Dear Citizens,

On behalf of the City Council, City Employees and myself, I would like to wish all of you a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving this month. At this time of thanksgiving, I would like to thank all of the many volunteers that we have in this beautiful community; without them we would not have the safe community that we all enjoy. Our fire department, the ambulance personnel, the members of the many boards that we have, the recreation volunteers, our tremendous Youth Council, our senior volunteers, and the leaders of all these groups including anyone else who strives to make life better for all of us in Salem. I am also very thankful for a City Council that looks out for the best interest of all of us; they are concerned about all of our citizens and not a select few. My hat is off to the Council for working hard and doing their due diligence before they vote so I would like to thank them for doing a tremendous job.

We just had our independent audit completed for fiscal year 2015/2016 and I am happy to say that it came in not only a balanced budget but with a savings. This is because of a tremendous City Finance Director/Recorder, Jeff Nielson and our other City Directors who make sure, along with the City Council that we spend for our needs and not over spend for our wants. We have saved enough money to put some into savings as well as allocate money to do some additional road work this coming spring. We also had an increase in Sales Tax revenues, this is due to residents supporting our local businesses and keeping the sales tax in Salem. Thank you for “Shopping Salem”.

I would also like to thank the Steve Bearmon family for their tremendous donation of 17 acres of property given to the city for the future wastewater treatment facility. That will help keep our monthly cost down for each of us in the future. We need to have this facility complete by 2020 so we are proceeding with the paper work and design of our new treatment plant. The City has acquired a 1.9% interest loan of $13 million from the State Division of Water Quality Board which will also help keep our rates down once that plant is in operation.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, the City Council will be holding a public hearing to discuss alternate power which would include solar. We invite you to attend this. The council will also be discussing the recycle program and making a decision on which way to proceed that will be best for our citizens. We would like to get that implemented as soon as possible, hopefully somewhere between the middle of December and the first of January. My hope is to get it done so you will be able to have the recycle cans at your homes for all of the cardboard and paper accumulated during the Christmas season.

The city employees are getting our Pondtown Christmas ready, the lighting will be held on Friday, November 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Knoll Park. I would also like to thank the residents that complied with our watering restrictions and helped to conserve water this year. Hopefully we will be have a better winter this year and have the snowpack we need to get our springs and wells up to performance standards.

Remember that we have the no parking on the streets ordinance in place beginning on November 1st. This is not to inconvenience the citizens but this is for the safety of our snow plow crew and protection of your property. Hopefully we will need to do more snow plowing this year for our water needs next summer.

Each January I meet with the City Council, city staff and Mayor & Council Advisory Board to go over city ordinances and standards to make sure we comply with federal and state regulations as well as insure the quality building of this community. If any of you have any suggestions or ideas, please submit them to the City Office for us to look at and consider so we can continue to improve our community.

Once again, I would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and may God continue to bless our beautiful community.

Mayor Randy Brailsford
SALEM YOUTH COUNCIL: The previous month, we had 10 of our members go to the YAM monthly ice cream social. It was a great time, and we’re grateful for the city to provide such an organization!

Thanks to everybody who came to our Halloween carnival party at the library. It was a great time, and we all enjoyed it!

Next month is our Pondtown Christmas. We hope to see you all there for the lighting, hot chocolate and donuts!

Thank you for all you do to support Salem and our youth council
-Mayor Brian Stewart

The gutter in the street outside your home carries water into a network of storm drains that lead to local water ways. Storm drains are separate from the sanitary sewer system, which handles wastewater from our sinks, tubs, and toilets. Unlike wastewater, storm water is not treated at a sewage treatment plant. Storm water goes directly from the storm drainage system into our local water ways.

Wade Reynolds, Storm Drain Coordinator/Safety Coordinator

SALEM READY CLASSES
will not be held in November & December, but will start again on the 3rd Friday of January 2017
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Salem West Stake Center, 695 South 300 West
Casual Dress
ALL INVITED! BRING A FRIEND!

Reminder: The Winter Parking ordinance went into effect on November 1st. There is no parking on the street from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to accommodate snow removal. This ordinance is enforced whether it is snowing or not so please make sure all vehicles are removed from the streets. Also, if you have basketball standards on the city’s streets, please remove those also.

