



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

AUGUST 2022 EDITION

EVENT CALENDAR: AUGUST

City Council Meetings

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

Tuesday, August 2 - starts at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16 - starts at 6 p.m.

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WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

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 2 - starts at 6 p.m.

Bell Tower Green, 120 Church St., Salisbury

Reels & Riffs: Movie and Music Series

Enjoy free movies and music concerts at Bell Tower Green. Movies are on Fridays, starting at 9 p.m.

Music concerts are on Saturdays, starting at 7 p.m.

Community members are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks to the free viewing sponsored by Salisbury Parks and Recreation, Visit Rowan County and Downtown Salisbury Inc.

Friday, August 5 - Spiderman: No Way Home

Saturday, August 13 - Brittney Spencer

Friday, August 19 - make-up movie night (TBD)

Saturday, August 27 - The Hamiltons

Bell Tower Green, 120 Church St., Salisbury

College Night Out

This free event welcomes students from our local colleges and new Rowan-Salisbury School System teachers out for games, activities, food, networking and more.

Thursday, August 18 - 5 to 9 p.m.

Bell Tower Green, 120 Church St., Salisbury

Kudos To The Fred M. Evans Pool Lifeguard Staff For Saving Child

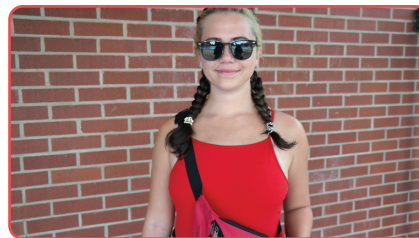
Last month, four City of Salisbury lifeguards on duty gave medical attention to a three-year-old toddler. As the family parked their car, their child was having a seizure reaction due to overheating and other underlying health issues. The parents rushed the unconscious child into the pool entryway. In this moment of high stress, the lifeguards called 9-1-1, had the parent lay the child on the padded floor of the pool deck, and administered medical attention until paramedics arrived.

The lifeguards quickly grabbed an ice pack from their First Aid kit focusing on the child's forehead and abdomen while elevating his head to bring his temperature down and prevent choking. The paramedics arrived quickly, roughly five minutes after the lifeguards called, and they whisked the toddler to the hospital.

"Kudos to head guards Sierra Braun and Malakie Harris, and lifeguards Lucie Featherstone and Lucas Berg who quickly acted as they have been trained to do," said Megan Simpson, recreation coordinator and certified pool operator & lifeguard supervisor.

"Nationwide the aquatics industry has struggled to staff lifeguards at their pool. Luckily, the staff we have show up every day ready to work and they do it exceeding all expectations. Imagine, for a moment, if we were closed because we didn't have adequate staff and the family didn't know that because they were coming in from out of town. Fortunately, our staff was there and able to give this child the medical attention they needed and at the moment they needed it most."

It has been reported to the City of Salisbury that the child received the medical care he needed and will be okay.



Lucie Featherstone



Malakie Harris



Lucas Berg



Sierra Braun



Para la traducción al español, visite 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.

Grant To Fund Flood, Road Sensors

The City of Salisbury has been awarded a North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Relief and Mitigation Grant to purchase sensors totaling \$64,040. The funds will be used to purchase integrated stream height sensors and road surface sensors.

"We are grateful to receive the NCEM Relief and Mitigation Grant," said Michael Hanna, public works administrative services manager. "This grant will allow the City to purchase sensors that will read real-time, road surface conditions. The sensors will allow us to alert citizens and emergency response personnel to active road conditions so they can be on alert and reduce traffic accidents. We see this project having a significant impact on our community by first and foremost saving valuable lives, preventing unnecessary travel impacts, initiating sustainable practices, and allowing City staff to use staff in other services while monitors are actively analyzing."

The sensor installation is anticipated to begin in October. Two flood sensors will be installed at two major waterways. When installed, Salisbury Public Works can collect data on which stream height the river has to reach for community impact to occur. Also, the City will purchase road condition sensors that mount to city-owned vehicles.

Funds For Families To Pay Water Bills

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a federally-funded program that provides emergency assistance to low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes, that pay a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services. LIHWAP is a temporary emergency program that helps eligible households afford water and wastewater services. Payments are made directly to the households utility company. Households can apply for LIHWAP through September 30, 2023 or until funds run out.

Apply online at epass.nc.gov.

The State of North Carolina started accepting applications for LIHWAP beginning December 1, 2021 for households whose water services were disconnected or in jeopardy of disconnection. On January 3, 2022, the program was expanded to include all households that have a current water/wastewater bill and meet the eligibility requirements, whether or not their water service is disconnected. Although the program has been expanded, households that have had services disconnected or in jeopardy of disconnection will continue to have priority for LIHWAP funds.

Story credit: NC Dept. of Human Services



Share2Care
Water and Sewer Assistance Program

DONATE

Give the gift of water to a Rowan County household that is struggling with their water and sewer bills.

Want to donate to a local family? Details at www.salisburync.gov/Share2Care.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Alan Fowler Laboratory Services Supervisor



This month's employee spotlight is Alan Fowler, Laboratory Services Supervisor for Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU). In his role, Alan supervises both

the water and wastewater laboratories. He oversees and schedules the daily activities of both labs to ensure state and federal regulatory compliance. He works with SRU divisions to provide accurate data in order to optimize plant operations.

"I enjoy being part of the SRU team. My role (working with laboratory, Environmental Services, and operations) allows me the opportunity to keep our community healthy and safe."

City Earns Award For Good Health



The City of Salisbury claimed the top spot in the 2022 "Healthiest Employer" competition among Charlotte area businesses, according to the Charlotte

Business Journal. Salisbury has made the list for the past three years in the 100 to 499-employee category. This year was the first time the municipality came in at number one.

With just over 400 full- and part-time employees, Salisbury makes significant progress in improving employees' health through its popular, Health and Wellness Committee. Examples of past and recent programs include step challenges, waist

and weight management incentives, and healthy recipe sharing. The City's on-site nurse also makes it convenient to check bloodwork, manage allergies, and monitor other health issues.

Salisbury implemented a flexible work schedule policy to benefit employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each department created parameters for a flexible schedule that would balance the service the department provides with employees' need for a healthy life-work balance.

The rankings and scores for the Healthiest Employers competition were provided by a third-party surveying partner, Indianapolis-based Healthiest Employers LLC. The companies were divided into five size categories.

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