



# Garden Spot News

October 2019

## Town of Rural Hall

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**RHABA**

**Flat & Fast**

**10K & 5K**

**Saturday, October 26**

Starts at 8 AM at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant parking lot. Both are certified courses. All proceeds benefit Rural Hall Elementary School. You can register, find out more details, & view course maps at [www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com).



**Garden Spot  
of the World**

**September 2019**

**Yard of the Month:**

*Jimmy & Jessica  
Absher*

**639 Bethania-Rural  
Hall Road**

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

- Winston S. Churchill

## Municipal Elections—Tuesday, November 5

### Mayor Candidate, Tim Flinchum:



To begin with, I want to express what an honor it's been to serve you for the last two years as a Rural Hall Town Councilman. We have set and accomplished many goals, and continue to work to maintain the high quality of life offered in our town. Our Fire and Rescue Department has a new fire engine as well as updated equipment to keep our firefighters safe. Our Public Works department has also received several new pieces of equipment and other additional resources. We have been able to provide our citizens with a high level of services and no property tax increases during my two years on the Rural Hall Town Council.

As we move forward, we will need someone with fresh energy to provide leadership to address the challenges that we face as a community. We have seen a significant increase in drug and property crimes. I will continue to support our community policing program and seek to expand it in the near future. As we experience residential and commercial development in our town, we will need a Mayor who understands how to manage the opportunities and challenges that come with that growth. I will always keep Rural Hall's values and interests at heart when making decisions that will affect our residents. I will use my experience in creating and working within a budget to spend public dollars wisely and keep your tax rates low.

As a resident of Rural Hall with a young family, I seek to create a growing and vibrant community that has something to offer everyone, in all stages of life. I am neither a career politician or a government bureaucrat - I'm just an everyday citizen. I want to work to help our community continue to grow while protecting our quality of life, as well as our small town values of faith and family. Please cast your vote for me, Tim Flinchum, this November for Mayor of Rural Hall.

### Mayor Candidate, Frank James:

I joined the town staff in November 1973 prior to incorporation when they were still a sanitary district. One of my first responsibilities was to walk the incorporation bill through Raleigh serving as my first real experience with politics and did I learn quick! We were successful and Rural Hall was incorporated June 1, 1974.



For almost 44 years, I served the Town proudly in many capacities including as the first town manager and held the office to high standards. Staff and elected officials working together built a strong team where I challenged each employee to reach their highest potential. I worked with many officials during this time and respected each council position.

I respect all that are running in this year's election and wish each the best. I wish to thank my wife and our family for the many long hours during my tenure with the Town in which they supported me. I strongly believe in the team concept and will bring it forward as I serve as mayor. May God bless each of you and I believe we are all created equally. I would appreciate your vote in this fall's election. Whether elected or not, I will always be your friend.

### Council Candidate, Susan Hawks Gordon:



A lifelong resident of Rural Hall, I own Hawk's Florist in Rural Hall. My parents, Mary and Grady Hawks, started the business in 1974. I moved to the town limits of Rural Hall in 1996. I would like to serve on the Town Council to help make wise decisions for our town. Rural Hall has small-town charm and wonderful possibilities to grow. Let us make it happen.

### Council Candidate, Tommy Griggs:

I would like to continue giving back to the community in reference to all that has been provided to me. I am glad to see some of the changes that have been made and I look forward to seeing more positive changes.



### Council Candidate, John McDermon:



The opportunity to serve the citizens of Rural Hall on the Town Council has been a true honor for 16 years. It has been most rewarding to work amiably with fellow councilmen and the town manager to help guide Rural Hall's growth - all while trying to maintain its small-town, unique character.

During my tenure, the Council expanded sidewalks in town, adding new decorative street lamps to accent our small-town charm, as well as improve pedestrian safety. Emphasis has been given to providing full-time firefighter coverage with increased manpower at the fire department. We have upgraded the firetruck fleet to provide proper tools that our proud firefighters deserve. We expanded Community Policing to include two full-time deputies. Yes, property taxes grew slightly, but the upgraded NC Dept of Insurance rating of our fire department lowered the property insurance rates for our residents. I honestly feel the town's citizens have more than gotten their money's worth in these endeavors.

I grew up in Durham, North Carolina and graduated from NC State with a BSME in 1972. Linda and I moved here in 1977 for job related reasons. We picked Rural Hall over Clemmons/Lewisville due to its small-town charm and it just felt like a proper place to raise our two sons. Linda taught at Rural Hall Elementary for 36 years. I pursued a couple of career paths over the years and have worked the past 23 years in IT at Lantal Textiles Inc. Your continued support would be appreciated.

## Rural Hall Fire Department News

**2019 Open House: October 12, 2-5 PM**

**Free Hot Dogs, Dunking Booth, FREE flu shots, Bounce House, Door Prizes & More!**

**“Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape.”**

This is the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week (FPW), **October 6-12**. This year’s campaign is to educate about the small but important action you can take to keep you and your family safe.

