

# Ride-A-Long Program Rides Again

The Salisbury Police Department (SPD) has reinstated its popular ride-along program that allows civilians to shadow a police officer. In 2017, the program was temporarily suspended in order for recruit officers to train with veteran officers in an accommodating and conducive work environment. Now that the department is fully staffed, Lt. Joe Miller requested that the program be reinstated for the police department. "We are appreciative of Lt. Miller's efforts to reconstruct the ride-along program for our residents," said Police Chief Jerry Stokes. "The program will allow community members to ride as passengers in the departmental vehicles to observe police officers engaged



in the performance of their duties. The reinstatement is a key element in our department's commitment to raise community awareness of police operations while enhancing police and community relations within Salisbury." The purpose of the Salisbury Police Department's ride-along program is to provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the department's mission goals and the many services SPD offers. Participants can also experience firsthand the decision-making processes officers utilize in addressing the various

crime and quality-of-life issues affecting the Salisbury community. In order to participate, interested participants must complete the online application or stop by the Salisbury Police Department. The program is designed for individuals 18 years of age or older. After being cleared and signing a liability waiver, the participant will pick a date and the adventure will begin. For more information or to complete an application, please contact the Salisbury Police Department at (704) 638-5333 or visit [www.salisburync.gov/Police-Ride-A-Long](http://www.salisburync.gov/Police-Ride-A-Long).

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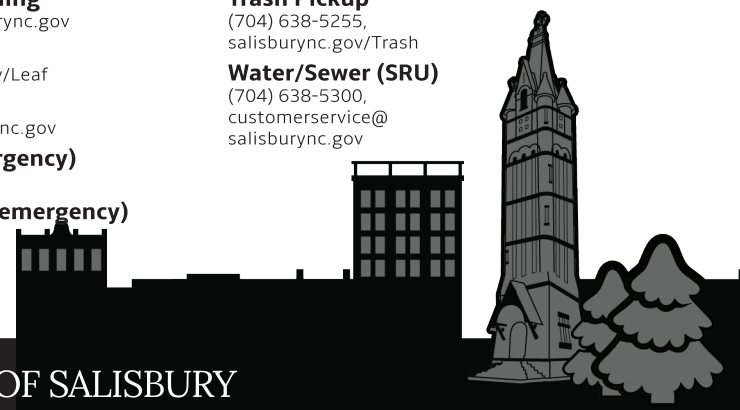
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# THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

MARCH 2019 EDITION

### EVENT CALENDAR: APRIL

#### City Council Meetings

Attend public city council meetings to find out what's happening in your city.  
**Tuesday, April 2 and 16** - starts at 6 p.m.  
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

#### Ring in Spring

Meet the Easter bunny at this fun, family-friendly event to celebrate the turning of the season! Kids can participate in free craft activities.  
**Saturday, April 6** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Gateway Park

#### Hurley Park Spring Celebration

Enjoy live music, refreshments, free carriage rides and carolina artists at this annual celebration of Spring!  
**Sunday, April 7** - 2 to 4 p.m.  
304 Annandale Avenue

#### Touch-A-Truck

Participants of all ages will have a FREE opportunity for a close-up and personal, hands-on educational experience. Explore a wide variety of vehicles and occupations. Honking horns is encouraged!  
**Saturday, April 13** - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

#### City Nature Challenge

Take Salisbury Parks and Recreation's Nature Challenge! It's easy, just find wildlife, take a picture, and then share with us on the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Facebook page. For more details, visit [www.citynaturechallenge.com](http://www.citynaturechallenge.com)  
**April 26 - 29**

## Celebrate Spring With Us At Hurley Park

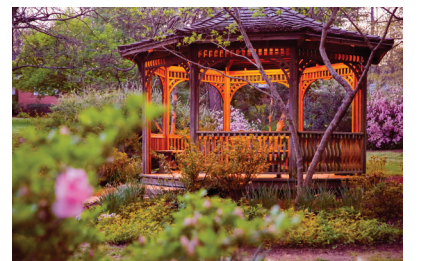
The community is invited to attend the Spring Celebration held at the Elizabeth Holmes Hurley Park on Sunday, April 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. The annual, family-friendly celebration will feature outdoor activities for all ages, refreshments, activities throughout the gardens and live entertainment.

Danelle Cutting, Hurley Park Manager, encourages people in and around the Rowan-Cabarrus area to come out and enjoy the festivities.

"We are excited to showcase this year's Spring Celebration at Hurley Park," said Cutting. "The effort and time put in by staff and volunteers will showcase why it's the perfect time to enjoy Hurley Park, and how it's a great location for a family outing."

The event will include activities such as carriage rides, bubble art, swing bands, and live music! All activities and refreshments are free and available to the public.

For more information, please contact Danelle Cutting at (704) 638-4459 or [danelle.cutting@salisburync.gov](mailto:danelle.cutting@salisburync.gov).



