

# SPRING SPRUCE UP

week

## APR. 22-26

During Spring Spruce Up Week, Residents place items at the curb on your regular collection day before 7 a.m.

### Old Appliances Tires Without Rims

limit 5 per location

### NO COMPUTERS OR TVS

◆◆◆ NO BUILDING MATERIALS ◆◆◆  
(No carpet, padding, sheetrock, sinks, lumber, commodes, windows, etc.)

This collection is for RESIDENTS living inside the city limits of Salisbury only.

NO BUSINESSES

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## Will Salisbury Rise To The Challenge?

Salisbury needs your help for the city nature challenge April 26-29.

The City of Salisbury will join cities around the world in a friendly competition to see which area has the most nature-engaged residents. The 2019 City Nature Challenge will start on Friday, April 26, at 12:01 a.m. and end on Monday, April 29, at 11:59 p.m. This challenge calls on nature and science fans of all ages to observe and submit pictures of wild plants, animals and fungi using the free app iNaturalist or the iNaturalist website ([www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)). Identification of photographed species will be crowdsourced through the online community Tuesday, April 30 - Sunday, May 5, and results will be announced on Monday, May 6.

"We are pleased to participate in the City Nature Challenge," said Salisbury Parks and Recreation Director Nick Aceves. "This is an opportunity for our residents to go outside and explore nature by walking on trails, experience our parks and is a great program to partner with other parks and recreation departments like Cabarrus County. The collection of data submitted by our residents will assist scientists, educators and urban planners to ensure we acknowledge, study and protect plants and animals for future generations to enjoy."

This year, the Challenge is expanding and will include more than 60 cities from 17 countries, including Charlotte metro region areas: Rowan, Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Iredell, Cabarrus,

Stanly and Union Counties.

The data collected gives scientists, educators, urban planners, and policymakers insight into the biodiversity of urban locales throughout the world. For nature and science fans, participation is easy:



**1. Find wildlife.** It can be any plant, animal, fungi, slime mold, or any other evidence of life (scat, fur, tracks, shells, carcasses!) found in your city.



**2. Take a picture** of what you find, and be sure to note the location of the critter or plant.



**3. Share** your observations by uploading your findings through the iNaturalist app or the iNaturalist website ([www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)).

The City Nature Challenge is organized by the California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. For more information or an education toolkit, visit [citynaturechallenge.org](http://citynaturechallenge.org).



## Cheerwine Festival Will Be A "Smashing" Good Time

The third annual Cheerwine Festival is around the corner! Soon, Downtown Salisbury will be filled with diverse musical acts for festival-goers to enjoy throughout the day on Saturday, May 18, from noon to 10 p.m., all to celebrate Cheerwine, Salisbury's 102-year-old, family-owned soft drink.

If engagement on social media is any indication, attendance at next month's Cheerwine Festival is expected to exceed its 2018 number. Having recently shared this year's music headliner, Smash Mouth, the Cheerwine Festival Facebook event page already has surpassed the total engagement of the 2018 event (the Saturday, May 18th Facebook event page title is 3rd Annual Cheerwine Festival).

According to a recent press announcement, multi-platinum band, Smash Mouth, will take the Hotwire Communications Stage as the Cheerwine Festival musical headliner. Smash Mouth is known for blockbuster hits such as "Walking on the Sun," "All-Star," and "I'm a Believer," as featured in the movie, "Shrek."

In addition to Smash Mouth and other locally-known stage acts, the festival also will include 12 to 16 "buskers," also known as street entertainers, providing music on sidewalks and other locations within the festival footprint. Musicians, including Blazin' Blues Bob, Lucas Beam and Lisette Rodriguez, will entertain families along Main and Innes Streets.

Salisbury can expect a family-friendly, daylong festival complete with a variety of musical entertainment, activities for children, a food area jam-packed with brands native to Carolina, and of course, ice-cold Cheerwine. Stay tuned to the website at [cheerwinefest.com](http://cheerwinefest.com), and follow the hashtag #CheerwineFest for more details as the event draws near.

## EVENT CALENDAR: MAY

### City Council Meetings

Attend public city council meetings to find out what's happening in your city.

Tuesday, May 7 and 21 - starts at 6 p.m.  
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

### 2019 Cheerwine Festival

The Cheerwine Festival is back for another great weekend of fun for all ages. Our 3rd annual celebration will have even more to offer with great live music, delicious Southern food, a lively beer garden, craft vendors, and all the Cheerwine you can handle. We'll even have an assortment of incredible Cheerwine-inspired dishes for all to enjoy. Bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your appetites. We can't wait to see y'all there.

Visit the festival website for more information: [www.cheerwinefest.com/](http://www.cheerwinefest.com/)

Saturday, May 18 - noon to 10 p.m.  
Downtown Salisbury

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Myles Cannon



Meredith Williams



Ola Nwafor

## Salisbury Locals Receive Humanitarian Awards

Three Salisbury Rowan county residents have received the coveted 2019 Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Award. Myles Cannon, Meredith Williams and Ola Nwafor were honored Thursday, Feb. 26, at the annual celebratory dinner at the Civic Center.

Cannon, a 17-year-old student at Rowan County Early College, is a Salisbury native who is noted for his involvement in the community. At school, Cannon is an active member of the Student Government Association, National Honor Society and the yearbook committee.

He also is a member of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, the Rowan Connection Mentoring Program and the Hurley YMCA Black Achievers.

Cannon will attend college in the fall, with plans to continue his education at law school.

