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The City of Salisbury has exceeded its goal for the 2018 Rowan County United Way campaign. The theme of this year’s campaign was “Fire it Up For Change.”

"Thanks to our city team effort, and with Chief Bob Parnell leading the way for the entire Rowan County effort, we were able to help further Rowan County United Way’s mission," said City Manager W. Lane Bailey. "A challenge was issued and city employees fired it up to go above and beyond in their giving. Employees’ participation in the campaign displayed our commitment of wanting to be involved and give back to not only Salisbury residents but to everyone in Rowan County. Way to go, Team Salisbury."

City Employees Give to Improve Lives in Rowan

One of several United Way kick-off meetings for city employees.


During the United Way End report meeting, one person who donated to the United Way campaign was selected to receive a new, free car from Team Chevrole. The winner of the car giveaway was Salisbury Fire Department recruit Quinovous Sands.

The city’s internal campaign chairs were Communications Specialist Kalisha Brown and Transit Director Rodney Harrison. For more information about Rowan County United Way, visit rowanunitedway.org.

United Way guest speaker Janet Johnson spoke at each City kick-off meeting.

Car winner SFD recruit Quinovous Sands poses with Fire Chief Bob Parnell.

Rowan County Emergency Services responded to 963 substance abuse and mental health emergency calls from January to September, which prompted the city to change its goal from $50,000 to $50,963. Once the goal was set, department directors and department liaisons encouraged fundraising efforts through payroll deduction, fundraising events and donation challenges spanning weeks. City employees increased their pledge donations and raised more than $53,000 for United Way.

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Celebrating MLK Day

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, as part of the Human Relations Council, will host the annual weekend celebration to honor the civil rights icon, beginning Saturday, Jan. 18, through Monday, Jan. 20, 2020.

The Dr. King celebration weekend kicks off with a festive parade through downtown Salisbury on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 11 a.m. to noon. The parade, featuring local bands, dancers and community organizations, begins at the intersection of Main and Liberty Streets and ends on S. MLK Jr. Ave near the Civic Center. Following the parade, a community resource fair including free school supplies will be held inside the Civic Center from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 20, the committee will host the annual MLK breakfast at the J.F. Hurley YMCA on Jake Alexander Blvd., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. The featured speaker for the 2020 celebration will be announced at a later date.

Organizations interested in participating in the parade should call (704) 638-5218 or visit www.salisburync.gov/MLKParade. Residents who are interested in attending the breakfast can purchase tickets starting Friday, Dec. 6 at the Salisbury Customer Service Center at 3415 Martin Luther King Jr Ave S. Hurley YMCA, and through members of the Human Relations Council.

New Year’s Eve At The Trolley Barn

The new year is approaching and Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department is rolling out a temporary location for the 2019 New Year’s Eve Celebration. This year’s free, family event will be held at the Trolley Barn located at 165 E. Liberty Street from 9 p.m. to midnight. The location has been changed due to the Bell Tower Greens construction.

To go along with the New Year’s Eve celebration, attendees can enjoy games, refreshments and live music by Salisbury-based band Live House. Attendees can also watch the live video feed of the ball drop in New York City’s Times Square.

There is no better way to celebrate New Year’s Eve than by hanging in the new year with your family, friends and neighbors at this community event.

Sip On Local Flavors At Wine About Winter

Tickets are now on sale for Downtown Salisbury’s seventh annual Wine About Winter, wine tasting crawl. Wine connoisseurs throughout the region are invited to tour the wines of North Carolina in historic Downtown Salisbury, Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.

Ticket holders will sample wines at participating local shops and restaurants throughout downtown from Main to Lee Streets. Attendees will receive a tasting pass with access to 20 wine samples, a signature Wine About Winter tasting glass, and a special Wine About Winter wine carrying bag. Free trolley shuttle services will be provided for quick travel to all locations.

Tickets are $22.50 plus tax/fees and will be available for purchase online at www.downtownsalisburync.com. Must be 21 or older to participate. No wine may be consumed outside of the location it is served.

A NEW FILM COMES TO SALISBURY

Hey, Salisbury! Another film titled "Goodbye, Butterfly" is coming to our city beginning Monday, Dec. 2, through Sunday, Dec. 22. For more information visit salisburycity.gov/film.

OFFICER ATTENDS BRIDGE 4 KIDS

Officer Sexton attended the First Annual Bridge 4 Kid’s Banquet at the Civic Center. Miss Brooklyne Witherpoon has worked hard with bridging the gap between kids and officers. Thank you for your work in the community and for the invitation.

CITY MANAGER RECEIVES ICMA HONOR

Congratulations to our awesome leader, City Manager W. Lane Bailey on 30 years of public service. Bailey was honored at the recent @ICMAevents @ICMA2019 Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. We appreciate his dedication to serving our residents.

Ashley Myers, Senior Maintenance Technician

Ashley Myers is a senior maintenance technician at the water plant for the Salisbury Rowan Utilities (SRU) Department. He has been employed with the city for ten years.

Before transitioning to his current position, Ashley was a lift station senior maintenance technician. He oversees 34 lift stations to ensure wastewater flowed from a low level to a higher level in areas where elevation is not sufficient for gravity flow. Currently, Ashley is responsible for maintaining and repairing equipment at the water tanks and booster stations throughout Rowan County and the SRU water plant.

“Joining SRU ten years ago, and I still take pride in being a part of this amazing team. I enjoy meeting residents and building relationships. When working in the field, residents often come out of their homes to ask questions about the water process. It’s always nice to interact with them and discuss how they receive quality water from SRU.”

#PositiveGossip

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