Fibrant Debuts Free Wi-Fi Access in Cannon Park

Fibrant has established a free Wi-Fi connection for Salisbury residents and visitors in Cannon Park at 600 Park Ave. The free Wi-Fi project began three years ago before Cannon Park was chosen as the first test site. According to staff members, Cannon Park met all of the requirements for a quick and easy install for a proof of concept.

The installation process included identifying a location with nearby internet connectivity, performing a site survey to ensure adequate coverage, installing structured cabling, also known as a cat5 cable, to the outside of the building and mounting the directional antennas. “Even with the initial installation of Fibrant to the home, our goal as a city was to provide wide-spread connectivity for our residents,” said Dale Waters, information technology manager. “The Cannon Park access now provides an outdoor location for our residents who want to enjoy the weather and connect wirelessly or for those who do not have connectivity at home and want a place nearby to log on to the internet.”

Security features are present to prevent inappropriate content downloads and to keep information secure. Fibrant will continue to explore additional outdoor spaces and buildings in which to install access. The cost to install the 1-gigabit connection was approximately $1,200, including the $566 annual licensing and support fee. The cost will vary to install Fibrant in other outdoor locations due to coverage size and equipment costs.

“Like” us on Facebook by December 15th to win a Roku Streaming Stick for the holidays! www.facebook.com/fibrant
Coffee with a Cop  
Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee.  
Koco Java - December 6th & 20th at 9 a.m.  
329 N. Main St.  
Meau Mug - December 13th & 27th at 9 a.m.  
1024 S. Fulton St.

Barbershops and Cops  
Get to know your neighborhood’s police officers.  
Majestic Creations - December 1st at 2 p.m.  
512 Kilmarn Rd.  
Made Man - December 2nd at 1 p.m.  
108 W. Innes St.  
B&B Expressions - December 8th at 11 a.m.  
1010 W. Horah St.  
Addison's - December 22nd at 1 p.m.  
1305 Lake Alexander Blvd.

Brunch with Santa  
You and your family are invited to share brunch with Santa. Pre-registration is required. Call (704) 336-PLAY to register.  
Civic Center - December 3rd at 10 a.m.  
315 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Holiday Lights Trip  
Take a trip to see the Christmas lights at Charlotte Motor Speedway and/or Tanglewood Park.  
Civic Center - December 8th & 15th at 5:30 p.m.  
315 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

New Year’s Eve at the Bell Tower  
Celebrate 2017 at Salisbury’s historic Bell Tower. Festivities will include live music, video feed of Time Square and more!  
Bell Tower - December 31st at 8 p.m.  
Corner of W. Innes and S. Jackson Sts.

Meetings with the Manager  
Come by to share ideas, voice concerns or speak with the City Manager.  
City Hall - December 5th at 9 a.m.  
217 S. Main St.

City Council Meetings  
City Hall - December 6th & 20th at 5 p.m.  
217 S. Main St.

City of Salisbury Administrative Offices Closed  
Christmas Holiday - December 23rd-27th  
New Years Day - January 2nd

Salisbury Fire Department Deploys to Eastern N.C.  
Four members of the Salisbury Fire Department (SFD) and one member of the Locks Township Volunteer Fire Department deployed to Lumberton, N.C., on Tuesday, Oct. 11, to assist Robeson County residents and the community with fire protection and recent flooding challenges. The squad traveled with rescue boats and fire engines to assist in the mission.  
Engineer Spencer White, Firefighter Fred Weldon and Captains Bradley McKnight, James Farley and Chad Moss were part of a “strike team” of multiple deployed units throughout the state whose purpose was fire protection and services in the affected and nearby areas. The deployment was initially expected to last over a six-day period, but was extended to two weeks due to emergency management needs and mission changes at the state level.

The City of Salisbury did not experience a reduction in services or on-duty responders as SFD personnel were rotated between Lumberton and Salisbury as necessary. All expenses associated with the deployed team and its equipment are reimbursable throughout North Carolina’s emergency declaration.

Salisbury’s telecommunications radio system has statewide capabilities, which allowed the department to have live, 24-hour radio communication with the team.

Salisbury Sculpture Show has a Winner  
Asheville, N.C. sculptor Robert Winkler won Best in Show in the 2016 Salisbury Sculpture Show “Discover What’s Outside.”

Winkler’s winning piece, “Moving Along,” has been on display in Salisbury since April 1, and will remain at its temporary location in the Visitors’ Center parking lot in the 100 block of North Lee St. until early January 2017. The piece reflects the sculptor’s creative style based on mathematics, movement and repetition. Winkler’s artist’s statement describes his objective to manipulate volume, mass and balance to create a sense of movement. Through precision geometry, he creates animated forms that engage the viewer with the power and illusion of movement.

Winkler has exhibited several times in Salisbury, winning first place in the inaugural 2005 exhibit with “a large wood piece “look homeward Anglies,” and again in 2014 for “Salisbury Foursome” at 1’95, 6’76 “foursome” was eventually purchased by the Convention and Visitors Bureau to be part of the city’s permanent collection.

Winkler’s work is also in permanent public art collections around the southeast, including in Durham, Charlotte and Charleston, S.C. This year’s sculpture judge was Kelly Bennett, who staffs the newly established Winston-Salem Forsyth County Public Art Commission. Bennett, a former photo-journalist with an art history degree, said she loved how “Moving Along” achieved the sense of so much motion by repeating the same geometric shapes in different ways. At once it could resemble the diminishing action of a bouncing ball, and then a tornado. To Bennett, the repetitive shapes also represent the motion of time — with the rustling metal as an ideal communicator of passing time.

The second place award went to Hannah Juban of Grimesland, N.C., for “Blue Planet,” which is on display at the corner of N. Fulton and W. Innes Streets. An art professor at East Carolina University, Juban is also a frequent exhibitor and past award winner in the Salisbury Sculpture Show. Bennett appreciated Juban’s kinetic sculpture for its successful portrayal of the solar system motif. The small, somewhat delicate blue sphere in juxtaposition with the much sturdier base makes it more subject to the “winds of its surroundings.”

Winning third place is Richard Pitt’s “Candle,” which seemingly lights the way into narrow Logan’s Alley in the 100 block of N. Main Street. This is the second year the New Albany, Pa., sculptor has exhibited in Salisbury. Bennett was impressed with how well the piece communicated the motion of a flame, with ribbons of metal wrapping air space in a way that alternates between being there, and then not there. The piece activates and transforms the space, inviting people to use the Alley.

This was the eighth year the Salisbury Public Art Committee has hosted the month’s sculpture show, with 38 pieces downtown and on three college campuses. The show was recently honored with two coveted awards - the CentraLisa Council of Governments 2016 Improving Quality of Life Award and the US Council of Mayors 2016 City Livability Award. The show will remain until January 2017. Sculpture show brochures are available at the Visitors’ Center, City Hall, Rowan Library and downtown restaurants and art galleries. The Public Art Committee looks forward to the 2017 show, which installs in March.

Salisbury Police Service K-9, Jack, the police department’s 10-year old Belgian Malinois, retired last month after eight years of dedicated service. K-9 Jack was gifted to his handler, Officer J.W. Martinez who has been his handler since February 2015. Prior to that time, K-9 Jack served another officer who went on to work for another law enforcement agency.