



## EVENT CALENDAR: AUGUST

### 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 1** - starts at 5:30 p.m.  
Bell Tower Green, 120 Church St., Salisbury

### 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, August 1** - starts at 3 p.m.  
**Tuesday, August 15** - starts at 6 p.m.  
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC  
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

### Second Saturday

This monthly pop-up artisan market is presented by Hive + Little Fox Knots on the sidewalks in Downtown Salisbury, NC.

**Saturday, August 12** - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Downtown Salisbury

### Summer Riffs Concert

Enjoy an evening of live music with featured band: Runaway June!

**Saturday, August 19** - starts at 7 p.m.  
Bell Tower Green, 120 Church St., Salisbury

### College Night Out

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

**Thursday, August 24** - 5 to 8 p.m.  
Bell Tower Green, 120 Church St., Salisbury

## An Outdoor Art Adventure!

Salisbury proudly showcases its artistic flair with the annual Sculpture Show. This year includes 18 new sculptures crafted by talented artists hailing from across the eastern United States. The Public Arts Commission features sculptures throughout the downtown area, Salisbury's 3 local colleges, Horizon's Unlimited, and Trinity Oaks.

The 2023 Sculpture Show runs from May 2023 through April 2024, and is graced with sculptures by Matt Amante, David Boyajian, Jim Gallucci, Hanna Jubran, Dean Leary, Jason Morris, Jordan Parah, Charles Pilkey, Richard Pitts, Wayne Vaughn, Adam Walls, and Jim Weitzel.

Residents and visitors can begin their self-guided tour by picking up a brochure at the Visitor's Center, 204 E. Innes Street. Inside the brochure, participants will find a map, information about each sculpture, and instructions to download the free Otocast app, which provides an audio tour and interactive map. Brochures are also available at the Rowan County Public Library, Rowan Museum, Waterworks Visual Arts Center, and at local downtown businesses, restaurants and galleries.

Get a brochure, and gather friends, family, or just yourself, and visit the various sculptures throughout Salisbury. For more information, visit [salisburync.gov/SculptureShow](http://salisburync.gov/SculptureShow).

## Summer Program Inspires Youth

High school and college students in Salisbury have an opportunity to work in different City departments through the Summer Youth Employment program.

The program lasts four weeks. The students are able to work with a variety of departments including, but not limited to, Transit, Public Works, Finance, Parks and Recreation, and Fire.

Bralen Mitchell, a rising junior at East Rowan High School, is one of the students in the Summer Youth Employment program. During his first week in the program, Mitchell was able to work with the Fire Department.

"I was able to see an actual fire and how the fire department works to put them out," said Mitchell. "It was pretty fun and a real adrenaline rush."

The opportunity to work in the City through the Summer Youth Program has allowed Mitchell to envision what it would be like to work with the Salisbury Fire Department.

"It seems interesting, so I am actually considering becoming a firefighter when I graduate."



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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  
City Manager Jim Greene Jr.



# City Changes Up Departments

The city's new fiscal year brings name and staffing changes to three city departments. The Engineering Department becomes the Transportation Department, Community Planning Services splits into the Planning and Neighborhoods Department and the Land and Development Services Department. In addition, the Public Works Department now has two umbrellas under which its service areas fall – Maintenance and Environmental. The changes were made to improve efficiency and to answer the call of increased development within the city.



The **Transportation Department** continues responsibility for traffic engineering, street lighting, traffic signals, and special projects and represents Salisbury on the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization. The department adds signs and markings to its list of responsibilities.



The **Planning and Neighborhoods Department** puts a greater focus on community planning within Salisbury neighborhoods. It continues to direct community and economic development, urban design, annexations, code enforcement, historic preservation and affordable housing.



The **Land and Development Services Department** is a newly created from the former Community Planning Services. This department manages responsibilities such as site plan reviews, construction inspections, land development ordinance amendments, subdivisions, zoning enforcement, water, sanitary sewer and stormwater permitting.



The **Public Works Department** has Maintenance and Environmental service areas that include stormwater, waste and recycling management, cemeteries, grounds and building maintenance, fleet services and street maintenance.



## Salisbury Invests In Community

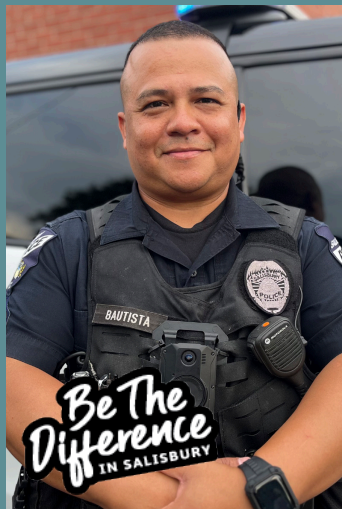
The Salisbury City Council has adopted the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget of \$108,695,411, aiming to balance finances and improve city services. Notably, a 3 percent cost of living adjustment was approved for city employees.

Key highlights from the approved budget:

- Crime Reduction Initiatives: \$75,000
- In-Park Cameras: \$100,000
- New Fire Station Debt Service
- Stormwater & Water/Sewer Projects
- Street Lighting & Traffic Safety: \$353,000
- Neighborhood Revitalization: \$200,000
- Small Business Development: \$30,000

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities remains financially strong despite cost increases and staffing shortages, while the Transit Fund and Stormwater Fund have been allocated \$3,108,936 and \$2,337,601, respectively. The Stormwater fee will increase by 40 cents to support crucial drainage improvement projects.

Explore the full budget details at [salisburync.gov/budget](https://salisburync.gov/budget).



### Thomas Bautista, Corporal

This month's employee spotlight is Corporal Thomas Bautista with the Salisbury Police Department (SPD). He works on David Team and assists the sergeant with nightly police operations. Corporal Bautista also performs field supervision of patrol activities, and maintains and ensures SPD's policies and procedures are followed.

"My favorite part of working with Salisbury Police is helping people. I'm here to help people in their time of need or through various community engagement opportunities. I also like the fact that every day is different."



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