



Garden Spot News

November 2019

Upcoming Christmas Events & Festivities—Mark Your Calendars!

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Check us out on social media and be sure to follow or like us!

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today."

- Will Rogers



The Town of Rural Hall will host this free, outdoor event at Town Hall. It is also sponsored by the Rural Hall Fire Department, Rural Hall Elementary School & the Rural Hall Historical Society. There will be a variety of local entertainment, light refreshments, and lots of music and fun, including a visit from someone special! Piedmont Cheering Hearts will be with us, along with the Triad Community Band, and more!

The Town of Rural Hall's annual Christmas Parade down Broad Street will start at the intersection of Wall Street and end at Washington Street/Rural Hall Elementary School. Bring your chair to sit along Broad Street, and make sure to bring a bag for candy! Parade entry is FREE; however, we ask that you bring non-perishable items to donate to our food drive. You must submit an application to enter. You can download an application at www.ruralhall.com or contact Town Hall. (Inclement weather date: Sunday, December 15th at 2:30 PM)



The Town of Rural Hall is hosting our annual Second Harvest Food Drive for Christmas! Too many families across northwest North Carolina are struggling to keep food on their tables. You can help change that! To put it in perspective, 1 in every 5 children in northwest North Carolina does not get enough food to thrive. Donation boxes will be set up at parade line-up locations, or you can drop donations off at Town Hall or the Fire Department beginning **November 18th**. Visit www.secondharvestnwc.org for more information and ways you can help or volunteer to fight hunger!

The Rural Hall Fire Department will collect toy donations along the parade route again this year for their annual **Brenner Children's Hospital Toy Drive!** Donated items must be NEW. Accepted items include toys, games, books, posters, bath and body sets, hats, socks and gift cards. Just bring your toy to the parade or you can drop donations off at Town Hall or the Fire Department. For a complete list of accepted and suggested items, visit: <https://www.brennerchildrens.org/Family-Resources/Child-Life/Holiday-Giving.htm> and click on "Children's Holiday Wish List". **Deadline to drop off: Friday, December 16th**



New Welcome Signs

You have probably noticed our new welcome signs as you enter into town. Two signs have been erected, a third will be soon, and the final sign will be constructed as soon as the projects on HWY 65 are complete. The Town of Rural Hall, along with the Garden Club, will start landscaping around the signs in the spring.



Mayor Williams' Farewell Reception—November 24, 2-4 PM

Mayor Larry Williams has served on the Town Council of Rural Hall for the past 40 years, serving as Mayor for the last 28 years. Mayor Williams will not be running for re-election. His term will end December 9 and a new mayor will serve Rural Hall. While Mayor Williams will miss meeting people, representing the Town, and serving the residents, he is looking forward to a new chapter of his life and we wish him all the best!

The Town of Rural Hall will host a floating reception in his honor on Sunday, November 24 from 2-4 PM at Town Hall. Comments will be made at 3 PM. We will have light refreshments in the Council Chambers and the community is invited to drop in! Please mark your calendar to come by and give well-wishes to Mayor Williams!

Rural Hall Fire Department



Thanksgiving Safety

Did you know... Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment? Unattended cooking is by far the leading factor in cooking fires and fire deaths. In 2016, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,570 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving. Here are the top 10 tips to keep you, your loved ones, and your kitchen safe for Thanksgiving:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.



This information and more tips can be found at www.nfpa.org.
Happy Thanksgiving from the Rural Hall Fire Department!

Waste Management Recycling

Recycling Dates Highlighted Below
 Recycling every other Tuesday
 Garbage every Tuesday

November 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Rural Hall Historical Society



The Rural Hall Historical Society has been in operation since 2006 and was chartered in 2008. Being involved in the RHHS is an opportunity to help preserve Rural Hall's history and memorabilia for future generations. Involvement is needed! Anyone is welcome to join or get involved. Membership costs:

Individual: \$10/year

Family: \$15/year

Lifetime Membership: \$150

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 14th, at 6:30 PM for board members and 7 PM for general membership. We will be electing a new slate of officers and board members for 2020!

