

**Restoration of the Historic  
Old Salem Library Cupola,  
Eagle Scout Project  
by Sean Ryan Chmielewski**



Special Thanks to



BMG Construction, LLC of Salem  
and T.F. Buxton, LTD



Eagle Scout Sean Chmielewski, 2008

On September 24, 1928 the Salem Library was dedicated and a 10-foot-tall, 800-pound grand Cupola was placed on its roof. In 2008, during re-roofing, the weather worn, rotted 80-year-old cupola crumbled away. All that was salvageable was a 4-foot section of the dome. Salem First Selectman Bob Ross tasked Salem Eagle Scout candidate Sean Chmielewski with salvaging the dome for display in the new Library. Rather than just salvaging the dome, Sean decided to re-build using only a photograph.

At Applefest 2009, Sean turned the Cupola over to the Town of Salem where it has been stored for safe keeping.

During Salem's Bicentennial year, BMG Construction offered to help Sean and the Town of Salem finalize construction to get the cupola ready to go back on the library roof.



CT Valley Field Music Fife & Drum Corps



Time Capsule &  
Time Capsule Contents Display  
with Special Thanks to  
David Kennedy and Kennedy Sheet Metal  
kennedysheetmetal.com

**Salem's Bicentennial Song**  
to the tune of  
"When Johnny Comes Marching Home"  
lyrics by Anita Rothblum

*It's Salem's bicentennial!  
Hoorah! Hoorah!  
It's Salem's bicentennial!  
Hoorah! Hoorah!  
From parts of Colchester, Montville, and Lyme,  
Came Salem, a farming town so sublime.  
And we'll celebrate because  
Salem's the town we love!*

*Salem had some major "firsts".  
Hoorah! Hoorah!  
For knowledge its people had a thirst.  
Hoorah! Hoorah!  
Music Vale was first to award degrees,  
Salem invented hydroelectricity.  
And we're proud to live here because  
Salem's the town we love!*

*Salem is a lovely town.  
Hoorah! Hoorah!  
With streams and forests all around.  
Hoorah! Hoorah!  
To commemorate Salem's two-hundredth year,  
Let's throw a party and give three cheers!  
And we'll celebrate because  
Salem's the town we love!*

# Salem Connecticut Bicentennial Heritage Day



**SEPTEMBER 14, 2019  
11am- 3pm**

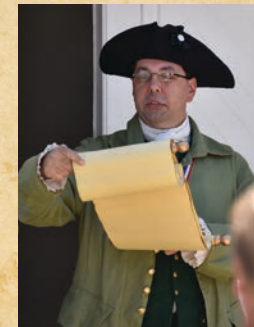
(Rain Day Sept 15)

**Salem Town Green, Annex,  
Library Gazebo and Sportsfield**

The Salem Bicentennial Heritage Day event is a celebration honoring and showcasing the town of Salem and its people and rich history. Food and Music, and fun events will be located mainly on the town green with various events spread out on the annex, the Old Library Gazebo and the Sportsfield.

## Salem Bicentennial Committee

First Selectman Kevin Lyden, ex-officio  
Selectman Ed Chmielewski, Co-Chair  
Elbert Burr, Co-Chair  
Bruce Rodgers, Co-Vice Chair  
Shelley Rodgers, Co-Vice Chair  
John Cooke, Secretary  
Selectman David Kennedy  
Ryan Little, Treasurer  
Salem Fire Chief Gene Maiorano  
Joshua Rehrig  
Terri Salas  
Agnes Miyuki



