

# Town of North Salem

FALL 2014

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## From the Town Supervisor

Warren J. Lucas  
669-5110

### Single Stream Recycling has arrived in North Salem!

North Salem has been recycling garbage for years, yet the amount that was put out weekly was minimal. City Carting has been working with North Salem to increase the amount of household waste that can be recycled. As of September 1st, City Carting has started to take all recyclables from the Town of North Salem to their new plant in Stamford, where the recyclables will be sorted and re-sold to companies that need raw materials to make new paper, metals and plastics. This process is called **single stream recycling**.



You will continue to put out two cans, a **garbage can** and a **recycling can**. By using City Carting's single stream plant, you no longer have to sort your recyclables. They will do it for you. We hope to increase the amount we recycle to 40% of total household waste.

| North Salem      | Sep-13 | Sep-14 | Change Yr to Yr |
|------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Garbage          | 96.63  | 89.22  | -7.7%           |
| Recycling        | 12.08  | 21.14  | 75.0%           |
| Total            | 108.71 | 110.36 | 1.5%            |
| Percent Recycled | 11.1%  | 19.2%  |                 |

During the first three weeks of September, comparing 2013 to 2014, the numbers increased our recycling by 75%. Many of you have supported this process but some of you have not.

Starting sometime after December 1st, those people who are not separating the recyclables out of the regular garbage will get an **"OOPS!" sticker** on their garbage and the garbage will not be picked up until the recyclables are separated.

**Why are we doing single stream recycling? It's easier.** More items can be recycled than before and you don't have to tie paper and cardboard up. Throw everything in the same can with the other recyclables.

**It's good for the environment** and should double the amount we recycle each year.

For each additional ton of garbage that gets recycled, **we get money back from City Carting.**

Our garbage contract in 2014 costs you \$802,000. It is the most expensive thing we do as a Town and is not offered by most towns. So besides being the right thing to do, we expect SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING will save the Town at least \$75,000 a year which, to put in perspective, is 1.4% of the Town's Tax.

# OOPS!

**WE FOUND RECYCLABLES MIXED WITH YOUR GARBAGE**

We could not pick up your garbage or recyclables because they were not properly separated.

For information on recycling and a list of items that need to be separated from garbage, go to:

<http://www.northsalemny.org/news/garbage-and-recycling-information> or call City Carting at (800) 872 - 7405

Recycling is the right thing to do to keep our environment clean and green. It's also the law.

**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**

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## From the Town Supervisor *(continued from page 1)*

**What can you recycle with *SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING*?** It is easier to say what you can't put in the recycling container for the our refuse company to pick up. The items that cannot be recycled are: hazardous materials, food waste, batteries, construction debris, leaves, fluorescent light bulbs, major appliances, tile, Styrofoam, tires, wood, medical waste, toner cartridges, mirrors, electronic equipment. Please take a look at the page which outlines what you can recycle. You can also get a copy from our Town website at [www.northsalemny.org/news/garbage-and-recycling-information](http://www.northsalemny.org/news/garbage-and-recycling-information). Food waste still goes in the regular garbage unless you can **compost it**.

**We also recycle other items.** The Town also collects the following items for recycling; electronic equipment (call Town Hall 669-5110 ), batteries and motor oils and lead acid batteries (Highway Garage 669-5310). There is also a **no-charge monthly bulk drop-off** (call City Carting 277-4211 to get on that program).

All types of plastic, all types of metal, all types of paper including cardboard can now go into the recycling container.

**Can I use any Container for my Recycling?** It is important that everyone make their best attempt at recycling using **clear or blue plastic bags or blue containers**. You can use your current blue recycling containers or if you wish can buy blue garbage cans. The Town has enclosed a single stream recycling sticker that you can put on your regular garbage cans to make it easier on everyone.

Thank you for helping us build a *Sustainable North Salem* that makes *Sense* for everyone.

## Highway Department

*Ward Hanaburgh  
669-5310*

The Highway Department recently moved, and our new offices and garage are located at 250 June Road (behind Kingsley's Deli) right next to our salt shed storage facility. Our regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.



The North Salem Highway Department maintains all Town roads and drainage systems as well as all Town cemeteries and parks. The Highway Department also performs snow and ice removal on Town roads and on all State and County

roads located within the Town of North Salem.



Anyone wishing to purchase a cemetery plot in Peach Pond Cemetery or June Cemetery should contact the Highway Department.

A permit is required for the construction of any street opening or driveway as detailed in the Town Code which can be found on the Town website. A Street Opening/Driveway permit can be downloaded from the Town website or it can be obtained from the North Salem Highway Department.

If you are looking for additional information regarding the Highway

Department, please check out our link on the Town website. You can also email any questions or just give us a call.

Finally, remember that wet leaves can be very slippery – please drive safely!!!

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# Assessor

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## Property Reassessment Coming to North Salem

The Town of North Salem has contracted with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to conduct a reassessment project that will update outdated property assessments.

Data collection is scheduled to start in March 2015 and be complete for the 2017 Assessment Roll affecting tax bills beginning in April 2018.

Property owners will be mailed a brochure from Tyler which will provide information about the reassessment process prior to the start of data collection in their neighborhood. Data collection is the phase of the reassessment where data collectors go to each property requesting to perform an interior inspection, verify the exterior measurements of

all buildings and gather various data in regards to recent sales and other factors that may be unique to the property.

Property owners do not have to allow data collectors on their property, but the overall accuracy of the information is enhanced when a property can be inspected. Accurate assessments depend on accurate data.

