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**City Council Meetings**

**Busker’s Bash**
The best local talent comes together to perform in front of participating downtown businesses from 6 to 8 p.m. Even for your favorite by throwing a busker’s bash guitar pick into a performer’s bucket. Grand finale to follow!

**Friday, October 5** - from 5 to 9 p.m.
Downtown Salisbury

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**La Fiesta de Rowan**
National Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 through October 15. In honor of this annual recognition, the Hispanic Coalition of Salisbury will once again host its annual La Fiesta de Rowan celebration in downtown Salisbury.

**Saturday, October 6** - from 12 to 5 p.m.
Downtown Salisbury, 100 block E. Fisher St.
El 15 de Septiembre hasta el 30 de Octubre es el mes de la herencia hispana nacional. En honor de este reconocimiento, La Coalición Hispana de Salisbury tendrá el evento anual, La Fiesta de Rowan, en el centro de Salisbury.

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**Halloween Funfest**
Celebrate this spooky holiday with food, trick-or-treating and games. $5 for unlimited gameplay and activities.

**Saturday, October 27** - from 3 to 6 p.m.
Salisbury City Hall Parking Lot (217 S. Main St.)

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**BlockWork 2018**
This annual project brings community and volunteers together to improve neighborhoods. Volunteer at salisburync.gov/BlockWork

**Saturday, October 27** - from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
400 block of S. Lee St.

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**Summer Internship Inspires Local Students**

Students looking for a great way to gain work experience, make valuable connections, and get involved in the community can find a number of opportunities through internships with the City. This summer, Salisbury welcomed several interns in various departments.

**Gwen Watkins**

Gwen said that her favorite experience interning with the city was being able to meet with the city attorney because one day she wants to become a lawyer. She said that she enjoyed the work because it allowed her to be in an office, but it also allowed her to be out in the community.

For more information on summer internship opportunities, students should visit salisburync.gov/HumanResources in early spring.

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**Getting Ready Fur Fun**
Salisbury will welcome its first ever dog park soon. The Dog PAWS Task Force and Parks and Recreation. The park includes one acre of land and will be located behind the Salisbury Civic Center. To prevent any “off” play, the park will be divided between small and large dogs, so for parents and their furry friends will feel safe.

Before the park can be opened there is some work to be done including, 980 feet of new fence, water stations, and beautification to the park, adding shrubbery and trees.

Stephen Brown, landscape architect, said the park is making tremendous progress. So far the fence has been taken down at the tennis courts, and grading is being completed. Once the grading is completed the next step will be to run a water line. The Dog PAWS Task Force aims to have the park’s grand opening in early October.

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**A Paw-some Pool Party**
Cool off with your beloved pet at the Fred M. Evans Pool during the annual Doggie Dip Swim Party on Saturday, September 8. This special day is for all well-mannered dogs and their handlers. In an effort to ensure safety for everyone, there are Doggie Dip rules:
- All dogs must be on leash when not in the water
- All owners and dogs must know how to swim
- Dog handlers must be age 18+
- No more than two (2) dogs per handler
- Proof of rabies vaccination (tag) on display at all times
- No dogs in heat permitted
- Handlers must clean up after dog and provide their own waste bags. Temporary waste stations will be available.
- Limit of 25 dogs per time frame/weight classification

In addition, the swimming time varies depending on the weight of dogs:
- 1 to 2:30 p.m. - small dogs (up to 25 lbs.)
- 2:30 to 4 p.m. - medium dogs (25-50 lbs.)
- 4 to 5:30 p.m. - large dogs (51+ lbs.)

Handlers can pay the $5 per dog entry fee on-site and only cash will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the Dog PAWS fundraising efforts to construct Salisbury’s first dog park. For more information, visit salisburync.gov/PLAY.

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BlockWork brings residents and community volunteers together to build cleaner and safer neighborhoods, one block at a time!

**Mayor Hosts Free Youth Baseball/Softball Camp**

Salisbury Mayor Al Heggers will host a free baseball and softball camp for local youth at Catawba College, Saturday, Sept. 8, as part of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) support of Major League Baseball’s (MLB) “PLAY BALL. SUMMER!” initiative. The program focuses on the fun nature of baseball and encourages widespread participation in related activities.

Salisbury boys and girls, ages seven to 15, will receive instruction from the Catawba College baseball and softball teams at the campus’ Newman Park baseball field located at 598 Summit Ave., from 9 a.m. until noon. Free transportation will be provided from Hall Gym and the Civic Center, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is recommended by calling (704) 638-5786.

Information is available at PlayBall.org, which provides parents, coaches and children with information about baseball skills, links to youth-related news and events, searchable maps with links to community baseball leagues, health and safety information.

**#PositiveGossip**

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

**SFD CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Engine 4 conducted some public education, and neighborhood kids took advantage of the cool down on a hot evening on Admiral Drive for #NationalNightOut2018 #SalisburyNightOut

**HURLEY PARK BUTTERFLY EVENT SUCCESS**

We were overwhelmed with our attendance! Last year we had around 50, this year we had over 400 people! Thank you for all of the support! We are constantly improving and will plan better for future events. Hope to see you next year.

**PROGRESS CONTINUES FOR MEMORIAL**

Construction is underway for phase one of the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project #2. Memorial

**OFFICER HELP DONATION FIND A HOME**

As part of Officer Dishman’s normal patrol duties, he came across a lady who wanted to donate some material. Officer Dishman said that he would find a good home for the material. Today Officer Dishman met with the Ruffy Holmes Senior Center quilting group and donated the material to them. The talented ladies told him that the material would be put to good use. They will be making cuddle blankets for children they are served by Family Crisis Council and they also make beautiful valour quilts to donate to our veterans.

**BLOCKWORK TEAM RACES DRAGON BOAT**

The City of Salisbury Dragon Boat Team, the ‘Aqua hawks’ representing BlockWork on Saturday! With a final race time of 1:19.86 they did awesome job!

**GO TRANSIT MONTH**

www.SalisburyNC.gov/Transit (704) 638-5252

The Salisbury Police Department (SPD), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP/OJJDP), hosted two public information sessions with City Council and the general public last month to announce the findings of a recent police department assessment.

In 2017, SPD requested the assistance of the DOJ OJJDP to conduct an assessment of the department’s internal capabilities, violent crime trends and reduction strategies, and community engagement efforts. OJP staff spent several months reviewing SPD reported crime and police call location data, conducted SPD and law enforcement partner agency staff interviews, and conducted interviews with key members of the community, including business owners, faith-based leaders, and neighborhood representatives. After gathering this information, Diagnostic Center staff developed a Training and Technical Assistance Recommendation report to provide SPD a guide for improving the police department and community response to violent crime.

The assessment presentation to City Council is available on the City’s Vimeo channel, ACCESS.16, while the physical report can be viewed on the SPD webpage at SalisburyNC.gov/Police.