



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

May 2023 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 2 and 16 - starts at 6 p.m.
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

Cheerwine Festival

Cheerwine fans will enjoy great Southern food, shopping for Cheerwine merchandise, the F&M Bank Kids Zone, the Food Lion Carolina Brands Sampling Area, two beer gardens and local craft vendors featuring Cheerwine specialties!

No festival is complete without live entertainment:

Hotwire Communications Stage: 2 - 10 p.m.

Sunshine Stage: noon - 6 p.m.

Kid's Entertainment: noon - 10 p.m.

Be sure to visit the Cheerwine Festival website at cheerwinefest.com or follow the hashtag #CheerwineFest on social media for more details on the program, vendors, FAQs and weekend road closures in Salisbury.

Saturday, May 20 - Noon to 10 p.m.

Downtown Salisbury

Learn more at www.cheerwinefest.com

Bike Month

The Pedal Factory has joined forces with the City of Salisbury, Healthy Rowan/Rowan Moves, Skinny Wheels bike shop, and area businesses to encourage bike riding all month long.

Monthly Challenge - For every 5 bike rides you complete, you get entered into a prize drawing.

Weekly Challenges - Each week has a themed challenge to guide your rides. Participants will be randomly selected to win prizes!

Kid's Art Contest - All students in Rowan County are invited to design next year's Bike Month Challenge artwork!

Learn more at:

www.thepedalfactory.org/pages/lets-ride-rowan

Pop-Rock Icons Neon Trees to Headline Cheerwine Festival

Cheerwine, the iconic 106-year-old cherry soda, and the City of Salisbury welcome multi-platinum rockers Neon Trees to the Hotwire Communications Stage as the 2023 Cheerwine Festival music headliner. This year's Cheerwine Festival will be held Saturday, May 20, from noon to 10 p.m.

Neon Trees began their rapid ascent with their debut album, Habits, in 2010, followed by a win for "Top Alternative Song" at the 2011 Billboard Music Awards. The band's sophomore album, Picture Show, included the five-times-platinum single "Everybody Talks," and their third release, Pop Psychology, debuted at the top spot of Billboard's Top Rock Albums chart in 2014. Neon Trees released their latest album, I Can Feel You Forgetting Me, in 2020.

The Cheerwine Festival will also feature performances by Ryan Perry, New Local and Divided by Four.

For more information on the festival, please visit cheerwinefest.com. Fans can also find details by searching the hashtag #CheerwineFest on social media.



NEON TREES

8:30 - 10 p.m.



Ryan Perry
2 - 3:30 p.m.



New Local
4 - 5:30 p.m.



Divided By Four
6 - 8 p.m.



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

City Council: Mayor Karen Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Tamara Sheffield, Council Member David Post, Council Member Harry McLaughlin, Council Member Anthony Smith
City Manager Jim Greene Jr.

Sign Up Now For Summer Camps!

It is almost time for the return of the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Dept's Summer Camp Program. The various themed summer camps are open to children from ages five to 15 years old. Grab a spot before they're gone!

Summer Camp (ages five to 12)

Monday, June 5 - Friday, August 4

This two-month camp includes weekly field trips, creativity, crafts, adventure, fun and games. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the RSSS Summer Meals Program.

Youth Baseball (ages eight to 14)

Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8

Youth Volleyball (ages eight to 15)

Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 8

Youth Pickleball (ages eight to 15)

Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15

Youth Fast Pitch Softball (ages eight to 14)

Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15

Online and in-person registration is currently open. For more information, the full list of summer camps, or to register visit: www.salisburync.gov/play then select online registration, and search for CAMPS! For further details, contact us at play@salisburync.gov.



Salisbury Fire Department and Partners Provide Free Smoke Alarms

The Salisbury Fire Department partnered with local organizations to host a smoke alarm canvassing event prompted by the fire fatality of two children in December in the 800 Block of South Church Street. Members of the City of Salisbury Human Resources Department, City of Salisbury Code Enforcement, American Red Cross, & Paul Davis Restoration gathered Saturday, April 15, to distribute and install free smoke alarms to 85 homes in the areas of South Church Street, Jackson Street, Chestnut Street, and McCubbins Street.

"We visited the neighborhoods to inform residents about the campaign, provide information and in some cases smoke detectors," said Terry Smith, Salisbury Fire Marshal. "The volunteer partners canvassed the neighborhood in search of homes that lack smoke alarms or that have alarms that no longer work. Our goal is to prevent fire deaths and working smoke alarms are key to home fire escape plans."

Paving the Way: Street Resurfacing

The annual street resurfacing has begun in the City of Salisbury, lasting through the end of May, weather permitting. Salisbury Public Works advises the public to expect delays in paving areas, travel cautiously, and observe lane closures. Residents, employees, and visitors are advised not to park along the roadsides or risk having vehicles towed. Access to and from properties will be made available as needed.

The full list of street resurfacing locations is available online at: salisburync.gov/Paving. For more information contact the City of Salisbury's Public Works Engineering Technician Ben Parker at (704) 638-5267.

Spring Tips To Love Your Lawn

With spring in full bloom, lawns and other grassy areas are actively growing. Below are a few tips to keep grass healthy and green:

- Mow grass and weeds before they get to 10 inches tall
- Blow grass clippings back onto the yard. Grass clippings and other yard debris can clog storm drains
- When watering grass, water in the morning or late evening to reduce water loss to evaporation during the middle of the day
- Plant native plants or native pollinating plants to promote bees and the best opportunities for their plants to bloom
- Have your soil tested to see what fertilizers are needed for optimum plant growth



Souwan Kiengkham, HR Business Partner

This month's employee spotlight is Souwan Kiengkham, a business partner in the City of Salisbury Human Resources Department. In his role, Souwan manages multiple human resources projects, serves as a human resources liaison to several City departments, and assists with the recruitment, onboarding and training of city employees. He is also a strategic partner in supporting the City's "Be the Difference" recruitment campaign.


"I love the different opportunities I am afforded in my role. I get to interact and engage with a variety of people in diverse areas to make a difference in our city."



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