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# Salisbury Proud to be a Runner-Friendly Community

The City of Salisbury has been designated one of two cities as a Runner Friendly Community by the Road Runners Club of America. To obtain this designation, the City was evaluated in three primary categories: community infrastructure, community support and local government support.

"We are excited to be recognized with the Runner Friendly Community designation," said Salisbury Parks and Recreation Director Nick Aceves. "The continual expansion of our greenway system allows us to promote health and wellness opportunities to our residents. The partnership with Salisbury Rowan Runners (SRR), city departments, local businesses, The Carolina Thread Trail and the community as a whole has been supportive and involved in ensuring our runners have the most accessible and enjoyable experiences in our parks, trails and sidewalks. This designation is truly the accomplishment of everyone in our city."

According to a press release from the Road Runners Club of America, the designation is awarded to communities that have "shown they have an infrastructure that can foster physical activity in a safe environment. They have a proven track record that organizations and businesses can work together to promote running as a healthy exercise and sport. With the most important criteria being, there are positive relationships between the running community and local government."



The City of Salisbury was nominated by the Salisbury Rowan Runners, one of the longest operating running clubs in the state. SRR is made up of individuals with a passion for running and whose motto is "A place for every pace" which speaks to its robust work with beginning runners, and its commitment to help build a more healthy and fit Salisbury.

"Salisbury Rowan Runners club has a long standing relationship between the city officials, city departments and the runners and walkers who are fortunate to live here," said David Freeze, president of the SRR club. "I think the Runner Friendly Community designation magnifies how fortunate we are to share the community with so many interested businesses helping to support running and racing. The effort of working together made this all possible and the national recognition is well deserved."

For more information on the Salisbury Rowan Runners, please visit [www.salisburyrowanrunners.org](http://www.salisburyrowanrunners.org) or call (704) 310-6741. To learn more about Salisbury Parks and Recreation and open spaces, visit [salisburync.gov/PkRec](http://salisburync.gov/PkRec).



## Benefits of Running:



makes you happier



helps you lose/maintain weight



strengthens knees and other joints



improves mental functions



reduces risk of cancer



adds years to your life

# Cheerwine Festival Looking For Volunteer Groups

With the 2019 Cheerwine Festival just around the corner, the City of Salisbury is seeking volunteer groups to assist with the daylong festivities. Civic and service organizations are encouraged to volunteer in groups of 10 people or more on Saturday, May 18, for at least one, three-hour period.

The festival hours are noon to 10 p.m. Shifts could begin as early as 8 a.m. for set up. Duties will include vendor load-in assistance, managing parking lots, serving in the information booths and serving as a Cheerwine Festival street ambassador.

For more information on how organizations can benefit as a Festival volunteer group, please contact us at (704) 638-5294 or [cheerwinefestival@salisburync.gov](mailto:cheerwinefestival@salisburync.gov).



## #PositiveGossip



### EARLY BLOOMS AT HURLEY PARK

Look at what is blooming in the park! #witchhazel #pretty #bloom #salisburync #hurleypark #hurleyparknc #parksandrec

Posted February 19

[www.facebook.com/HurleyPark](http://www.facebook.com/HurleyPark)



### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

We have so much love for our residents, visitors and employees. #HappyValentinesDay, everyone! - City of #SalisburyNC

Posted February 14

[www.instagram/citysalisburync](http://www.instagram/citysalisburync)



### COFFEE WITH A COP AT STARBUCKS

SPD and Starbucks partnered to host Coffee with a Cop on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019.

Posted February 12

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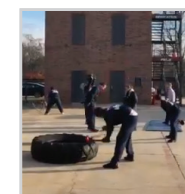


### OFFICER TAYLOR SNAGS AWARD

Congratulations to Officer Taylor for being named officer of the month for February by the #SalisburyNC Neighborhood Action Group (SNAG). She recovered a car before it was listed as stolen in our system and arrested the subject in it.

Tweeted February 11

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



### NEW FIRE RECRUITS STAYING FIT

New SFD Recruits getting their morning workout in before diving into another day of EMT coursework.

Tweeted February 1

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



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## MICHAEL COTILLA, CODE SERVICES COORDINATOR

Michael Cotilla is the code services coordinator for the City of Salisbury Community Planning Services, specializing in minimum housing. Michael has been employed with the city since 2010, starting in Salisbury-Rowan Utilities before transitioning to code services.

His duties include enforcing the city's minimum housing ordinance, overseeing the code services division, conducting minimum

housing hearings with property owners and responding to concerns from tenants.

"The favorite part of my job is serving our citizens; although, I couldn't do it alone but with the help of my fellow code officers and other city departments. It honestly brings me great pleasure to know that code services plays a part of securing our city and making it safer. This affects me and my family because I live in the city limits as well."