

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



ANTHONY DITO EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II

From New York to Salisbury, Anthony Dito considers himself a true Salisburian. He has been employed with the City of Salisbury Public Works Department for more than 20 years. As part of the waste division, his duties include operating the garbage truck for curbside collection services removing residential garbage and yard waste. During inclement weather, Anthony also assists with snow removal.

"The favorite part of my job is that every day I'm able to assist with keeping Salisbury beautiful. I visit different areas throughout the city doing my job punctually. Residents expect me to get rid of their trash and I do my best to be there to pick-up materials."

City Council

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Fire Station #6 Build Continues

Construction for the Justin Monroe and Vic Isler Salisbury Fire Station and Fire Academy on Cedar Springs Road continues to be an ongoing process. Due to the poor weather as a significant factor in the construction schedule delay, the project is running approximately three months behind.

"We are looking forward to opening the Justin Monroe and Vic Isler Salisbury Fire Station and Fire Academy once the construction is complete," said Fire Chief Bob Parnell. "As of February 4, the building is 60% complete, while the site (land around the building) is 40% finished. We currently anticipate the project to be completed at the end of April 2020."

What's happening:

- The building frame and roofs are complete. The walls are being constructed.
- Interior walls are almost done. The second and third floors are poured and curing.
- Staff is finalizing lists and preparing to order furnishings and equipment..
- The fire trucks have been procured.
- The firefighters have been hired and trained, and are awaiting facility's completion.

The Monroe and Isler Fire Station and Fire Academy will house the Fire Department's training and safety officers. The station will also be staffed with firefighters and emergency medical technicians on a 24-hour basis.



Firefighter Justin E. Monroe was 19 at the time of his death. At age 14, Monroe was a junior volunteer at Miller's Ferry Fire Department, where he was named Junior Firefighter of the Year. In 2007, he began working part-time at Salisbury Fire Department and Spencer Fire Department while continuing to carry on his duties at Miller's Ferry.



Firefighter Victor A. Isler, Sr, age 40, was a veteran and seasoned member of the fire service. He was the Valedictorian of his Medic Class with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and the 'TOP GUN' recipient in the 2007 Rowan Cabarrus Community College Fire Academy.



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EVENT CALENDAR: APRIL

City Council Meetings

Attend public city council meetings to find out what's happening in your city.
Tuesday, April 7 and 21 - starts at 6 p.m.
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

Ring in Spring

Meet the Easter Bunny at this fun, family-friendly event to celebrate the turning of the season! Kids can participate in FREE craft activities, professional photos, hayrides, and "fill your Easter Basket" activities.
Saturday, April 4 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Gateway Park, Corner of Depot and E. Innes St

Hurley Park Spring Celebration

Enjoy live music, refreshments, free carriage rides and Carolina artists at this annual celebration of Spring!
Sunday, April 5 - 2 to 4 p.m.
Hurley Park, 304 Annandale Avenue

Touch-A-Truck

Participants of all ages will have a FREE opportunity for a close-up and personal, hands-on educational experience. Explore a wide variety of vehicles and occupations. Honking horns is encouraged!
Saturday, April 18 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

Ministers of Comedy

This charity fundraiser features local ministers and judges bringing you their take on comedy. Proceeds benefit the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial fund.
Thursday, April 23 - starts at 6 p.m.
Salisbury Civic Center, 316 S. MLK Jr. Ave.

Be Part Of The Cheer!

The 2020 Cheerwine Festival will bring opportunity for residents and visitors to get involved in the fun through volunteer activities and by entering the t-shirt design contest.

Cheerwine Festival organizers are seeking volunteer groups to assist with the daylong festivities. Civic and service organizations are encouraged to volunteer in groups of 10 people or more on Saturday, May 16, for at least one, three-hour period. The festival hours are noon to 10 p.m. (volunteer groups can/will start as early as 8:00 am) Duties will include vendor load-in assistance, managing parking lots, serving in the information booths and serving as a Cheerwine Festival street ambassador.

