Let's Get Connected Day

On Saturday, May 20, The Human Relations Council will host its annual Let's Get Connected Day at the Rudy-Holmes Senior Center located on S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Citizens will be able to partake in a multicultural celebration which will include food, music, dancing, and community prayer session. Additionally, the event will commemorate the installation of the 11th peace pole within the City of Salisbury.

“The Human Relations Council is dedicated to celebrating multiculturalism within the Salisbury community. The event is just another great way to bring the City together,” said Brianna Price, human resource analyst and event staff liaison. “As well, the installation of the new peace pole will help push forward the development of a new park in that area.”

City Council

Mayor Karen A. Alexander
Mayor Pro Tem Maggie Blackwell
Council Member Brian Miller
Council Member Kenneth Hardin
Council Member David Post
City Manager W. Lane Bailey

SPARKY CELEBRATES NATIONAL PET DAY

Big shout out & thanks to Sparky the Fire Dog for spreading his fire prevention & safety messages around Salisbury.

#NationalPetDay #FSFD00

Tweeted April 11 www.twitter.com/FireSalisburyNC

CADETS ATTEND PLANNING SESSION

Cadet Deberry and Cadet Wilks participated in discussion during the Community Action Planning Session. Thank you Salisbury Police Cadets for being a voice for the youth!

Posted April 10 www.facebook.com/SalisburyPoliceDepartment

PLAN DE ACCION COMUNITARIA SESIONES

Interpretes en español que están reportando las ideas que surgieron en los grupos de enfoque.

Tweeted April 8 www.twitter.com/CitySalisburyNC

CITY WINS NC3C AWARD

When we spend time combating false information about our beloved Salisbury, we win state awards. #firstplace #nc3c
#truth #legitimatesources

Posted April 6 www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Parks-and-Recreation-Department

30TH ANNUAL HURLEY PARK CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who came out on such a gorgeous day to celebrate 30 years of Hurley Park. We look forward to another 30 years.

Posted April 6 facebook.com/Salisbury-Parks-and-Recreation-Department

2017 SCULPTURE SHOW

We're excited about this year's sculpture show!

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Intentional Citizen Contact

The Salisbury Police Department is reaching out to local residents to build trust and mutual respect.

Open House

The Salisbury Fire Department held an open house on April 29.
Open House

On Saturday, April 29, the Salisbury Fire Department held an open house at Fire Station #4 located on 2235 Statesville Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Citizens were given a tour of the facility, witnessed the day-to-day operations, and learned more about fire safety.

“It is so important that people understand the basics of fire safety, whether its children or adults. Making a plan of what to do in case of a fire emergency can save your life,” said Fire and Safety Educator and Recruiter Donovan Hamm.

The event was an opportunity for the residents to gain invaluable information and build relationships with their local fire department. A few of the topics covered were fire prevention and education, and how to operate extinguishers and smoke detectors. Food and drink were also provided.

For more information about fire safety, please contact Donovan Hamm at (704) 218-7569.

Intentional Citizen Contact

The Salisbury Police Department has started a new initiative called “Intentional Citizen Contact,” also known to some officers as “Community Contact” in an effort for the Salisbury community to become better acquainted with police officers in the city. The new initiative is one of many in the department’s efforts to increase community outreach and policing throughout Salisbury.

“It’s about building trust and mutual respect between citizen and police,” said Police Captain, Melanie Thompson. Salisbury Police Chief, Jerry Stokes explained that the strategies implemented thus far are to increase community policing within the city and trust among the local residents. “We are emphasizing the importance of community engagement. Having citizens get to know their officers and establish relationships with them, is crucial to community reporting and confidence in their local authorities. Officers are asked to make at least five intentional contacts a day which may include canvassing neighborhoods, initiating discussions with residents, and asking how they can better serve the Salisbury community as a department.

I think it’s a good idea,” said Salisbury resident Cameron. “It gives me comfort to see them out here more and making contact with the people who live here.”

Residents Help Shape Our City’s Future

Salisbury residents recently provided valuable input in to the development of four focus areas that were deemed most important in shaping a successful community:

- Improved public safety and its relationship with citizens
- Opportunities for children
- Improved community relations
- Workforce development

Four Community Action Planning Sessions were held over a four-week period throughout the month of April to help develop the vision of a healthier community that provides a livable environment which is safer, with higher educational achievement, stronger workforce and employment opportunities, and better relationships between the community, the City and law enforcement. The vision and focus areas were developed over a two-month period of work sessions featuring more than 20 community stakeholders from organizations including workforce development, religious institutions, the Salisbury Police Department, Rowan County Sheriff’s Office, Salisbury-Rowan NAACP. Now that the sessions are complete, ideas will be presented to the community at large and one-year and three-year goals will be established. Next, residents will take ownership of each of the focus area goals to develop, implement and measure.

For more information please contact us at (704) 638-4460.

Rain Garden Project

The City of Salisbury’s ongoing efforts toward sustainable practices within the community are in forward momentum especially with a local rain garden project the city started last summer in conjunction with Salisbury-Rowan Utilities and Livingston College. The new rain garden located at the courtyard of One Water Street gave Livingston students who participated experience in creating a working rain garden and knowledge of how this type of landscaping helps to prevent stormwater pollution.

Jeni Waisser, SJU certified environmental education specialist and project lead, stressed the importance for residents to get involved and understand how simple changes can reduce stormwater pollution and its impact to the environment.

“Rain gardens are an effective best management practice in this effort as this type of landscaping aids in natural filtration of stormwater pollution,” said Waisser. “Stormwater is simply precipitation that flows over impervious surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots collecting trash and other pollutants which eventually make their way into our streams and lakes. This polluted water is untreated, which most citizens don’t realize.”

Residents of Salisbury are encouraged to wash cars over grassy areas, pick up after pets, clean up chemical spills and automotive fluids, and recycle what they can. In addition, citizens are also encouraged not to over use and to clean up excess pesticides and fertilizers. These nutrient-rich products can also collect on leaves and grass so it is important to sweep up loose leaves and grass clippings near storm drains to prevent them from causing the overgrowth of algae in waterways. Too much algae depletes oxygen needed for fish and other aquatic life.

Waisser has expressed interest in collaborating again on more sustainable efforts, particularly gearing it toward colleges and students.