We will also be participating in the upcoming Town Christmas events, the Tree Lighting on December 5th and the Christmas Parade on December 8th. So look for us or join us at these events!

The Rural Hall Historical Museum is open on Saturdays from 10 AM—1 PM. Please stop by to see what we are preserving for the future citizens of Rural Hall.

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."

- Marcus Garvey

2019 Municipal Elections Tuesday, November 5th

Voting poles will be open on November 5th from 6:30 AM—7:30 PM. Rural Hall Elementary School polling has been temporarily consolidated with Kingswood United Methodist Church, located at 6840 University Parkway in Rural Hall. If Rural Hall Elementary School was your original polling place, you will go to Kingswood United Methodist Church to vote.

For more information, visit:

https://www.forsyth.cc/elections/documents/polling_place.pdf



Free WiFi

Stay connected to the Internet from your smartphone, tablet, laptop, and other mobile devices while enjoying beautiful Covington Park. No password is needed and the network is: **RuralHallFields_Guest.**

Now you can stay connected while your kids are playing, watching a ball game, or you are exercising. You can check email, stream music or a video, get directions, or even work, without using data.

Money Matters—What Your Tax Dollars Are Doing For You...

Code Enforcement

Code enforcement is the detection, investigation, enforcement, and prevention of violations of town ordinances. It is necessary in order to protect residents, property value, and the environment.

The Town of Rural Hall contracts with **Benchmark** for code enforcement services and we have one dedicated Code Enforcement Officer, Steve May, who visits our community at least twice a month. While in town, Mr. May addresses code concerns reported at Town Hall as well as violations he sees while in the area. Violations include noxious weeds (grass 12 inches or taller), junk and debris in yards, abandoned/junk vehicles, housing issues, and more. Enforcing town ordinances is a benefit to the entire community as unresolved violations pose health and safety concerns.

The Town of Rural Hall's ordinances can be viewed at <https://www.ruralhall.com/government-rural-hall-nc/ordinances-policies-documents-rfps-permits/>.

Potential code violations can be reported to Dora Moore at townclerk@ruralhall.com or 336-969-6856.

Rural Hall Branch Library



Preschool Storytime

Thursdays from 11-11:45 AM

Children (3-5 years old) and their caregivers are welcome to join us each week for stories, songs, rhymes and interactive flannel board activities.

Holiday Card Making-DIY

Friday, Nov. 1 at 1 PM

Get a head start on the holiday season and save some money on cards by crafting your own. Come join in the fun and enjoy some light refreshments. Please call 336-703-2970 to register.

Ongoing Programs

Art Club

Tuesdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10 AM

Art Club is held each Tuesday of the month. Come join the Art Club and express your creativity through painting.

Stitching Circle

Tuesdays, Nov. 12, 19, 26 at 6 PM

Bring your yarn project and pattern. Relax as you work on your project in an atmosphere of encouragement and inspiration. Ideal for knitters and crochet lovers.

Rural Hall Book Club

Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 PM (First Tuesday)

The book club will be discussing the title, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie. Come join the Rural Hall Book Club to meet new friends and engage in lively discussion!

Quilting Club

Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6 PM (Second Tuesday)

Bring a quilting project to work on at the library each month. Beginners are welcome to attend.

Sewing Circle

Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6 PM Third Tuesday)

Bring a sewing project to work on at the library each month. Two Brother sewing machines are available to use.

Living Well Book Club

Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 1 PM (Fourth Wednesday)

The book club will be discussing the title, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison.

Call 336-703-2970 for more details or questions about library events/programs, or visit: <https://www.forsyth.cc/library/RuralHall/>

Crisis Control Ministry

Holiday Sip & Shop!