For more information on how organizations can benefit as a Festival volunteer group, please fill out your volunteer group form at www.cheerwinefest.com/volunteer by Wednesday, April 1.

Artists are also encouraged to participate in the event by entering the Cheerwine Festival T-Shirt design contest before 5 p.m., Friday, March 6. The winner will have the official Festival t-shirt design and receive:

- A one-night stay at the Salisbury Holiday Inn Express after all the Festival fun on Saturday, May 16
- A Cheerwine Festival Gift Basket containing four Festival t-shirts and additional items from Cheerwine and the City of Salisbury

T-shirt design judges will select the five best initial entries. Criteria for selection will include, but is not limited to, the entries that are most visually appealing, the uniqueness of the entry, and the clarity and impact of the Cheerwine Festival imagery in the final design.

A gallery of the final five selections will be made available on Monday, March 16, for viewing and voting. One People's Choice winner will be selected based on the highest number of valid votes. Winner will be notified by email. For more information on design rules visit cheerwine.com/festival-contest-rules or email contest@cheerwine.com.

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Greg Alcorn



Annie Bates



Char Molrine

Three Honored With EDK Humanitarian Awards

Three local, public-spirited personalities were honored with the 2020 Elizabeth Duncan Koontz (EDK) Humanitarian Award, given by the Salisbury Human Relations Council. Greg Alcorn, Annie Bates and Char Molrine were the featured guests at the annual EDK dinner on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Alcorn, a Salisbury native, graduated from Overton, Knox, Salisbury High School and Catawba College. He eventually ventured out of town to earn his MBA at UNC-Charlotte. Since 2001, he has been owner and CEO of Global Contact Services (GCS).

In 2016, sparked by his time with the NC State Board of Education, he created ApSeed Early Childhood Education. ApSeed is a non-profit that provides free, age-specific touchpad to low income children. The touchpad is designed to prepare disadvantaged children for Kindergarten. To date, over 8,000 touchpads have been distributed, including over 4,000 in Rowan County. Alcorn's community involvement includes Catawba College, United Church Homes and Services, Families First, Boy Scouts, First Tee, Rotary club and the United Church of Christ.

"I am honored to be recognized for the EDK Award," said Alcorn. "Mrs. Koontz' commitment to education will always be an inspiration."

Bates is known for feeding the community through her service with Society of St. Andrews where she gleanes (collects leftover crops) for fresh fruit and vegetables. She gives the fruit and vegetables to any and all in the

community. She picks pecans and gives them out to the community when gleaning season has ended.

Most notably, Bates has been a dedicated and loyal servant for Meals on Wheels for 42 years. She was formerly on the Board of Directors. She also has volunteered at several Rowan County Schools as a proctor, mentor and tutor. Her previous awards include: Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Service Award, Rowan County Democratic Party Volunteer of the Year, Excellence in Parenting 2018 North Carolina Award, Community Mom of the Year from Let's Lend a Helping Hand for hard work and dedication to the community through her time, talent, and treasures.

"I have looked forward to this award ceremony for a long time," said Bates. "I have one other award [that I won before,] but I was really looking forward to this one." Bates is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Molrine is originally from Hastings, Minn., a rural suburb of the Twin cities. Because of her parents' high profile in the town, she became aware of how "to help one another to be a healthy community."

When her three children left the nest, she was free to begin to volunteer in the wider community: Rape Crisis Council, Guardian ad Litem, Red Cross, Rowan Helping Ministry, editing a residential newspaper, organizing groups when necessary, hospital work, chairperson of Trinity Oaks Scholarship, enjoying therapy calls and work done with my standard poodle, Duprix, and the Literacy

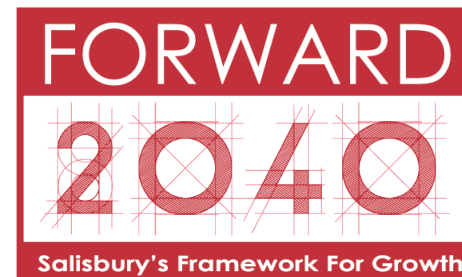
Council.

