



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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Pool Opens May 27

Hours and guidelines at:
salisburync.gov/pool

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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, June 4 and 18 - starts at 6 p.m.
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

Community Roundtable on Public Safety

The public is invited to this community roundtable on public safety, led by the Human Relations Commission and other community agencies, to discuss connections for a safer Salisbury.

Thursday, June 6 - 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Hood Seminary, Aymer Center
1810 Lutheran Synod Drive

Pickleball Kickoff

Intro to pickleball for beginners, drilling sessions for advanced players and door prizes! Call (704) 638-5293 to register for free!

Saturday, June 15 - 9 a.m. to noon
Tennis & Pickleball Complex in City Park

Summer Reels & Riffs

Enjoy a free movie at the park! Featured movie: *The Super Mario Bros.*

Friday, June 28 - begins at 9 p.m.
Bell Tower Green

Five Honored With EDK Award

Five Salisburians were honored last month at the annual Elizabeth Duncan Koontz (EDK) Humanitarian Awards held at the Salisbury Civic Center. Honorees Edward and Susan Norvell, Emily Jean Perry, Jason Walser and David Whisenant were among the 10 residents and organizations nominated this year for their dedication to the community.

"The Norvells were raised in Rowan County, and have devoted their lives to giving unselfishly," said their joint nomination form. "Susan Norvell has worked on many projects that have benefitted through her philanthropy and Ed has held over 50 leadership positions in the community. As a husband and wife team, they have given to numerous projects and organizations."

Perry is a retired social worker, who is noted for her work as a community organizer and activist. Perry, a Salisbury native, is a graduate of Boyden High School and Shaw University. After retirement from the District of Columbia Hospital, she returned to Salisbury and immersed herself in Salisbury and Rowan community activities.

Whisenant, also a native of Salisbury, was a local bureau reporter for WBTV in Charlotte. He recently retired after 32 years. "David is a blessing to our community..." said his nomination. "He was able to use his platform to address social issues and to offer solutions for people in need, including his advocacy for suicide prevention."

Walser, executive director of Blanche and Julian Robertson Family Foundation, was nominated because he is "...the go-to person for support, honesty, guidance & direction. He has made a significant impact in our community by working to improve education, business, civic engagement, advocacy and community relations."

For a full story on the 2024 Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Award winners, visit salisburync.gov/EDK.

Busy Summer For Street Paving

The City of Salisbury Public Works Department's paving project is in full swing. While the City of Salisbury works to enhance our roads, please plan 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 they risk having vehicles towed. Access to and from properties will be made available as needed. For more information, visit salisburync.gov/paving.



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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.

Time To Review *The City Budget*

City Manager Jim Greene presented his recommended fiscal year 2024-2025 (FY25) budget to City Council at a budget work session meeting last month.

The recommended city budget of \$119,746,878 includes a recommended general fund of \$68,053,759. The balanced budget includes a property tax recommendation of \$0.665 per \$100 of valuation, a 4.9 cent increase from last year's tax rate of \$0.616. For the upcoming fiscal year, the tax value for a home with an average value of \$231,685, taxes would be \$1,541, an increase of \$114 which is equivalent to \$9.50 per month over last year. Greene's recommended tax rate will fund initiatives related to City Council's strategic plan priorities, such as an improved employee compensation package, new positions to support growth, capital investments and public safety.

To support Salisbury-Rowan Utilities infrastructure costs, a proposed 3.5% rate increase to water and sewer rates is recommended for FY25.

Two major stormwater projects on Marsh Street and Eaman Park are targeted in this proposed budget for FY25 and funded through Stormwater's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Greene proposes a new rate of \$5.29 -- an increase of 10 percent or 48 cents per month to support plan implementation.

Growth continues to impact city services, including solid waste. This budget includes funding for an additional solid waste staff and trash truck to help reduce safety concerns from a high-volume operation, overtime hours, job stress and additional collection points. With this request and increases in the city's recycling contract, a rate increase of \$2.29 per month for solid waste and 48 cents per month for recycling has been requested.

A public hearing about the budget will be held on Tuesday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at the regular City Council meeting. This meeting is open to the public and also can be viewed via the City's live stream at www.salisburync.gov/webcast or the City's Facebook account at <https://facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC>. Council must adopt a final budget by June 30.

The proposed budget can be found on the city website at www.salisburync.gov/RecommendedBudget.

Help us plan the new Recreation/Aquatics and Senior Center!
Take this survey:



SUMMER Spruce Up WEEK

Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12

City of Salisbury residents get FREE pickup of accepted items during quarterly spruce up weeks. **NO BUSINESSES.**

Place accepted items at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your regular trash day. Items may be put out the evening before.

ACCEPTED

- EXTRA TRASH**
Extra bags, boxes and/or bins of trash, clothes, etc.
- FURNITURE**
Couches, dressers, recliners, chairs, tables, etc.
- MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS**
Any size.
- APPLIANCES**
Refrigerators, freezers, stoves, etc.
- MOWERS & GRILLS**
Drain/remove any fuels and/or gas tanks
- TIRES WITHOUT RIMS**
Limit 5 per location. Picked up by a separate truck.

NOT ACCEPTED

- BUILDING MATERIALS**
Lumber, sheet rock, carpet, padding, large area rugs, shingles, toilets, sinks, windows, doors, concrete yard ornaments, etc.
- PIANOS & HOSPITAL BEDS**
Contact Rowan County Landfill at (704) 278-2211.
- ELECTRONICS**
TVs, computers, cables, etc. Can be recycled, contact Rowan County Recycling Center at (704) 216-8589.
- PROPANE TANKS**
Or any item currently containing fuel or gas. Contact Rowan County Recycling Center at (704) 216-8589.
- PAINT & HAZARDOUS ITEMS**
Contact Rowan County Recycling Center at (704) 216-8589.



Lindsey Stegall, Sr. Admin Specialist

This month's employee spotlight is Lindsey Stegall, the senior administrative specialist for the City of Salisbury Public Works Department. With seven years of service in Salisbury, Lindsey began her journey in the Customer Service Center in 2017 before transitioning to the Public Works Department at the end of 2022. In her current role, Lindsey informs Public Works staff of citizen concerns and requests, assists with maintaining the budget, processes invoices for materials and services, and provides administrative support.

"The most rewarding aspect of my job is the opportunity to support my team. Supporting my team is at the core of my role and I strive to make sure that everyone feels heard, valued, and above all else appreciated."



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