



THE AVENEWS

Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association
<https://fultonheightsneighborhoodnc.com>



From the President:

What interesting times!! I urge you to take the recommendations from the city and state seriously and try to keep the Coronavirus to a minimum.

As always, look out for your neighbors, both elderly and children since there is no school. When you must miss some event that has been cancelled, consider donating an equivalent amount to that organization, also applying this to restaurants and other places you usually spend money. We want our favorite places to be here when this crisis is over!

I'm relieved that it is spring when this is happening – at least the days are longer and warmer and flowers bloom regardless! And we have this lovely neighborhood to walk around and wave at our neighbors!

We were pleased to be invited to attend the biennial awards dinner when the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission recognized the Landscape of the Month recipients.

Many of us were distressed with the way that Asplundh/Duke Energy “trimmed” our street trees. We will be working with our City Tree Board to try to develop a better method. If you have positive ideas, please contact me.

Be sure to admire the newly installed stained-glass windows at Maupin Avenue Presbyterian Church. They brighten the neighborhood!

We have several events planned this spring and summer, but it is unknown whether we will be able to have them.

Right now we hope so, but will have to decide later. We will announce on Nextdoor, Facebook, Web site and the posted signs.

Take care of yourself!

~ Dottie Hoy

Help Wanted! Saturday, March 28th



Starting at 9 AM

PLEASE come out to the median on Mitchell Ave and help Andrew and others make it look good! Bring gloves, rakes, etc. We'll clean the weeds out of the flower bed “end caps” and spread mulch around the trees.

Why do we have to do this????

Because years ago, the neighborhood said we wanted a landscaped median rather than just plain grass! It is lovely, but needs a lot of personal maintenance. We also appreciate the people who mow and weed during the summer – and can always use more help. You don't need to ask – just do it!

Farmers Market Opens at New Location

The Salisbury/Rowan Farmers Market will open Saturday April 18, 8 AM-12 Noon, at a new location!

The vendors will be set up along Kerr Street and between Lee Street Theatre and Morgan Ridge Brewery and Eatery along the Railway Pathway.

A whole new set up with ample parking on both sides. Check them every week as the growing season progresses.



Help Us Help You... Keep Your Residential Property Safe!

The first step in home crime prevention is to eliminate opportunity, and it's up to you to cut those chances. Walk around the outside of your home and evaluate its strengths and weaknesses. View your home through the eyes of a burglar. The Salisbury Police Department can provide a home inspection checklist that may help identify your home's weak spots.

Preventing Residential Burglaries

- Put your valuables away. Store bikes and such out of sight in a garage or outbuilding.
- Keep a low profile on social media so burglars don't target your home. Never advertise big purchases, vacation plans, your work schedules, etc. Never leave empty boxes outside that may advertise you've made a big purchase.
- Make friends with your neighbors. Watch out for each other's property. Tight-knit communities tend to have lower crime rates. Form a neighborhood watch program. Join Nextdoor and Nixle medias.
- Pretend you are home and give your home that lived-in look. Use timers on a random setting and leave radios or TVs on. Don't leave messages on voice mail announcing you're away on vacation.
- Hide the good stuff. Thieves will look everywhere in your home for valuables.
- Cover your windows with shades that filter light but block an intruder's view of your belongings.
- Hide checkbooks and other important documents which could lead to identity theft.
- Leave spare house keys with a neighbor rather than hidden outside.

Operation Identification

Record serial numbers for all your valuables or engrave them with a non-official ID number. Take photos or a home movie of every room and its contents and store the film in the cloud or other locale. There is a community toolkit at <https://reportit.leadsonline.com> that lets you securely store serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts so that your items may be more easily identified in the event of theft or loss. The Salisbury Police Department also uses this program to help with its investigations. It is a secure site designed to assist the public.

