Team Effort “Draws Up” Fire Prevention Billboard

The city’s communications department had a six-month contract for a local billboard and several targeting kids, relaying the ‘two ways out’ message, because local schools would be educating kids on fire safety and it would be a great reminder for kids passing by to inform the parents about what they learned in school. Boler recommended a design that looked like a kid’s creation, drawn with actual crayon. Boler donated the crayons from the Fire department’s promotional materials so that Boler could begin work on the billboard design.

City departments were offered the opportunity to put a message on the billboard for a month. Fern Bolar, Salisbury web and marketing services coordinator, contacted Boler to find out what message the Salisbury Fire Department would like to put up in October. Boler suggested a billboard design in true teamwork fashion the October billboard portrays the Salisbury Way and Team Salisbury. The Salisbury Fire Department would love to continue to have this billboard adventure every year for Fire Prevention Week.

Readership Survey Winner

Congratulations to Emily! Thank you to all of our readers who participated.

City Council

Major 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

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

National Fire Prevention Week was October 7-13 with the theme “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware—fire can happen anywhere.” The Salisbury Fire Department felt that the theme was great but they wanted a message targeted specifically to Salisbury residents. Salisbury Fire Department and Life Safety Educator Kimberly Boler contacted Battalion Chief Forrest to survey all SFD members on a key message.

The firefighters were given an option of three National Fire Protection Association approved messages to choose between. The top choice was “Know 2 Ways Out.” This was essential because Salisbury firefighters are the ones in the field most often, addressing fire calls and community concerns throughout the city.

Holiday Events For Salisbury

It’s the most wonderful time of the year – and not just because it’s the holiday season, but because Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department and Downtown Salisbury Inc. will host some amazing events to end the year on a high note. Whether you’re looking for family-friendly event, horse and carriage rides, live music and performances, or a New Year’s Eve celebration, we’ve got it all!

Holiday Night Out

Downtown Salisbury Inc. (DSI) will host Holiday Night Out on the biggest shopping day of the year, Friday, Nov. 23. The event consists of great holiday deals from Downtown Salisbury businesses, free trolley rides, seasonal music, and horse and carriage rides.

Friday, November 23 - 5 to 9 p.m.
Downtown Salisbury

Santa and the Grinch at the Bell Tower

This is the perfect opportunity to snap a photo with Santa and the Grinch at the historic Bell Tower. As you wait, you can enjoy ornament making, hot cocoa and cookies with DSI staff and community members.

Saturday, November 24 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bell Tower Park

Brunch with Santa

Welcome Santa like milk and cookies for a midnight snack but what does he eat for brunch? Join Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department to make a holiday memory by sharing brunch with Santa. For more information call (704) 216-PLAY. Pre-registration is required by visiting salisburync.gov/Brunch. The cost is $5 per person.

Saturday, December 1 - 10 a.m. to noon
Salisbury Civic Center, S. MLK Jr. Ave

Holiday Lights Trip

Sign up for a van ride to the Charlotte Motor Speedway for the drive-through holiday lights display with Parks and Rec staff.

Thursday, December 13 - van leaves at 5:30 p.m.
Salisbury Civic Center, S. MLK Jr. Ave

A second trip to the Tanglewood Festival of Lights for the drive-through holiday lights display with Parks and Rec staff.

Thursday, December 20 - van leaves at 5:30 p.m.
Salisbury Civic Center, S. MLK Jr. Ave

For more details call (704) 216-PLAY. Pre-registration is required by visiting salisburync.gov/Lights. Cost is $10 per rider/event.

Santa and Grinch with Fire Trucks

The last DSI event before Christmas is one the entire family can enjoy. The day will consist of free rides throughout downtown via antique fire trucks with Santa and the Grinch by your side.

Saturday, December 15 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Visitor’s Center, 204 E. Innes St.

New Year’s Eve at the Bell Tower

There is no better way to celebrate New Year’s Eve than by ringing in the New Year with the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department. The night will be filled with free games, live music and refreshments.

Monday, December 31 - 9 p.m. to midnight
Bell Tower Park

EVENT CALENDAR: DECEMBER

Community, Community Engagement
Friday, December 7 - starts at 3 p.m.
Location TBD

City Council Meeting
Attend public city council meetings to find out what’s happening in your city.
Tuesday, December 4 and 18 - starts at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 217 S. Main St

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LEAF SEASON
Is Here!

ueba Running is prohibited within the city limits of Salisbury as public pick up services are available to our citizens.

During Leaf Season
October 15, 2018 – March 31, 2019
Loose leaves must be raked to the curb by Monday morning of your collection week to ensure collection. Bagged leaves may be put out weekly on your regular trash/yard waste day.

During the Off Season
April 1, 2019 – October 11, 2019
All loose leaves and shrub clippings must be bagged or placed in a container for collection. Vacuum trucks do not run during this time. Bagged leaves will be collected on your regular trash/yard waste day.

