



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

AUGUST 2021 EDITION

EVENT CALENDAR: AUGUST

Electronic City Council Meetings

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

Tuesday, Aug. 3 - 3 p.m. **Tuesday, Aug. 17** - 6 p.m.

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WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

Mayor's Spirit Luncheon

Join us on Facebook Live @CitySalisburyNC to watch City of Salisbury Mayor Karen Alexander recognize "Luminaries" in the Salisbury community: people/organizations who inspired or influenced others during COVID-19.

Monday, August 9 - Noon to 1 p.m.

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Back-to-School Resource Fair

The Resource Fair brings together local agencies to help local families. Each student receives one free backpack with school supplies.

Saturday, August 14 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Salisbury Civic Center, 315 S. MLK Jr. Ave.

Mayor's Play Ball Clinic

Salisbury Mayor Karen Alexander invites local boys and girls ages 7-15 to a free day of baseball/softball instruction. To register: salisburync.gov/PlayBall or (704) 638-5286

Saturday, August 28 - 9 a.m. to noon

Catawba College, free transportation from Hall Gym at 8:30 a.m.

Rowan County Creek Week

Creek Week offers recreational, educational, and volunteer opportunities to allow everyone to enjoy and contribute to healthy waters in our area. More at rowancountync.gov/CreekWeek

Saturday, August 21 - Saturday, August 28

Celebrate Our Local Waters

The Third Annual Rowan Creek Week is happening Saturday, August 21 through Saturday, August 28. Creek Week is a week-long celebration of local waters throughout North Carolina. In conjunction with multiple environmental organizations and local municipal departments, Creek Week offers recreational, educational, and volunteer opportunities to allow everyone to enjoy and contribute to healthy waters in our area. The City of Salisbury will host the following events:



Rowan Creek Week: Meet OSCAR!

Wednesday, August 25, 2 p.m. at Hurley Park

Join the Salisbury Stormwater and Parks and Recreation departments for a demo and installation of an OSCAR device at Hurley Park. It is designed to capture litter in waterways before it reaches a larger watershed area.



Rowan Creek Week: Salisbury-Rowan Utilities Presentation & Tour

Friday, August 27, 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a presentation of the Yadkin River water treatment cycle and a tour of Salisbury-Rowan Utilities. Focused toward teens, adults, teachers/educators, and water resource professionals. Please wear close-toed shoes. Light refreshments and literature provided. Registration required.



Rowan Creek Week: Rowan Recycle Regatta

Saturday, August 28, 10 a.m. at Lake Corriher Wilderness Park

A fun, hands-on competition where K-12 students are invited to engineer small-scale, unmanned, model sailboats only out of repurposed materials. Test for buoyancy and then race your boat to victory! Prizes will be awarded for creativity, your engineering method, and other categories.

For more Creek Week information or to view a full list of events including guided hikes, kayak trips, and river clean-ups to art exhibits, fishing events, visit: rowancountync.gov/CreekWeek.

Resource Fair Returns

Rowan County parents, caregivers and students are invited to the bi-annual 2021 Back-to-School Community Resource Fair, Saturday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Salisbury Civic Center, 315 S. MLK, Jr. Ave. Local non-profit organizations and businesses will be on hand to speak to residents about support services offered.

Each summer and winter the Resource Fair brings together local agencies specializing in health, addiction, education and family support in one place to help local families as students head back to school. Information on senior services also is available. The Human Relations Council is a lead partner in this biannual event.

This year students will receive backpacks with school supplies listed on the Rowan-Salisbury Schools website. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Backpacks will be provided while supplies last.

For more information on the Back-to-School Community Resource Fair, please contact Anne Little, human relations manager at anne.little@salisburync.gov or call (704) 638-5218.



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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



SPD Unveils New Center

The Salisbury Police Department (SPD) recently debuted its new Rowan Regional Crime Information Center (RRCIC), a law enforcement hub which enables Rowan County agencies to more closely monitor and help solve crime incidents. The RRCIC boasts views of public and private camera systems and shared record management systems among agencies. The Center provides one central location for officers and analysts to hone their skills and use social networking and crime pattern data to support investigations.

Chief Stokes said, "Our ability to track and monitor for crime incidents, patterns, and trends through the technology and analytics in the RRCIC will be most beneficial for law enforcement in Rowan County. The center will continue to build on the strong relationship and collaboration we have with the Rowan County Sheriff's Office and the other police agencies in the county which benefits our citizens."

The RRCIC was made possible by a \$500,000 Strategies in Policing Innovation grant offered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance – US Department of Justice.

BlockWork Wins Lowe's Grant



The City of Salisbury is one of the 100 impact projects nationwide that are the cornerstone of 100 Hometowns, an initiative to celebrate Lowe's centennial. Salisbury intends to use the \$100,000 award for the 2021 BlockWork project, scheduled for Saturday, October 23, on, "National Make a Difference Day."

BlockWork is a grass-roots program developed in 2010 by the Community Appearance Commission's Neighborhood Leaders Alliance (NLA). 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.

The event relies heavily on sponsors, in-kind donations, and the generosity of local businesses and volunteers. To receive recognition and funding from Lowes means we can take on larger projects than in a typical year. We are truly honored and appreciative. The 100 Hometowns program will complete 100 projects across 37 states that rebuild areas reeling from natural disasters, repair critical housing, restore beloved community centers, and revive green spaces.

For more information, please visit salisburync.gov/blockwork or contact blockwork@salisburync.gov. If you want to volunteer, follow us for updates at facebook.com/BlockWorkSalisburyNC.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Kenneth Graham, Code Enforcement Officer

Kenneth Graham started his career with the City of Salisbury Public Works Department in 2015 before transitioning to Salisbury Community Planning Services. In his current role as a code enforcement officer, Kenneth issues warnings, official notices and citations to obtain compliance with zoning laws and building ordinances within city limits. This includes communicating with business and property owners concerning violations, responding and addressing code violations and

nuisances such as illegal dumping, tall grass, etc., and spreading awareness about code enforcement to residents.

"My main objective is protecting the quality of life for all residents. I enjoy interacting with the community. As a Salisbury native, I know the area and quite a few people. It's nothing like driving down the street and I hear a resident calling my name and waving. It's good that we can work together to make life better for everyone where they live."



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