



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

MAY 2022 EDITION

EVENT CALENDAR: MAY

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, May 3 and 17 - starts at 6 p.m.
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WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)



Cheerwine Festival

The 2022 Cheerwine Festival is just around the corner, set for Saturday, May 21, noon to 10 p.m. in downtown Salisbury.

Cheerwine fans will enjoy great Southern food, shopping for Cheerwine merchandise, the F&M Bank Kids Zone, the Food Lion Carolina Brands Sampling Area, a beer garden and local craft vendors, thanks to sponsors: F&M Bank, Food Lion, Hotwire Communications, Sharonview Federal Credit Union, Rowan County Tourism Development Authority, Novant, Power Home Remodeling, Gotham Powersports, Planet Fitness, Bradshaw Financial Planning, and of course, Cheerwine!

No festival is complete without rockin' live music. Five bands are scheduled to perform on the Hotwire Communications stage throughout the day:

- Lauren Light Trio 2 - 3 p.m.**
- Tsunami Wave Riders 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**
- 9daytrip 5 - 6 p.m.**
- Spin Doctors 6:30 - 8 p.m.**
- Blues Traveler 8:30 - 10 p.m.**

Be sure to visit the Cheerwine Festival website at cheerwinefestival.com or follow the hashtag #CheerwineFest on social media for more details on the event schedule, the 2022 Festival Tip Sheet, and weekend road closures in Salisbury.

Saturday, May 21 - noon to 10 p.m.
Downtown Salisbury

Locals Awarded For Humanitarian Efforts



The Salisbury Human Relations Council is pleased to announce the 2022 Elizabeth Duncan Koontz (EDK) Humanitarian Award recipients. This year's recipients are Reverend Dr. Robert Black, DeCarlo Duling, and Sherry Hawthorne.



Rev. Dr. Robert Black



DeCarlo Duling



Sherry Hawthorne

The Reverend Dr. Robert Black is the priest at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in downtown Salisbury. He has made significant contributions to the improvement of human relations in Salisbury through his leadership in efforts called "Becoming Beloved Community," which is the church's long-term commitment to racial justice and healing. Black led St. Luke's on a project to address representation in religious art in the city's most historic church building which resulted in the commissioning of religious icons, including an icon of Elizabeth Duncan Koontz dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 9. "Receiving this award is a particular honor" for Black, as Elizabeth Duncan Koontz was a member of St. Luke's.

DeCarlo Duling is an educator and community and religious leader in Salisbury. As a math and science teacher at North Rowan Middle School, he has organized successful mentoring programs and held clothing donation drives for needy students. Duling has organized food drives during the COVID-19 pandemic and raised funds for families affected by the pandemic. He serves on the Stewards Board for the Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church and is the president of the District Men's Boosters. "Duling serves his community in a very selfless way, serving with gladness and making a positive difference in the lives of so many," said Raemi Evans in her nomination form.

Sherry Hawthorne, a Salisbury native, is noted for sharing her passion for event planning throughout the City. Her event planning has been witnessed throughout the years from events such as the Juneteenth Celebration and Parade, Toys for Tots, Jersey City Reunion, the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade, and the Livingstone College Homecoming parade. Krystal Conner stated "Mrs. Hawthorne has been a great community leader. Past and present she has been a great asset to our community."



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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 and Interim City Manager Brian Hiatt

City Welcomes **New Manager**

Last month, Salisbury City Council appointed James "Jim" S. Greene, Jr., current assistant city manager in Raleigh, as Salisbury's next city manager.

Greene, a native of Lenoir, N.C., will serve as Salisbury's chief administrative officer, working directly with City Council on the affairs and needs of the city. He will lead more than 400 full and part-time employees, and direct development, preparation and the presentation of the city's annual budget.

With more than 30 years of public service experience, Greene has experience supervising Raleigh's economic development, planning, development services, convention

and performing arts centers, environmental sustainability, utilities and engineering services departments. He also has worked with Raleigh City Council, departments and community stakeholders on addressing resident and business concerns, managing growth and improving service delivery.

Greene also held management and budget positions with the City of Concord, City of Rock Hill, S.C., the City of Las Vegas, Nev., and the Government Finance Officers Association in Chicago.

He holds both a bachelor's and master's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, and is a graduate of the University of Virginia's Senior Executive Institute and International City/County Manager's Association (ICMA) Gettysburg



City Manager Jim S. Greene

Leadership Institute.

Greene's first day with the City of Salisbury is Monday, May 23.

Apply To **Beautify Your Neighborhood**

Now's the chance to submit a Salisbury neighborhood for BlockWork, a grass-roots program developed in 2010 by the Community Appearance Commission's Neighborhood Leaders Alliance (NLA) to beautify Salisbury neighborhoods.

BlockWork applications, for neighborhoods within City of Salisbury limits, will be accepted through Friday, June 10, by the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission and Salisbury Housing Advocacy Commission.

The 2022 BlockWork event has been set for Saturday, Oct. 22, on, "National Make a Difference Day." The event strives to bring residents and community volunteers together to build cleaner and safer neighborhoods, one block at a time. Projects include carpentry, painting, landscaping, and general clean-up in a one-block area.

Long-term maintenance responsibility is assumed by block property owners, residents, and neighborhood participants.

To nominate your neighborhood or to view guidelines, visit: salisburync.gov/Blockwork. Applications can be submitted by postal mail, email, or accepted in person with Alyssa Nelson at the City Office Building, 132 N. Main Street, Salisbury NC 28144 by Friday, June 10, 2022. For details, call (704) 638-5235 or email BlockWork@salisburync.gov.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Emily Vanek, Long-Range Planner

This month's employee spotlight is Emily Vanek, a long-range planner for the City of Salisbury Planning Department. In her role, Emily works on historic preservation and long-range planning efforts such as the Forward 2040 Comprehensive Plan. On a day-to-day basis, she works with residents, property owners and developers to review their plans for consistency with the Local Historic Design Standards and Land

Development Ordinance, and issues Certificates of Appropriateness. Emily serves as the staff liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission.

"The best part of my job is working with people who are passionate about historic preservation. Salisbury is a beautiful city in part because we have excellent stewards of our historic resources."



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