



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

APRIL 2024 EDITION

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

Touch-A-Truck

This free event gives families a hands-on experience with a wide variety of essential vehicles and the jobs they do.

Saturday, April 6 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
City Hall Parking Lot, 217 S. Main St.

Hurley Park Spring Celebration

Enjoy the Salisbury Swing Band, carriage rides, magician, snacks, outdoor activities and Soap Bubble Circus! This event and its activities are free and open to the public.

Sunday, April 14 - 2 to 4 p.m.
304 Annandale Ave., Salisbury

The Art of Small Space Foodscaping

Discover how to cultivate a rich tapestry of flowers and edibles using containers, Aeroponic Towers and vertical Live Screens. To reserve your free spot: <https://bit.ly/3ure3ab>.

Thursday, April 25 - 6 to 8 p.m.
315 S. MLK Ave., Salisbury

Summer Camps

Eight weeks of fun and creative activities! \$80 per person, per camp week.

Registration opens Monday, April 1, 2024 online at www.salisburync.gov/play

Music Week: June 3-7

Adventure Week: June 10-14

Science Week: June 17-21

DIY Week: June 24-28

Sports Week: July 8-12

Cooking Week: July 15-19

Tech Week: July 22-26

Art Week: July 29-August 2

City Approves *Strategic Plan*

Salisbury City Council approved the city's first Strategic Plan at the Tuesday, March 5, Council meeting. The goal of an organization's Strategic Plan is to provide a path forward on decision-making at all levels. The City's Plan will help guide city budget and operational actions.

The Salisbury Strategic Plan process began in September 2023 and included a workshop with City Council, the City's Management Team and Lead Team (the internal team assisting with the plan); an employee survey; focus sessions with individual Council members; and a group meeting with Boards and Commissions chairs.

The feedback was then incorporated into the draft Strategic Plan framework presented to Council during its 2024 Retreat before the final version was presented for a vote last month.

To view the full version of the City's Strategic Plan, visit salisburync.gov/strategicplan.

Included in the Plan is the City's revised Organizational Mission and Values: **Mission:** We are a dedicated, hardworking and passionate team that works together to provide exceptional, fair, and responsive services that prepare Salisbury for the future and provides opportunities for everyone.

Values: Collaboration, Compassion, Fairness and Equity, Innovation, Sustainability, and Integrity.

Reaching Out For Mental Health

In a collaborative approach aimed at increasing mental health support and crisis intervention, Rowan County Public Health and Salisbury Public Safety have joined forces to promote the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's new three-digit number, 988. As part of this effort, magnets featuring the 988 crisis line are now displayed on both Salisbury police cars and fire trucks.

For individuals in crisis or in need of support, the 988-crisis line provides free, confidential assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Trained counselors are available to provide immediate support, connect those in need with local resources, and facilitate access to appropriate care.

The partnership reflects the need to reach people who may need immediate support and intervention. By using the visibility of police cars and fire trucks throughout the city, the partners hope to raise awareness about the availability of mental health services and let community members know that it is okay to ask for help.

For more information about the 988 crisis line and the availability of mental health resources, please visit www.988lifeline.org or call 988.

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.



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NOMINATE YOUR BLOCK FOR IMPROVEMENTS

We're looking for a Salisbury neighborhood to be the site of this year's BlockWork event! Nominate your block or neighborhood located within Salisbury city limits by May 1.

The 2024 BlockWork event has been set for Saturday, October 26, on, "National Make a Difference Day." The event brings residents and community volunteers together to build cleaner and safer neighborhoods, one block at a time. Projects include carpentry, painting, landscaping, and general clean-up in a one-block area. Long-term maintenance responsibility is assumed by block property owners, residents, and the neighborhood.

To nominate your neighborhood or to view guidelines, visit: www.salisburync.gov/Blockwork. Applications can be submitted by postal mail, email, or accepted in person with Alyssa Nelson at the City Office Building, 132 N. Main Street, Salisbury NC 28144 by Wednesday, May 1, 2024. For more information, email BlockWork@salisburync.gov or call Alyssa Nelson at (704) 638-5235.

DESIGN AND PAINT A CROSSWALK MURAL

Artists of all ages and skillsets are invited by the Salisbury Public Art Commission (PAC) to submit their best designs for the second Paint the Pavement project!

Selected artists and teams will paint their design on one of five crosswalks in the Railwalk Arts District - at the intersection of Kerr Street and Lee Street, as well as on a new crosswalk at Lee Street Theatre and the Farmer's Market Pavilion.

There is no cost to enter, and all materials will be supplied by the PAC. Selected works will receive a \$200 stipend after completion of the crosswalk. Artwork should reflect the history, culture, and vibrancy of Salisbury, with creativity and diversity.

Artists may submit up to five entries using the 6 x 25 template provided at salisburync.gov/PaintThePavement. Submissions are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024. The murals will be on display for one year.

For more information email public.art@salisburync.gov or call Alyssa Nelson at (704) 638-5235.

MEET THE ARTISTS OF THE SCULPTURE SHOW

New this year, the Salisbury Public Arts Commission is hosting a meet and greet event with the talented artists of the Salisbury Sculpture Show on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

The Sculpture Show is a temporary exhibit of outdoor sculptures, carefully selected from an open application process. The works represent a wide range of sculptural styles and materials. Each sculpture is placed to best complement the piece and its setting. Sculptures are placed in downtown areas, local colleges, and local neighborhoods.

The public is invited to drop in on Thursday, May 2 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at City Hall Council Chambers located at 217 S. Main Street. The event is free and open to the public. Coffee and breakfast items will be provided. Funding is made possible by the Rowan Arts Council NC Grassroots Program as well as the Salisbury-Rowan Community Foundation.

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Karen Barbee, Remedial Action Plan Coordinator

This month's employee spotlight is Karen Barbee, the City of Salisbury's Remedial Action Plan Coordinator. She started her career with the Salisbury Police Department in 1980. She served in many roles including patrol officer, D. A. R. E. Officer and Community Service Officer, Police K-9 handler, and patrol sergeant. Karen was named NC Police Women's Officer of the Year in 1989. She retired as a lieutenant and returned in July 2017 to work part-time on the Remedial Action Plan.

In her role, Karen collaborates with Code Enforcement and the Police Department to address disorderly activities within rental residential properties. She works with landlords and property managers dealing with criminal issues on their properties, while also ensuring the maintenance of an updated database. "My favorite part is interacting with my co-workers. I also enjoy providing customer service and working directly with the citizens of Salisbury. I love my work because it makes a difference in resolving neighborhood issues."



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