



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Christmas Bike Program Returns



Despite COVID-19, the Salisbury Police Department once again is partnering with Gerry Wood Automobile Dealership for the 19th annual Christmas Bicycle Program. The program provides bicycles for less fortunate children who reside within the city limits. The bicycles are limited and preference will be given to children of families who are in the most need of assistance. Children must reside at the given address of the parent/guardian and applicants must live within the city limits of Salisbury.

Applications are now online at salisburync.gov/ChristmasBike and must be completed no later than Friday, Nov. 27. There is no need for applicants to call the police department.

Applications are available at the Customer Service Center, 1415 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Showcase Your Art In Salisbury

The Salisbury Public Art Committee announces a call for entries for the 2021 Salisbury Sculpture Show. Entering its 13th year, the Salisbury Sculpture Show has featured artists from more than 10 states and has earned regional and national recognition. Artists are invited to submit their outdoor pieces for consideration in the award-winning art installation program by Monday, Dec. 21.

The Salisbury Sculpture Show is a 10-month art show in which a select group of sculptures is placed throughout Salisbury, including in the downtown area and at the city's three colleges.

In the upcoming show, pieces chosen for display will be carefully sited to enhance the sculptures' visibility and ease of access. Artists may submit up to three entries. High-resolution images with a completed entry form, and up to three photos per entry sculpture are encouraged. Selected artists will transport and install pieces with on-site assistance where needed and prearranged. The city will provide concrete pads and installation support. Sculptors are responsible for anchoring systems. The art will be insured by the City of Salisbury.

During the extension show, artists must thoroughly address the safety and stability of their work in their applications, as well as the exact method of installing and securing their work (reinforced footings, etc). Proposed sculptures are accepted, but only with a thorough explanation of final dimensions, weight, and material. Materials for all submitted work must be suitable for the outdoors. The work should be well-suited for an outdoor environment and should embody or enhance the theme of arts and agriculture within the region.



Artists should submit a PDF document that includes at least two high-resolution images of each submitted work. They should also include accurate weight, height, length, depth, and detailed language about how the piece will be secured on the site, and explain how the materials will withstand weather and also safety.

Selected artists will receive a \$1,250 stipend for each piece chosen the sculpture show. Typically, at least three best-in-show cash awards are given each year, and a 25% commission on work sold during the show builds funds for future public art in Salisbury.

All sculptures will be selected by a jury of qualified professionals. Work from individuals or teams will be considered; student work is encouraged.

To submit an application online or receive a printed application please visit www.salisburync.gov/sculptureshow.

EVENT CALENDAR: NOVEMBER

Electronic City Council Meetings

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

Tuesday, November 3 - starts at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17 - starts at 6 p.m.

[facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC](https://www.facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC)

Twitter @CitySalisburyNC

WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

Community Classroom: Fair & Impartial Policing

Free for residents to learn about police practices.

Tuesday, November 10 - 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Salisbury Civic Center, 315 S. MLK Ave.

Sign up at salisburync.gov/CommunityClassroom

Holiday Night Out

Celebrate the holiday season in downtown salisbury! Stroll, shop, eat and enjoy!

Friday, November 27 - 5 - 8 p.m.

Downtown Salisbury



Para la traducción al español, visite www.salisburync.gov/NoticiasEspañol

City Council:

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



Give the Gift of Water

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) customers who are having financial difficulty can now apply for the City's **Share 2 Care** Water and Sewer Assistance program to assist with their utility bill. Customers also are able to donate to the fund which will be administered by Rowan Helping Ministries.

Recognizing that public water and sewer services are critical to lessen the spread of COVID-19, state and local elected officials previously issued orders to suspend water utility disconnections. Now that suspensions have been lifted, some SRU customers in Rowan County continue to be impacted financially due to the pandemic. **Share 2 Care** was created to help people whose financial circumstances limit their ability to obtain or maintain their water or sewer service. Rowan Helping Ministries, a non-profit agency in Salisbury, has agreed to distribute the funds generated through this voluntary program.

Those who wish to donate to **Share 2 Care** can mail in a donation using the slip enclosed in your utility bill or stop by the Customer Service Center at 1415 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

For more information on how to apply, visit rowanhelpingministries.org or call (704) 638-5300.



Due to the current crisis, some Rowan County households need help with their water and sewer bill.

Be Safe This Black Friday

Black Friday may look different than in years past as shoppers avoid crowds, opting instead for online shopping only, typical of Cyber Monday. In any case, Salisbury Police offers a few tips to stay safe from cyber criminals this holiday season:

Think before you click: Beware of ads encouraging users to click on links. If you receive an enticing offer, do not click on the link. Instead, go directly to the company's website to verify the offer is legitimate.

Use credit cards over debit cards: There are more consumer protections for credit cards if something goes awry. Or, you can use a third party payment service instead of your credit card. There are many services you can use to pay for purchases without giving the merchant your credit card information directly.

Use a secure Wi-Fi: Using public Wi-Fi to shop online while at your favorite coffee shop is tremendously convenient, but it is not cyber safe. Don't make purchases via public Wi-Fi or what you think may be public Wi-Fi; instead use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) or your phone as a hotspot.

Watch what you give away: Be alert to the kinds of information being collected to complete your transaction. If the merchant is requesting more data than you feel comfortable sharing, cancel the transaction.

Keep tabs on your bank and credit card statements: Be sure to continuously check your accounts for any unauthorized activity. Set up alerts so that if your credit card is used, you will receive an email or text message with the transaction details.

Keep a clean machine: Keep a clean machine. Be sure that all internet-connected devices - including PCs, smartphones and tablets - are free from malware and infections by running only the most current versions of software and apps.

Lock down your login: Create long and unique passphrases for all accounts and use multi-factor authentication (MFA) wherever possible. MFA will fortify your online accounts by enabling the strongest authentication tools available, such as biometrics or a unique one-time code sent to your phone or mobile device.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Lewis Sides, Telecommunications Technician

With more than 30 years in the radio repair business and a family history of electronic technicians, this month's employee spotlight is Lewis Sides. He has been employed with the City of Salisbury since 2007 as a radio systems technician in the telecommunications department. In this role, Lewis maintains the City's state of the art Motorola P25 Public Safety Radio Network. This consists of programming and repairing of two-way radios, operating the City and Rowan County's multi-agency radio system, and maintaining the radio consoles

at the Rowan 911 Center. The radio communications system is used by police, fire, public services, utilities departments, and other city and county offices.

"As a telecommunications technician it is our job to help make sure we get critical dispatch calls out for every citizen in Rowan County. I would say the best part of my job is the pride I take in knowing that what I do plays a great part in not only keeping our citizens safe, but also keeping our public safety personnel safe while doing their jobs to protect all of us."



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