Downtown Salisbury will host its annual Salisbury Sip Craft Beer Festival on Saturday, Sept. 9. Craft beer aficionados can also sample a variety of beverages at the festival from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Gateway Building parking lot, 204 E. Innes St.

This all-day event offers craft beer from over 25 breweries, food trucks, music and more. Local musical favorites, The Lilly Brothers, will kickoff the event at 3 p.m., followed by the Travers Brothership, from Asheville, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Salisbury Sip Craft Beer Festival is part of the First Friday Shop, Dine, Stroll series. Tickets are $40. Ticket holders must be 21 years old or older with valid ID. Tickets can be purchased online at www.downtownsalisburync.com or call (704) 638-7814 for information.

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

COMMUNITY ACTION PLANNING SESSIONS
Tonight’s review of the previous Community Action Planning Sessions is under way at the Salisbury Civic Center. #CommunityEngagement

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRIDAY
We had a great time visiting with residents in the Brentwood neighborhood for #CommunityEngagementFriday! Thanks for the hospitality today. #TeamSalisbury

SALISBURY FIREFIGHTERS ALWAYS READY
Aerial up, hoses and ground ladders out, cab up. Weekly apparatus and equipment maintenance and proud of the efforts our FFs put into it.

SPD NICE TRUCK MADE NATIONAL NEWS
The N I C E. truck made national news. The Neighborhood Ice Cream Truck is just one aspect of our community policing strategy.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT THE POOL
A great time was had by all during National Night Out. Our Salisbury Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department joined forces to provide an entertaining event at the Fred M. Evans Pool, where families could interact with police officers in a fun and positive way. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event! #SalisburyNightOut

Residents, city staff and community volunteers come together to build cleaner and safer neighborhoods one block at a time.
Salisbury’s Kids are G.R.E.A.T.

The Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program has been teaching young students in Salisbury about the dangers of gangs and violence since 1993. The goal of G.R.E.A.T. is to prevent youth crime, violence, and gang involvement while developing a positive relationship among law enforcement, families, and young people to create safer communities. Officer Ann Cooper of the Salisbury Police Department is in charge of Salisbury’s local G.R.E.A.T. program. During the school year Officer Cooper teaches students of the 4th grade for six weeks and students in 6th grade for 13 weeks. Students come from Jenson Elementary, Overton Elementary, Knox Middle School, Sacred Heart Catholic and North Hills Christian School. During this program, students learn about managing conflicts, solving problems, and bullying. G.R.E.A.T. also hosts a summer camp program for 6th grade students. During the summer students take part in activities such as taking care of horses, swimming at Evans Pool, and gem mining at Dan Nicholas Park. Students are also visited by motivational speakers during the week. Sixth grade students involved in this year’s summer camp program have the opportunity to earn up to $200 this school year.

Students who earn all Cs or above on their report cards, receive no out of school suspension (OSS), no more than one in school suspension (ISS), and attend 95 percent of the quarter will earn a $10 gift card each quarter. Students with all As will receive an additional $25 gift card. Students also earn bonus pay check when hitting their 13 weeks of school and at the end of the school year if they practice good behavior (no OSS) and miss no more than 5 percent of school. The G.R.E.A.T. Program increases negative attitudes towards gangs while building better relationships between police officers and citizens. Students become more aware of the dangers of gangs and how the police can help. It also teaches students to respect others, make good choices, and set high goals. Students learn to manage anger and to avoid peer pressure.

Building Community One Block at a Time

The 2017 BLOCKWORK community is the 700-800 block of N. Lee Street, set for Saturday, Oct. 28, on the annual “Make a Difference Day.” BLOCKWORK is a grassroots program developed in 2010 by the Community Appearance Commission’s Neighborhood Leaders Alliance (NLA). The event strives to bring residents and community volunteers together to build cleaner and safer neighborhoods, one block at a time. Working together with property owners, residents, city staff and other support groups, participants help neighborhoods establish a proactive approach with stewardship of housing resources. Six successful BLOCKWORK events have been held since its founding, including the initial event on S. Shaver St., which earned a National Make a Difference Day award and a $10,000 prize. Last year, volunteers worked in the 800 block of W. Monroe St. near Livingstone College.

Work plans are designed by key participants and include both a pre- and post- education phase. Projects include carpentry, painting, landscaping and general clean-up in a one-block area. Long-term maintenance responsibility is assumed by block property owners, residents, and neighborhood participants.

Volunteers are needed to help preserve the beauty and charm of this year’s BLOCKWORK neighborhood. To volunteer, please complete an application online at Salisbury.gov/BLOCKWORK. Call Alyssa Nelson at (704) 638-5235 for a mailed application or stop by the City Office Building at 132 N. Main St. by Friday, Oct. 6.

Celebacion Familiar

El 15 de Septiembre hasta el 24 de Octubre es el mes de la herencia hispana nacional. En honor de este reconocimiento, La Coalicion Hispana de Salisbury tendrá el evento anual La Fiesta de Rowan, en el centro de Salisbury. El evento será el sábado, 23 de Septiembre desde las 12 del día has las 6 pm en el bloque 100 de East Fisher Street.

Este evento se ha tenido por 11 años, y ha atraído constantemente más de 500 personas. El evento es una manera para divertirse, para todos en la comunidad, para conectarse con la cultura Latina. Las actividades incluyen música, juegos, baile y una variedad de comida. El evento también tendrá información de agencias sobre el salud, educación, servicios legales, inmigración, vivienda, negocios y desarrollos sociales. Es una gran oportunidad para todos que quieran aprender más de la cultura. No se lo pierdan!