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City of Salisbury Newsletter

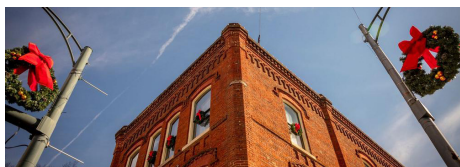
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HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Wednesday, November 22
Bell Tower Green
4:30-8:00 p.m. (Tree Lighting at 6 p.m.)

Keep the holiday spirit going after the Tis the Season Spectacular Community Holiday Parade. There will be musical performances, visit with Santa, view holiday inflatable decorations, create a memory keepsake, and watch the Tree lighting. Food trucks and beverages on site.



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 25
Varies by Store

The holidays are just around the corner! Celebrate our local downtown businesses by supporting #SmallBusinessSaturday.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

City Council Meetings

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

Wed. Nov. 8, Tues Nov. 21 and Dec. 5 - 6 p.m.
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)



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



SANTA'S MAILBOX

Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Tuesday, Dec. 19
100 S. Main St.

You can write your very own letter to Santa and drop it in the mailbox downtown for delivery to the North Pole. Santa's mailbox is located at the square in front of Rowan Cellular Repair on 100 S. Main St.

The best part is that Santa will write you back! If you're on his nice list he might even include a special gift from downtown. Just make sure to include a return address that is clearly written.



PHOTOS & RIDES WITH SANTA & THE GRINCH

Saturday, December 9
Photos: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rides: 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Spend the day in Downtown Salisbury! The holiday cheer begins with a gathering at Bell Tower Green for photos with Santa and the Grinch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Afterwards, kids and adults can both enjoy free rides on antique fire trucks with Santa and the Grinch from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information visit:
salisburync.gov/Events and downtownsalisburync.com/Events



HOLIDAY NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 24
Downtown Salisbury
5 - 9 p.m.

Join us for our annual Holiday tradition in Downtown Salisbury that takes place each year on Black Friday. All are invited to share holiday cheer and enjoy the holiday lights and decorations, caroling, hayrides, and much more while visiting and shopping in our unique shops, boutiques, and dining in our restaurants. The Social District will be in effect.



NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE BELL TOWER

Saturday, December 31
Bell Tower Green
9 p.m. - Midnight

Let's ring out 2023 and welcome in 2024 together! Join us at Bell Tower Green for New Year's Eve at the Bell Tower. Enjoy live entertainment from Salisbury's own Live House Band as well as games, food trucks, and sparkling cider for your midnight toast as we count down to 2024 with New York's Times Square.

All who wish will be able to ring the bell at midnight.

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.



Jay Basinger, Detective, Crime Scene Investigator

This month's employee spotlight is Jay Basinger, a detective and crime scene investigator with the Salisbury Police Department. Jay is a sworn police officer who is always ready to step up and assist wherever needed. As a detective, he investigates a wide range of crime scenes with a focus on major crimes, including homicide, burglary, and sexual assault. Additionally, Jay is a member of the arson task force, where he collaborates with the fire marshal's office to investigate fire-related incidents.

"I like the ever-changing nature of law enforcement and the opportunity to assist people. There's a sense of fulfillment when we find a piece of evidence and it leads us to someone involved in a crime. Being a part of that process and bringing closure to a family when it leads to a conviction, is incredibly rewarding."



HOST A SCULPTURE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

www.salisburync.gov/NeighborhoodSculpture

Housing Survey

**YOUR
OPINION
MATTERS**



Tell us what you think about housing in Salisbury, North Carolina.

TAKE THE SURVEY

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/57p7>

Salisbury has launched a community survey to hear the public's opinion about housing affordability, needs and types of development.

The survey will help inform local leaders as they develop a 10-year housing strategic plan to identify community housing gaps and barriers.

Salisbury City Council identified the need to develop a housing strategy as a priority at their January 2023 Council Retreat. In August the city hired a consulting firm, TPMA, to work with city staff and City Council to perform economic research and analyses, conduct key stakeholder and community engagement, and suggest recommendations designed to encourage the development,

preservation and access to housing for Salisbury residents. TPMA will work closely with the planning and neighborhoods department to develop the strategy.

The survey is open now and available in English or Spanish. It can be accessed via QR code or via the City's website www.salisburync.gov/housing. Paper copies are available upon request.

For more information on this initiative, contact Hannah Jacobson at hannah.jacobson@salisburync.gov.

Bike Giveaway!

The Salisbury Police Department (SPD) will continue its partnership with a local auto group to deliver bicycles to Salisbury children during the Christmas holiday season. The annual SPD Christmas Bicycle Program applications are now open at www.salisburync.gov/ChristmasBike.

Randy Marion Auto Group continues the 20-plus-year tradition that first began with Gerry Wood Auto. In 2000, Gerry and Brenda Wood purchased more than 100 bicycles for children who reside within the city limits. SPD officers, departmental civilian staff, department chaplains, police cadets, and police volunteers delivered the bikes. The Woods sold their dealerships to Marion earlier this year.

All applications must be completed by a parent or guardian by Friday, Nov. 10. Applications may close before the deadline date. A completed application is not a guarantee of a bicycle.



Toss the Grease!

As cooks gear up for the holiday season, Salisbury-Rowan Utilities has tips for discarding leftover **Fats, Oils, and Grease**, also known as FOG. When FOG is poured or flushed down the drain it may not travel very far through your pipes. FOG will accumulate and stick to the pipe walls causing future sewer backups in your home, restaurant, or other buildings.

When FOG goes down the drain, it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog. This can lead to a sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) where raw sewage may back up into your home, lawn, neighborhood and streets. SSOs can cause health issues and sewer may even run into local water ways which can affect drinking water quality.

Allow grease and oil to cool. Can your grease and then throw the can in the trash. Scrape food scraps in the trash. Don't flush your FOG. If your pipes become clogged, it can be an expensive problem to fix. NEVER put FOG down the drain!



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