After all the data is entered, mailers will be sent to residential property owners listing the property inventory data on file for their property. Each homeowner will be asked to review the information and make any necessary corrections before the data is used for analysis and valuation purposes.

Values will then be computed and reviewed for all properties making

changes where appropriate.

After all values are reviewed by Tyler and approved by the assessor, notices of tentative assessments will be sent to all property owners. At that time, any owner that has a question about how the value was derived or wishes to present information in support of a different value will have an opportunity to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Tyler representative. This process, called "Informal Reviews," allows owners the opportunity to challenge a value without going through the usual formal appeal process.

As this project progresses we will have more information and links on the Town website. Upon completion of this project we hope to achieve fairness, equity and transparency.

### ***Reduce your oil bills, like 10 North Salem neighbors have!***

At no cost or highly subsidized, find out what cost saving energy improvements are recommended for your home. This audit by NYSERDA approved contractors will tell you what you can do that can be financed from the energy savings that the improvement measures will provide. This means that you can choose improvements that will net you money because the cost of the improvement is less than the amount of fuel money you will save! Find out about the grants, rebates and subsidized financing available to homeowners Go to <http://northsalem.energizeny.org/> or contact the Energize NY team at (914) 302-7300.

### ***Save energy and be considerate of your neighbors***

Put outdoor lights, such as path lights, door lights and driveway lights, etc. on motion controls (while deer can turn them on, deer are not a problem). For any light that you choose to keep on, use a dark sky fixture so that it shines onto the ground and the source of the light is not seen by your neighbors. Always use the lowest wattage bulb you can.

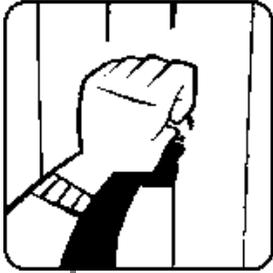
### ***Leave leaves alone***

Mow leaves right where they fall so they decompose and improve the soil and your lawn. New equipment for residential and commercial lawn mowers has made this a viable alternative that can give your lawn a clean look. Also, it saves energy!

### ***Compost your food and garden waste***

Whether you use an under-sink model for food scraps (not meat) or an outdoor composter for clippings and weeds, etc you can use this organic waste to enhance the soil in your garden while saving money for the Town.

## Do Not Knock Registry



Are you tired of people you don't know showing up at your door, trying to sell you something or get a donation?

If you are, you will be happy to know that North Salem now has a "Do Not Knock" Registry which peddlers and/or solicitors must consult before going door-to-door.

If you would like your address placed on the registry, simply fill out the form on our website or stop by the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

Religious and political organizations are exempt from having to abide by the Registry.

## Building Department

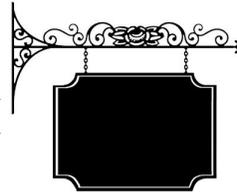
Bruce Thompson  
669-5952

Twice a year we write to you via this Newsletter to say some things we believe are worth remembering, and hope that you do too. For as many years as we have been writing to you, it gets more and more challenging not to repeat certain messages. When we do find ourselves repeating certain themes it is because of their importance plus the fact that we keep coming across instances when these priorities have not been given the attention that can and will make an all important difference to your life safety.

Whenever the Building Codes make a requirement "retroactive", you know it's of the highest priority to be fulfilled. **Code compliant swimming pool fences and smoke + carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are retroactive requirements** . . . meaning no property is exempt from having to be compliant, regardless of its age or any other circumstance that might seemingly apply. If/when you replace an existing pool fence, or if you have never had one, a building permit is required for the new fence. The issuance of a building permit is your best assurance that the new fence will be installed such that it

meets the minimum requirements set forth by the "Residential Code of NYS, Appendix G."

**Signs** . . . Town Code Section 250; Article IX; 250-37 through 250-44 are the sign regulations for the Town. They may be reviewed via the Town website for anything that may be appropriate to your circumstances. Special mention is being made here to raise an awareness that while a number of different signs are permitted, e.g. for yard sales, special events, elections, and real estate for sale signs . . . **all signs** have their limits. These limits pertain to size, location, and duration of their display. For instance, signs displayed during "campaigns, drives or events of civic, political, philanthropic or educational institutions . . . can't be up more than 10 days before the event and must be removed within 3 days following the event, and can't be more than 4 sq. ft. in size. Similar standards apply to signs for tag sales, garage sales, etc. Please be mindful of these regula-



tions; everyone's cooperation is a help to all.

**Thank you's** . . . to the Town Board for appointing Paul Taft to the full time position of Assistant Building Inspector; and to Paul Taft for qualifying as he has in innumerable ways to make it easy for the Town Board to proceed as they have. **Thank you's** are also in order for the work Wilder Balter and Griffon Associates have done to build the *Bridleside Community* in just under 2 years, from the start of construction to the finish. Their display of teamwork and cooperation throughout the construction phase has been exemplary and much appreciated.

As always, we are grateful for the time you take to contact us when circumstances point to a need to do so. We hope your summers have been enjoyable in all regards and the arrival of the fall season finds you all well and with the promise that your plans will be fulfilled for the remainder of the year.