"I am genuinely ecstatic about getting this award and it's a great honor...." said Cannon. "It means a lot to me because Elizabeth Duncan Koontz left a big legacy...I feel like this is a good starting point for me to possibly achieve what I want to do and leave my mark... and contribute to the pace that I came from."

Williams is the principal at North Rowan High School. A lifelong Rowan County resident, she graduated from North Rowan High School, and has degrees from UNC Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University. She has dedicated her life to education, first

as an English teacher in Thailand and studying education in Tanzania and Zambia, second as a NC public school employee and finally, as principal of North Rowan for the past three years.

Her nominator said, "Meredith Williams, raised in the North Rowan community, returned home with a desire to ensure that all students receive an extraordinary education and are prepared for an evolving future...she has created a learning experience where all students are challenged and have the opportunity to be successful. Students learn how to collaborate, communicate, think critically, and be creative..."

"It's such a humbling experience," Williams said of the award. "The work that we do at North High is certainly not only my work. It's that of a whole staff of dedicated teachers and a community of dedicated stakeholders."

Nwafor, also a Salisbury native, holds a bachelor's degree from Catawba College and a master's degree from Strayer University in health administration. After completing the 2016 City of Salisbury Citizen's Academy, she founded

the Born Leader Club, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing leadership development, one-on-one mentorship and advocacy for middle schoolers from single parent homes. Born Leaders receive support through the encouragement of emotional, social and physical growth and career preparation in order to become contributing members of society.

According to her nomination form, "Nwafor not only funded the 501(c)(3) process out of her own pocket, but also pays for many of the club activities herself, recruits, trains and supervises mentors and is working to raise more funds so she can bring more members into the club."

"It's an honor for me to receive this award because this is a very special award," said Nwafor. "[I] try to build Salisbury...and do whatever I can to uplift the youth and to help them follow their dreams like someone helped me. So I really wake up to give back. All day. Everyday."

Each winner of the EDK Humanitarian Award received a recognition plaque.



## Business With The City

Salisbury seeks a variety of goods and service providers for projects with the City. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and bids are posted periodically on the website at [salisburync.gov/bids](http://salisburync.gov/bids) for review by business owners.

As well, goods or service providers who wish to do business with the City, outside of a RFP or bid, can complete a vendor application form on the same webpage noted above. Providers must acknowledge current or past connections to Salisbury officials, three references and provide a W-9 form.

Salisbury invites and encourages women and minority-owned businesses to participate in procurement processes. To check for current open bids and RFPs, visit [www.salisburync.gov/Bids](http://www.salisburync.gov/Bids).

## Foot Pursuit 5K Returns

The Salisbury Police Department will light up the streets of Salisbury for its second 5K Foot Pursuit to benefit the Special Olympics, Friday, May 10, 7 p.m. beginning in the 200 block of Lee St. This 3.1-mile evening run, through beautiful Downtown Salisbury, is for a great cause that will benefit the Special Olympics of North Carolina.

Registration is at the F&M Trolley Barn at 165 E. Liberty St. Refreshments and entertainment provided! Awards will be given to the top three overall finishers in specific age groups.

Visit [sportoften.com](http://sportoften.com) or [salisburyrowanrunners.org](http://salisburyrowanrunners.org) to pre-register or call Lt. Patrick Smith at (704) 216-7581.

Come chase Salisbury Police Officers and have a GREAT time for a GREAT cause.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## RICHARD WITHERSPOON, MAINTENANCE WORKER

With his retirement approaching, this month's spotlight highlights Richard Witherspoon. He is a part of the street division with the Salisbury Public Services Department.

Richard performs various functions throughout the city depending on the season and weather conditions. His duties can include limb and leaf collection, clearing catch basins and maintaining all city-owned roads, bridges,

and sidewalks.

"I enjoy providing customer service to residents. On the job, we encounter community members who cannot do for themselves or have experienced a recent death in the family and it's my job to provide that positive customer service. I enjoy going above and beyond to engage with all residents and to help resolve their concerns."

## #PositiveGossip



### CITY REMEMBERS OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Service of remembrance for Fallen Firefighters Justin Monroe and Vic Isler. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their families and the ultimate sacrifice of their loved ones. We also remember surviving Firefighters and their heroic efforts of that day.

Tweeted March 7

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### POLICE OFFICERS READ TO KIDS

Today we spent some time reading Dr. Seuss books to students at Koontz Elementary School. We truly love the children in our community. #ReadwithSPD #SalisburyNCPD #SalisburyNC

Tweeted March 1

[www.twitter.com/SalisburyNCPD](http://www.twitter.com/SalisburyNCPD)



### PUBLIC SERVICE CREWS KEEP TRUCKING

Our Public Services crew is out collecting limbs in the Park Avenue area today. If you see them, say "hi."

Posted February 27

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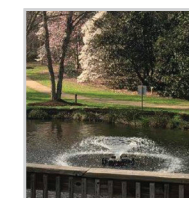


### CITY STAFF JOIN KNOX CAREER DAY

The winners of our Knox Career Day Social Media Post Contest are Shaniya and Eric! We are in Knox Middle School in Ms. Sauve-Smith's class and the kids here are so cool and they are good at sports and we are an outstanding school! #knoxmiddleschool #thankyou

Posted February 22

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### HURLEY PARK REPLACES FOUNTAIN

We got the parts to replace the fountain! #yipee #sohappy #hurleypark #hurleyparknc #salisburync #parksandrecreation @HurleyPark

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