



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### City Council Meetings

The public is invited to attend meetings in-person, or watch the live broadcast via social media or the city website.

**Tuesday, January 2 and 16** - starts at 6 p.m.  
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC  
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

### Winter Spruce Up Week

During this week, residents can place appliances, tires (limit 5) and extra bagged trash at the curb on their regular collection day before 7 a.m. No building materials or electronics.

**Monday, January 8 - Friday, January 12**  
Salisbury residents - NO BUSINESSES

### MLK Celebration

This annual weekend celebration for civil rights icon, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Saturday, January 13**

**Parade** (Sign up to be in parade at [salisburync.gov/MLKparade](https://salisburync.gov/MLKparade))

11 a.m. - noon, Downtown Salisbury

**Community Resource Fair and Celebration** -

12 - 2 p.m., Salisbury Civic Center

**Monday, January 15**

**Breakfast** (Registration required at [salisburync.gov/Breakfast](https://salisburync.gov/Breakfast))

Doors open at 8 a.m., Salisbury Civic Center

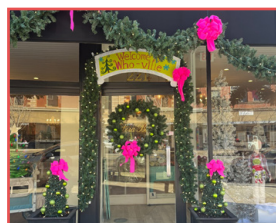
### Wine About Winter

Tour the wines of Rowan County, North Carolina and beyond right here in Downtown Salisbury during our 11th annual wine-tasting stroll! Tickets include a tasting pass with access to 25 wine samples from locations of your choice, souvenir wine glass and bag. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$38 on event day, if not sold out. Purchase tickets online at [DowntownSalisburyNC.com](https://DowntownSalisburyNC.com).

**Friday, Feb. 2** - 5 to 9:30 p.m.  
Downtown Salisbury

## Salisbury Votes on **Holiday Decor!**

The Salisbury Community Appearance Commission (CAC) has sponsored the Downtown Holiday Decoration competition for almost 2 decades (this is the 19th year), but this year was a little different. Previously, commission members toured downtown businesses and chose the winners. This year, the public was given the task, and the votes poured in! Out of 230 online votes cast, the winners of the 2023 Downtown Holiday Décor contest are:



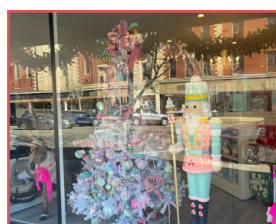
LORA BELLE BABY  
Best Overall Display



ANNACRAIG BOUTIQUE  
Most Whimsical Display



THE FISH BOWL  
Most Original Display



LORA BELLE BABY  
Best Display For Children



GRACEFUL BEAUTY LOUNGE  
Best Nighttime Display



SKINNY WHEELS BIKE SHOP/  
RUTHIE DARLING BOUTIQUE  
Most Creative Display

The CAC is so thankful for the public's enthusiasm and the downtown businesses that work so hard to make Salisbury's downtown a wonderful place to visit and shop!



To discard natural trees, first remove all lights and ornaments. Then, place trees at the curb on your normal collection day.

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City Council: Mayor Karen Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Tamara Sheffield, Council Member David Post, Council Member Harry McLaughlin, Council Member Anthony Smith  
City Manager Jim Greene Jr.





## Weekend to Celebrate MLK

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) hosts the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration beginning Saturday, Jan. 13 through Monday, Jan. 15.

The Dr. King Celebration Weekend kicks off with the MLK Parade along Main St. to Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., ending at the Civic Center. There, the HRC will host a Community Resource Fair where Rowan County residents can receive health screenings, resources from local agencies, school supplies, and other gifts from noon to 2 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 15, the HRC will hold its annual MLK Breakfast program, also at the Civic Center. Doors open at 8 a.m., while the program begins at 8:30 a.m. Admission is free. Registration for the breakfast is required at [www.SalisburyNC.gov/MLKBreakfast](http://www.SalisburyNC.gov/MLKBreakfast). Seating is limited.

For details on the MLK celebration, check out the event calendar on the front page of this newsletter.

For more information contact, Anne Little, diversity, equity and inclusion director at [Anne.Little@SalisburyNC.gov](mailto:Anne.Little@SalisburyNC.gov) or (704) 638-5218.

## Tour Wine & Downtown!

Wine About Winter returns to historic Downtown Salisbury on Friday, Feb. 2, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Wine connoisseurs throughout the region are invited to tour the wines of Rowan County and beyond during the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Wine About Winter.

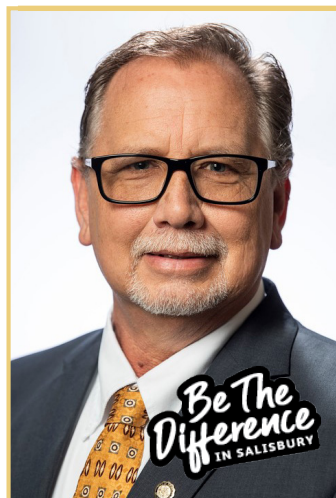
Attendees will sample a variety of wines at various downtown shops and restaurants, spanning nearly all 26 downtown blocks. They will receive a signature tasting glass, a tote bag and free trolley service to different locations. This year, the tasting pass will grant access to five extra wine sample from previous years, bringing the total to 25 samples.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$38 on the event day, if not sold out. Additional processing fees and taxes are not included in this price. Ticket holders must be 21 years of age or older with a state-issued photo I.D. showing their date of birth. Each ticket holder must be present when checking in or purchasing tickets.

Check-in is located at the Paul E. Fisher Gateway Building (Visitors' Center) at 204 E. Innes St. Doors will open at 4 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [DowntownSalisburyNC.com](http://DowntownSalisburyNC.com) or call (704) 637-7814.

## Beautify Your Neighborhood!

Apply for a 2024 Neighborhood Beautification Grant for your neighborhood at:  
[SalisburyNC.gov/NeighborhoodGrant](http://SalisburyNC.gov/NeighborhoodGrant)



### Dean Ewart, Human Resources Specialist

This month's employee spotlight is Dean Ewart, a human resource specialist. In his role, Dean supports the Human Resources department daily with internal and external programs. He also manages payroll responsibilities, ensures employee records are updated and assists with onboarding new City of Salisbury employees.

"My greatest satisfaction comes from interacting with new people within the City and getting to know them. In reviewing photos from generations past of City employees, I found one photo in particular with the caption 'People working for People.' I believe this still rings true today. We are all people, whether it is a City employee or a citizen of the City of Salisbury, working with people to meet everyone's needs."



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