



"Make A Difference Day"
Saturday, Oct. 26

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

900 block of North Main Street

VOLUNTEER!

www.salisburync.gov/BlockWork

dmogh@salisburync.gov

(704) 638-5240

BlockWork brings residents and community volunteers together to build cleaner and safer neighborhoods, one block at a time!



WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

Volunteers help with exterior repairs like painting, carpentry and landscaping. **T-shirts, gloves, meals and drinks will be provided to all volunteers.**

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Neighborhood Officer Map Adds to Community Policing Efforts

The Salisbury Police Department announces the launch of its interactive neighborhood map, a new system that helps residents identify and contact their neighborhood officers with non-emergency questions or offer words of encouragement.

"As we continue to expand our neighborhood-oriented community policing efforts, we upgraded our online presence to include an interactive neighborhood map," said Police Chief Jerry Stokes. "One of the goals of the interactive map is to put officers in closer touch with residents of the neighborhoods they serve. It will allow residents to share concerns, complaints or incidents in their neighborhood directly with the officers who patrol the specific area and also reduce repetitive non-emergency calls for service."

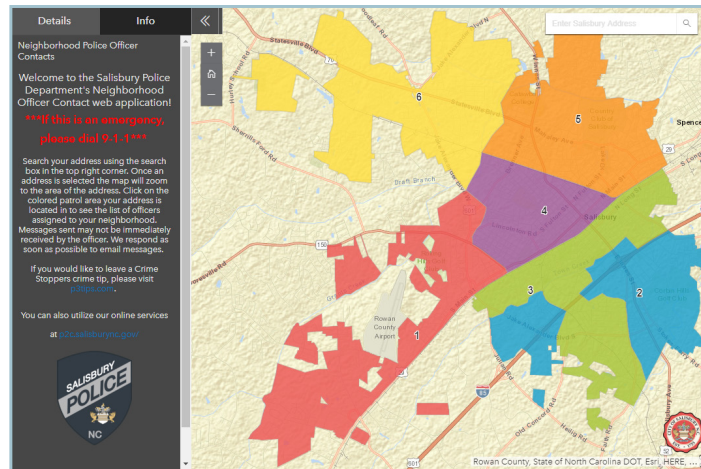
How the interactive map works:

The interactive neighborhood map is divided into six small geographic areas or "beats." The top right corner has an address search box, which lists addresses in the Salisbury city limits. Once an address is selected, the map will zoom to the area of the address. Click on the colored patrol area of the address to view the contact information of day or night shift officers and sergeants assigned to the neighborhood. The community service

officers and victim/witness advocate contact information is also listed on the left panel.

"As a community policing focused department, we seek to have our police officers focus their time to their assigned geographic area and working to gather information and points of view about neighborhood issues and needs. We encourage residents to contact officers and assist us with establishing meaningful, authentic connections between police officers and our neighbors," Stokes said.

The map can be accessed by visiting the Salisbury Police Department website at: salisburync.gov/OfficerMap. If there is an emergency and police assistance is needed immediately, please call 911.



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019 EDITION

EVENT CALENDAR: OCTOBER

City Council Meetings

Attend public city council meetings to find out what's happening in your city.

Tuesday, October 1 and 15 - starts at 6 p.m.
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

Busker's Bash

The best local talent comes together to perform in front of participating downtown businesses from 6 to 8 p.m. Vote for your favorite by throwing a Busker's Bash guitar pick into a performer's bucket. Grand finale to follow!

Friday, October 4 - from 5 to 9 p.m.
Downtown Salisbury

Butterfly Release

Enjoy a wondrous flight of color! Learn about Monarch butterflies, their migration and their host plants.

Sunday, October 6 - starts 2 p.m.
304 Annandale Ave.

Halloween Funfest

Celebrate this spooky holiday with food, trick-or-treating and fun for the whole family. FREE games, activities and hay rides! Trick-or-treating from 4 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 26 - from 3 to 6 p.m.
Salisbury City Hall Parking Lot (217 S. Main St.)

Blockwork

Want to 'Make A Difference' in a local neighborhood? Apply to be a volunteer to spruce up the 900 block of N. Main St. with city staff. Apply at salisburync.gov/Blockwork before Tuesday, October 1.

Saturday, October 26 - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
900 Block of N. Main St.

Celebrate Nature At the Butterfly Release!

As a wonderful garden area, Hurley Park provides both a peaceful oasis for casual strolling and a hosting location for a menagerie of educational events. One of its most popular events is the Butterfly Release. Currently, the Asclepias tuberosa, aka Butterfly Weed and a type of milkweed, is blooming. This beautiful plant used to be spotted on many countrysides, but due to urban encroachment and development, the plant is no longer as common. With the decline of Monarch butterflies, milkweed is needed now more than ever since it is the only plant on which the Monarch can complete its lifecycle.

The upcoming Hurley Park Butterfly Release on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m., is a great event at which to learn about Monarch butterflies and other butterfly species, their migration, and milkweed (their host plant). Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to find a good seat as the release happens quickly. Food trucks will be available for food purchase.

For more information, call Hurley Park at (704) 638-4459 or email Danelle.Cutting@salisburync.gov.



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Scoop The Poop

Did you know that picking up after your pet is vital to the health of our local waterways?

