMILY AGENCY OF SOUTHEASTERN CT** – (website: <https://www.childandfamilyagency.org/>) Call: 860-437-4550

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

11TH SALEM UNSUNG HEROES AWARDS BANQUET

The 11th Salem Unsung Heroes Awards banquet will be held at the Gardner Lake Firehouse on Sunday November 13th at 1:00PM. The Salem Unsung Heroes Award celebrates the generous and tireless volunteerism of those individuals who have given their time, and energy to make their community a better place for everyone. The following individuals are being honored as Salem's Unsung Heroes:



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| • Richard Chyniski | • Elizabeth Lane |
| • Gary Closius | • Robert Ross |
| • Taras Kachorowsky | • William Schultz |
| • Diba Kahn Bureau | • Vernon Vessey |

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for children 4 – 12, and children under 4 are free. Please make checks payable to Salem Unsung Heroes. Tickets are available at: Salem Health Mart (next to 2Brothers Pizza). Contact Mary Cikatatz for additional information: 860-287-7275, or, marycikatatz@gmail.com.

FUND-RAISER TO BENEFIT THE MITCHELL FARM EQUINE RETIREMENT INC.:

The Salem Lions, and Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement Inc. are holding a fund-raiser on October 15th from 11AM to 4PM to benefit Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement Inc. The Salem Seniors will be holding a bake sale at the farm in support. Bakers are needed to make items to donate for the sale. Items can be dropped off at Kay Zak and Gary Closius' house, 294 Hartford Rd. There will be hay-rides, pumpkins for the kids, food trucks, vendors like Provider Farms, The Red House, Symon Says goat farm.

SALEM SENIOR NEWS
Art Classes (continued)

Tuesday evenings either 4 – 6PM or 6 - 8PM. Contact/RSVP at Kay Zak at: 860-889-3989 or e-mail at: kayzak@hotmail.com.

- **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** – Joan Golubeck will provide blood pressure screening during our meetings.
- **MUNICIPAL MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE** – The Caregiver Mileage Reimbursement and Medical Transportation program is for adults 60+ and persons with disabilities who are unable to drive and need transportation to a medical appointment.
Contact: *Agnes Miyuki – Salem Agent for the Elderly at 860-859-3873 X 125* for program and eligibility information or to access this service.

SALEM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE NEWS

- **THE SDTC NEEDS TO BE READY TO FILL VACANCIES**
The SDTC needs to be ready to fill vacancies on Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Committees should they arise. The tables to the right show the current make-up of the Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Committees as well as the names of those filling those positions for the Town of Salem.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (continued)

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALEM ANNUAL APPLE FEST

Come one come all to the APPLE FEST Saturday October 29th 9:00AM – until sold out. Can you smell the apple pies, those fritters, and the apple-kraut hot-dogs?? Come get some!!!

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY (FOSL) ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

Come on out to the annual FOSL Annual Used Book Sale Friday October 28th @ 6:00PM for FOSL members (membership can be purchased @ the door), with general admission from 7:00PM – 9:00PM, and Saturday October 29th 9:00AM – 3:00PM, with the bag sale running from noon – 3:00PM. Stock up for the winter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP – VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**
For future clean up dates contact Kay Zak: 860-889-3989 (home), e-mail: kayzak@hotmail.com or watch the FB website for future dates.
- **LION’S CLUB**
The Lions are looking for volunteers. Contact John Houchin at 860-887-2518 or cell 860-705-1227.
- **MITCHELL FARMS EQUINE:**
The retirement Horse farm is looking for volunteers to help. Contact Dee Doolittle: 860-303-8705, or e-mail: dee@mitchellfarm.org.
- **FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY (FOSL)**
The FOSL are always looking for help sorting books for the used book sale. Every Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00am – 11:30am at the Zemko Garage and for the Used Book Sale Friday October 28th and Saturday October 29th.
- **THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALEM (TCCS) APPLE FEST PREP.**
TCCS Pastor Jonathan, and the rest of the crew need our help!! The Apple Fest Preparation is underway!! Help is needed:
CRUMBY DAY: Saturday, October 8th. 8:30am-noon. Got a Kitchen Aid? Bring it to help make lots of crumb topping.
PREP DAYS: Every Monday and Tuesday, 4:00pm-8:00pm. 9/26 & 9/27, 10/3 & 10/4, 10/10 & 10/11, 10/17 & 10/18, 10/24 & 10/25. Every Wednesday 8am-noon. 9/28, 10/5, 10/12th, 10/19 & 10/26. Peel, cut and fill pies. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. RSVP office@tccsalem.org. We all love the Apple Festival and this year they need our help. Please let's pitch in and help. Can you smell the apple pies?? And those fritters??

SALEM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE NEWS (cont.)