**Did You Know?** In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. You have to **PLAN AHEAD** for your escape.

The main purpose of this year’s FPW campaign is to encourage parents and children to **make AND practice a fire escape plan**. To make a fire escape plan:

**MAP OUT:** Draw or map out the layout of your home, marking at least 2 exits out of every room (typically a door and a window), and a path from each exit to the outside. Be sure to talk about these exits and post your map where everyone in your household can see it.

**MEETING PLACE:** Pick a meeting place outside your home where everyone will meet upon exiting, for example at your mailbox or the end of your driveway.

**SMOKE ALARMS:** Mark the location of all smoke alarms in your home (there should be one on each level of your home and each bedroom/near each sleeping area).

**PRACTICE:** Once you have your plan made and discussed, you must PRACTICE it. It is very important to practice your plan periodically!

*If you have a second floor, you can purchase a fire safety ladder from Lowe’s Hardware or Home Depot.*

Visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week> for more information on Fire Prevention Week, fire escape plan examples, checklists, and other helpful literature and tips. Also, feel free to contact the Rural Hall Fire Department at 336-969-9171 with any questions or concerns.



## Waste Management Recycling

Recycling Dates Highlighted Below  
 Recycling every other Tuesday  
 Garbage every Tuesday

### October 2019

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	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	31		

### November 2019

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum

The Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum hosted nearly 100 visitors on Saturday, August 17th thanks to their Open House and participation in the Depot Day Trolley Tour. It was a great day and the Depot extends their appreciation to everyone who helped make the day a success.



### BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

Tickets are now available for the Depot’s upcoming **Port-A-Pit chicken fundraiser** (takeout only) that will take place on **Friday, October 11th from 11 AM - 6 PM**. Tickets go fast, so get yours soon—\$10 per plate! For more information, contact Lisa Aft (336-918-8042) or Robin Shamel (336-983-9097).

**Our next Open House is Saturday, October 19 from 1 PM - 5 PM.**

**See you at the Depot!**



## Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup begins on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** and service will be on Tuesdays. As leaf season peaks and more leaves are placed at the curb, Public Works will run the leaf truck more frequently – on an as needed basis. Please follow these guidelines and our Public Works Department will make every effort to service your leaves as soon possible:



-  Place leaves at the curb (behind the curb—not in the curb or the street, in order to keep your leaves out of storm drains).
-  Leave your leaves loose – do NOT bag the leaves.
-  Do not mix limbs or other debris with your leaves.

## Town Flag Program



Flags can be purchased at Town Hall for \$20 in memory or honor of someone or a group. These funds help replenish the flags that fly along Broad Street and Highway 65.

### Recent Flag Purchases

In Memory of (2 Flags):

**DANIEL OEHMAN**

**BY**

**CLYDE & CAROLYN DAHMER**

In Memory of:

**TED NELSON**

**BY**

**THE RURAL HALL GARDEN CLUB**

-  Do not place your leaves close to your mailbox, carts, vehicles, etc. (Leave at least 3 feet between items placed at the curb.)
-  Small amounts of leaves should be placed in a town-approved yard cart.
-  It is **NOT** necessary to call for leaf pickup.

## Rural Hall Library News



### Sensory Friendly Freeplay

Wednesday, October 2 from 4-5 PM

For children ages 5-11 in the auditorium.

### Teen Anime Club: Cosplay Contest

Friday, October 11 from 4-5:30 PM

Teens (ages 12-17) can dress up in costumes as their favorite anime, manga, or superhero for a chance to win Most Creative or Best Costume. Please call to register at 336-703-2970.

### S.T.E.A.M. Session: Ozobots

Tuesday, October 22 from 4-5 PM

Children ages 5-11 decode with Ozobots (tiny robots that sense direction based on color).

### Spooky Movie Matinee (PG-13)

Friday, October 25 from 4-6 PM

For teens ages 13-17 in the auditorium. Call the front desk at 336-703-2970 for more details.

### Family Storytime

Friday, October 19 from 11-11:45 AM

For all ages - sing songs, listen to stories and make a Halloween-themed craft.

### Special Spooky Storytime

Thursday, October 31 from 11-11:45 AM

Halloween storytime for ages 3-5, filled with spooky stories, songs, and rhymes.

### Genealogy 101: Intro to Online Genealogy

Monday, October 7 at 6 PM

Use Ancestry.com and other databases to explore your roots, investigate family ties or just learn more about your heritage.

### Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Saturday, October 12 at 11 AM

Help us to celebrate with crafts like papel picado and cascarones (paper banners and confetti eggs), while enjoying refreshments.

### Genealogy 202: Intermediate Genealogy

Monday, October 28 at 6 PM

Go beyond beginner genealogy to dive deeper into genealogical records research.

