



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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CALENDAR: FEBRUARY

Wine About Winter

Tour the wines of Rowan County, North Carolina and beyond right here in Downtown Salisbury during our 10th annual wine tasting! Tickets includes a tasting pass with access to 20 wine samples from locations of your choice, signature Wine About Winter tasting glass, and special Wine About Winter wine carrying bag. \$24.50 in advance, \$32 on event day. Must be 21 and show ID. Purchase tickets online at downtownsalisburync.com.

Friday, Feb. 3 - 5 to 9 p.m.

Downtown Salisbury

City Council Meetings

The public is invited to attend meetings in-person, or attend the live broadcast virtually via social media or the city website.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 and 21 - starts at 6 p.m.

[facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC](https://www.facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC)

WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

West End Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings

All are welcome to attend these public meetings hosted by the City of Salisbury and Salisbury Police Department.

In-Person Meeting:

Thursday, February 16 - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Miller Recreation Center, 1402 W. Bank St.

Virtual Conversations:

Wednesday, February 22 - starts 6:30 p.m.

Zoom: www.salisburync.gov/WestEndPM

Thursday, February 23 - starts 10 a.m.

Zoom: www.salisburync.gov/WestEndAM

Protect Your Pipes This Winter

As temperatures continue to dip, now is the time 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. Learn how to prevent water pipes from freezing and avoid significant property damage:



1. Insulate pipes in unheated spaces, such as a crawlspace, attic, or basement.



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.



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.



EyeOnWater

4. Sign-up for EyeOnWater: As the temperatures rise, pipes frozen by the low temperatures will begin to thaw which can lead to pipe leaks. Residents can 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.

If you 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.

Get informed on these and other helpful tips on preparedness by visiting: REDCROSS.org, ReadyROWAN.org, and FEMA.gov. For information about EyeOnWater, visit: salisburync.gov/EyeOnWater.

JANUARY MAIL ERROR

As a reminder, to all Salisbury-Rowan Utilities customers, who receive utility bills through U.S. Mail. Customers received the January 2023 statement late, due to a mailing error. Late penalties have been waived for all customers, for the month of January. Ignore past due/disconnection notices for the month of January. For more information or to view payment options, visit www.salisburync.gov/billpay.



Para la traducción al español, visite 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.

Get Involved

Residents are invited to apply to the City's 14 active, standing boards and commissions created and appointed by Salisbury City Council. Boards and commissions are made up of volunteer positions to help guide Salisbury's present and future.

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. Online applications are accepted on a continual basis and kept on file for consideration in the event a vacancy occurs.

Visit salisburync.gov/boards for more:

- Alternate Methods of Design Commission
- Bell Tower Green Advisory Board
- 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
- Public Art Commission
- Transportation Advisory Board
- Tree Board



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Robert Stockton ADA Paratransit Driver

This month's employee spotlight is Robert Stockton, an ADA paratransit driver for the City of Salisbury Transit Department. In his role, Robert transports clients living with disabilities to destinations such as Novant medical facilities, Rowan Cabarrus Community College, W.G (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center to meet their basic needs. He also ensures safety measures are in place and provides exceptional customer service.

"I enjoy my job. From the moment I arrive at a pickup site, I make sure the client is comfortable, we talk and I make sure they get to their destination safely. I always try to make sure they have a smile on their face. I love doing that."

City Begins Budget Process

City departments will have a budget kickoff Monday, Feb. 6, in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year. Fiscal Year 2024 (FY2024) is the city's budget year that will run from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The adopted budget ordinance will set the new tax rate and city fees.

Over the next few months, managers and supervisors will start to anticipate and estimate next year's city projects, which are then reviewed by City Manager Jim Greene and the city's finance staff, led by Finance Director Wade Furches. Salisbury City Council must receive the first draft

of the FY2024 budget from the city manager by June 1, 2023.

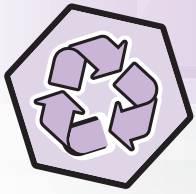
Residents will be invited by City Council to weigh in on the FY2024 budget during a public hearing in June. City Council usually holds at least one budget work session to discuss the budget in detail. Watch for budget meetings and public hearing dates here in the Lamplighter and on the city's social media platforms.

The budget will be adopted by Council prior to June 30.

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Recycling in Salisbury

RECYCLABLE

Only recycle clean, dry items from these RECYCLABLE products:



Mixed paper, junk mail, newspapers & magazines



Cardboard



Plastic bottles, tubs & jugs #1, 2, 5



Aluminum, steel & tin cans



Plastic hangers



Styrofoam



Glass



Plastic bags & plastic film

NOT RECYCLABLE

No bagged recycling, loose recyclables only.



HOW TO PLACE YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLING BINS:

- 1) Place your bin at the curb no later than 7 a.m.
- 2) Bin must face road and have 3 feet of clearance on either side
- 3) All items must be inside bin* and lid must be fully closed.

**Items outside of bins will not be collected.*



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