



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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## CAC Awards *Holiday Storefront Winners*

Each year, the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission (CAC) celebrates downtown merchants whose window displays best capture the holiday season with the Holiday Storefront Decorations Awards.

"The Salisbury Community Appearance Commission salutes all whose efforts have brought the holiday spirit to us this season," said Jane Creech, chair of the Commission. "2020 has been a challenging year and this year, more than ever, our community needs and appreciates the festive lights and sights that adorn our city. Salisbury has taken on a new, brighter, and broader glow than ever before, thanks to the many downtown shops and businesses who participated."

### 2020 Holiday Decorations Awards Honorees:

*The Best Overall Award* goes to Caniche located at 200 S. Main Street.

*The Best Holiday Branding Award* goes to Abigail's Bakery located at 113 N. Main Street.

*The Best Display For Children Award* goes to Critters located at 125 S. Main Street.

*The Most Creative Award* goes to Crosby Scholars located at 225 N. Main Street.

*The Most Nostalgic Award* goes to The Meroney Theatre (213 S. Main Street), Lee Street Theatre (329 N. Lee Street) and Salisbury Symphony (204 E. Innes Street).

*The Best New Downtown Business Display Award* goes to Debbie Barnhardt Jewelers located at 112 E. Innes Street.

*The Best Nighttime Display Award* goes to Mean Mug Coffee Company located at 110 N. Main Street.

*The Best Building Display Award* goes to Hive and O.O. Ruffy Building located at 126 E. Innes Street.

*The Christmas In the Woods Award* goes to Sidewalk Deli located at 120 S. Main Street and Spanky's Homemade Ice Cream and Deli located at 101 N. Main Street.

*The Finding Christmas in Unexpected Places Award* goes to Clyde.

*Honorable Mentions* go to: Fine Frame Gallery located at 105 S. Main Street, Oxford + Lee located at 103 N. Main Street, Textile Products located at 121 N. Main Street, Kluttz, Reamer, Hayes, Randolph, Adkins and Carter, LLP located at 129 N. Main Street, The Pedal Factory window display located at S. Main Street and the 110 West Innes Street window display.

Each year there are so many wonderful holiday displays in the downtown windows, and the jury, consisting of Commission members, struggles to narrow down the field to a handful of award winners. The CAC thanks all the shop owners and staff who decorate their storefronts for the holidays and throughout the year, making downtown Salisbury such a lovely place to live, work, visit and shop. For more information about the CAC, visit: [salisburync.gov/cac](http://salisburync.gov/cac).



### EVENT CALENDAR: JANUARY

#### Winter Spruce Up Week

Set out extra bagged trash or bulk items at the curb on your regularly scheduled trash day.

**Monday, January 4 - Friday, January 8**

For more info, visit: [salisburync.gov/SpruceUp](http://salisburync.gov/SpruceUp)

#### Electronic City Council Meetings

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

**Tuesday, January 5 and 19** - starts at 6 p.m.

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

Twitter @CitySalisburyNC

WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

#### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend

Drive-Thru Community Resource Fair

**Saturday, January 16** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Salisbury Civic Center

Community Day of Service

**Monday, January 18** - Sign up at [salisburync.gov/MLKService](http://salisburync.gov/MLKService) (Located at Kelsey Scott Park)

Virtual Celebration Event

**Monday, January 18** - Starts 2 p.m.

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



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#### City Council:

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

## Input For Main St. Plan

In summer 2019, the City of Salisbury hired McAdams, an engineering and design firm, to design plans to improve the safety, mobility and appearance of a 10-block section of Main St. The City is looking for public input on plans for restriping and the opportunity to change the lanes and parking on Main Street. For details, visit [salisburync.gov/MainStPlan](https://www.salisburync.gov/MainStPlan).

### Upcoming Zoom Presentations:

Wednesday, Jan. 6, Community Appearance Commission, 4 p.m. (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81847159932>)

Thursday, Jan. 21, Neighborhood Leaders Alliance, 4 p.m. (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84157323179>)

Thursday, Jan. 27, Main St. Plan Zoom Session, 6 p.m. (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85452162365>)

### Outdoor In-person Public Engagement (weather dependent):

Thursday, Jan. 14, Historic Preservation Commission - 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22, Koco Java (N. Main), 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Fri, Jan. 22, Near Sidewalk Deli (S. Main), 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

## New Way to Celebrate MLK

The Salisbury Human Relations Council (HRC) will host its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend in a slightly different format than previous years due to COVID-19. The 2021 theme, "United in Service to Remember the Dream" will be incorporated into a number of weekend activities, Saturday, Jan. 16 through Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, to include:

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021 – Drive-Thru Community Resource Fair, Salisbury Civic Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 – Community Day of Service, time and location TBD, masks and social distancing mandatory

Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 – Virtual MLK Program, 2 p.m., Facebook and WSRG-TV

More information including times and locations for the Resource Fair and Community Day of Service along with ways to support this year's Celebration Weekend will be announced on the HRC Facebook page and the City Facebook page.

## Nominate A Local Hero

The Elizabeth Duncan Koontz (EDK) Committee, a subcommittee of the Salisbury Human Relations Council, is currently accepting nominations for the 2021 Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Awards.

This award recognizes people and/or groups from the Salisbury-Rowan community who have made important contributions to improving human relations in the areas of education, employment, housing, industry, business, civic, church, advocacy and community service. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, January 22, 2021. To nominate a person and/or group, please visit [www.salisburync.gov/EDKNomination](http://www.salisburync.gov/EDKNomination).

## Funds For Fire Suppression

A recent, unattended kitchen fire was extinguished in just seconds, even before firefighters arrived on scene thanks to a fire suppression/sprinkler system partly made possible by a city grant. The fire in an apartment in the 100 block of North Main St. could have been a devastating incident within downtown Salisbury.

Six years ago, the City funded incentives to help owners and developers with fire protection costs in downtown.

"One of Salisbury's crown gems is it's downtown," explained Salisbury Fire Chief Bob Parnell. "As downtown living began to rise in popularity years ago, we understood historic buildings are not preserved if they are not protected from fire. We also know sprinklers save lives. Thankfully, City Council agreed."

Salisbury City Council adopted a fire suppression grant program. The grant covers 50% of sprinkler installation costs, up to \$25,000. The developer of the Bell Building, the location of the recent fire, took advantage of the program.

"One sprinkler head was able to send in an alarm and extinguish the fire before it spread," added Chief Parnell. "While there was some water damage, the more important thing is there was no loss of life or mass property damage."

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### Teri Shaw, Recreation Coordinator

Starting a career with the City of Salisbury in 2006, Teri Shaw currently serves as a recreation coordinator for the parks and recreation department. She is responsible for planning and operating activities at the City Park Recreation Center. In her role, Teri supervises recreation aides, manages the facility's budget and works alongside various instructors, individuals, and community groups to schedule events and activities at City Park.

"The favorite part of my job is that I get to be part of a lot of people's first experiences. I've been able to create programming and be there for: the first time a child is trying a new class, adults coming into our facility for the first time to take a class and I get to be a part of people planning their dream weddings. It's even more memorable when a lot of those first experiences such as when the father-daughter dance turns into a tradition for families."



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