Bruce, Paul, Rosemary and Janice

# Police

Chief Thomas Howley  
669-5540



## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little tricky. Concerns about children's safety – whether they are out in the neighborhood or back home with bags of booty – can darken the day more quickly than a black cat. But do not worry! To make Halloween a treat for all, follow these tips:

### MAKE SURE YOUR KIDS DRESS SAFELY

- ◊ Check and make sure that the costumes are flame-retardant.
- ◊ Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- ◊ Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and, more importantly, they can obstruct a child's vision – a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down stairs.
- ◊ Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.
- ◊ Trick-or-Treaters always should be in groups so they aren't tempting target for real-life goblins. Parents should accompany their children.

### MAKE TRICK-OR-TREATING TROUBLE FREE

- ◊ Try to get your kids to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If it's dark, make sure someone else has a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.
- ◊ Make sure kids know not to enter strange house or strangers' cars.
- ◊ **Consider this:** Parents and kids can avoid trick-or treating troubles entirely by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contests, music, scary stories and much more. Make your Halloween party the place to be!
- ◊ Middle/High School students should not be out trick-or-treating.

### TREATS

- ◊ Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or a snack beforehand.
- ◊ Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.
- ◊ What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious. By all means, remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for a while!

### DRESSED UP AND DANGEROUS

Halloween blood and gore are harmless stuff for the most part. But sometimes dressing up as a superhero, a pirate, or an alien from outer space – coupled with the excitement of Halloween – brings out aggressive behavior. Even fake knives, swords, guns, and other costume accessories can hurt people. If these objects are part of a child's costume, make sure they are made from cardboard or other flexible materials. Better yet, challenge kids to create costumes that don't need "weapons" to be scary and fun.

**Halloween can be a lot of fun for parents and kids alike – if everybody remembers the tricks and the treats of playing it safe.**

**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND SAFE HALLOWEEN !!!!!!!!!!**

# Receiver of Taxes

*Karen Roach*  
669-5177

## NOTATIONS ON PAYMENT SLIPS

Notations written on your payment stubs or addresses corrected on your check faces may not be noticed when the bills are processed. If you need to bring changes to our attention (i.e. a change of address, a spelling correction, request for bills to be sent to the owner due to mortgage satisfaction institution, etc.) please go to our website at [www.northsalemny.org](http://www.northsalemny.org) and click on the department tab, then Tax Receiver, then forms. Print out and complete our change of information form and be sure to sign it before mailing it in to us at North Salem Tax Office, PO Box 313, North Salem, NY 10560 or scan the form and send it to:  
[kroach@northsalemny.org](mailto: kroach@northsalemny.org).

## CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

A credit card may be used only to pay a full Town and County tax bill, a full School bill, or a complete half school tax installment. Any partial payments will be returned and penalties will be applied. A convenience fee of approximately 3% is

charged. Pay online at: [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or call 1-800-2payTAX. Both methods of payment will request our jurisdiction code 4213.

## POSTAGE PURCHASED ONLINE

Without a valid postmark, payment is deemed made on the date of receipt. Homeowners printing out stamps for postage purchased online must be aware that there are no fields in place which PROVE the date of mailing for your item. Ad-

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm  
8:00am to 8:00pm on the last days of collection, weather permitting (April 30, September 30, February 2)  
Please call to double check.

ditionally, the automated postal sorting system is not cancelling any of these stamps. If you mail your payment, make sure you witness a timely and valid U.S. postmark affixed to the envelope. Postage meters, i.e. Pitney Bowes, and foreign

postmarks are not acceptable. U.S. Postal Service, Federal Express and UPS are the only acceptable postmarks. Without a valid postmark, payment is deemed made on the date of receipt.

## ONLINE PAYMENTS SENT BY YOUR BANK VIA BULK RATE PERMITS

Without a valid postmark, payment is deemed made on the date of receipt. Homeowners who pay scheduled tax payments via their banks must know that the banks send those payments with a bulk rate permit. The envelopes do not show when the envelope is actually placed in the U.S. Postal Service. Also, those envelopes are not endorsed by the postal service due to the bulk rate permit. Please be sure not to pay this way at the last minute since there is no way to trace the mailing date. Penalty is due if payment is received after the day of interest free collection.

Tax Receipts are always available upon request. Misplaced your receipts? Just call or e-mail. We are always available to assist you. Our listing on the town website is available to answer many questions during non-office hours and our answering machine is always on.

## ALTERNATIVE VETERANS' TAX EXEMPTION

On December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed into law legislation which allows Boards of Education to offer an Alternative Veterans' Tax Exemption to eligible veterans. Prior to making a decision on adopting the tax exemption, the Board of Education must hold a public hearing. Therefore, the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:30PM (or soon thereafter), in the MS/HS Library, at 230 June Road, North Salem, NY. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the adoption of the Alternative Veterans' Exemption pursuant to §458-a of the Real Property Tax Law for eligible veterans. Eligible veterans are those who have served during a period of war or have received an expeditionary medal for assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status dates occurring on or after January 1, 2015.

### Collection Schedule

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| April 1-30 | Town, County, Special Districts |
| Sept. 1-30 | School, first half              |
| Jan. 1-31  | School, second half             |

January 31, 2015 falls on a Saturday. Therefore, the last day for collection is Monday, February 2, 2015.

The office will be open 8:00am to 8:00pm weather permitting. Please call to check. There will be a 10% late penalty as of February 3, 2015.

# Town Supervisor - Septic Pump out Law of 2011...part of a bigger picture

Driven by EPA requirements to reduce phosphorus and protect drinking water the New York State DEC has required all Towns in Westchester County to pass a law requiring septic tanks to be pumped out every 60 months. This is because septic systems that are not working efficiently can release nutrients, the important one Phosphorus, which impact local bodies causing algae blooms and seaweed problems. If you were ever at the outlet of the Titicus Dam in the spring you can smell the hydrogen sulfide that was produced from this biological activity. Dropping phosphorus content causes this all to stop. This is the reason you can't get detergents or fertilizers with phosphorus in them anymore.

