Fire Station #6 Build Continues

Construction for the Justin Monroe and Vic Isler Salisbury Fire Station and Fire Academy on Cedar Springs Road continues to be an ongoing process. Due to the poor weather as a significant factor in the construction schedule delay, the project is running approximately three months behind.

“We are looking forward to opening the Justin Monroe and Vic Isler Salisbury Fire Station and Fire Academy once the construction is complete,” said Fire Chief Bob Parnell. “As of February 4, the building is 60% complete, while the site (land around the building) is 40% finished. We currently anticipate the project to be completed at the end of April 2020.”

What’s happening:
• The building frame and roofs are complete. The walls are being constructed.
• Interior walls are almost done. The second and third floors are poured and curing.
• Staff is finalizing lists and preparing to order furnishings and equipment.
• The fire trucks have been procured.
• The firefighters have been hired and trained, and are awaiting facility’s completion.

The Monroe and Isler Fire Station and Fire Academy will house the Fire Department’s training and safety officers. The station will also be staffed with firefighters and emergency medical technicians on a 24-hour basis.

Firefighter Justin E. Monroe was 19 at the time of his death. At age 14, Monroe was a junior volunteer at Miller’s Ferry Fire Department, where he was named Junior Firefighter of the Year. In 2007, he began working part-time at Salisbury Fire Department and Spencer Fire Department while continuing to carry on his duties at Miller’s Ferry.

Firefighter Victor A. Isler, Sr., age 40, was a veteran and seasoned member of the fire service. He was the Valued Patron of his Medics Class with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and the “Top Gun” recipient in the 2007 Rowan Cabarrus Community College Fire Academy.

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Be Part Of The Cheer!

The 2020 Cheerwine Festival will bring opportunity for residents and visitors to get involved in the fun through volunteer activities and by entering the t-shirt design contest.

Cheerwine festival organizers are seeking volunteer groups to assist with the daylong festivities. Civic and service organizations are encouraged to volunteer in groups of 10 people or more on Saturday, May 30, for at least one, three-hour period. The festival hours are noon to 10 p.m. (volunteer groups can/will start as early as 8 a.m.) Duties will include vendor load-in assistance, managing parking lots, serving in information booths and serving as a Cheerwine Festival street ambassador.

For more information on how organizations can benefit as a Festival volunteer group, please fill out your volunteer group form at www.cheerwinefest.com/volunteer by Wednesday, April 1.

Artists are also encouraged to participate in the event by entering the Cheerwine Festival T-Shirt design contest before 5 p.m., Friday, March 6. The winner will have the official Festival t-shirt design and receive:
• A one-night stay at the Salisbury Holiday Inn Express after all the Festival fun on Saturday, May 16
• A Cheerwine Festival gift basket containing four Festival t-shirts and additional items from Cheerwine and the City of Salisbury

T-shirt design judges will select the five best initial entries. Criteria for selection will include, but is not limited to, the entries that are most visually appealing, the uniqueness of the entry, and the clarity and impact of the Cheerwine Festival imagery in the final design.

A gallery of the final five selections will be made available online on Monday, March 16, for viewing and voting. One People’s Choice winner will be selected based on the highest number of valid votes. Winner will be notified by email. For more information on design rules visit cheerwine.com/festival-contest-rules or email contest@cheerwine.com.

EVENT CALENDAR: APRIL

City Council Meetings

Attend public city council meetings to find out what’s happening in your city.

Tuesday, April 7 and 21 - starts at 6 p.m.
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

Ring in Spring

Meet the Easter Bunny at this fun, family-friendly event to celebrate the turning of the season! Kids can participate in free craft activities, professional photos, hayrides, and “fill your Easter basket” activities.

Saturday, April 4 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Gateway Park, Corner of Depot and E. Innes St.

Hurley Park Spring Celebration

Enjoy live music, refreshments, free carriage rides and Carolina artists at this annual celebration of Spring!

Sunday, April 5 - 2 to 4 p.m.
Hurley Park, 304 Anndale Avenue

Touch-A-Truck

Participants of all ages will have a FREE opportunity for a close-up and personal, hands-on educational experience. Explore a wide variety of vehicles and occupations. Wrestling jams is encouraged.

Saturday, April 18 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

Ministers of Comedy

This charity fundraiser features local ministers and judges bringing you their tale on comedy. Proceeds benefit the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial fund.

Thursday, April 23 - starts at 6 p.m.
Salisbury Civic Center, 316 S. MLK Jr. Ave.

Para la traducción al español, visite
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