



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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## EVENT CALENDAR: JULY

### Summer Spruce Up Week

During this week, residents can place appliances, tires (limit five) and extra bagged trash at the curb on their regular collection day before 6 a.m. No building materials or electronics.

**Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14**

Salisbury residents - NO BUSINESSES

### Summer Riffs Concert

Enjoy an evening of live music.

**Saturday, July 15** - starts at 7 p.m.

Bell Tower Green, 120 Church St., Salisbury

### City Council Meetings

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

**NO MEETING ON JULY 4**

**Tuesday, July 18** - starts at 6 p.m.

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WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

### Krazy Klearance

Krazy Klearance is a Downtown Salisbury tradition where merchants have their lowest markdowns of the year. Enter to win Krazy Klearance Bucks!

**Wed. July 19 - Sat. July 22** - hours vary by store  
Downtown Salisbury

### National Night Out and Community Resource Fair

Join us at the Bell Tower Green for this free event with family activities, a school supply giveaway, and community-building through increased police-community relationships to make our neighborhoods safer.

**Tuesday, August 1** - starts at 6 p.m.

Bell Tower Green, 120 Church St., Salisbury

## Get Ahead Of Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. To keep your family safe this hurricane season, and to minimize risks associated with severe weather, follow these tips from Salisbury's public safety officials:



- Develop a weather emergency plan and emergency kit
- Check flood insurance and know your insurance policy
- If you live in an area that is likely to flood, designate a location on higher ground that you can move to before floodwaters reach you



- Never touch downed power lines. Move away from it, and call 911
- Learn how to use a generator safely



- Build your emergency kit (and don't forget to prepare an emergency kit for your pet)

- Put enough water, food and supplies in your emergency kit for 3-7 days per person and per pet in your family

- Keep your kit in one place and make sure your family knows where it is located

Residents are encouraged to sign up for RoCo Alerts, the City and Rowan County's notification system, to receive information about emergencies and other important community news. Sign-up at [salisburync.gov/rocoalerts](https://salisburync.gov/rocoalerts).

For more hurricane season tips, visit: [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes).

## RoCo's Homeless Task Force

Recognizing the health and safety challenges for those experiencing homelessness in Salisbury, City Council approved 2021 Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Program (CDBG-CV) funding for an outreach coordinator position to help support the local Homeless Task Force. Formed as a partnership among local service organizations, the Homeless Task Force is a community-wide effort to address the urgent needs of the homeless population in Rowan County. The task force and the outreach coordinator position are facilitated within Rowan Helping Ministries (RHM), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to "moving people out of crisis, poverty, hunger and homelessness."

"The Homeless Task Force is a tremendous opportunity for our 30-plus agencies to come together using all of our resources to help the underrepresented, sheltered, and unsheltered residents in Rowan County," said Salisbury Police Homeless Liaison Dennis Rivers. "Through this group, we are able to collaborate, provide direct access to various service agencies, and help people navigate challenging paperwork processes."

According to Kyna Grubb, RHM executive director, her organization coordinates the Point in Time homeless count each year. "In 2020, the last time a traditional count was conducted, 180 homeless individuals were counted in Rowan County." Traditional counts were not conducted in 2021 or 2022 due to the pandemic, but a count was done in 2023. "We counted 238 homeless."

For the full article, visit [salisburync.gov/news](https://salisburync.gov/news).



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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.



## Community Fair & NNO Partner Up

Salisbury will celebrate local community agencies, neighborhoods and law enforcement partnerships at a combined Back-to-School Community Resource Fair and National Night Out event, Tuesday, Aug. 1, beginning at 6 p.m. at Bell Tower Green Park.

The Community Resource Fair brings together local agencies specializing in health, addiction, education and family support in one place to help local families as students head back to school. Students will receive backpacks with a selection of school supplies. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and builds neighborhood camaraderie. The nighttime event, typically held the first Tuesday in August, also increases awareness of local law enforcement programs such as neighborhood watch and anti-crime initiatives.

The Human Relations Commission, an official city commission focused on inclusion, acceptance and appreciation, is a lead partner in this event.

Participants attending evening activities are encouraged to post photographs on social media platforms using the hashtag #SalisburyNightOut. For more information, please contact Anne Little, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, at [anne.little@salisburync.gov](mailto:anne.little@salisburync.gov) or call (704) 638-5218.

## City Rolls Out Waste Assistance Program

Salisbury's public works department is formalizing its backyard Waste Collection Assistance (WCA) program to ensure worker safety as they enter private property.

The free WCA initiative lists residents in an internal database who need help bringing their garbage cans to the curb on their collection days. Through the formal WCA registration process, residents are giving waste collection staff permission to go onto residents' private property to bring their trash can to the garbage truck and back again. Multiple counties, cities and towns across the country have similar programs.

Verification of permanent or temporary injury or difficulty in performing the task is required from a doctor or the Department of Motor Vehicles. Verification concerns can be heard on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, contact Bailey Teixeira at [bailey.teixeira@salisburync.gov](mailto:bailey.teixeira@salisburync.gov) or (704) 638-5256 or via private message on Facebook at [facebook.com/SustainableSalisburyNC](https://www.facebook.com/SustainableSalisburyNC).

## Sign Up For The Citizen's Academy!

The City of Salisbury invites residents to apply for the fall 2023 Citizen's Academy -- a ten-week academy that provides a behind-the-scenes look at city operations.

Participants will enjoy a hands-on, inside view of how and why Salisbury provides its services. Classes will meet at different city facilities weekly for fun and interactive exercises with local government staff. Some of the experiences will include learning how the city budget is created with the finance department, using a thermal imaging camera at the fire department, and playing recreational activities offered by parks and recreation. Dinner is served at each class.

The 2023 Citizen's Academy will meet each Thursday from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 7 and ending with graduation, Thursday, Nov. 2. The class is free and open to the public however, class size is limited to 20.

Participants must be at least 16 years of age. Priority will be given to residents of Salisbury.

Applications are available online through Friday, July 14, at [salisburync.gov/citizensacademy](https://salisburync.gov/citizensacademy), by contacting the city administration office at (704) 638-5233, or via email at [kbake@salisburync.gov](mailto:kbake@salisburync.gov).



### Dale Waters, IT Manager

This month's employee spotlight is Dale Waters, the City of Salisbury Information Technology (IT) Manager. He is responsible for meeting the technology needs of the City of Salisbury by maintaining existing technology and fostering technology growth. Dale consults with City departments on technology needs, works with the IT staff to identify projects and priorities, and manages the IT budget and technology contracts.

"My favorite part of working for the City of Salisbury has to be the many opportunities I have been afforded to make Salisbury a better place to live, work, and play. I have seen a tremendous amount of growth within our organization and our community in the last 13 years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve."



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