



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Dyke Messinger, President of Bell Tower Green, Inc. and Salisbury Mayor Karen Alexander hold "key to the park."

Bell Tower Green *Now Open!*

After more than two years of construction, and four years of private fundraising and planning, the Bell Tower Green Park officially opened on Friday, Oct. 1.

Dyke Messinger, President of Bell Tower Green, Inc., observed that this milestone has been a long time in the making. "Our board of directors and donors have been dreaming about this day for several years and we are just elated to finally have the community to come explore the new park."

The park was previously set to open on Friday, Sept. 10, but concerns over COVID prompted the cancellation of the grand opening as well as the Pops at the Post event that would have been held the next day. The extra time was used to complete a few of the previously unfinished tasks and give the recently planted grass a chance to continue to establish its root system.

Salisbury Parks and Recreation Director Nick Aceves is also excited about the opening of Salisbury's newest park. "We are ready to finally see our citizens able to enjoy the beautiful new green space, interactive water wall, splashpad, and play area that we have been watching come out of the ground the past two years. We have a good team in place to take over management of the park, and we are grateful for the partnership we have had with the Bell Tower Green board to get to this point."



The City of Salisbury Parks and Recreation staff and Public Works Department will take over maintenance and management of the park. But work will continue on the park for the foreseeable future, notes Aceves. "There are several odds and ends that will continue to be worked on in the coming weeks and months to finish off some of the work that just couldn't get completed before now for various reasons. But we did not want the public to have to wait a day longer than necessary to get the park open. We ask the public to bear with us in the weeks ahead as we continue installation and replacement work in the park while it is open."

Bell Tower Green still intends to have a grand opening ceremony once all of the work has been completed in the park. Messinger says that the board will plan for a formal ceremony in the near future, but getting the park open as soon as possible was a priority.

The park will open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, contact 704-216-PLAY (7529) or visit www.belltowergreen.com.

EVENT CALENDAR: NOVEMBER

Electronic City Council Meetings

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

Wednesday Nov. 3 - 3 p.m. **Tuesday Nov. 16** - 6 p.m.
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC
Twitter @CitySalisburyNC
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

'Tis the Season Spectacular

This community parade is open to the public, and routes through both Spencer and Salisbury's historic downtowns.

Wednesday, November 24
Starts at 2 p.m. in Spencer
Starts at 3 p.m. in Salisbury

Holiday Night Out

The biggest shopping night of the year happens in Downtown Salisbury! Live music, hot cocoa and so much more. Maybe we'll even see some snow!

Friday, November 26 - 5 to 9 p.m.
Downtown Salisbury

Small Business Saturday

All-day shopping with fun activities to support local businesses.

Saturday, November 27 - business hours (varies)
Downtown Salisbury



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PARK OVERSIZED COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN YOUR REAR YARD.
Parking for RVs, trailers, commercial vehicles and boats shall be restricted to the rear yards in the GR, UR, HR, and TND zoning districts.

MOW GRASS & WEEDS BEFORE 10 IN, INCLUDE SIDEWALK.
Pursuant to Sec. 14-8 of the City Code, it is unlawful for vacant or developed properties to become overgrown with grass or weeds. Grass may not exceed an average height of 10 inches, and undeveloped lots greater than one (1) acre must be mowed or cleared within 100 feet of all boundaries

PARK IN YOUR DRIVEWAY.
Vehicle parking in the front yard shall be located on a prepared surface, as defined in Chapter 10 of the Land Development Ordinance, and shall not exceed 25% of the yard width. This provision shall not apply to front yard circulation drive.

NO JUNK VEHICLES IN YARD OR STREET.
Junked motor vehicles is defined in G.S. 160A-303.2 and means a vehicle that does not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle and that is partially dismantled or wrecked; or cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; or is more than five (5) years old and appears to be worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.).



Shopping Tips For Black Friday



Crowds are anticipated to make their return this year on Black Friday and heavy online shopping for Cyber Monday. Industry experts expect stores to be more crowded than they were in 2020.

Con artists and scammers are particularly active during the holiday season, both in-person and online. Salisbury Police offers a few tips to stay safe from criminals this holiday season.

In-Person Shopping Tips

- While shopping, stay aware of your surroundings.
- Keep packages in the trunk or hidden from view.
- Try to shop during the day or park in a well-lit area while shopping at night.
- Ladies: Keep purse close to your body or carry your driver's license, cash and/or "one" credit card in your front pocket.
- Men: Don't have wallet visible in your back pocket.
- Try to carry your driver's license, cash and/or "one" credit card in your front pocket.

Online Shopping Tip

- Think before you click: Beware of ads encouraging users to click on links. If you receive an enticing offer, do not click on the link. Instead, go directly to the company's website to verify the offer.
- Use credit cards over debit cards: There are more consumer protections for credit cards if something goes awry. Or, you can use a third party payment service instead of your credit card. There are many services you can use to pay for purchases without giving the merchant your credit card information.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Cyndi DeBonis, Salisbury Police Officer

This month's employee spotlight is Cyndi DeBonis, a Salisbury police officer. True to the motto of "Every officer has a neighborhood and every neighborhood has an officer," Cyndi takes calls for service primarily in Zone three and assists officers in other zones. She also serves warrants and helps with traffic accidents.

"This job is amazing because every day it's something new and you can never predict what will happen. I get paid to hang around with my closest friends all day and problem solve for other people."



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