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City of Salisbury to Receive Mayor and Councilors from  
Salisbury England  
*Mayor Kluttz Announces the September 27<sup>th</sup> Arrival of Official  
Sister City Delegates*

Salisbury, NC –September 11, 2006 –Mayor Susan Kluttz, speaking on behalf of the Salisbury City Council, has announced the anticipated arrival of a fourteen-member contingent from Salisbury England, which includes the Official Sister-City’s Mayor and several Councilors. The public announcement came during the Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, City Council meeting, and shared the assembly’s arrival date of September 27<sup>th</sup>. Following a six-day visit, a departure date is set for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Salisbury, England is the City of Salisbury’s official namesake.

For many years, the mayors of the two Salisburys have informally visited the other’s cities. In 2000, Mayor Susan Kluttz was invited to attend a special millennium celebration, where invitations had been issued to mayors of all Salisburys in the world. Several of them attended the five-day event along with Mayor Kluttz. During the visit, the Mayor was impressed with the many similarities in the two cities and its people and felt that inviting the entire council to the NC city would be an outstanding opportunity for our American residents to learn first-hand of their city’s namesake. With grant funding from the Salisbury Community Foundation and the Robertson Family Foundation, a 20-member delegation brought their formal robes, chains and maces for ceremonies in 2001. During the visit the two cities signed an official Sister-City resolution, establishing a formal relationship.

Other exchanges since then have included a Salisbury, N.C. delegation’s visit during the Queen’s Jubilee celebration in 2002, the St. John’s Boy Scout Troop #443 exchange to England, as official Council-appointed ambassadors in 2003, and the English Laverstock Scout Group visit here in 2004.

This month’s visit will include several public events, including a joint City Council meeting on Thursday, Sept 28, at 3:00 pm; a “parade” through Downtown Salisbury and official welcome in front of Salisbury Square Antiques from 6:45

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until 8:00 pm during the “Lord Salisbury Celebrates Autumn – UK Days! Great Britain’s Night Out” on Friday evening; being officially introduced at the Hispanic Coalition’s La Fiesta de Rowan at the Civic Center on Saturday at 12:30 pm; attending the Salisbury Symphony’s performance of “Made in America” as special guests on Saturday night; and attending St. Luke’s Episcopal Church for Sunday morning services and an afternoon Community Choir Service, including choir members from all downtown churches, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Kluttz shares, “We are extremely excited and honored to welcome our English guests to Salisbury, North Carolina. I believe it is a tremendous opportunity for our citizens to experience the traditions and culture of Salisbury, England, our own City’s namesake. We are most grateful to the many generous individuals in our community who have volunteered to lodge and provide meals for our guests. We are particularly indebted to Downtown Salisbury, Inc.’s Lord Salisbury Festival Committee, who have worked for several months planning the agenda for this visit. I encourage all residents of Salisbury and Rowan County to meet their Sister-City Salisburians during the public events.”

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