



THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

JULY 2022 EDITION

EVENT CALENDAR: JULY

Reels & Riffs: Movie and Music Series

Enjoy free movies and music concerts at Bell Tower Green. Movies are on Fridays, starting at 9 p.m. Music concerts are on Saturdays, starting at 7 p.m. Community members are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks to the free viewing sponsored by Salisbury Parks and Recreation, Visit Rowan County and Downtown Salisbury Inc.

- Saturday, July 2** - Cassette Rewind
- Friday, July 8** - Ghostbusters: Afterlife
- Saturday, July 16** - Aretha Franklin Tribute
- Friday, July 22** - Cars
- Saturday, July 30** - Edwin McCain Trio

Neighborhood Leaders Alliance

Residents from all Salisbury neighborhoods are invited! Neighbors will hear updates from various City departments and commissions and have the opportunity to voice concerns.

Wednesday, July 6 - starts at 4 p.m.
Park Avenue Community Center, 632 Park Ave.

Summer Spruce Up Week

During this week Salisbury residents can place old appliances, tires without rims (limit 5 tires or less per location) and extra bagged trash at the curb on their regular collection day before 6:00 a.m. and Salisbury Public Works will collect it at no charge.

Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15

Krazy Klearance

Krazy Klearance is a Downtown Salisbury tradition where our merchants have their lowest markdowns of the year throughout their shops and on the sidewalks. Plus, enter to win Krazy Klearance Bucks!

Wednesday, July 13 through Saturday, July 16

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, July 19 - starts at 6 p.m.
(NO MEETING JULY 5)
facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC
WSRG-TV (Hotwire 394/Spectrum 16)

Sculpture Show Has New Neighbors

One of the prettiest feathers in Salisbury's cap, the Sculpture Show, curated by the Salisbury Public Arts Commission, has returned with 21 new sculptures by artists from across the Eastern United States.

As a new initiative for 2022, the Public Arts Commission made a call for neighborhoods to apply as hosts for sculptures. Featured neighborhoods this year are: Castlewood, Country Club Hills, and Milford Knoll Neighborhood.

The 2022 Sculpture Show runs from May 2022 through April 2023, and features works by Matt Amante, Carl Billingsley, Jim Collins, Richard Conn, Robert Coon, Jim Gallucci, Hanna Jubran, Dean Leary, Roger Martin, Jason Morris, Jordan

Parah, Charles Pilkey, Richard Pitts, Silo AR+D, and Wayne Vaughn. Residents and visitors can begin their self-guided tour by picking up a brochure at the Visitor's Center, 204 E. Innes Street. Inside the brochure, participants will find a map, information about each sculpture, and instructions to download the free Otocast app, which provides an audio tour and interactive map. Brochures are also available at the Rowan County Public Library, Rowan Museum, Waterworks Visual Arts Center, and at local downtown businesses, restaurants and galleries.

Get a brochure, and gather friends, family, or just yourself, and visit the various sculptures throughout Salisbury.

Citizens Invited To Interactive, Free Academy

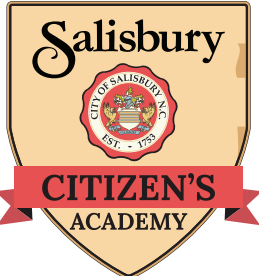
The City of Salisbury invites residents to apply for the fall 2022 Citizen's Academy -- a ten-week academy that provides a behind-the-scenes look at city operations.

Participants will enjoy a hands-on, inside view of how and why Salisbury provides its services. Classes will meet at different city facilities weekly for fun and interactive exercises with local government staff. Some of the experiences will include learning how the city budget is created with

the finance department, using a thermal imaging camera at the fire department, and playing recreational activities offered with Parks and Recreation. Dinner is served at each class.

The 2022 Citizen's Academy will meet each Thursday from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 8 and ending with graduation, Thursday, Nov. 3. The class is free and open to the public, however class size is limited to 20. Participants must be at least 16 years of age. Priority will be given to residents of Salisbury.

Applications are available online through Friday, July 15, at www.salisburync.gov/citizensacademy, by contacting the city administration office at (704) 638-5233, or via email at kbake@salisburync.gov.



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.

Tips To Prepare For Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. To keep your family safe this hurricane season, and to minimize risks associated with severe weather, follow these tips from Salisbury's public safety officials:

- 6 Develop an emergency communications plan.
- 6 Check flood insurance and know your insurance policy.
- 6 Build your emergency kit (and don't forget to prepare an emergency kit for your pet).
- 6 If you live in an area that is likely to flood, designate a location on higher ground that you can move to before floodwaters reach you.
- 6 Learn how to use a generator safely.
- 6 Never touch a downed power line, stay away from it, and report it to the power company.
- 6 Never walk, swim or drive through floodwater. Remember: Turn around, don't drown.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for RoCo Alerts, the City and Rowan County's notification system to receive information about emergencies and other important community news. Sign-up at salisburync.gov/rocoalerts.

For more hurricane season tips, visit: www.ready.gov/hurricanes.



West End Survey

West End residents are encouraged to complete the survey for the West End Salisbury Transformed Empowered Neighborhood Development (WEST END) \$800,000 grant project in conjunction with the Salisbury Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Community Planning Department and the Salisbury-Rowan NAACP. The survey link can be accessed via a smartphone camera by taking a photo of this QR code.

The WEST END grant project seeks to use community-led initiatives to help revitalize the 1.21-square mile neighborhood and address concerns. A majority of the

Specific plans include:

- Develop West End community group to lead community-based responses
- Enhance recreational and public spaces for community groups
- Develop a Community Violence Intervention Team
- Create increased youth programs
- Restore vacant lots and structures where possible



programs will be data-driven, and their results reported to the Department of Justice per grant requirements. The survey answers will help the groups further develop initiatives for the West End.

City Council Approves 2022-23 Budget

Salisbury City Council voted on Tuesday, June 21 to approve the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (FY23) budget.

The \$50,631,540 balanced General Fund budget reflects a 6.6% increase in spending from the FY22 adopted budget. In addition to the general fund, the water/sewer, transit, broadband and stormwater funds comprise the overall city budget totaling \$93,381,414. This

total also includes capital reserve funds. Based on feedback from Council during the Tuesday, June 7, budget preparation meeting, the approved FY23 city budget maintains the current tax rate of \$0.7196.

To view the complete budget, visit: salisburync.gov/Budget.

Below is a graphic illustration of how your tax dollars are spent:



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Paula Craven, Senior Customer Service Representative

This month's employee spotlight is Paula Craven, a senior customer service representative. She celebrates her 10-year work anniversary with the City of Salisbury this month. In her role, Paula responds to residents' requests over email and phone, interprets and translates for the Spanish-speaking community, and receives and processes municipal utility payments.

"I enjoy assisting customers by coming up with solutions to their specific needs, and building a stronger relationship with my coworkers."

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