The septic law was passed in North Salem and the surrounding Towns in May of 2011. It also requires the Town to notify you of the requirement and to make sure the tanks are cleaned, hence this article.

All of this is driven by Federal and State laws across the USA loosely called *Stormwater Regulations*. Septic cleaning is just one small piece of these requirements. You can google Stormwater, MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) and NYS to read more about it. The program requires:

- Public education and outreach
- Public involvement and participation
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site stormwater runoff control
- Post construction stormwater management practices

Pollution prevention and good housekeeping - (*septic cleaning*)

I know some of you will ask why are we doing this to protect New York City's drinking water but it also protects our own wetlands and water bodies that support our own aquifers. Some of the more expensive work to support the MS4 stormwater management practices in our area is being paid for by NYC. Working together, 19 communities in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, North Salem being one, formed the *East of Hudson Watershed Corporation* in 2012 with \$38 million in funding from New York City. Right now I am the Treasurer of that organization. Approximately \$510,000 of that money has already been spent in the Town of North Salem on several projects. NYC also supplied \$10M of funding towards the Peach Lake Sewer System which the design estimates say will reduce the phosphorus in the lake by 188 pounds per year and over time will reduce the algae and seaweed issues and allow the Lake to recover to its more pristine past.

The septic haulers authorized to work in Westchester County bring your septic tank contents to the County sewer line in Hawthorne and at that time they also provide information to the County about the quality of your septic tank. To date over 3.5 million gallons of septic tank contents from North Salem have been dumped into the Hawthorne sewer main. The towns also track who did and did not have their septic tanks cleaned through this process. To date about 35% of the Town residents still have to pump their

tanks by December 2016. Over the next year and a half we will continue to notify you of the requirement.

Some people go many years without pumping their tanks. Doing that is not good for your septic's tile fields as solids can make their way into the fields. Solids entering the fields will clog the soil 'pores' that accept the water. Once the field is damaged with solids it needs to be re-dug in another area. I know of several people in the last year in North Salem who have had to replace their tile fields which is a very expensive endeavor costing \$15,000 and more and involves special County permitting and engineering work.

When a tank is pumped you can estimate how long it was since it was pumped last based on the depth of solids in the tank. The septic hauler captures that and other data and provides it to the County. Some tanks are almost completely filled with solids which is detrimental to the functioning of the overall system. While pumping frequency is a function of use the County Department of Health recommends that systems be pumped at least once every three years for homes not having a garbage disposal. If the home's system has a garbage disposal, it should be pumped every year. Food waste from a garbage disposal, especially fats, ruins the efficiency of your septic system.

Please call any septic hauler who is licensed in Westchester County and get your septic system pumped. It will help you in the long run by maintaining a properly functioning system.

# Recreation

Beverly Golisano  
669-5665

## TOWN PARKS

### JOE BOHRDRUM PARK

15 Sunset Drive

There are two newly refurbished tennis courts, a regulation size soccer field, two baseball fields, a playground, basketball court, and picnic area.

### VOLUNTEERS PARK

250 June Road

There is a regulation soccer field, a baseball field, a children's playground and a basketball court.

**PARK USE** – The parks are available to town organizations and residents on a reserve basis. If you wish to reserve either park for a specific date contact the Recreation Department for instructions on obtaining a use permit.

**REFUND POLICY** – A full refund will be given if the Recreation Department cancels the program. If the participant moves from Town, or becomes ill, a full or prorated refund will be based on the number of sessions the participant attended. A doctor's medical note must accompany the refund request due to illness. All refund requests must be made in writing to the Superintendent of Recreation for consideration. **However, all programs are subject to changes and/or cancellation due to a variety of factors, some of which may not be under the control of the Town of North Salem.**

**RETURNED CHECKS** – Any check returned by the bank will be charged a \$20 fee.

**INSURANCE** – The Town of North Salem does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs of persons injured while participating in programs. **ALL PERSONS PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

**REGISTER PROMPTLY!** – Nothing impacts a recreation program more than residents who wait until the last minute to register. There is a point when a program must be canceled or modified if there is insufficient registration. All programs require a high level of coordination often including facility scheduling, staffing, volunteer recruitment and purchasing of supplies. Please register promptly. This is especially important for day camp and our various sports camps.

**TENNIS COURTS** - Check out our newly refurbished courts located at Joe Bohrdrum Park. A Recreation Card is needed to play and may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department.

**SUMMER DAY CAMP UPDATE** – Again this year the Mt. Lakes camp was a big success. Our campers enjoyed the beautiful pool and daily activities which included sports, art, music, karate, gymnastics, canoeing, outdoor skills, nature, games and dance. Special events such as pizza day, ice cream sundae day, cupcake day, and an exceptional BBQ were held throughout the five weeks. The “Nature of Things” came to visit with reptiles and small animals. Pied Piper came with two ponies, a pig and a sheep... The campers also learned how to be a good Pirate and received information from the Westchester County “The Fit Mobile Program” about good health and exercise. Circus Day with water activities and plenty of popcorn was a huge success. The campers got to try many musical instruments when Day Rock came to camp. The DJ got everyone moving to the beat. The weekly visit of the ice cream truck and our candy store were also a treat for the campers. We will again be starting our planning in January and registration night will be held in late March. New this year was Technical Week conducted by Eileen Diehl. Campers learned about motion, electricity, and how many things in the technical world worked.