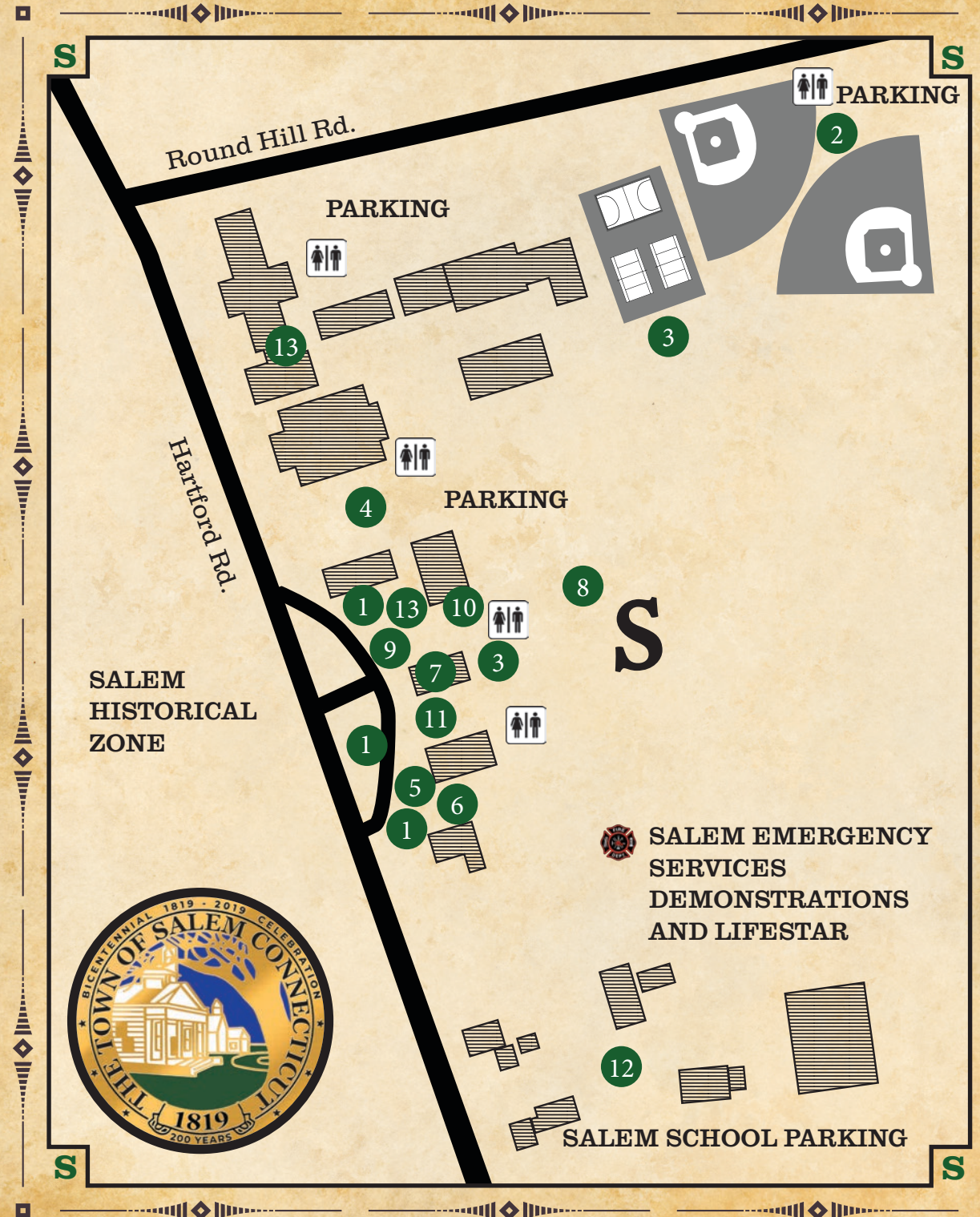
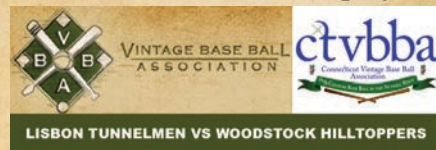
Special Encore  
Appearance  
by Robert Lecce as the  
Salem Town Crier





## Salem Bicentennial Heritage Day List Of Events

1. 11am to 3pm - Food And Beverages
2. 12:30 to 2:30pm - Vintage Baseball At  
Lou Ulffers Sports Complex  
Lisbon Tunnelmen Vs. Woodstock  
Hilltoppers
3. Town Green Games, Court Games
4. 11am to 3pm - Hayride
5. 11am to Noon - Eight Mile River Band
6. 12 to 1pm - Town Green Ceremony  
Including the Reading of the Town  
Proclamation and CT Valley Field Music
7. 11am to 3pm - Historic Storytime
8. 1pm - Giant S-Formation  
And Drone Photo
9. 2pm - Cake And Pie Contest
10. Vintage Cars And Tractors
11. Time Capsule And Cupola Display
12. 10am to 4pm - Salem Emergency  
Services Demonstrations
13. Salem Crafts and Scouts Displays



## Salem Emergency Services Demonstrations and Displays September 14th (No Rain Date)



Presented by  
Salem and Gardner Lake Fire Departments  
and the Fire Marshal Department

Come see us in action. Starts at 10:00 AM  
at the Fire Training Facility (Former  
Zemko Lumber Yard just north of the  
Salem School)

### Scheduled Demonstrations:

- 10 to 10:30am - Flashover demonstration
- 10:30 to 11:30am - Ladder Drill
- 11:30am to 12:00pm - Simulated Fire, Thermal Imaging camera, bail out
- 12:30 to 1:15pm - Vehicle Extrication "Jaws of Life"
- 1:30 to 2:15pm - Drop Tank Evolutions
- 2:30 to 3:00pm - Propane Fires / Safety
- Time TBD - Lifestar

### 10:00am - 4:00pm Static Events

- Meet and Greet your Town Emergency responders
- Fire Marshal Table
- Touch a Truck (Fire and Public Works)
- History of the Town Fire Services
- Emergency Services - Ham Radios and will try and contact the Space Station
- Water Games for the Kids
- Fire Police Vehicles and Equipment
- Much more!

