Readers’ Contest: Fitness Giveaway!

We’re giving away a Fitbit! This contest is exclusive to the City of Salisbury’s January 2018 edition of The Lamplighter.

Don’t miss out! One grand prize winner will win a BlueWear Rainbow Hill Fitness Activity Tracker with Sleep and Heart Monitors ($60 value).

To enter, snap the QR code below or visit www.salisburync.gov/Fitbit to fill out your full name and email address. Unique email addresses only.

Winners will be contacted via email on February 1.

Stop Where?

When you pull up to an intersection and stop at a red light, you anxiously await for it to turn green so you can be on your way. What happens if your light doesn’t turn green? If you are like most people, you get upset! With high gas prices and busy schedules, we don’t have time to sit behind red lights. Signals that do not change could be malfunctioning but a very common cause of this is where you stop your vehicle. There is a bold white line at the approach to every signalized intersection. This line is called a “Stop Bar,” and you should stop at this line, NOT beyond it.

There are several reasons for this:
1. Stopping behind the stop bar ensures other motorists have room to maneuver with turns, etc.
2. Stopping behind the stop bar gives room for pedestrians to cross safely in front of your vehicle.
3. Stopping behind the stop bar places you in the proper position to be detected by the signal.

You see, at many intersections, there are inductive loops installed in the pavement (these are also sometimes called magnetic loop detectors). Look closely and you will notice thin lines in the pavement where the detectors are installed. When a car sits on top of the loop, it picks up the metal in the vehicle and sends a message to the signal controller that you are there and need to be served. If you pull past the stop bar, the loop detector does not know you are there, so it does not send a signal, and you do not get your green light (unless someone happens to pull up behind you, and they get detected).

So next time you are at a red light and the green seems to be skipping you, take a look at where you are stopped. If you are past the stop bar, back up a little so that the loop detector can do its job and get you on your way. If you are on a motorcycle or bicycle and the light will not change, try leaving your bike over slightly to see if the detector will pick up the metal.

In most cases, this will solve the problem!
For any questions about traffic signals within the City of Salisbury, call the Engineering Department at (704) 638-5200.

City Council
Mayor Al Higgins
Mayor Pro Tem David Post
Council Member Karen K. Alexander
Council Member Brian Miller
Council Member Tamara Sheffield
City Manager W. Lane Bailey

City Budget Process
Salisbury staff and City Council will begin reviewing budget needs for the Fiscal Year 2019 later this month. The city’s fiscal year is the period of 12 months, beginning on July 1 each year and ending on June 30 of the following year, in which the city spends its designated funds.

In late winter, each department receives budget files for their requests for the upcoming budget process. Requests typically include maintenance of annual projects, small-scale road paving, replacement of older garbage cans, monthly printing costs of The Lamplighter and training funds for employees just to name a few.

Funding requests, received by both the budget manager and City Manager W. Lane Bailey, are measured against the priorities set by City Council at the annual Goal Setting Retreat. The retreat is typically held in February and is open to the public.

The budget requests are then compared to the income the city is projected to receive in the upcoming fiscal year. The income and expenses must equal, meaning the city has a balanced budget.

Once the draft budget is completed, City Manager Bailey formally presents the budget to City Council for review annually in May. A public comment period and discussion on the draft budget is held before the official City Council vote in June.

Where does your tax dollar go?

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Prepare Your Home For Winter

For more tips on winter-weather safety and preparedness, visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

Prepare your vehicle:
- Make sure you have a mechanic check your antifreeze, brakes, heater and defroster, tires, wipers and battery.
- Keep an extra Emergency Kit specifically for your car and consider cell phone charging devices, blankets & jumper cables.
- Use Rock Salt to help melt ice.

Additional Tips:
- Always have an Emergency Communications Plan for your family in cases where you may not be together when disaster strikes.
- Keep Kerosene and Gasoline in the appropriate labeled containers: Do not mix the two.
- Keep all of your medicines up to date.

Get Fit In 2018 With Parks & Rec!

Start a new workout for the new year! Salisbury’s Parks and Recreation programs offer something for all ages and interests! To see all of our activities, events and programs visit www.salisburync.gov/Play or pick up one of our Playbooks at any of our facilities! This season we have new, exciting programs including:
- Cardio Kickboxing
- Poetry of Hip Hop
- Belly Dance for Beginners
- Intro to Coding

PARKS & REC STAFF RECEIVES AWARD

Congratulations to Steve Clark for being recognized for 20 years of service in Parks and Recreation.

TAGGING TRASH CANS WITH NOTICES

Good morning #Salisbury City staff is working together all this week tagging trash cans this morning with your new trash pickup day notifications. #TeamSalisbury

GIRLS WHO CODE ARE ON A ROLL

Girls Who Code are on a roll for their lesson today #gwwcsalisbury #codingpastorm

SFD CELEBRATED 200 YEARS OF SERICE

Salisbury Fire Department celebrated their 200th anniversary with historical marker dedication and fire truck parade Friday, Dec. 8 #5/1/000

1ST FEMALE BATTALION CHIEF RETIRES

Paving the way for all others #leadership Salisbury Fire Department’s first female battalion chief retires.

POLICE OFFICERS HAND OUT CANDY CANES

“Christmas C4” project is underway! Conversations and Connections through Candy Canes...Patrol Officers will be handing out candy canes to the youth in our Community and getting to know them on a more personal level.

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