**MEN'S INDOOR SOCCER** - This program will be held on Thursday evenings in the PQ gym. It will run from November through April from 7:30pm – 10:00pm. A one time registration fee of \$20 is payable to the North Salem Recreation Department and is due at the first session. For more information call the Recreation Department.

**THEATRE ARTS STUDIO** – Our summer camp performed “Aladdin” to a packed crowd on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Schoolhouse Theatre, in Croton Falls.

The two week camp had over 30 young performers who worked eagerly, learning lines, lyrics and choreography to prepare for their roles. Principles of team work, the importance and respect for each member of the cast, and a good work ethics were taught. Then it's ShowTime! Individually and collectively they blew the audience away!

# Recreation

Audience comments:

“Aladdin” was absolutely wonderful. We are still in awe of what you and the children pulled off in just 2 weeks!”

“You did a phenomenal job with all the kids for “Aladdin”- Just fantastic!”

“Thank YOU ALL for such a wonderful camp!! My girls truly enjoyed it and are looking forward to more in the future!!

“Thank you for a superb job!! What an amazing show-the dancing, acting, singing, and the costumes were great!”

Our thanks to The North Salem Recreation Department for sponsoring our endeavors and also to the many wonderful parents who support, and believe in what we do.

Look for photos of Aladdin and for our next program soon to be posted at [www.theatreartsstudio.net](http://www.theatreartsstudio.net).

**HALLOWEEN MASK CONTEST** is co-sponsored by the PQ PTO. Make a funny or scary Halloween mask! Each grade will be judged individually. A first place prize will be awarded to each grade level. Second and third place winners will receive award ribbons. All students who enter will receive a participation ribbon. Cards are to be turned into the PQ office on October 20 for judging.

**CHEERLEADING CLINIC** - We again held a successful cheerleading clinic instructed by Alyssa Paesano. We have plans to run a program over the winter break; watch for details on *Tuesday Newsday*.

**LEARN TO SKI PROGRAM** – This five week program held at Thunder Ridge in Patterson, NY for grades 3 and up will again be held on Wednesday nights starting in January. Packages will include lessons, lift ticket, rental of equipment, transportation and chaperone, or any combination. The bus will leave PQ at 3:15pm and return to PQ at approximately 6:50pm. Call for more information.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT SKI PROGRAM** – The North Salem Recreation Department is again offering an open enrollment option to our Learn to Ski Program. This program is open to all community members and includes

weekday and weekend options. You can download a registration form from the Town of North Salem website shortly. Please fill it out and mail with your check to the Recreation Department.

**VALENTINE CARD CONTEST** – The Recreation Department and the PQ PTO will again sponsor a Valentine Card Contest for all grades. Each grade will be judged individually. A first prize will be awarded for each grade; second and third place winners will receive award ribbons. Cards are to be turned in to the PQ Office on February 9 and will be judged that day. These cards will then be distributed to our homebound senior citizens who have meals delivered.

**EAST COAST BASKETBALL CLINIC** – Coach Chris DiCintio will again hold this clinic over the winter break for boys and girls in grades 3-8. The game of basketball is forever changing, but the fundamentals remain the same, including dribbling, passing, shooting, footwork, and defensive principles. No matter what skill level your child may be, this clinic is an exciting opportunity to learn from respected high school coaches and staff. More details will follow in *Tuesday Newsday*.

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**INSTRUCTORS NEEDED** for Cooking, Arts & Crafts, Scrap booking, etc. If you have a skill that you would like to share with our residents please call the Recreation Department.  
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**NORTH EAST WESTCHESTER SPECIAL RECREATION** was established in the early 1970's as a community based therapeutic agency serving children and adults with developmental disabilities in the northeast portion of Westchester County. Programs offer a variety of year round recreational activities designed with the specific support needed for participant success in this environment. Programs may focus on teaching skills, fostering fun and friendships, teaching or correcting social or behavioral deficiencies. Superintendent of Recreation, Beverly Golisano, sits on the Board of Directors and may be called for more information.

**RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL HOLIDAY TRIP: THE CHRISTMAS SHOW** - We have tickets for a performance on Thursday, December 16 at 2:00pm. Cost is \$65.00 per person, which includes ticket and transporta-

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tion. Lunch is on your own. The coach will leave from the Salt Dome behind Kingsley's Market at 9:00 am and return approximately 5:30pm. Call Muriel Bisulca at (914) 669-5662 for more information.

**WOLF CONSERVATORY CENTER** – We would like to arrange a group outing in October to the Wolf Conservatory in South Salem. Adults are \$13, Children \$11. There are several presentations to choose from; anyone interested in joining should call the Recreation Department for more information.

**RUTH KEELER MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND THE NORTH SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT** will co-sponsor the following programs. The following events will be held at the library, are free and are open to the public.

**ZOMBIE PARTY** – Zombie makeup, movies, music, pica and bring a T-shirt to destroy! Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:30pm for grades 5 and up. **YOU MUST CALL THE LIBRARY BY 10/17 TO PARTICIPATE.** This event is limited in size.

**HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT BAG** – For all ages! Come decorate your very own Trick or Treat bag on Thursday, 10/28 at 4:00pm. Choose from several designs to create and personalize your bag. **YOU MUST CALL THE LIBRARY BY 10/21 TO PARTICIPATE.** This class is limited in size.

