

# News From The Garden

## Spring Celebration

Join us for free carriage rides, music, entertainment, refreshments and more!

**Sunday, April 2 | 2 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hurley Park**



## SPRING 2023

## Flowers & Updates Springing Up!

By: **Sarina Dellinger**

We're excited to welcome spring's beauty to Hurley park! The Reynolds Magnolia Collection, Koontz-Walser Daffodil Garden, and spring blooms fill the park. I want to feature the Red Columbine, *Aquilegia canadensis*. This native flower heralds the arrival of the hummingbirds for the summer season. The foliage is a dainty green clump that thrives in many different habitats. This plant is known to self-seed so it may show up as a surprise in new areas, but by no means is it aggressive. It can be found in many gardens across Hurley Park, be sure to look for it on your next visit!

Speaking of surprises, we have many projects in the pipeline for Hurley Park! We are adding replacement trees, resurfacing pathways, repairing stone work, and replacing swale bridges. The largest of all of these projects is the new Hurley Park Operations Center. This project was completed in late 2022 and staff are now located on-site in the new building. If you are walking on Martha Lou's Woodland Trail and wondering who built a house in Hurley Park – that's our new operations

center! This state-of-the-art facility was made possible through the Hurley Family Foundation. However, this building does not have open office hours, as we only have two staff and we can usually be found in the park.

In addition to the park upgrades, we're excited to host more classes and tours this spring. In addition to the Spring Celebration on April 2, join us on April 5th for an evening of Rock Painting at City Park and on May 3rd for creating Pollinator Puddlers. Sign up for these two events online at: [www.salisburync.gov/play](http://www.salisburync.gov/play).

## Composting Basics

By: **Karen Barbiero**

Keep food waste out of the trash by composting! Food waste rots and produces methane gases. It will stay buried under layers of trash in a landfill and will not decompose properly. By composting wasted food and other organics, methane emissions are significantly reduced.

Composting can be simple, if you make it into a routine. The whole family can get involved in the process to make free organic compost to add to gardens or potted plants. You will need an indoor container to collect food scraps, a simple Tupperware

container will work or purchase a countertop compost container. Mark an outdoor spot for the compost pile or purchase an above ground tumbler.

Proper compost needs:  
Water (moisture), Air (oxygen), Browns (dry leaves, twigs, etc.), and Greens (food scraps, grass clippings)

Do not add meat scraps, bones, grease, or dairy. This may cause odor and attract unwanted rodents. Remove stickers and tape. Avoid adding diseased plant material or weeds that have gone to seed.

For a simple start, use the scraps from fruits, vegetables, egg shells, and coffee/tea. Other things that can go into the pile include, vacuum cleaner debris, hair from brushes, paper products, wine corks, old dried spices, stale bread, toothpicks, haybales leftover from décor, spent flowers from arrangements. Add the leaves and grass clippings. Every week make sure you turn over the pile or rotate the tumbler.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Friday, Salisbury residents can pick up unlimited compost at no charge. 1955 Grub Ferry Rd. All that's asked is you bring your own container. Want compost by the truckload? That's fine too -- just supply the truck.



## Pre-Order Your Hurley Park T-Shirt!

This year's Spring Celebration features a new T-Shirt design, highlighting the park's beautiful flowers and signature features, like the gazebo and bridge.

Each shirt will be \$25, proceeds go to Hurley Park. Pre-order online at:

<https://bit.ly/3T5jQda>



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