



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### Brad Gorman, Grounds Operations Manager

Brad Gorman joined the City of Salisbury Public Works Department in 2002, and currently serves as the grounds operations manager. He is responsible for overseeing and developing the grounds maintenance division work plan for employees, preparing the division's annual budget, and coordinating work schedules to assist City departments with maintaining all park and recreational areas, City-owned right of ways and cemetery burials.

"In my role, I am able to work on numerous projects throughout the City of Salisbury. I enjoy being able to work hands-on and see other employees use skills to complete projects that will help our City now and in the future."

## New Fire Station Dedication & Memorial For Monroe, Isler

**The Salisbury Fire Department will dedicate its new Fire Station Number 6, 310 Cedar Springs Road, on Sunday, March 7. A virtual Open House link will be available on the City of Salisbury website where "attendees" will be able to tour the fire station online.**

Named after Justin Monroe and Victor Isler, two members of the Salisbury Fire Department who died in the line of duty in 2008, the new building is many years in the making. Planning for the new station started in 2017 to service areas in the growing, southern part of the City. The Monroe and Isler Fire Station will also house a training wing, the hazmat team and the fire operations staff.



## EVENT CALENDAR: FEBRUARY

### Electronic City Council Meetings

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

**Tuesday, February 2 and 16** - starts at 6 p.m.

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WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

"The new station is a result of a significant commitment by the City Council and City Management in terms of providing the highest possible levels of public safety to our citizens," said Fire Chief Bob Parnell. "We are very proud of the new building and more so the rapid response times we can now provide to the southern parts of the city. The new engine company housed there is a full-time, 24 hour fire and EMT response team with specialization in hazardous materials emergencies."

March 7th is a day of commemoration for the Salisbury Fire Department. Nearly 13 years ago Monroe and Isler died fighting a fire at the Salisbury Millworks. The families of the fallen firefighters will be present at the event.

For more information on the Monroe and Isler Fire Station and the dedication, please visit [salisburync.gov/Fire](http://salisburync.gov/Fire) or call (704) 638-5351.

#### 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



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Applications now available for residents interested in serving on the City's 11 active, standing boards and commissions created and appointed by Salisbury City Council:

- **Alternate Methods of Design Commission**
- **Community Appearance Commission**
- **Greenway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee**
- **Historic Preservation Commission**
- **Housing Advocacy Commission**
- **Human Relations Council**
- **Hurley Park Advisory Board**
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**
- **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment**
- **Transportation Advisory Board**
- **Tree Board**

Board terms are staggered for three-year terms, and most end on March 31. Applicants must be 18 and a Salisbury resident, with some exceptions.

Applications, both online and print, are accepted on a continual basis and kept on file for consideration if a vacancy occurs. Visit [salisburync.gov/boards](http://salisburync.gov/boards) for more information.



## Protect Your Pipes

As temperatures continue to dip, we encourage residents to start thinking about the possibility of pipes freezing in your home. Frozen water pipes are a problem that can happen in homes with both plastic and copper pipes. Take steps to protect your water pipes from freezing and avoid significant property damage.

### Three steps to protect your pipes:

- 1 Insulate pipes in unheated spaces, such as a crawlspace, attic, or basement. Pipes inside or close to an exterior wall can be kept warm by opening the cabinet doors.
- 2 Remove and drain hoses from outdoor spigots. If there is a shut-off valve specifically for an outdoor spigot, turn the valve to the off position, open the spigot, and drain any water remaining in the spigot and pipe downstream of the shut-off valve. If you do not have a shut-off valve, it is recommended you contact a licensed plumber for costs and other information; however, if you do not have a shut-off valve in your plumbing system and need the water shut off in an emergency, please contact Customer Service at (704) 638-5300 (Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). For water and/or sewer emergencies after hours, call (704) 638-5339.
- 3 You can also let cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing; and FEMA states this will also reduce the buildup of pressure in the pipes.

As the temperatures rise, pipes frozen by the low temperatures will begin to thaw which can lead to pipe leaks. Residents can download the app or sign-up for the City's free, secure service "EyeOnWater alerts" to track water usage and discover leaks long before they result in high bills or thousands of gallons of wasted water.

Get other helpful tips by visiting: REDCROSS.org, ReadyROWAN.org, and FEMA.gov. For more on EyeOnWater, visit: [salisburync.gov/eyeonwater](http://salisburync.gov/eyeonwater).



## SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 18 2021

The date for the 2021 Cheerwine Festival will move from Saturday, May 15, to Saturday, Sept. 18, in anticipation of reductions in COVID-19 restrictions and continued distribution of the vaccine.

Anticipating a full-fledged 2021 Cheerwine Festival in downtown Salisbury, organizers will announce additional details later this year, including musical entertainment lineup, the second annual t-shirt design contest, vendor booth application instructions and family-friendly activities. Cheerwine also will reveal its 2021 Festival philanthropic beneficiary. Previous beneficiaries include Rowan County Meals on Wheels, Rowan Helping

Ministries and the Rowan County United Way COVID Relief Fund.

In 2020, Cheerwine and the City of Salisbury canceled the outdoor event that draws tens of thousands of people annually and instead hosted a virtual celebration, including live musical entertainment, for fans to enjoy from the safety of home. As a result of the virtual event's success, the City of Salisbury was awarded an Innovative Program Award from the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association.

For more information about the 2021 Cheerwine Festival, visit [cheerwinefest.com](http://cheerwinefest.com) or the official Facebook Event page.



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