Gathering Information to Help Police

If you see suspicious activity, inform the dispatcher of as much information as possible such as: direction of travel, clothing/vehicle description, tag number, number of suspects, approximate age, race/sex, last known location, and anything else that would help police in identifying suspects. Gather as much information as you safely can. Take pictures or videos with your phone.

Vehicle Break-Ins

Prevent theft from your vehicle by locking your car doors and removing valuables. Don't leave loose change, valuables, pocketbooks or guns out in the open. When possible, park in well-lit locations and where your car can be easily viewed. Use your car's panic alarm feature to attract your neighbor's attention or to scare off would-be criminals.

Call 911 anytime you see suspicious people, vehicles, or activities in your neighborhood. You may request to be anonymous.

Membership Dues

Enjoy reading The Avenews? Like attending our neighborhood events?

Dues pays for our event signs and mulch for the medians. It also makes our Easter egg hunt, neighborhood yard sale, annual picnic, Halloween parade, holiday home tour and caroling all possible. Please become a member today!

\$20 per household, per calendar year.

Mail or drop off to membership

coordinator: **Alisa Palmer – 309 Wiley Avenue**

Checks are payable to Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association

Questions?

Email apnc1@yahoo.com or message through NextDoor

Thanks Again For Your Support!





**~ Egg Hunt ~
Family Style ~ April 4th & 5th**

Instead of our annual Egg Hunt at Centennial Park, we have a new way. We want you and the children to be safe, so we are encouraging Family Egg Hunts. It works this way. We will provide a packet of eggs for your children with prizes inside which you will pick up on April 4 or 5 between 8 AM and 8 PM on the porch of Daphne Safrit at 325 Mitchell.

You will take them home with you and choose when and how to hide them. It could be in your back yard, or together with a friend. It could be at Centennial Park or any other park. It could be inside your home. It could be any day or time. Be creative! Have a fun time!

An Idea! Plant a Garden!

If you're stuck at home, consider planting a vegetable garden! Seeds and plants are available at our local garden centers. Instructions on line or in book store or at garden center. Gives you and children some productive exercise. Lettuce and radishes can be planted now; other plants and seeds can go into the dirt after April 15. You can begin preparing the garden area now. Your efforts will result in fresh food for you and less trips to the grocery.

Annual Meeting

Thanks to all who attended our annual meeting in January.

Our speakers were Alyssa Nelson, City Planning; Nicole Buckner, Principal Koontz School and Michael Cotilla, Code Enforcement.

March 28	Median Clean Up
April 4 & 5	Family Egg Hunt
May 21	Last Day of School
May 23	Cookout at Williamsons
August 4	National Night Out
August 23	Picnic
October 24	Halloween Dog Walk
October 31	Halloween Parade
December 5	Lighted Balls Workshop
December 5	Fulton Heights Tour
December 11	Holiday Treat Exchange
December 23	Caroling
2 nd Tuesday	Board Meetings
Newsletters	March, mid-may, early October
Flyers	late July, late November

Bulk Pick Up - April 16th

It's soon time for that big clean up!! The city will pick up the week of April 13-17, which means April 16 for most of Fulton Heights. They will take "white goods": (refrigerators, freezers, stoves, hot water heaters, air conditioners and washer and dryers), tires without rims (limit five tires per location), couches, mattresses, etc. plus any extra bagged trash on our regular pickup day.

However, they cannot take building materials or electronics (TV, computer) of any kind. So, have a good time cleaning out that garage, attic or junk room!!

Which reminds me --- on regular garbage pick-up day, the mechanical arms cannot pick up anything outside of the provided bins. So please – no overflowing bins or mattresses, couches, TV's, etc.!!



Summer Swim/Picnic! Saturday May 23, 5-8 PM

The Williamsons have invited us to their patio area at 216 Wiley for a picnic and swim! They will provide BBQ, hot dogs and drinks. Please bring salads or desserts to share. Children must be chaperoned. Should be a good time. The patio area is covered in case of rain – or too much sun!!



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