



GATEWAY ARCH INSTALLED AT SPENCER TOWN PARK

Spencer Town Park has a new landmark welcoming residents and visitors to the heart of the community. On Friday, July 31, 2026, crews from RiteLite Signs of Concord, North Carolina, installed a Gateway Arch at the park, a distinctive new feature that honors Spencer's history while looking ahead to the town's future.

The new arch is reminiscent of a historic gateway that once stood at the original Spencer Town Park from the late 1920s until roughly 1960. That original sign featured a circular medallion with the Southern Railway logo and the motto

"Southern Serves the South," reflecting Spencer's deep railroading roots and its longstanding ties to the railroad community.

The Gateway Arch was made possible through support from Rowan County Tourism as part of its countywide wayfinding signage project, along with an additional grant from the Margaret C. Woodson Foundation. Together, these grants fully covered the cost of the new arch.

Mounted on two brick pillars at the corner of Salisbury Avenue and Fifth Street, the arch features the Town of Spencer logo,

creating a visual connection between the park, the downtown district, and the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

Town leaders hope the arch will become an iconic landmark for Spencer and Rowan County. As Spencer Town Park continues to grow as a gathering place, the Gateway Arch reinforces its purpose as a welcoming green space for museum visitors, town residents, and neighbors alike. The park's design intentionally incorporates elements from the original park, celebrating the town's past while inviting the community to enjoy its future.

by Peter Franzese

Looking into the fall, our community's vibrant soundtrack carries through with an outstanding lineup of tradition and celebration, as noted in this issue's upcoming events. Whether at the Roundhouse, in the Park, along our trails, or under the holiday lights, I look forward to seeing you in the community, enjoying the sounds together, and continuing to build Spencer into a model small town.



We'll be looking for you — and Santa may already be making his list.

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WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMING SOON

The Town of Spencer, in partnership with Salisbury-Rowan Utilities, will soon begin construction of a waterline improvement project to replace aging water infrastructure and improve the reliability of the community's water system.

Construction will take place along E. 12th Street, N. Jackson Street, and S. Rowan Avenue. Work will occur in phases and will include installation of new water mains and associated roadway restoration.

Residents and motorists can expect temporary traffic adjustments, construction equipment, and occasional brief water service interruptions as work progresses. Advance notice will be provided whenever possible before any planned water service interruption.



FALL FUN AT SPENCER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Author visits are on the way, too. Three local authors, from Spencer, High Point, and Rutherfordton, who've written children's books about cats, dogs, and families plan to visit this fall and share their work with the kids.

Local author David Whisenant, who visited our library this past year, has written a second book, and we hope he'll return to share more of his writing journey.

If you have a special talent or have written a book this past year, reach out to us at 704-636-9072, we may add you to our list of speakers and entertainers.

Looking Ahead To November

We'll be focusing on Native American heritage and culture. If you missed our Native American dancers from Greensboro this summer, we're hoping to bring them back!

More information on our Facebook page, facebook.com/spencerncpubliclibrary#.



New Name.
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ACCESSPOINTE HEALTH SYSTEM

After years of serving our community as **Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers**, we are entering an exciting new chapter. We are proud to introduce our new name, **AccessPointe Health System**. This rebrand reflects our continued commitment to expanding access to quality, compassionate healthcare for the communities we serve across Cabarrus County, Rowan County, and Mecklenburg County. While our name is evolving, our mission remains the same: providing accessible, patient-centered care that meets people where they are and supports healthier communities for generations to come.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AMERICA 250 LOCOMOTIVE CELEBRATION

August 28 -30

LABOR DAY STREET DANCE

Saturday, September 5 • 6 – 9 pm

ROWAN CREEK WEEK

September 12-19

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 6 • 6 – 9 pm

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30 • 6 – 9 pm



AMERICA 250 HISTORICAL CELEBRATION AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON AT TRINITY OAKS IN SALISBURY

The America 250 and NC history program will feature Sandra Wright Justiss on Currituck Jack and Theresa Pierce on Martha Washington. The event includes lunch, doll displays, a silent auction, raffle opportunities, and museum tour.

Saturday, September 12 • 6 – 9 pm

BLACK BARBIE CREATOR COMES TO NC DOLL & TOY MUSEUM

With Kitty Black Perkins, creator of the first Black Barbie and former Chief Designer of Fashions & Doll Concepts for Mattel's Barbie

Saturday, October 10 •
9 am – 2:30 pm



RACE TO THE RIVER

Starts at Spencer Town Park and ends at the Yadkin River.

Saturday, October 17 • 9 am

Registration is required for upcoming events, scan the QR code or call 704-762-9359.



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