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Memorial For Dixonville Cemetery Reaches Phase 2

Two years after the groundbreaking ceremony at Dixonville Cemetery, the city's Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Task Force is now ready to begin phase two.

"The Task force is excited to begin phase two of the three-phased Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project," said Emily Perry, chairwoman of the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Task Force.

"We remain committed to honoring the individuals who were interred in the Dixonville Cemetery while educating and inspiring future generations of Salisbury residents. Thank you to the City of Salisbury, the numerous donors and everyone who has attended, sponsored, volunteered or supported the Ministries of Comedy events. We are asking for donors to help us finish the project and showcase the prominence of the early African-American cemetery."

Some highlights of phase two will

include an Interpretive Walk connecting the Memorial Walk to interpretive stops along a perpendicular path to a high point in the cemetery. This will allow visitors to gather, study and reflect on the history of the cemetery and the Dixonville neighborhood. On top of the hill, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College will install a "Here's My Story" bench to tell the history of various locations throughout Salisbury.

While construction has started for phase two of the project, the Task Force is approximately \$65,000 short of fully completing the project. To invest in Salisbury's heritage – past, present and future and to invest in the completion of phase two, donations can be made online at www.gofundme.com/f/dixonvillelincoln-memorial or sent to: Dixonville Task Force, Attention Community Planning Services at P.O. Box

479, Salisbury, NC 28145, or.

Anticipated completion for this part of the project is December 2020. To learn more about Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial, visit www.dixonvillememorial.com.

2020 Leaf Map

This year's leaf collection map is now available! The leaf map shows when each City of Salisbury area will receive their leaf collection services.

Remember, pile your loose leaves at the curb, not in the street and not in bags! A copy of the map is in this month's water/utility statement, and at salisburync.gov/LeafMap.

EVENT CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER

Electronic City Council Meetings

Watch the public broadcast of city council meetings via social media or the website. (Meeting format subject to change.)

Tuesday, September 1 and 15 - starts at 6 p.m.
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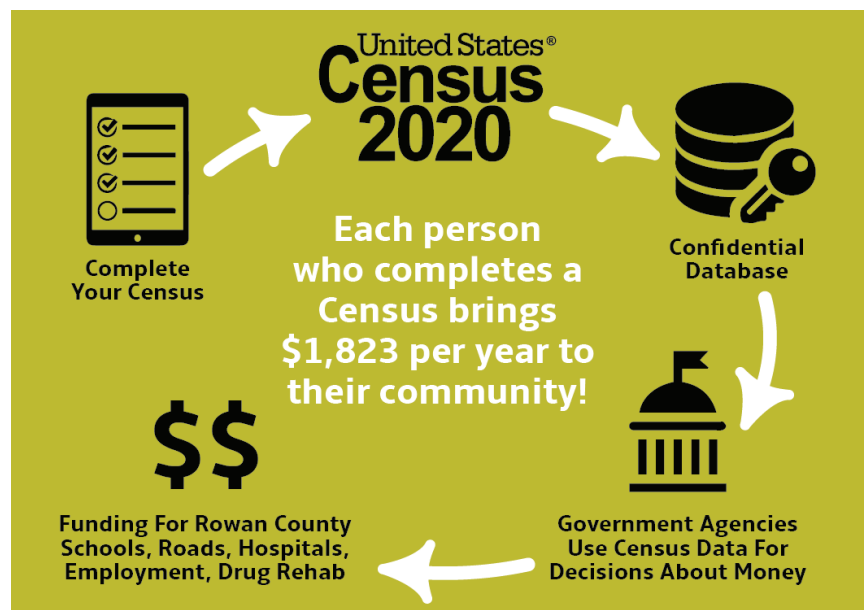
9/11 Memorial Service

Join us online to pay tribute to the fallen emergency service personnel who lost their lives.

Friday, September 11 - starts at 8:45 a.m.
Facebook Live @SalisburyNCFire



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City Council:

Mayor Karen Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Al Heggins, Brian Miller, David Post, Tamara Sheffield
City Manager W. Lane Bailey



A New Safe Spot

Two, 30-minute parking spaces will be designated in front of the Salisbury Police Department on East Liberty Street to allow residents to conduct online purchase transactions. The spaces are anticipated to be installed this month.

The Chief's Advisory Board suggested the "Safe Exchange Zone" spaces so that residents can make online purchases in an environment more heavily patrolled by law enforcement.

"We want to provide this opportunity for our citizens so they are able to conduct these online transactions without fear of victimization," said Salisbury Police Chief Jerry Stokes.

"Areas near the police department generally are safer because it is more likely an officer will be available during normal working hours. People who are intent on victimizing others are less likely to perpetrate a crime when an officer is nearby."



Transit Serving **ADA/Paratransit**

The City of Salisbury Transit System started providing ADA Paratransit service to area residents in August. Previously, the Rowan Transit System provided the city's ADA Paratransit service via a third party.

All passengers may schedule reservations by calling (704) 638-5252 or (704) 638-5253. Trips may be reserved up to seven days before the actual trip. Same-day service is not offered. Early bookings allow more time

to provide a quality scheduled trip.

The ADA Paratransit Rider's Guide, which includes information about how to schedule a ride, explains the no-show policy, and provides guidelines for a positive experience when riding with Salisbury Transit, is available online at www.salisburync.gov/Paratransit. For questions, please contact Transit Planner/Operations Supervisor Kimberly Bell at (704) 638-5252, (704) 638-5253, or kimberly.bell@salisburync.gov.

& Celebrating **Go Transit Month!**

September is Go Transit Month in the City of Salisbury - an opportunity to show appreciation for Salisbury Transit staff who keep Salisbury moving.

"Go Transit Month recognizes our dedicated bus drivers, bus maintenance workers, transit office staff and our riders who support transit throughout the Salisbury area," said Transit Director Rodney Harrison. "While our

celebrations will look different this year due to COVID-19, we still want show appreciation for employees and riders."

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.

For more, visit salisburync.gov/Transit.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Israel Vasquez, **Maintenance Worker III**

Israel Vazquez was employed in parks and recreation in 2011, before transitioning to public works. As part of the parks and recreation team, he assisted with maintenance of parks and special projects such as building the roof on the baseball dugout at Salisbury Community Park.

In his current role as a maintenance worker III, Israel operates equipment to perform waste collection, makes daily checks on equipment to ensure its safe

operation and responds to questions from residents.

"My job is to keep our streets clean. As I drive, I'm often greeted by people waving or talk with them to provide great customer service. When you get a "thank you" it's the best feeling in the world and makes you appreciative of the work that you do. I'm happy to be a part of a great working team in public works and to have the ability to help people on a daily basis."



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