That adds up to 23 years in working with the energetic and eager folk who want to be the best they can be and become part of their new country.

"I was dimly aware of the Humanitarian Award," said Molrine, "and I was confused that I was chosen. The award was started with a woman who made things happen - I just quietly teach and help."



CELEBRATE SPRING AT HURLEY PARK FOR THE 33rd YEAR!



Forward 2040

Who decides how a city will grow, what form it will take, and how it will function? You do!

The City of Salisbury is working with the community to create Forward 2040: Salisbury's Framework for Growth. This is a comprehensive plan to guide the City's growth over the next 20 years relating to land use, future growth, physical development, and capital improvements. Importantly, Forward 2040 will flow from the people's vision of how the community should work together and grow wisely.

Your feedback on the plan is invaluable for creating a plan to serve all of Salisbury. There are two ways to provide your feedback for the plan:

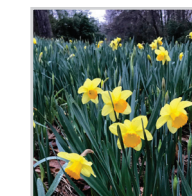
- 1) Online survey: Take the online survey by visiting: www.salisburync.gov/forward2040survey.
- 2) Meeting in a Box: Host a quick meeting with friends, family or neighbors using a special "Meeting in a Box" kit - free to pick up at 132 N. Main Street. The box will contain everything you will need to run a meeting, including the activity posters, a poster to record ideas and feedback on, dots to pass out, and instructions. It also has ground rules for discussions plus discussion questions.

For more information about the Forward 2040 Comprehensive Plan, visit Salisburync.gov/forward2040.

Spring is on its way, and Hurley Park is preparing for its annual Spring Celebration event. The Spring Celebration is set for Sunday, April 5, from 2-4 p.m. at Hurley Park, 304 Annandale Ave.

"Every year the Hurley Park Spring Celebration welcomes the community to

#PositiveGossip



EARLY BLOOMS BRIGHTEN THE PARK

Even on a cloudy day, the daffodils brighten up the park!

Posted February 17

www.facebook.com/HurleyParkNC



A LITTLE LOVE FROM CITY STAFF

We couldn't let the day pass without wishing our residents and visitors a Happy Valentine's Day. #valentinesday2020 #SalisburyNC

Posted February 14

www.instagram/citysalisburync



LOCAL GIRL HAS EARLY START ON DREAM

Kynnlie's mom brought her to the police department today because she wants to be a police officer. She looked at some uniforms today but the clerk told her that she had to have a badge and ID to purchase one. She came to the police department and we gave her her first badge. Sgt Brooks pinned her badge on. We look forward to her coming back when she is 21 to join us on the street. Good luck Kynnlie!

Posted February 14

www.facebook.com/SalisburyPoliceDepartment



HONOR FOR BLACK EDUCATION PIONEER

Salisbury's Elizabeth Duncan Koontz was posthumously recognized this past week as a pioneering Black educator by the NC African American Heritage Commission.

Posted February 15

www.facebook.com/SalisburyHRC



TRADITIONAL WELCOME FOR SFD ENGINE

One of the best of firehouse traditions, SFD's new Engine 3 has been blessed, sprinkled, wet down and pushed into the station by the firefighters, retirees, citizens, and council members. She's now ready to serve its great community.

Tweeted January 25

www.twitter.com/FireSalisburyNC

enjoy a nature packed fun filled day, this year's event will be nothing less," said Hurley Park Manager Danelle Cutting.

"The annual Spring Celebration is a way for us to give back to the community for helping us make Hurley Park what it is today. We invite everyone to come help us celebrate Hurley Park and welcome

the arrival of Spring!"

Attendees will spend an afternoon enjoying live music, carriage rides, Carolina artists and refreshments. Bring the entire family to this free event! For more information, contact Danelle Cutting at (704) 638-4459.