

## AMPLIGHTER OCTOBER 2019 EDITION

Plan and Practice During Fire Prevention Week!

Salisbury Fire Department will join the national campaign to celebrate Fire Prevention Week, Sunday, Oct. 6 through Saturday, Oct. 12.

The theme of the 2019 Fire Prevention Week campaign is: "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" The goal is to educate people of all ages about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

Here are a few fire escape instructions to keep you and your family safe:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice per year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home including the basement.

Don't forget as the time "fall(s) back" on Sunday, Nov. 3, to change your battery-powered smoke detectors. For more information about Fire Prevention Week, visit firepreventionweek.com.

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### **IMPROVING THE FUTURE HEALTH OF CITY PARK LAKE**

City Park Lake is on track for a major rehabilitation project set to begin in the upcoming months that will lead to extensive work in the area, road closures and anticipated noise.

Residents' concerns about the lake's appearance have coincided with parks and recreation and public services



staff's plan to ramp up the lake's cleaning. The last time the lake was dredged with major repairs was in 1996.

Built in 1936, the lake's original design depth was eight feet in the creek channel and an average depth of six feet throughout most of the lake. Today the depth is around 4 feet due to the abundance of sediment, Hydrilla (which is the most resistant aquatic species to treatment) and String Algae. Previously the lake has been treated for these invasive aquatic weeds both biologically and chemically annually.

Dragonfly Pond Works won the bid last month to mechanically "dredge" the lake remove the weeds, sediment buildup and additional soil to increase the depth of the lake. This will also allow staff the ability to make needed repairs to the dam. In addition, the latest plans call for nstallation of a walkway around the lake and a pier to make the lake a destination

LET'S MAKE A PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH

The City of Salisbury is working with the community to create a new Comprehensive Plan for a stronger and smarter future. Forward 2040 will establish a framework to guide planning priorities and decisions over the next 20 years related to land use, future growth, physical development, and capital improvements.

Importantly, the plan will flow from underrepresented groups who may not the people's vision of how we should work together, grow wisely, and live out values important to us all.

meaningfully reflects the vision and priorities of all members of our community, we are offering many different ways residents can get involved. And we are designing our engagement strategy to reach the broadest possible audience, including lower-income households, communities of color, and other historically-

have had a seat at the table in the past. Help out by taking this survey on what

you want for future growth: www.salisburync.gov/2040Survey



for our citizens and visitors to Salisbury.

the current Willow Oaks and Crepe

trees, crews can improve the soil with

to help manage the runoff, which has

contributed to the current lake issues.

in diameter and are growing on top of

the ground, due to the erosion of the

ADA accessible. The new planting pits

and organic compost so the trees root

system have room to grow, expand and

compacted soil of the construction site.

For more information visit

www.salisburync.gov/CityLake

The current trees also have become a

safety hazard as the roots have increased

soil. Tree removal also will make the lake

will be prepared with a mix of native soils

absorb nutrients and water instead of the

compost and install new trees and lawn

Myrtles. By removing the current

New trees will be planted to replace

**Committee Members Needed:** 

We are currently looking for Salisbury citizens to join the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee:

www.salisburync.gov/ApplyForABoard



## **OCT. 28-NOV. 1**

Free pickup during Fall Spruce Up Week of any extra bags or boxes of trash, household items, furniture, mattresses, boxsprings, old appliances and tires without rims (limit 5 tires/location) when placed at the curb on your regular trash collection day before 7 a.m.

## NO COMPUTERS OR TVS

\*\* MO BUILDING MATERIALS \*\*\* (No carpet, padding, sheetrock, sinks, lumber, commodes, windows, etc.)

This collection is for RESIDENTS living inside the city limits of Salisbury only. – NO BUSINESSES —





## **City Council**

Mayor Al Heggins Mayor Pro Tem David Post Council Member Karen K. Alexander Council Member Brian Miller Council Member Tamara Sheffield

City Manager W. Lane Bailey



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To make sure this plan

#### WENDY SPRY, SYSTEMS ANALYST II

Wendy Spry is a systems analyst II for the Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) Department. She has been employed with the city since 2000, starting in customer service before transitioning to development services and now SRU.

Wendy's duties include maintaining and developing water and sewer geographic information system (GIS) data layers, conducting map research throughout Rowan County while verifying and ensuring data accuracy, and

departments and residents.

"Each day at work I am inspired because I can contribute to the safety of our residents and support my co-workers by making sure our water data is accurate. I do not have daily interactions with residents but when I do speak with them, I'm always excited to share how we help to deliver safe, clean water throughout Rowan County."



providing general GIS information to city



## Be Ready To Vote In the 2019 Municipal Election

The 2019 Municipal Election is approaching fast and with that, another important deadline will be here before we know it. That important date is Friday, Oct. 11. If you have not registered to vote by then, you will not be eligible to vote in the Municipal Election being held on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Absentee Voting By-Mail:

Friday, Oct. 4, starts absentee voting by-mail in Rowan County. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Tuesday, Oct. 29. Early Voting:

The Rowan County Board of Elections office located at 1935 W. Jake Alexander Blvd. (West End Plaza) will be the (1) one-stop early voting site for the 2019 municipal election. Any registered voter in Rowan County is welcome to take advantage of the early voting site. The Board of Elections office will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 16, through Friday, Nov. 1. The site will also open on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. You will not be able to vote at the Board of Elections office on Election Day -- you will be required to go to your registered polling place. For more information about voter registration or to find local election information, visit the Rowan County

Board of Elections website: www.rowancountync.gov.

#### **Election Day Voting:**

Polls will open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The polling places in Salisbury are:

#### East Ward

Park Avenue Community Center 632 Park Ave

Ellis

Ellis Park

3541 Old Mocksville Rd

#### **Milford Hills City**

Isenberg Elementary School – Gym 2800 N. Jake Alexander Blvd

#### North Ward

City Park Recreation Building 316 Lake Dr

#### South Ward

Salisbury Civic Center 315 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

#### Sumner

Rowan County Agriculture Bldg - Aud. 2727 Old Concord Rd

West Innes Knox Middle School – Gym

1625 W Park Rd

#### West Ward I

Rowan Public Library - Hurley Room 201 W Fisher St

#### West Ward II

Maupin Avenue Presbyterian Church 100 Maupin Ave

#### West Ward III

Miller Recreation Center 1402 W Bank St

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