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**THE HEART OF THE SOUTH:** A journey through New Orleans, Natchez and Lafayette was held on October 5 -12 this year. Watch the Spring Newsletter for our 2015 trip. All are welcome!

**TAI CHI EXERCISE CLASS** - Instructor Cheryl Aiello is a long time practicing Yogi, a certified teacher as well as a Professional Yoga Therapist and has a practice in North Salem. Ride the wave of your Inner Power in this combination of the best elements of fitness, meditation and the ancient martial art of Taijiquan (Tai Chi). In this class you will find yourself moving your body with the grace and confidence of the ancient masters who learned the secret of balancing yin and yang, strength with beauty, power with peace. There is no routine or choreography to memorize or “get right”. You are led

into the flow naturally and easily. Light weights are used to build strength and improve joint mobility. If you prefer, you can be supported by a chair. The class is open to all residents and friends and will be held at the North Salem Fire House on Thursday mornings at 9:25am. Please call Cheryl at 523-4450 for information.

**NORTH SALEM SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB** – Any resident 55 and older is eligible to join our senior group. Meetings are held at 11:30am on the second Tuesday of the month at the North Salem Firehouse. Seniors are asked to bring their own bag lunch; club members provide dessert and coffee. At 12:30pm the business meeting begins followed by a speaker or an activity. For more information call Muriel Bisulca at (914) 669-5662.

**ANNUAL NORTH SALEM SENIOR CITIZEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** will be held at La Chateau in South Salem on Wednesday, December 10 at 12:00pm. The cost is \$52 per person for non-members and is open to all who are young at heart. Call Muriel Bisulca at (914) 669-5662 to make your reservation.

**NUTRITION PROGRAM** – The Somers-North Salem-Lewisboro Nutrition Program is held at Wayne Van Tassel Memorial Park, Route 139, in Somers. It provides lunch Monday through Friday at 12:00pm. Lunch reservation **MUST** be made one day in advance by calling (914) 232-0807 between 10:30am and 1:30pm. The suggested contribution is \$2. Transportation is provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays by the North Salem Recreation Van to and from your home. Call the Recreation Department to be put on the pickup list. (914) 669-5665.

**HOME DELIVERED MEALS** – If you are unable to join us at “Van Tassel” due to health reasons, we may be able to help by delivering a hot meal to your home. We'd be happy to set up a meal plan for you. A menu and your first meal will arrive the next day. This service is available to all North Salem Seniors. Call 232-0807 for reservations.

**NORTH SALEM F.I.S.H. “Friends in Service Here”** are volunteers who offer non-emergency rides primarily to doctors' appointments, clinics and hospitals. This free service can be obtained by calling our coordinator, Kathleen Sullivan, at (914) 669-5082. If you can help drive ambulatory neighbors one or two days a month, please give Kathleen a call.

# Zoning Amendments

The Planning Board worked for several months on revisions to our zoning code that will provide more clarity, add standards for special permits where none existed and update some old ones, and add a few additional uses in the town's commercial zones. Referral was made to the town board in May and a public hearing was held in September.

New and amended definitions were essential to eliminate any conflicting interpretations and misapplication of our code. They should provide increased clarity where needed to avoid any arbitrary interpretations or conclusions as to what is permitted and what is not.

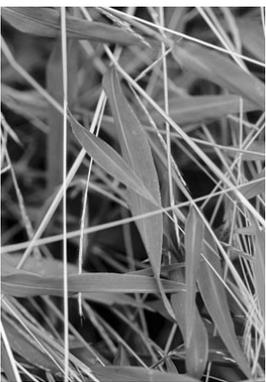
A few new and amended land uses have been added such as Tradesman Offices, Personal Service Business, Indoor Light Industry and Indoor Recreation, primarily for the Research Office Zone off of Fields Lane. Restaurants and Personal Service Business

has been added to the Professional Office and Neighborhood Business Zones and Indoor Recreation has been added to the General Business Zone, to name a few.

Of primary importance was the addition and amendment of supplemental standards for most uses, which increases regulatory clarity and defines more specifically the expectations of the Town. The amendments are primarily intended to protect the rural residential and agricultural character of the Town by minimizing adverse visual, aesthetic and community character intrusion impacts through careful regulation of the allowed uses. All of the above was done to further the Town Comprehensive Plan of Development which was adopted in December of 2011.

To view the full text of the amendments, please visit the town's website.

## INVASIVE GRASS NEEDS TO BE CLIPED OR PULLED NOW!



Japanese Stiltgrass, an invasive, has recently become widespread in North Salem. If you see it on your property, mow it short, or pull it out NOW before it goes to seed. A single plant produces 100-1,000 seeds. It looks like a small delicate bamboo, 2-3 ft at maturity. It's very easy to pull out.



Dear North Salem Resident,

Fall is here! The kids are back to school and at the bus stops. Bicyclists abound on our roads during the weekends, and our deer population is roaming all over Town to fatten up on the green vegetation, regardless of where it is located.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ALL OF US? It means that ALL of us have to be extra careful when driving through our community!!

- Watch out for stopped school buses or groups of children waiting to be picked up or dropped off.
- Be extremely alert and conscious of on-coming vehicles when passing bicyclists.
- Keep an eagle eye out for grazing deer. They may step into the road and the path of your car at anytime.