### Ongoing Programs

#### Art Club

Tuesdays, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10 AM

#### Stitching Circle

Tuesdays, Oct 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 6 PM

#### Rural Hall Book Club (First Tuesday)

Tuesday, Oct 1 at 6:30 PM

#### Quilting Club (Second Tuesday)

Tuesday, Oct 8 at 6 PM

#### Sewing Circle (Third Tuesday)

Tuesday, Oct 15 at 6 PM

#### Living Well Book Club (Fourth Wednesday)

Wednesday, Oct 23 at 1 PM

Call 336-703-2970 for more details or questions about library events/programs, or visit:

<https://www.forsyth.cc/library/RuralHall/>

## Crisis Control Ministry (CCM)

### Carolina Painters' Art Guild

Friday, October 4: 4-8 PM (Friday Evening Opening Reception) & Saturday, October 5: 10-4 PM

Carolina Painters' Guild is hosting their annual fall art show, "Fall Back In Love with Art" at Brookberry Farm Barn in Winston-Salem. Twenty-two artists will be showcasing their work! Carolina Painters' Guild will donate 30% of their profits to CCM.

### Food Day at the Dixie Classic Fair: October 9

Get FREE admission to the Dixie Classic Fair on Wednesday, October 9th by bringing 5 non-perishable food items to donate to CCM—at any gate entrance. No limit, but 5 food items are required per person for admission.

### Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk: October 20

Walk to end hunger! On Sunday, October 20th, join us at Corpening Plaza downtown Winston-Salem at 1:30 PM for check-in/registration. The walk begins at 2:30 PM. Visit:

<http://www.cropwalkforsyth.org/> for more information.

### Holiday Honor Gift Cards

Each holiday card purchase provides food, medication, or housing and utility assistance to our neighbors in need. The cards are offered for a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$5 per card. To participate or find out more details, call Abbey Riesett at 336-770-1621 or email:

[ariesett@crisiscontrol.org](mailto:ariesett@crisiscontrol.org).

### October Gift of the Month:

#### Dry Beans (One pound bag)

Visit [www.crisiscontrol.org](http://www.crisiscontrol.org) for more details about CCM events or programs.

## Rural Hall Garden Club



The Garden Club encourages anyone with an interest in gardening, regardless of experience, to attend a meeting and find out what we are all about! You do not have to be a resident of Rural Hall to join us—ANYONE is welcome.

Our next meeting is **Monday, October 28th at 7 PM at the Nazareth Lutheran Church at 460 Bethania-Rural Hall Road**. A representative from Borrowed Land Farms, located in Pinnacle, will present a program on growing mushrooms. The program will be followed by a brief business meeting and refreshments. From October until spring, we will meet at the Nazareth Lutheran Church. During the summer months, the club holds its meeting at the homes of various members, where we enjoy our gardening efforts.

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

## Council & Staff

Larry T. Williams

Mayor

John N. McDermon

Mayor Pro Tem

Timothy M. Flinchum

Councilman

C. Thomas Griggs

Councilman

Ricky S. Plunkett

Councilman

D. Barrett Burge

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Rachael Spainhour

Town Deputy

Joe Johnson

Town Deputy

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Lee Angell

Public Works

Maintenance Tech I

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Brian McGlamery

Fire Captain

Eric Stewart

Fire Captain

Mark Williams

Fire Captain

Ryan Hooker

Career Firefighter

Josh Joyce

Career Firefighter

Chad Stevens

Career Firefighter

Josh Wright

Career Firefighter

### Agenda Briefing

1st Monday, 10:00 AM

(as needed)

### Council Meeting

2nd Monday, 7:00 PM

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## Beetlejuice Movie Night

Our next Movie Night will be on **Friday, October 25th** and we will show Beetlejuice! Fun starts at 6 PM and the movie will start around 6:45 PM at Covington Park on the ball field. Slider Kings Food Truck will be with us! Bring your chairs/blankets and an appetite! Feel free to dress in costume. Watch for more details!



## Come Be Still—Tuesdays & Thursdays Until the Chill!

Mindfulness  
Starts Here



Come be still...  
**FREE MEDITATION** classes at **Covington Park** in October! Tuesdays at 10 AM and Thursdays at 5 PM. The sessions will focus on mindfulness, being present, and your power within. For any age, and pets also welcome! Bring a towel, blanket or mat. *Starts October 1st!*

A Goodwill Donation Center is coming back to Rural Hall at a new location! The donation center will be set up on the weekends in the parking lot of Carolina Farm Credit at 340 Bethania-Rural Hall Road. For more information or a list of accepted items, visit [www.goodwillnwc.org](http://www.goodwillnwc.org).

**Hours of Operation:**  
**Saturdays: 9 AM - 6 PM**  
**Sundays: 12 PM - 6 PM**



**Don't miss our last 2019 Food Truck Tuesday...**

**Twin City Mini's**

**October 8th starting at 11:30 AM**

Town Hall parking lot - indoor seating available.



## October Community Calendar

**Tuesdays & Thursdays:** Free Meditation Classes

**Oct 8:** 10 AM, Agenda Briefing

**October 8:** 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday

**Oct 12:** 2-5 PM, RHFD Open House

**Oct 14:** 7 PM, Council Meeting

**Oct 25:** 6 PM, Movie Night—Beetlejuice

**Oct 26:** RHABA Flat & Fast 10K & 5K (see front page or visit [www.ruralhall.com](http://www.ruralhall.com) for more details)

**Oct 31:** 6-9 PM, Rural HALLoween

