Spring Spruce Up Week begins April 22-26. Residents place items at the curb on their regular collection day before 7 a.m.

Old Appliances
Tires Without Rims
No Computers or TVs
No Building Materials
No carpet, padding, sheetrock, sinks, lumber, commodes, windows, etc.

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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). 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 Acese. “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 counties, 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).

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 cinaturechallenge.org.

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, 219 S. Main St.

2019 Cheerwine Festival
The Cheerwine Festival is back for another great weekend of fan for all ages. Our 3rd annual celebration will have more events 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
Saturday, May 18 - noon to 10 p.m.
Downtown Salisbury

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, “Streets.”

In addition to Smash Mouth and other locally-known stage acts, the festival will also include 12 to 16 “buskers,” as known as street entertainers, providing music on sidewalks and other locations within the festival footprint. Musicians, including Blazin’ Blues Bob, Lucas Beam and Lissete 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, and follow the hashtag #Cheerwinefest for more details as the event draws near.

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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 received 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...”

“S 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 salisbury.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.salisbury.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-mile evening run, through 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 sportsten.com or salisburypolicecrime.com 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.

RICHARD WITHSPORHSON, MAINTENANCE WORKER

With his retirement approaching, this month’s spotlight highlights Richard Witherspoon. He is 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.

“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.”