**ABOVE ALL, OBEY THE SPEED LIMITS AND USE YOUR COMMON SENSE!! IT IS FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND WELL BEING AS WELL AS YOUR NEIGHBORS.**

Peter Kamenstein  
Deputy Supervisor

# Community News

## North Salem TV getting ready to go on the air!

Four North Salem students – Mackenzie Dunn, Taylor Kowgios, Patrick Loftus and Jordan Mullaney – spent the summer as town interns, producing videos about the town and some of its best-known residents. Their work will be broadcast on the new North Salem television channel (on Cablevision) when it goes on the air in a few months.

Their adviser, town resident and retired television producer Paul Friedman, says, “These are great kids who quickly learned how to shoot and edit video stories, using terrific equipment provided by the town. I hope they’ll form the nucleus of a group of people – students and adults – who will contribute original material to North Salem TV.”

The students completed pieces on the history of the circus in North Salem, the story of how Purdys went from boom town to the tiny hamlet we now know, Balanced Rock and the town’s enigmatic stone chambers. They also did profiles of Tim Purdy, Betty Lucas and Page Dickey.



*Above are Jordan Mullaney, Paul Friedman, Patrick Loftus, Taylor Kowgios, and Mackenzie Dunn*

North Salem TV will go on the air as soon as the new town meeting hall is complete, at the former home of the Highway Department. There will be plenty of airtime to fill, and all North Salem residents are invited to suggest ideas, learn how to produce programming and share exper-

tise. Eventually programming will include everything from Town Board meetings and interview to local sports, theatre, history, music and events. Please contact Maria Hlushko in the Supervisor’s office at 669-5110.

### ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED

The Westchester County Board of Elections is looking for individuals to work at the Polls on Election Day. The rate of pay is \$225/day (5:30am – 9:30pm) and \$25.00 for attendance to a mandatory 2 ½ hr training class at the North Salem Firehouse.

If you are interested, please call Ericka Sterling at (914) 995-8568 or Ed Zebzda at (914) 995-5702



### DOG LICENSE REQUIRED

State and local laws require that all dogs over six months of age be licensed. Please contact the Town Clerk's office for more information.

# Emergency Services

## Croton Falls Fire Department

The Croton Falls Fire Department was busy this summer, with 61 calls just in August! If you missed our Summer Newsletter, be sure to visit our website to view it as well as to sign up for subsequent newsletters to come! We will be announcing details on our Ground Breaking Ceremony very soon. [www.crotonfallsfire.com](http://www.crotonfallsfire.com)

We hope the community will join us at our Open House on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at the North Salem Fire House on Titicus Road.

Please yield to emergency vehicles when their sirens and lights are flashing. Every minute is precious when trying to get to a rescue scene. Pull to the right and allow them to pass you.

Remember to change the batteries on smoke detectors if you haven't in the last year. Many false alarms are due to old batteries.

We are always looking for new members. Stop by the firehouse on a Monday Night (drill night) or during business hours to pick up our info packet on Joining the Croton Falls Fire Department.

Stay Safe!  
Chief Jason Blauvelt

## North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps is looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming an EMT or driver, please contact us. All training is provided.



### EMT CLASS

January 6 - May 21, 2015

Tuesday & Thursday Nights  
from 6:30-10:00pm

Four Saturdays from 9:00am - 4:00pm

NYS Written Exam: May 21, 2015

This EMT-B Original class is being sponsored by Westchester Community College. Students must be 18 years of age at the time of the written exam. If you are a member of a local volunteer fire or EMS department, your training will be sponsored by your agency. Please call or e-mail us if you have any questions.

Captain Maria Hlushko  
(914) 277-4944  
[captain@nsvac.org](mailto:captain@nsvac.org)

## Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

The Town Board formed an emergency management team to prepare for and handle emergencies and/or disasters that may affect the Town of North Salem. The team consists of the OEM Coordinator, Town Supervisor, Superintendent of Highways, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. We have a database of people who have completed our Emergency Contact Information Form that used only in the case of an emergency. These forms are confidential and will not be shared with any other organization. If you would like to submit a new or updated form, please go to the Town website and click on the "Emergencies"

tab. The form is listed on the left side of the screen. Please note that in the case of an emergency, we will access this database to see if there are any residents who have special needs (oxygen dependent, wheelchair bound, etc.). If you have an emergency, please call 911. To report an electricity outage, please call NYSEG at (800) 572-1131.

Kurt Guldan  
OEM Coordinator  
(914) 669-5464

# Ruth Keeler Memorial Library



## Technology Workshops: Social Media for Stumped Adults

Twitter, Google Plus, Google Drive (and more Google), Evernote, Diigo, Dropbox and more, with library board president, Jocko McKean. Second Thursday of the month, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 & Dec. 11 at 7:30pm

## Job Search and Salary Negotiation Workshop conducted by a professional counselor from WEBS Career & Counseling Service

- ◊ Understand the latest trends and techniques in job searching;
- ◊ Overcome your fears and develop confidence to manage the process
- ◊ Learn strategies for winning a higher salary Thursday, November 6 from 7:30 -9:00pm registration preferred but not necessary

## Book Discussions and Movies to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of World War I

Funded by a grant from the NY Council for the Humanities. The group will be reading fiction and non-fiction books including *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque, *One of Ours* by Willa Cather, *Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulks and *Paris 1919: Six Months that Changed the World* by Margaret MacMillan.

## Family Concert: Washboard Slim and the Bluelights

Paid for by the Friends of the Library in honor of Pat Malanchuk. This group has been playing blues, jugband, early jazz, Appalachian, Cajun and Rockability for over 25 years. Children are invited to play along. Saturday, November 8th at 3:00pm

## Conversation with Local Gardeners

Second Saturday of the month at 10:00am.