Thursday, Nov. 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

First-ever Holiday Sip & Shop event at Fiddlin' Fish Brewery. Enjoy your favorite Fiddlin' Fish brews while getting some of your holiday shopping done for the women in your life. Kendra Scott will be onsite selling winter jewelry & a limited-edition CCM set. 20% of sales from the event will go to CCM! You can also buy your **Holiday Honor Cards** at the event (more details on page 4). 100% of the proceeds from the cards support CCM operations. RSVP today by emailing RSVP@crisiscontrol.org.

November Gift of the Month:

Saltine Crackers

CCM accepts "Gift of the Month" donations at CCM locations during regular business hours.

Rural Hall Historic Train Depot & Railroad Museum

The Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum would like to thank everyone who supported the Port-A-Pit BBQ Chicken Fundraiser! Thanks to your support, the Depot can, and will, continue to offer free community events like **Santa at the Caboose**.

Santa at the Caboose: Make plans now to be at the Depot, along with Santa and his elves, on **Saturday, December 14 from 6 PM—8:30 PM**. For more information about the fun, free, holiday event, please visit www.ruralhalldepot.org.



See you at the Depot!

Rural Hall Lifespan Center

(Non-profit Youth Enrichment Organization)

The Rural Hall Lifespan Center has been involved in outreach programs that will benefit the community. As the holidays approach, the Lifespan Center Board Members will deliver snack foods to the Ronald McDonald House and lap robes to rest homes. Lap robes are throws that cover the lower body/legs for patients to use for warmth while sitting in wheelchairs or chairs. These lap robes are handmade and distributed to local rest homes.

The Lifespan clubhouse (located at 250 Summit Street) is in need of some costly plumbing repairs. Donations (cash or check) are accepted and very much appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at Town Hall or checks (made to Rural Hall Lifespan Center) can be mailed to: PO Box 844, Rural Hall, NC 27045. Any donations will be accepted toward plumbing repairs. Please contact JoAnne Falls at janfalls2@aol.com or 336-996-5776 with questions or for more information.

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Fire Captain

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Career Firefighter

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Agenda Briefing

1st Monday, 10:00 AM

(as needed)

Council Meeting

2nd Monday, 7:00 PM

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Crisis Control Ministry Holiday Honor Cards

This holiday season, consider helping Crisis Control Ministry provide food, medication, housing, and utility assistance to our neighbors in need by purchasing Holiday Honor Cards! For 32 years, renowned Greensboro artist William Mangum has created the Holiday Honor Card for agencies meeting the needs of those struggling with poverty, hunger and homelessness (pictured bottom right). Crisis Control has

had the privilege of partnering with Mr. Mangum through the Holiday Honor Card program for 13 years. Local artist and Crisis Control supporter Beth Jones has created an alternative card exclusively for Crisis Control Ministry (pictured top left). Both cards have the following message inside:

A gift has been given in your honor to Crisis Control Ministry by

This gift will enable the hungry and homeless in our community to share in the bounty of God's love for all people during this season of sharing.

The cards are offered for a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$5 per card. To participate or for more details, call Abbey Riesett at 336-770-1621 or email her at:

ariesett@crisiscontrol.org.

More CCM information on page 3.



Rural Hall Garden Club

The Rural Hall Garden Club will meet at the Nazareth Lutheran Church, at 460 Bethania-Rural Hall Road, on **Monday, November 25th at 7 PM**. A program on creating terrariums will be followed by a brief business meeting and refreshments.



Anyone with an interest in gardening is encouraged to attend and find out what the Garden Club is all about and what they do—regardless of experience! You do not have to be a resident of Rural Hall.

For more information, contact Ed Deal (336-985-5354) or Carol DeVries (336-642-4240).

November Community Calendar

- Nov 3: Daylight Saving Time Ends (fall back one hour)
- Nov 5: Election Day
- Nov 11: Veterans Day (Town Offices Closed)
- Nov 12: 7 PM, Council Meeting (rescheduled from November 11)
- Nov 28, 29: Thanksgiving Holiday (Town Offices Closed)

Mark your calendar for...

- Dec 5: Christmas Tree Lighting
- Dec 8: Christmas Parade

