Main St. Conference Hosted By Salisbury This March

The City of Salisbury and Downtown Salisbury, Inc. will host the 2019 North Carolina Main Street's annual three-day conference from March 12 - 14. The conference theme is centered on the foundation of a solid Main Street program integrating a combination of time, talent, and money arranged like a well-run production, that generates measurable downtown revitalization results.

DOS Executive Director Larissa Harper states, “It is an honor to host the NC Main Street Conference once again in Downtown Salisbury. The last time elected officials, municipal staff, non-profit directors and their volunteers traveled to see the revitalization happening in Downtown Salisbury was in 2013. They learned from leading industry professionals who shared their expertise at this statewide conference.”

The conference will bring hundreds of people to Salisbury from all over North Carolina, and is open to anyone interested in learning about downtown economic development. Attendees can gain knowledge from networking with other downtown management professionals, enthusiastic volunteers, business owners, developers, and product exhibitors who have used innovative development strategies to transform their downtown districts.

The NC Main Street Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 13, is a ticketed event to showcase the top projects in the state, while Thursday morning’s NC Main Street Champions Breakfast and Ceremony, also a separately ticketed event, will recognize citizens and groups that have made an impact in their community’s downtown revitalization efforts.

The City of Salisbury, through its SODC partner organization, Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI), became one of the original Main Street communities. Since that time, DSI has maintained its national accreditation and state designation as a Main Street Community.

For more information about the conference, keynote speakers and ticket information, visit: ncmainstreetconference.com.

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Get Involved, Apply Now!

Applications are available for residents interested in serving on the City’s 12 active, standing boards and commissions created and appointed by Salisbury City Council. Board terms are staggered for two-year or three-year terms, and meet regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. Appointments must be 18 and a Salisbury resident, with some exceptions.

Applications, both online and print, are accepted on a continual basis and kept on file for consideration in the event a vacancy occurs. Visit salisburync.gov/boards for more information.

Council Retreat Open To Public

Salisbury City Council will host its annual Goals Setting Retreat, Monday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 9 a.m. until the meeting is concluded, at Livingstone College – Department of Hospitality and Culinary Arts, 530 Jake Alexander Boulevard South. Topics for the retreat will include preliminary discussions of the upcoming budget, the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan, a review of the previous year’s goals, Council’s mission and vision statement, and other agenda items as requested by Council from staff. The retreat is open to the public. The agenda will be available to the public prior to the event date.

#PositiveGossip

SCAM ALERT: FAKE FIRE INSPECTIONS

Scammers are instructing apartment managers to tell their residents to leave their doors unlocked so SFD can come into their homes to inspect smoke detectors. This is a scam. Always keep your doors locked and secured. To report a scam, call (704) 838-9333.

SVC LEADERSHIPS LESSON

Salisbury Youth Council got a lesson in leadership and the workings of municipal government today when the group held a mock City Council meeting.

SFD TRAINS FIRE EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Companies have been training and testing some new drivers for driving a fire truck, and it’s about more than making the vehicle move. Complicated hydraulics, positioning considerations, and mechanical knowledge and all important parts of a good Firefighter.

Snow Safety

Shoveling snow can be necessary in winter time, but follow these safety tips for your health:
- Take it slow and stretch out before you begin.
- Shovel only fresh, powdery snow. It’s lighter.
- Push the snow rather than lifting it.
- If you do lift it, use a small shovel.
- Lift with your legs, not your back.
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion.
- Don’t pick up that shovel without a doctor’s permission if you have a history of heart disease. If you feel tightness in the chest or dizziness, stop immediately.

New Fair Housing Committee Seeks Volunteers

City staff, in partnership with the newly-established Salisbury Fair Housing Committee and the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG), will work together over the upcoming months to conduct a fair housing study as part of the city’s Analysis of Impediments (AI) update project, in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The survey asks questions of all residents surrounding current housing types, assistance programs, housing discrimination, predatory lending and senior housing. The survey is available both online at www.salisburync.gov/ Fairhousing in English and Spanish, and in hard copy form, which will be distributed in key locations and at events throughout Salisbury. The soft deadline to complete the survey is Thursday, Feb. 28. Completed hard copies can be mailed or dropped off at 132 N. Main St., Salisbury, N.C. 28144.

MARK DRYE, SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST

Mark Drye is a senior management analyst for the City of Salisbury Finance Department. Mark has worked with the city for over 22 years. In addition to his current role as an analyst, Mark also co-manages the Salisbury Customer Service Department. Mark’s duties include responding to financial inquiries, processing W-2s for all city employees, conducting an in-depth research of historical financial data as requested when developing the city’s fiscal year budget and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

“Enjoy doing research. The challenge of looking for information, gathering the data and developing the finished product is my favorite part. A lot of people may consider dealing with numbers boring or hard, but it’s what you make it. You may have challenges and that’s fine.”

PUBLIC SERVICES NO-SHAPE CONTEST

Things got a little hairy for the Salisbury NCFD and Salisbury NCFire dept. during the months of September 2018 through December 2018. This week, City Manager W. Lane Bailey announced the winners of the “Public Safety No-Shave” campaign.

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We are appreciative of every officer within our department and extend a huge thank you to all the men and women who serve their communities across this nation.