## Writers' Workshop

First Wednesday of the month at 11:00am.

## Night Time Arts with Maggie Zander Orling

Every Monday night at 7:00pm.

## Healing Through Writing - a writing workshop for people touched by illness: patients, survivors, friends and family

Co-sponsored with North Salem Recreation Department. Led by Susie Aybar, no writing experience necessary, all are welcome.

Tuesdays, October 28th, November 4th, 11th, 18th 25th, and December 2nd from 10:30am -Noon.

Registration preferred.

### FOR CHILDREN

## Science Saturdays

**STEAMFest** - all science, all day for kids K+ Saturday, November 15th from 11:00am-3:00pm  
Registration required.

## Science Book Club

### Magic Tree House Science Adventures

Read the book and join in a science activity.

For kids in Grades 1-2. It is not necessary to attend all sessions.

First Tuesday of the month, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th and Dec. 2nd from 4:00pm-5:00pm

Registration required.

## HALLOWEEN FUN

Co-sponsored with North Salem Recreation Department.

### Zombie Party for Tweens (Grades 5+)

Movie, music, zombie makeup, food & bring an old shirt to destroy.

Friday, October 24th from 7:00pm-9:30pm

Registration required.

### Make a Goody Bag

Tuesday, October 28th at 4:00pm

Kids of all ages. Registration preferred.



### DIY for Tweens - Upcycling: repurposing Common Objects

Co-sponsored with North Salem Recreation Department, with Lily Davis and Sara Falco

For kids in Grades 5+

Twice a month on Mondays from 4:00pm-5:00pm

Registration preferred.

Oct. 20th & 27th, Nov. 10th & 17th, Dec. 8th & 15th

## RECYCLABLE ITEMS



### PAPER

- All Boxes
- Milk Cartons
- Drink Boxes
- Blue print
- Books (paper/hardback)
- Brown Paper Bags
- Corrugated Cardboard (Flattened & Broken Down)
- Egg Cartons (Paper)
- File Folders
- Food-to-go Containers
- Frozen Food, Ice Cream & Juice Containers
- Kraft Envelopes (Orange, Brown, Yellow)
- Opened Mail & Greeting Cards
- Magazines & Brochures
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Phone Books
- Pizza Boxes
- Shredded Paper
- Stickers & Address Labels
- Sticky Notes & Index Cards
- White/Pastel Office Paper

### PLASTIC

- Bags
- Bottles
- Boxes
- Buckets & Tubs
- 6-Pack Holders
- Caps
- CDs
- Jugs
- Lids
- Plastics Numbered 1-7
- Riding Plastics (ex. Little Tikes Toys)
- Trays & Crates
- Tubs

### GLASS

- Bottles
- Drinking Cups
- Jars
- Plates & Vases
- Window Panes

### METAL

- Aerosol Cans
- Aluminum Foil
- Cans
- Jar Lids
- Scrap Metal (Small Items)
- Steel Bottle Caps
- Wire Hangers

## DO NOT PLACE IN THE RECYCLING BIN

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| • No Batteries           | • NO Trash                |
| • NO Hazardous Material  | • NO Styrofoam            |
| • NO Food Waste          | • NO Tires                |
| • NO Clothing            | • NO Wood                 |
| • NO Construction Debris | • NO Medical Waste        |
| • NO Leaves              | • NO Ink/Toner Cartridges |
| • NO Light Bulbs         | • NO Mirrors              |
| • NO Major Appliances    | • NO Pyrex                |

### Where to dispose of non-recyclable items:

The Town Highway Garage at 250 June Road will accept:  
Car Batteries, A-D Cell Batteries, and Used Crank Case Oil

Working Refrigerators - NYSEG will pick up! (877) 691-0021  
E-Waste (computers, monitors, printers, TVs, cell phones, etc.)  
Town Hall (form required)

SINGLE  
STREAM  
STICKER

PLEASE PLACE  
STICKER ON YOUR  
DESIGNATED  
RECYCLING BIN

THANK YOU!

Town of North Salem  
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North Salem, NY 10560

Presorted Standard Mail  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 6020  
Brewster, NY 10509

**RURAL ROUTE OR BOX HOLDER**

*Visit us on the web: [www.northsalemny.org](http://www.northsalemny.org)*

# Town of North Salem Directory

**TOWN OFFICES:**

| <b>DEPARTMENT</b>      | <b>PHONE</b> |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Assessor               | 669-5214     |
| Building               | 669-5952     |
| Highway                | 669-5310     |
| Historian              | 669-8459     |
| Justice Court          | 669-9691     |
| Planning               | 669-5661     |
| Police (non-emergency) | 669-5540     |
| Receiver of Taxes      | 669-5177     |
| Recreation             | 669-5665     |
| Supervisor             | 669-5110     |
| Town Clerk             | 669-5577     |
| Zoning                 | 669-0245     |



**OTHER NUMBERS:**

|                                | <b>PHONE</b>   |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Emergencies                    | 911            |
| Non-Emergency:                 |                |
| Ambulance                      | 277-4944       |
| Fire:                          |                |
| Croton Falls - Station 1       | 277-3870       |
| North Salem - Station 2        | 669-5544       |
| Ruth Keeler Memorial Library   | 669-5161       |
| City Carting                   | 277-4211       |
| Hunting, Fishing, Dog Licenses | 669-5177       |
| Parking:                       |                |
| Croton Falls Train Station     | 669-5177       |
| Purdys Train Station           | (888) 682-7275 |