

City of Salisbury Moving to a Free On-Street Parking Model Downtown



The City of Salisbury is pleased to announce that, effective Nov. 4, on-street parking will be free in any of the more than 250 spaces in Downtown Salisbury in an effort to enhance accessibility for those who are conducting business.

This is the first step in a change of parking philosophy downtown, that comes just in time for the holiday shopping season. Free on street parking, with a 2-hour limit to ensure that there are spaces available throughout the day, will simplify the

parking experience while encouraging more people to enjoy the vibrant offerings of Downtown Salisbury.

As part of this initiative, parking kiosks in the downtown area are being removed or covered. All parking will remain free in the evenings (after 4 p.m.) and all day on the weekends as well as on holidays just as it is currently.

“Free on-street parking in downtown isn’t just about convenience; it’s a catalyst for economic vitality for our small businesses who rely on foot traffic,” said Allen Swiger, Director of the Arts, Business and Culture Department. “Don’t forget to shop small during the holiday season!”

More parking news is to come as the City moves closer to implementing a new parking management software.

For any questions or further information about free on-street parking or our permitted lots, please contact the City’s Parking Division at 410-548-3195.

Newly Expanded Boys and Girls Club Opens



The City of Salisbury and Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan Baltimore recently held a ribbon cutting event to announce the opening of the newly expanded Club located at the Truitt Community Center. This expansion will allow Boys and Girls Club to serve 100 kids during after school hours. For more information [click here](#)



City of Salisbury 2024-25 Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule



**Holidays that land on trash/recycling pickup days, but are not listed above, are NOT AFFECTED and normal service will be provided on those dates.

The Salisbury Zoo invites you to join us for a brand-new event, the Wild Vibes Festival, happening on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 1 p.m. — 5 p.m. This 21+ event promises an afternoon of music, drinks, games, and animal encounters – all to raise funds for the Zoo’s new Coati Exhibit! The event will feature live performances on our new Holly Circle Stage with music from local favorites Judy Plays the Blues, The Larks, and Josh Pryor. In addition to live music, attendees can enjoy animal-themed games, browse craft and food vendors, and sip on offerings from some of the region’s best breweries and wineries.



Early bird tickets are available now, and those who purchase in advance will be entered into a raffle to win Hops on the River tickets in 2025. Don’t miss your chance to experience an afternoon of good vibes while supporting the Salisbury Zoo!

2025 Salisbury Prize Public Art Competition

The City of Salisbury is excited to announce that the application period is now open for the 2025 Salisbury Prize public art competition, with submissions due by 5 PM EST on December 31, 2024. Thanks to funding provided by the Maryland State Arts Council, this annual competition will award \$10,000 to the winning artist, with an additional stipend of



up to \$5,000 for materials reimbursement. “The Salisbury Prize continues to play a pivotal role in expanding public art in Salisbury, and we’re excited to see a new piece take shape near the West Riverwalk this year,” said Allen Swiger, Director of the Arts, Business, and Culture Department. “This competition also provides a valuable opportunity for local artists to showcase their creativity and make a lasting impact on the community.”

visit <https://salisbury.md/?p=67727>

To learn more about the process or to apply,

Sergeant Ben Koons Honored as Firefighter of the Year by Salisbury Fire Department

On October 15, 2024, Sergeant Ben Koons was honored as the 2024 Firefighter of the Year for the Salisbury Fire Department (SFD). Sgt. Koons, nominated and selected by his fellow firefighters, received one of the department’s highest honors, recognizing his exemplary service and leadership.

Promoted to Sergeant earlier this year, Sgt. Koons has demonstrated a proactive approach to leadership and crew management. His dedication was highlighted by a sentinel event in 2024, during a call for a hazardous condition at a local residence. Upon arrival, SFD personnel discovered a leaking fuel oil tank in the basement of a rental home. Concerned for the safety of the family, including a mother and her children, Sgt. Koons determined that the home was unfit for their continued stay. After ensuring the situation was mitigated and contacting the proper agencies, Sgt. Koons went above and beyond by personally reserving a hotel room for the displaced family, paying for their accommodation out of his pocket.

Sgt. Koons' selfless actions reflect not only his character but also the core values of the Salisbury Fire Department and the City of Salisbury. His commitment to the community and willingness to go the extra mile exemplify why he is truly deserving of this honor.

The Firefighter of the Year award was presented to Sgt. Koons by Fire Chief Rob Frampton and Mayor Randy Taylor in a ceremony at the Fire Museum at Fire Station 16. Sgt. Koons' family was in attendance, along with his shift and co-



workers, to celebrate this well-deserved recognition.

We're Hiring

FULL-TIME POSITIONS

Arts, Business & Culture Dept.

General Maintenance Tech- Zoo
Collections Curator- Zoo

Water Works

Wastewater Plant Biosolids Operator
Wastewater Treatment Plan Operator
Utility Tech I

Housing and Community Development

Housing and Homeless Services Manager

Infrastructure and Development Department

Traffic Manager

Finance Department

Accountant

Fire Department

Firefighter/EMT
Firefighter/Paramedic
Permits and Inspections Coordinator

View these positions and job descriptions: <https://salisbury.md/departments/human-resources/careers>

Field Operations

Electrician
Garage Supervisor

Police Department

Entry Level Police Officer
Police Communications Officer
Maryland Certified Lateral Police Officer

PART-TIME POSITIONS

Animal Care Tech- Zoo



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Salisbury University has a full calendar of Fall events!
[Click here to view](#)

Calendar of Events

November **Open Gym at Truitt Community Center**
319 Truitt St., November 2, 16, 23 5-8pm
Open gym days continue. Free and open to all. Children under 10 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult. [Check this webpage for a schedule of dates and times](#)

November **Wild Vibes Festival**

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Salisbury Zoo, 1-5pm

Vibe with us at the Salisbury Zoo for a wild afternoon at the new Wild Vibes Festival. Enjoy music on two stages, craft beer and wine, animal-themed games, craft vendors, food vendors, and of course, the animals. 21+ only. Learn more and buy tickets at

<https://salisburyzoo.org/wild-vibes-festival/>

November
15

**3rd Friday
Downtown Salisbury, 5-8pm**

This month's theme- Yee Haw Time Warp! Performances and Live music

December
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**Community Dinner
Newton Community Center, 5pm**

All are welcome for a free dinner prepared by FoodWorks program students. Food provided by Maryland Food Bank. First come first serve while supplies last.



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