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The SDTC needs volunteers to man phone banks and canvas Salem neighborhoods in the run-up to the election in November. If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering contact T. J. Butcher – Chairman SDTC t.j.butcher@att.net



• CANDIDATES ARE NEEDED

The SDTC is looking for people interested in becoming a candidate to run for the various offices coming up in the 2023 election. The tables to the right show the seats on the various Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Committees as well as the names of those filling those seats that are coming up for election or appointment in 2023.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

- HOME REPAIR AND HANDY-MAN SKILLS. Would you like to volunteer, or do you need help? Please let us know:
 - what your skills are and/or what you can help with?
 - what your needs are? (i.e., pull a pool cover on in fall; reset a knocked down mailbox; change the oil in a lawn mower; etc.).

Contact Kay Zak: 860-889-3989 or e-mail: kayzak@hotmail.com, or Gary Closius: 860-889-3989 or 860-961-9173, or e-mail: gclosius@sbcglobal.net.

***** YOUR VOTE MATTERS *****

Consider the following: according to the CT Secretary of the State Registration and Party Enrollment Statistics (as of October 26, 2021), in 2021 there were 3040 registered voters in Salem; 852 registered Democrats, 786 registered Republicans, 1356 registered Unaffiliated, and 46 registered Minor Party. Approximately 1400 voters voted in the 2021 Salem municipal election. All of the contested races were won by the Republicans. The average margin of victory was 181 votes. The margin of victory for the First Selectman seat was 158 votes. Of the 852 registered Democratic voters, 49% (420 voters) and 1356 registered Unaffiliated voters, 41% (825 voters) ***did not vote.***

The 2022 – 2023 budget for the town of Salem is \$16.7 million. It is comprised of \$11.3 million for the Board of Education, \$4.4 million for the general government, and \$1.0 million for capital expenditures. In the most recent Town Budget referendum only 171 voters voted (112 voted YES, 59 voted NO). As a result, the acceptance of the budget along with the recent property revaluation, the Board of Finance set the mill rate at 28.8 mills.

Think about it, a total of 171 voters decided the financial future for the next fiscal year for the 4,000 residents of Salem. (sources:

<https://ctemspubli.c.pctq.net/#/selectTown>, and

<https://www.salemct.gov/home/news/budget-2022-2023-referendum-results-and-new-mill-rate>)

Elections for Governor, State Senator, Representatives to the State House of Representatives among others is coming up this November. Get educated on the issues and - - - - - **GET OUT AND VOTE** - - - - - Many fought and died to preserve your right to vote - - **EXERCISE IT** - -

CONNECTICUT & NATIONAL RACES

LOCAL RACES

- **20th State Senate District** (New London, Salem, Bozrah, East Lyme, Old Lyme, Waterford, and parts of Old Saybrook and Montville)*
Martha Marx **D** Jerry Labriola Jr. **R**
- **34th General Assembly District** (East Lyme, and parts of Montville and Salem)
John Olin **D** Irene Haines **R**
- **37th General Assembly District** (East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Salem)*
Nick Menapace **D** Holly Cheeseman **R**

* see pages 3 & 4 for voting district information

SALEM VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION MAKING A DIFFERENCE

September 24th Paugwonk
Baptist Cemetery #1 clean-up



October 8th Newton-Ransom
Cemetery Clean-up



CT STATE-WIDE RACES

- Governor/Lt Governor
Ned Lamont/Susan Bysiewicz **D** Bob Stefanowski/Laura Devlin **R**
Robert Hotaling/Stewart "Chip" Beckett **I***
- Secretary of the State
Stephanie Thomas **D** Dominic Rapini **R**
Cynthia R. Jennings **I***
- State Treasurer
Erick Russell **D** Harry Arora **R**
Jennifer Baldwin **I*** Joanna Laiscell **L*****
- Comptroller
Sean Scanlon **D** Mary Fay **R**
- Attorney General
William Tong **D** Jessica Kordas **R**
A.P. Pascarella **I*** Ken Krayske **G****

NATIONAL RACES

- U.S. Senate
Richard Blumenthal **D** Leora R. Levy **R**
 - U.S. House of Representatives 1st District
John B. Larson **D** Larry Lazor **R**
Mary L. Sanders **G****
 - U.S. House of Representatives 2nd District
Joe Courtney **D** Mike France **R**
Kevin Blacker **G**** William Hall **L*****
 - U.S. House of Representatives 3rd District
Rosa L. DeLauro **D** Lesley DeNardis **R**
Justin Paglino **G**** Amy F. Chai **L*****
 - U.S. House of Representatives 4th District
Jim Himes **D** Jayme Stevenson **R**
 - U.S. House of Representatives 5th District
Jahana Hayes **D** George Logan **R**
- * Independent Party, ** Green Party, *** Liberterian Party

Candidate bios are available at:

<https://www.ctinsider.com/projects/2022/ct-voter-guide-november/#statewideraces>

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please send your request along with your e-mail address to Gary Closius: gclosius@sbcglobal.net