



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024 EDITON

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 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](http://DowntownSalisburyNC.com).

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

### 28th Annual Father-Daughter Dance

Fathers and daughters are invited to register for this wonderful bonding experience at <https://bit.ly/48okdpW> \$11/per person. Tickets sell quickly and event may sell out. Photo packages available.

**Saturday, February 3** - 6 to 9 p.m.  
Salisbury Civic Center, 315 MLK Jr. Ave.

### 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, February 6** - starts at 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, February 20** - starts at 6 p.m.  
[facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC](https://facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC)  
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

### Ring In Spring

Join us at Gateway Park for crafts, hayrides, snacks, and fun to kick off our Spring Easter celebration

**Saturday, March 23** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Gateway Park, corner of E. Innes & Depot St.

## Sign Up To Steer Salisbury

Residents are invited to apply to the City's 14 active, standing boards and commissions created and appointed by Salisbury City Council. Boards and commissions are made up of volunteer positions to help guide Salisbury's present and future.

Board terms are staggered for three-year terms, and most end on Sunday, March 31. Applicants must be 18 and a Salisbury resident, with some exceptions. Online applications are accepted on a continual basis and kept on file for consideration in the event a vacancy occurs.

Visit [salisburync.gov/boards](http://salisburync.gov/boards) for more information.

*Alternate Methods of Design Commission*

*Bell Tower Green Advisory Board*

*Community Appearance Commission*

*Greenway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee*

*Historic Preservation Commission*

*Housing Advocacy Commission*

*Human Relations Commission*

*Hurley Park Advisory Board*

*Parks and Recreation Advisory Board*

*Planning Board/Board of Adjustment*

*Public Art Commission*

*Transportation Advisory Board*

*Tree Board*

## SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

NOON TO 10:00PM



Para la traducción al español, visite [www.SalisburyNC.gov/NoticiasEspañol](http://www.SalisburyNC.gov/NoticiasEspañol)

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.

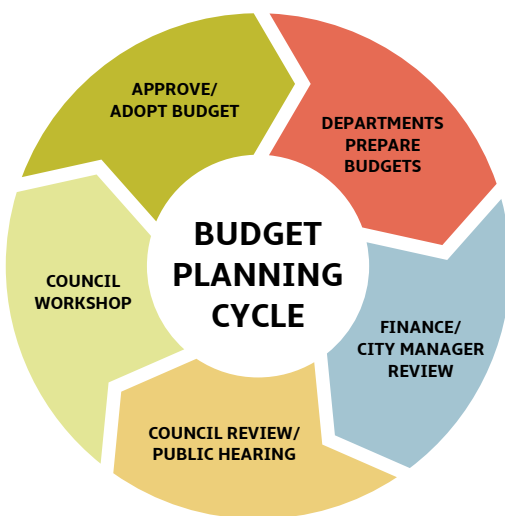
# Budget Process For City Begins

City departments kicked off the upcoming budget year, Wednesday, Jan. 30, in preparation for the next fiscal year. Fiscal Year 2025 (FY2025) is the city's budget year that will run from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The adopted budget ordinance will set the new tax rate and city fees.

Over the next few months, managers and supervisors will start to anticipate and estimate next year's city projects, which are then reviewed by City Manager Jim Greene and the city's finance staff, led by Finance Director Wade Furches. Salisbury City Council must receive the first draft of the FY2025 budget from the city manager by June 1, 2024.

Residents will be invited by City Council to weigh in on the FY2025 budget during a general budget session and a public hearing in the next few months. City Council usually holds at least one budget work session to discuss the budget in detail. Watch for budget meetings and public hearing dates here in the Lamplighter and on the city's social media platforms.

The budget will be adopted by Council before June 30.

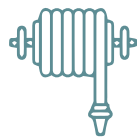


## Protect Your Pipes This Winter

As temperatures continue to dip, now is the time to start thinking about the possibility of pipes freezing in your home. Frozen water pipes are a problem that can happen in homes with both plastic and copper pipes. Learn how to prevent water pipes from freezing and avoid significant property damage:



**1. Insulate pipes in unheated spaces**, such as a crawlspace, attic, or basement.



**2. Remove and drain hoses from outdoor spigots.** If there is a shut-off valve specifically for an outdoor spigot, turn the valve to the off position, open the spigot, and drain any water remaining in the spigot and pipe downstream of the shut-off valve.



**3. You can also let cold water drip** from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.



EyeOnWater

**4. Sign-up for EyeOnWater:** As the temperatures rise, pipes frozen by the low temperatures will begin to thaw which can lead to pipe leaks. Residents can sign-up for the City's free, secure service "EyeOnWater alerts" to track water usage and discover leaks long before they result in high bills or thousands of gallons of wasted water.

If you need the water shut off in an emergency, please contact Customer Service at (704) 638-5300 (Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). For water and/or sewer emergencies after hours, call (704) 638-5339.

Get informed on these and other helpful tips on preparedness by visiting: REDCROSS.org, ReadyROWAN.org, and FEMA.gov. For information about EyeOnWater, visit: [salisburync.gov/EyeOnWater](http://salisburync.gov/EyeOnWater).



### R. J. Hill, Detective

This month's employee spotlight is R.J. Hill, a detective for the Salisbury Police Department. He is assigned to the violent crimes investigation unit, where he investigates a range of offenses, including robbery, shootings, homicide, and other felony cases. Hill's responsibilities consist of interviewing individuals, identifying and collecting evidence, obtaining search warrants, and executing arrests.

"My job allows me to investigate and solve crimes. In someone's darkest moment, I assist the Salisbury Police Department with offering support and bringing closure to victims who have endured the impact of a crime."



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