Helpful Reminders
There will be no leaf collection during holiday weeks.
November 19 - 23, (Thanksgiving Week)
December 24 - 28 (Christmas Week)

Know Your F.O.G.

Find out why the proper disposal of F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, Grease and Wax) is so important.

This Thanksgiving, as you whip up your holiday meal, chances are you will end up with leftover cooking oils and fats. It is important to learn the proper way to dispose of those oils. Pouring them down the drain can be hazardous to the environment and possibly, your pocket. F.O.G. sticks to the inside of sewer pipes when cooled, causing constricted flow and blocked pipes. It’s essential to ensure your home plumbing and sewer lines don’t get clogged. You can easily avoid a costly sewer repair by changing a few simple F.O.G. disposal habits. It’s important to scrape food scraps into your trash instead of always using your garbage disposal. Also, wait until your fats and oils have cooled, then pour them into a can on a plastic bottle for disposal. Remove F.O.G. from all cookware with a paper towel before washing. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into the trash.

The buildup of fats, Oils, Grease and Wax (F.O.G.) can eventually block your pipes. If this happens, raw sewage can back up into your residence or business.* quote from Johnny Rogers, Salisbury F.O.G. Program Coordinator.

Examples of fats, Oils, Grease and Wax:
- Cooking oil and shortening
- Meat fats and pan drippings
- Dairy products, butter or margarine
- Oily sauces and salad dressing
- Candle wax

Receive City Alerts By Text Specific to Your Neighborhood

It’s not too late to sign up to receive Nile alerts from the City of Salisbury. The alerts are a community-wide notification system to inform residents about emergency situations and community advisories right at their fingertips.

Nile alerts can be received via text, email, voice, web, and social media in an instant. All alerts are targeted geographically, allowing residents to receive localized, relevant information from the city. The Nile system, available at no cost to citizens, will be most effective when a large number of Salisbury citizens subscribe. Standard messaging rates will apply.

To customize the information you receive and the locations you receive it from, via text message and/or email, you must set up a free account. Open the Nilex app on your phone or go online to www.nilex.com to register.

Once registered, you can personalize your locations and your language preferences, making the service fit your needs. You can also choose how you want to receive your information, whether by text or via your mobile device or e-mail. Add as many locations as you would like at no additional cost.

To receive text alerts, you have several options:
1. Text your Zip Code or SALISBURY to 888777
2. Visit www.nilex.com
3. Download the Everbridge Nilex app on your phone

We’re sharing the #PositiveGossip that’s going on @CitySalisburyNC

CITY STAFF RESPONDS TO MICHAEL
Salisbury NC Fire Department, Salisbury Police Department and Salisbury Public Services staff have been hard at work all day throughout the City of Salisbury. In these times that we are tested, we thank you for your tireless efforts to continue to ensure the safety of our residents!

SFD & DOMINOS TEST SMOKE ALARMS
As part of Fire Prevention Week, we teamed up with Dominos to give free pizza to homeowners who agree to smoke alarm tests or allow the fire department to install smoke alarms.

CALL FOR ENTRIES: SCULPTURE SHOW 2019
The Salisbury Public Art Committee announces a Call for Entries for the 2019 Salisbury Sculpure Show. http://salisburync.gov/SculptureShow. We invite sculptors to submit their outdoor pieces for consideration. Entries in its 15th year, our show has earned regional and national recognition.

OFFICERS & FIREFIGHTERS SAVE CHILD
SFD and @SalisburyNCFire working together to unlock a vehicle with a child locked inside. Access gained, no injuries.

SFD & CITIZENS SHARE AT COFFEE SHOP
Thank you to everyone who stopped by Koco Java Coffee & Roastery to have Coffee with a Cop today! We enjoyed meeting and speaking with community members. And a special thanks to Koco Java for being such a great host for the event.

OCTOBER IS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH
The month of October is National Crime Prevention month and the Salisbury Police Department is challenging the entire Salisbury community to make crime prevention a priority. #CrimePreventionMonth

Tips for Holiday Safe Shopping

SFD Officer Rebecca Sexton shares tips on how to stay safe during Black Friday:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Don’t just focus on shopping always look at people and cars around you.
- There’s always safety in numbers. Take someone with you.
- Before leaving home. Make sure all doors and windows are secured, and leave a light or two on to make it appear that someone is there.
- Attempt to shop during the day or park in a well-lit area while shopping at night. Make sure your vehicle is free from any clutter (what might be junk to you, could be a treasure to someone else). (Loose change in a tray, bolted bags with trash, etc.).
- Ladies: Keep purse close to your body or carry your driver’s license, cash and/or “Ione” credit card in your front pocket.
- Men: Don’t have wallet visible in your back pocket, just carry driver’s license, cash and/or “Ione” credit card in front pocket.
- Try to make one trip to your vehicle to store your shopping bags. A thief could be waiting in parking to see if you return to the store, and break into car while you’re gone.
- Returning Home: Be aware of your surrounding (suspicious people walking in the neighborhood).

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