Pets give us unconditional love, but their waste certainly does not. Contrary to some thinking, pet feces is not a fertilizer for soil or plants, and quite the opposite of good intentions can occur. Pet "poop" can affect stormwater quality by running off into storm drains and in to streams, creating potential algae blooms and affecting water toxicity.

"Pet waste has very high pathogens, nitrogens, phosphorus and bacteria," said Michael Hanna, City stormwater technician. "It should not be viewed as an alternate fertilizer source. And we ask those owners who leave their pet waste on the ground for whatever reason, to think of those potentially affected by Fido's waste now by stepping it, or later."

According to Hanna, even if the waste is not near a waterway, it can be carried off to the nearby

storm drain. "Unlike the water treatment plants throughout the County that have methods to treat human wastewater, there is no treatment facility for pet waste that flows directly into our streams and creeks."

The most healthy way to ensure that pet waste does not pour into waterways is to scoop it into a bag – recycled grocery bags or specially-made pet waste bags -- and throw it in the trash.

Most of the City's 70 pet waste bag stations are located at park, greenway and cemetery entrances and exits and periodically filled by the public services department. There are also pet waste bag stations at the Dog PAWS Dog Park near the Civic Center.

"Scooping your pet poop is just one of the ways we can all play a part in ensuring safe water quality here in Salisbury."



Doggie Dip Swim Party

The Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department invites handlers and their beloved pooch to enjoy a refreshing swim at Fred M. Evans Pool on Saturday, September 7, 1 to 5:30 p.m. for the annual Doggie Dip Swim Party. This special day is for all well-mannered dogs and their handlers to enjoy the sun and water while meeting others who share the same interest.

In an effort to ensure the safety for everyone, there are Doggie Dip rules:

- All dogs must be on leash when not in the water.
- All owners and dogs must know how to swim.
- Dog handlers must be age 18+.
- No more than two (2) dogs per handler.
- Proof of rabies vaccination (tag) on display at all times.
- No dogs in heat permitted.
- Handlers must clean up after dog and provide own waste bags. Temporary waste stations will be available on site.

In addition, the swimming time varies depending on the weight of dogs:
1 to 2:30 p.m.: small dogs (up to 25 lbs.)
2:30 to 4 p.m.: medium dogs (26-50 lbs.)
4 to 5:30 p.m.: large dogs (51 + lbs.)
Handlers can pay the \$5 per dog entry fee on-site and only cash will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the ongoing improvements at DOG PAWS, Salisbury's first dog park. For more information, visit salisburync.gov/PLAY.

Transit Appreciation Month is Here!

September is GO TRANSIT month in the City of Salisbury, NC.

This is an opportunity to recognize and show appreciation for the public service of City of Salisbury Transit staff who keep Salisbury moving. "We are excited to celebrate Go Transit Month and recognize the city's transit staff," said Transit Director Rodney Harrison. "Each day, transit operators collect fares, help riders find their way, handle safety issues, and manage their way through Salisbury. They handle a lot behind the wheel and deserve our thanks. We have activities planned



for staff and we want riders and residents to get involved as well."

In honor of Go Transit Month, employees will provide riders with free water while supplies last. Riders and residents are encouraged to join in celebrating the hard-working transit operators throughout the month of September. This could be as simple as a smile and a wave as you're boarding and a "thank you" when you leave. You can also spread the word on social media by sharing a photo with your favorite transit operator and tagging the City of Salisbury Facebook page.

For more information about Salisbury Transit, visit: Salisburync.gov/Transit.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

#PositiveGossip



OFFICERS VISIT KIDS AT LOCAL CHURCH

Today Major Barnes and Officer Sexton visited Saint Johns Lutheran Church to talk about our duties as police officers. We also want to wish Jonah a happy fourth birthday.

Posted August 16 www.facebook.com/SalisburyPoliceDepartment



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHAMPS!

Congratulations to Rowan Little League for winning the Little League World Series Championship last night!

Posted August 15 www.facebook.com/SalisburyNCFire



CITY HALL CELEBRATES SELFIE DAY

Happy #CityHallSelfie Day from the City of #SalisburyNC staff. We are proud to serve our wonderful Salisbury residents, businesses, and visitors from City Hall.

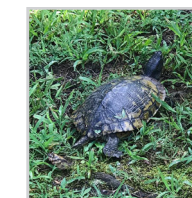
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FLEET STAFF ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION

"We are proud to have so many of our fleet employees achieve this certification," said Jake Sterling, fleet manager. Read more at salisburync.gov.

Posted August 4 www.instagram/citysalisburync



WATCH OUT FOR TURTLE CROSSINGS

Helped this fella cross a busy road! Keep an eye out for them and let them pass safely. #turtle #turtlecrossing #watchoutforturtles #hurleypark #hurleyparknc #salisburync #parksandrec

Posted July 19 www.instagram/hurleyparknc

FRED WELDON, FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEER

Fred Weldon is an engineer for the City of Salisbury Fire Department, employed with the city since 2015.

Fred is primarily responsible for the safe and efficient operation of firefighting apparatus in response to emergencies. His duties include driving a ladder truck, regulating the water pressure from a pumper, and conducting maintenance checks to ensure the fire truck is in a

response-ready mode at all times. "I believe being an engineer is the best job. As an engineer you have the opportunity to develop others. Anyone can pick out a person's weakness because it takes little to no effort. When you identify someone's strengths and continue to help them grow and develop then you are truly investing in others. Our training translates to excellent service we provide to residents."