Message from Power Department: To prepare for winter, we will be trimming tree branches in various areas of the city during the next few weeks. Delivering safe and reliable electric service to customers is a priority. When trees grow too close to power lines, they can cause outages and present electrical safety risks to you and your neighbors. You can avoid tree-related power outages by making sure the trees in your yard are properly cared for and clear of power lines. **It is the citizens responsibility to keep the trees trimmed, not the power crew’s.** To avoid future problems, please be aware of power lines and other surroundings when planting new trees. Thanks for you cooperation with this matter.
SALEM LIBRARY

• It’s Voting Season! Come into the library November 1st thru “Super Tuesday”, November 8th and cast your vote for the most loved picture book. Election results will be announced on November 9th.
• Charles Schulz’s birthday is November 26th. Celebrate with us at the library by doing a PEANUTS scavenger hunt!
• Our first month of the Senior Computer class was a great success! If you are interested in joining this class contact “Casey the Librarian”. He can help!
• November 19th is International Games Day. Join us at the library with your favorite games to play with others, including chess, bord games, and card games. We will have snacks, laughs, and fun!
• November is a great month, full of fall colors and crisp temperatures. But do you know what makes it even more special? November 3rd is National Sandwich Day! Treat yourself to some hearty soup and sandwiches in November and be sure to drop into the library to check out a good book to go with them!
• Does your child need help with MATH? Is your child struggling with READING? Come into or call the Library and ask for “Casey the Librarian”. He can help!

Senior Spotlight

What a lovely lady “Dottie” Chamberlain is. She was delivered by a midwife on April 11, 1923. She was born in her parent’s home in Junction City, Kansas and was named Dorothy Taylor. She is third to the oldest in her family with two brothers and one sister.

Growing up in Junction City during World War II, Dottie worked for the local telephone company. After the war she moved to California where her brother was stationed in the service. He and his wife introduced Dottie to her first husband, Stanley Wallace. Dottie and Stanley had two children, Eddie, and Vicki Rose. Eddie and his wife Lynn live in Oklahoma. Vicki Whittaker passed away in April 2000 and is interred in the Salem City Cemetery. During this time Dottie worked for Metlox Pottery painting dinnerware and some pottery pieces. Dottie has three grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

While living in California, her brother and his wife, who belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, gave her a Book of Mormon which led to her conversion and baptism into the Church.

Dottie became a single mother and about a year later, her sister and brother-in-law introduced her to Leslie Chamberlain whom they met while they were both at a car dealership looking to buy a car. He was a single father who had a son and a daughter who were grown and living back East. This introduction led to their marriage. Leslie was from New Hampshire and was working at the Point Mugu Naval Base in Ventura County, California. After Leslie retired they moved to Salem. Dottie said Leslie was crazy about cars and they purchased a new car every year. She and Leslie were married for 43 years before his passing in May 2007. She has lived in Salem for 27 years. Dottie has been an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints holding positions in the Primary and Relief Society Organizations.

She doesn’t care for Japanese food, but loves Mexican food, and anything chocolate especially See’s Candy and chocolate candy bars.

Dottie likes to crochet, having made many afghans. She has quilted some quilts for her grandchildren and she loves to read and paint ceramics. When asked what she likes most about Salem Dottie said when they first moved here she liked the smaller town; the people were very friendly and still are.

Dottie is thankful to be able to live in Salem, and we are thankful to have her as a citizen.
**Loads of Basketball!**

*1st/2nd Grade Basketball, Boys and Girls* - This works similar to the flag football program they are on teams and play games but there is also structured skill development. Space is limited to 32 kids per session. Session are 6:30-7:30 or 7:30-8:30. Volunteer coaches are needed. This is Tuesday/Thursday program from November 1st - December 8th.

*3rd-12 Grade Basketball, Boys and Girls* - Early registration ends November 17th. Teams will have one weeknight practice on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and a Saturday game beginning January 7th. 3rd-6th Grade $40, 7th-8th Grade $45 and 9th-12th Grade $50. ($5 late fee/$5 non-resident fee).

Youth Basketball Camp - Salem parks and Recreation will once again offer our Winter Basketball Camp for boys and girls. The camp will be run by Rory Hansen on Saturday, December 3rd @ Salem Junior High from 10:00am - 1:00, lunch will be provided. Register by noon on Friday, December 2nd for a cost of $20.00. There is not a non resident fee on camps.

Men's Basketball - Teams are still welcome to join, call the Recreation Office for information. $460 per team ($5 non-resident fee per player. $25 team cap). Tuesday's - Open League, Wednesday's - 3 Divisions. 12 League games + Tournament.

**Hunter Safety** - November 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 29th & December 1st. Classes will be held from 6-8 at the Salem Civic Center, you must attend all classes to pass the course. $10.00 - no non-resident fee, you will also need to obtain a Hunter Safety Voucher/License from the state which can be purchased anywhere a hunting or fishing license is sold. Instructor: Duane Hill. Space is limited.

**Girls Volleyball and Little League Wrestling** are well underway if you are interested in joining late call the Rec. Office for availability.

Winter Snowman Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, December 31st. That's right, softball in the snow. $150.00 per team which includes a 3 game minimum, hot chocolate and doughnuts. Registration will be available in early November.