



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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## Interim City Manager

W. Brian Hiatt is Salisbury's interim city manager as the city begins its permanent manager search. Hiatt served as Concord's city manager for 19 years, before he retired in spring 2018. He subsequently served as Salisbury's interim community planning director for five months.

"I look back on my previous interim stint with Salisbury, fondly," said Hiatt. "Former City Manager Lane Bailey has built a top-notch team here, and I look forward to working with them once again. While I thoroughly enjoy retirement, I am pleased that I can assist Salisbury's City Council part-time as they launch their city manager search."

Hiatt holds a bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University, where he graduated summa cum laude, and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



## Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes

**Cold temperatures can cause water pipes to freeze. The City of Salisbury encourages residents 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. Take steps to protect your water pipes from freezing and avoid significant property damage.**

Three steps to protect your pipes:

1. Insulate pipes in unheated spaces, such as a crawlspace, attic, or basement. Pipes inside or close to an exterior wall can be kept warm by opening the cabinet doors.
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. If you do not have a shut-off valve, it is recommended you contact a licensed plumber for costs and other information; however, if you do not have a shut-off valve in your plumbing system and 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.
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; and FEMA states this will also reduce the buildup of pressure in the pipes.

As the temperatures rise, pipes frozen by the low temperatures will begin to thaw which can lead to pipe leaks. Residents can download the app or 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.

Get other helpful tips by visiting: [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), [ReadyROWAN.org](http://ReadyROWAN.org), and [FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov). For more on EyeOnWater, visit: [salisburync.gov/eyeonwater](http://salisburync.gov/eyeonwater).



## EVENT CALENDAR: FEBRUARY

### Hybrid City Council Meetings

Watch the live broadcast of city council meetings via social media, the website, or in-person.

Tuesday, February 1 and 15 - starts at 6 p.m.

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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 and Interim City Manager Brian Hiatt

**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**



**Arlette Oglesby,  
Sr. Admin Specialist**

This month's employee spotlight is Arlette Oglesby. In 1988, she started her career with the City of Salisbury Administration Department as support staff for the city manager, assistant city manager and city clerk. After a brief departure from the city, she returned in 1999 to work in facilities management and human resources. In 2016, Arlette joined the Engineering Department as a senior administrative specialist. In this role, Arlette provides administrative support for the city engineer, engineering staff, traffic operations, geographic information system (GIS) and manages The Plaza Building.

"I have always had a passion for helping others. I enjoy working with the City of Salisbury because it gives me the opportunity to help and serve the citizens of Salisbury along with helping other employees."



*Join A Board Or Commission*

Residents are invited to apply to the City's 12 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.

- *Alternate Methods of Design Commission*
- *Community Appearance Commission*
- *Greenway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee*
- *Historic Preservation Commission*
- *Housing Advocacy Commission*
- *Human Relations Council*
- *Hurley Park Advisory Board*
- *Parks and Recreation Advisory Board*
- *Planning Board/Board of Adjustment*
- *Transportation Advisory Board*
- *Tree Board*

Board terms are staggered for three-year terms, and most end on March 31. Applicants must be 18 and a Salisbury resident, with some exceptions.

Applications, both online and print, are accepted on a continual basis and kept on file for consideration if a vacancy occurs.

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



## City To Begin Budget Process

City departments will begin their budget process later this month in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year.

Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) is the city's budget year that will run from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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 Interim City Manager Brian Hiatt

and the finance staff, led by Finance Director Wade Furches. Salisbury City Council must receive the first draft of the FY2023 budget from the city manager by Wednesday, June 1.

Residents will be invited by City Council to weigh in on the FY2023 budget during a public hearing in June. City Council usually holds at least one budget work session to discuss the budget in detail. Watch for budget meeting and public hearing dates here in the Lamplighter and on the city's social media platforms.

The budget will be adopted by Council prior to June 30.



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