City Response to COVID-19

“This is a difficult time for everyone as we navigate through these unchartered waters,” said Salisbury City Manager W. Lane Bailey. “I know we can get through this together. Be well.”

The City of Salisbury is taking unprecedented steps in an attempt to lessen restrictions of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) locally. By working collaboratively with Rowan County, Salisbury elected officials and staff have implemented a number of new measures and temporary policies to help keep residents and employees safe. For more information about closings, visit salisburync.gov/closings.

As shared by Salisbury Mayor Karen Alexander in a video, “The City will continue to provide all services such as garbage, recycling, water, and emergency services. For your safety and the safety of our employees, we encourage residents to utilize the online payment option for utility bills or use the convenience drop box sites to deposit money orders or cashiers checks. I want to reassure our residents that the City of Salisbury is taking this situation seriously. The health and safety of you, your family, and our employees remains a priority.”

CLOSINGS/CANCELLATIONS

For the latest information on City cancellations, postponements, visit: salisburync.gov/closings

For community closings, visit: salisburypost.com

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CAC & Salisbury Tree Board
Recognize 2018-2019 Winners

The Salisbury Community Appearance Commission (CAC) and Salisbury Tree Board recognized recipients of the 2018-2019 Biennial Awards in a program at Salisbury City Hall on Thursday, February 27. “The awards program is to pay tribute to the many individuals, businesses and organizations that make Salisbury a great city in which to live,” said Jane Creech, chairperson of the CAC.

“The event theme varies each occasion to reflect current times. This year’s theme, ‘Leaping Forward: Planting Tomorrow’s Seeds Today,’ gives a nod to this year – 2020 – being Leap Year and to our connection and inter-dependence on the world of nature. It also alludes to all of you, as well as many others, who have and are investing seeds today, whether in the natural world or in physical structures, for making Salisbury’s tomorrows even greater. We are indeed grateful.”

Lisa Williams, a member of the Tree Board, discussed how a community’s urban forest is an extension of its pride and growth. She also presented two awards on behalf of the Tree Board. The Judy McDaniel Tree Steward Award and the Johnny Safrit Tree Planting Award were established to honor two deceased members of the Tree Board who gave tirelessly of their efforts to promote the board’s purpose and goals.

Michael and Diane Young, owners of LMY, Inc. and the restorers of the O.O. Ryffy General Store building, were the guest speakers for the event. For more information about the awards, visit salisburycity.gov/CAC.

2018-2019 Award Winners

Mayor’s Award: William R. Burtin

Community Treasure:
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Whitaker, Willie Whitaker, Fulton Heights Neighborhood, Crosswinds Senior Apartments, Joseph Medlin, Jr.

Holiday Storefronts:

Residential Landscapes:
Bernard & Vivian Savaria, Lori Burke, Bobby & Betsy Lomax, Ted & Frances Weant, George Stephen Hemman, Sue McIlhugh, Tarka M. Weant, Steve & Mary Arey, James Bostwick, Susan Lippard, Betsy Finch & Joseph Lyoh, Yvette Sophia Chaparro

Urban Landscapes:
Lost & Found, Olive Garden, Wendy’s, Landmark Church, Les Arons, Smart Start, Rowan, Ryffy-Holmes Senior Center, Rowan County Library, Crescent Barrel, Revival Golf Club, Lowry Vogt Properties

Commercial Landscapes:
East Square Artworks, Salisbury Saloon & Spa, The Medicine Shoppe, Sweet Meadow, Towne Creek Commons, Fidelity Bank, Allied Financial, F&M Bank, Judy McDaniel Tree Steward

2018-2019 Development

Johnny Safrit Tree Planting:
West Rowan Elementary School

SPRING SPRUCE UP
week
APR. 13-17
Free pickup during Spruce Up Week of any extra bags or boxes of trash, household items, furniture, mattresses, box springs, old appliances and tires without rims (limit 5 tires/location) when placed at the curb on your regular trash collection day before 7 a.m.

OFFICERS READ TO KIDS

March is National Reading Month across the United States. The Salisbury Police Department (SPD) encourages parents, caretakers and children of all ages to read not only in March but year round. Last month, the officers visited local preschools and elementary schools as part of their National Reading Month challenge to read and promote literacy in the community.

“On occasion the only interaction children have with an officer can be when something negative happens,” said Chief Jerry Stokes. “Reading in schools allows officers to interact with students in a different or more positive atmosphere. While at the schools, we’re able to read and discuss protocol on why, when and how to dial 9-1-1 and other topics children should know to stay safe. This has been a great way to build a rapport with the child just by reading them educational books. It benefits the officers by giving them a time to be in a positive and less stressful environment. Besides, everyone likes to step back to when they had Dr. Seuss read to them, the officers are no different, they enjoy it too.”

Salisbury Police Department is proactively accepting and creating opportunities to engage with community members – both young and old. For more information on future community events with SPD, visit salisburync.gov/police.

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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Vickie Eddleman, Traffic Engineering Coordinator

Vickie Eddleman has been employed with the city since 1999, starting as a traffic signal technician. In her current role as the traffic engineering coordinator, Vickie provides technical support for the traffic signal technicians, monitors the traffic signal system ensuring compliance with NCDOT, and handles citizens questions and concerns relating to traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, traffic signals and intersection or thru streets inquiries.

“Anytime I can plan solutions for citizens’ concerns is what I enjoy doing the most. When there is a solution to be found, we’re able to reach that point, plan it out and present it to the citizen. This is a part of what I do with the assistance of the engineering department. The staff that I work with is wonderful. I could not ask for better coworkers – not just the engineering department but everyone working for the city.”