



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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EVENT CALENDAR: DECEMBER



Electronic City Council Meetings

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

Tuesday December 7 - starts at 6 p.m.
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC
Twitter @CitySalisburyNC
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

Santa & The Grinch at BTG Park

Snap a photo with Santa and the Grinch at Bell Tower Green Park from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Enjoy **FREE** rides on antique firetrucks with Santa and the Grinch from 1:30 to 4 p.m. plus music, crafts, entertainment and hot cocoa.

Saturday, December 11 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bell Tower Green Park, Downtown Salisbury

New Year's Eve at the Bell Tower

Celebrate the start of 2022 as a community at Bell Tower Green. Festivities will include food trucks, live entertainment, live video feed from Time's Square and the ringing in the New Year at Midnight. Sponsored by Novant Health.

Friday, December 31 - 9 p.m. to midnight
Bell Tower Green Park, Downtown Salisbury



Para la traducción al español, visite www.salisburync.gov/NoticiasEspañol

Be A Part of Our Public Art!

The Salisbury Sculpture Show hosted by the Salisbury Public Art Committee is returning for its 14th year. Artists and local neighborhoods are encouraged to apply for this year's show.

Call for Salisbury Neighborhoods to Apply:

Neighborhoods can apply to host a sculpture in the upcoming 2022 Salisbury Sculpture Show by completing an application at: www.salisburync.gov/NeighborhoodSculpture. One neighborhood will display a sculpture for the duration of the 2022 Sculpture Show, April 2022-March 2023. There is no fee to apply. Deadline is Friday, December 31.



Call for Artists to Apply:

Artists are invited to submit their outdoor pieces for consideration in an award-winning art installation program by Monday, Dec. 20. The Salisbury Sculpture Show is a 10-month art show in which a select group of sculptures is placed throughout Salisbury, including in the downtown area, at Novant Health, Trinity Oaks and at the City's three colleges.

Selected artists will receive a \$1,250 stipend for each piece chosen. There is a 25% commission on work sold during the show, which helps build funds for future public art in Salisbury.

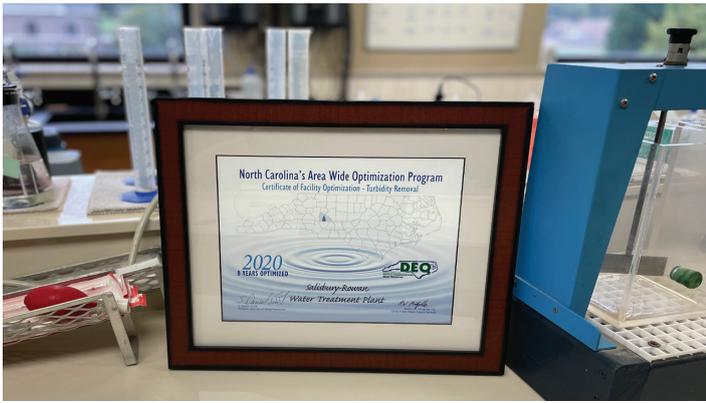
Sculptures will be selected by a jury of public art professionals, committee members and community stakeholders. Work from individuals or teams will be considered; student work is encouraged. Application fee is \$30 per artist. To submit an application online or receive a printed application please visit: www.salisburync.gov/SculptureShow.



For questions or more information please email public.art@salisburync.gov or call Alyssa Nelson at (704) 638-5235.

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



SRU Recognized For Quality

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU), the water and wastewater provider for the City of Salisbury and other Rowan County municipalities, has been honored for exceeding federal and state drinking water standards for the second year in a row. SRU was one of only 64 out of 6,000 North Carolina water systems to achieve the recognition for 2020.

The award is part of the Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) which was developed to help water systems successively meet more stringent regulations and achieve higher levels of water quality. AWOP is a joint program between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and states. North Carolina has participated in AWOP since 2000. Although all drinking water systems in North Carolina are required to meet stringent federal and state drinking water standards, SRU exceeded those performance goals.

SRU currently serves more than 52,000 customers in Salisbury, Granite Quarry, Rockwell, Spencer, China Grove, East Spencer and other unincorporated areas in Rowan County. SRU also provides contracted operation and maintenance to East Spencer, and wastewater sewer treatment services to Faith and Landis.

For more information, visit the NC DEQ: Area Wide Optimization Program at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/drinking-water/area-wide-optimization-program>.

Don't Let FOG Take Your Holiday Down The Drain!

As cooks gear up for the holiday season, Salisbury-Rowan Utilities has a few tips for discarding leftover Fats, Oils, Grease, also known as FOG. When fat, oil, grease and wax is poured or flushed down the drain it may not travel very far through your pipes. FOG will accumulate and stick to the pipe walls causing future sewer backups in your home, condominium, restaurant, or other buildings.

When FOG goes down the drain, it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog. This can lead to a sanitary overflows (SSO) where raw sewage may back up into your home, lawn, neighborhood and streets. SSOs can cause health issues and sewer may even run into local water ways which can affect local drinking water quality.

If your pipes become clogged from putting FOG down the drain, it can be very expensive problem to fix. To avoid household and environmental damage as well as a costly bill, NEVER put FOG down the drain!



Here are a few tips:

- Allow grease and oil to cool. Can grease and then throw the can in the trash.
- Scrape food scraps in the trash.
- Don't flush your FOG. Toilet pipes can get clogged too!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Jason Parks, Video Services Coordinator/TV Station Manager

Starting a career with the City of Salisbury in 2003 as the City's first webmaster, Jason Parks currently serves as Video Services Coordinator / TV Station Manager. In his role, Jason does project research, provides audio and video support to City staff, and film projects such as City Council meetings and PSAs. He is also responsible for

creating and managing content for WSRG-TV, the City's local government TV station.

"The favorite part of my job is creating content that positively promotes the City of Salisbury. I've loved this city since I was a child, and I always want to do my best to represent Salisbury to its residents and the world."



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