



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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School Officers

Salisbury Police Department (SPD) appoints Officer Isaac Miller and Officer Alexandria Petty to serve as School Resource Officers (SROs).



Officer Petty will serve as the SRO at Henderson Independent High School which consists of grades sixth through 12th. She has been with the SPD since 2019 in the role of patrol officer. Petty is a graduate of Catawba College where she earned a bachelor's degree in administration of justice.



Officer Miller will serve as the SRO at Knox Middle School, and will work with students in grades sixth through eighth. He has been with SPD since 2015. Since serving at SPD, Miller has been a Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T) instructor, led G.R.E.A.T summer camps and the Salisbury Police Department Cadets leadership program.

EVENT CALENDAR: APRIL

Electronic City Council Meetings

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

Tuesday, April 6 and 20 - starts at 6 p.m.
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC
Twitter @CitySalisburyNC
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

Spring Spruce Up Week

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

Monday, April 12 - Friday, April 16

For more info, visit: salisburync.gov/SpruceUp

We Dig Salisbury

This free drive-thru event features a tree give-away, local nature/educational booths, and raffle prizes. For more information call (704) 648-5235.

Sunday, April 18 - 2 to 4 p.m.

Salisbury City Park & Rec Center, 316 Lake Drive



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

New Look For Downtown

Downtown Salisbury is getting a new look. Salisbury City Council adopted the Downtown Main Street Plan at the Tuesday, March 16 Council meeting. Following multiple public opportunities for comment during design, the Downtown Main Street Plan consists of two phases to implement pedestrian and bicycle inclusion, landscaping, parking, infrastructure improvements, and transit mobility. Phase I transitional striping is set to begin summer 2021.



How did it start? While there was a previous proposal to change Main Street in 2004, the origins of this plan are the Behind the Curb series hosted by Downtown Salisbury Inc. in 2016. At that time, making pedestrian and bike improvements was one of the top-rated priorities of stakeholders.

The initial draft was presented at the December 2020 City Council meeting.

Why change? There are aspects of the current street layout that are unusual and do pose some safety concerns. The shallow parking angle (30 degrees) often means that large vehicles stick out into one of the travel lanes, causing vehicles to need to merge unexpectedly. Parking next to a large vehicle means that cars backing up have to do so blindly.

What will change? The Downtown Main Street Plan has two phases. **Phase I** is a restriping plan including:

- Changing the angle of parking from 30 degrees to 45 degrees

- Center turn lane to allow left turns from Main St. onto Innes St.
- Restriping from four lanes to three lanes to include designated zones for delivery vehicles
- Stamped concrete crosswalks at the intersection of Main and Innes
- Addition of bike lanes on N. and S. Main and sharrows for increased bicycle travel (Horah to Kerr St.)

Phase II is a concept plan for what the downtown could look like in the future. This may include:

- Pedestrian bump-outs at intersections to improve pedestrian visibility and space for streetscaping
- Pedestrian bump-outs at key locations for outdoor seating/dining
- Reconstruction of sidewalks for new trees/landscaping, lighting, trash/recycling bins, and bike racks

Completion of the long-range concept plan will depend on funding. A comprehensive FAQ is available online, along with more information at salisburync.gov/MainStPlan.



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

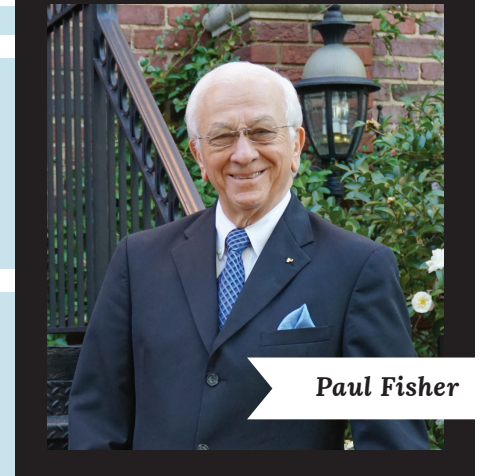
Local Humanitarians Receive EDK Awards

Jill Burch, the late Paul Fisher and Matthew Marsh have been named winners of the 2021 Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Award. The trio will be honored during a virtual presentation Thursday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. on the Human Relations Council Facebook page: [facebook.com/SalisburyHRC](https://www.facebook.com/SalisburyHRC).

Burch has worked tirelessly for more than 25 years in the non-profit industry assisting minority businesses with securing grants and education opportunities. Nominated by her

daughter Keya Rustin, Burch was given the 2009 NC Housing Counselor of the year award "for her hard work in promoting homeownership among low income families." Burch currently serves as Chairman of the Board for East Spencer Housing Authority, "encouraging families towards self-sufficiency and homeownership."

Fisher's death in October 2020 was a tragic loss for the entire Rowan County community. He was a notable businessman and humanitarian who generously gave his time to a



Paul Fisher

number of non-profit organizations and community projects to benefit the greater good. Kelli Bostian in her nomination form said, "The late Paul E Fisher has done so very much for our community. When he was living he was the picture in the dictionary for humanitarian."

Marsh is the owner of The Forum Fitness Center and SoFul Yoga and Wellness. He gives back to the community through his board service with Rowan Helping Ministries and Prevent Child Abuse Rowan, and through sponsorships and fundraising events for other local non-profits. According to his nomination form submitted by Lynn Marsh, his mother, "Matt can be best described as a servant leader in his community. To him, much like the lady this award is named and given in honor of, Matt leads by being a humble servant..."



Matthew Marsh



Jill Burch

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Misty Fields, Accounting Technician II

Misty Fields is an accounting technician II for the City of Salisbury Finance Department. In her role, she monitors and prepares accounts payable (AP) to make sure vendors get paid accurately and in a timely manner. Misty also prepares employee payroll, submits monthly retirement information, and assists employees with questions regarding pay, deductions and benefits. "In my job with the City, I get to work with every department on a daily basis. We work together to make sure

our vendors are paid on time, and employees are paid correctly for the hard work they are doing. Doing both AP and payroll has certainly had it's challenging times. However, I do love a challenge and new opportunities. Feeling a sense of accomplishment when I am up against a deadline or we are short staffed and everyone has to work together to make sure we reach our deadline, that is what I love about my job. We have a fantastic Finance team that I am thankful to be a part of."



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