



Garden Spot News

May 2020

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

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples.

—Mother Teresa

Spring Fling & Movie Night

Mark your calendar to come out to Covington Park on Friday, May 15th for our Spring Fling Public Safety Event & Movie Night.

This free family-friendly event starts at 6 PM and is an opportunity for you to come out and meet your local Community Policing Officers, Rural Hall Fire Department Personnel, Town Council and Town Staff. Bring your chairs and enjoy an evening with others in your community.

There is a possibility this event may have to be postponed due to COVID-19. Please stay tuned to our website, social media and email alerts for updates!



**National Day of Prayer:
Thursday, May 7th
Tune In Virtually 8-10 PM**

(Local NDP Service Cancelled at Rural Hall Moravian Church)

The National Day of Prayer (NDP) exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America. The NDP is observed each year on the first Thursday of May. The annual event at Rural Hall Moravian Church has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19. This year the NDP will still have a national observance and virtual prayer gathering.

Prayer leaders, worship leaders, and pastors, including Evangelist Will Graham (Billy Graham's grandson), will gather the nation via multiple virtual platforms on **May 7th from 8-10 PM**. You can tune in to this national prayer gathering by streaming on the NDP website, Facebook Live, watching on television or listening on the radio. For more details, visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

There is now a **Cashpoints ATM** available at **Town Hall** (located at 423 Bethania-Rural Hall Road). Access to the ATM is via Pine Street. Just follow the signs and markings.

Thank you to the **State Employees Credit Union** for installing this in our community.



Egg My Yard

On Good Friday, the Town of Rural Hall egged 110 yards! Five teams of staff, council members, volunteer firefighters, and their families were blessed to bring a little bit of joy to children, and their parents, in the midst of the pandemic. In less than three days, staff announced "Egg My Yard" inviting residents with children to register their yard; bought and stuffed 2,500 eggs; developed zones and routes; and egged homes, bringing Easter cheer to 240 children. What a great evening of serving the community!



TORH Public Works Department

***** Please note: Bulk items/white goods service has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 until further notice. *****

Even though bulk item pickup is temporarily suspended, the Town of Rural Hall is continuing to provide brush and limb and yard waste cart services as normal on Tuesdays. You can view our service guidelines at www.ruralhall.com.

There is no need to contact our office to let us know you have items at the curb, unless you live on a private drive. Our Public Works Department will service residents on Tuesdays, starting early morning. We recommend you have items at the curb by Monday night. If your items do not get serviced, please let us know.

Grass Clippings

Please avoid blowing grass clippings into the curb/street or onto the sidewalks. Not only do we want to keep our sidewalks clean for pedestrians, grass clippings pollute our water. When grass clippings are washed into storm drains (either on purpose or due to rain runoff), it puts certain troublesome pollutants, like nitrogen and phosphorus, into play. Both of these cause water quality problems (like destructive algae) in our lakes, ponds and streams.

WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- ⇒ Avoid using your hose to wash clippings, leaves, or yard debris down storm drains.
- ⇒ If not composting your lawn clippings, place them in a Town approved yard waste cart (these can be purchased from the Town of Rural Hall for \$70).
- ⇒ Avoid over-fertilizing your lawn (for your yard's sake and to avoid the excess runoff in rain).
- ⇒ Grass clippings are free fertilizer! By leaving your clippings on your lawn, you are adding nutrients to the soil.

Waste Management Recycling

Recycling Dates Highlighted Below
 Recycling every other Tuesday
 Garbage every Tuesday

May 2020						
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31						

June 2020						
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Rural Hall Fire Department

Cooking Safety

With families spending more time at home due to COVID-19, there is an increase in preparing and cooking meals at home. Cooking brings family and friends together and is a great outlet for creativity and can even be relaxing, but cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Be sure to:

- ⇒ Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking
- ⇒ Use timers to remind yourself
- ⇒ Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop

For more tips on cooking safety and how to prevent cooking fires, visit:

<https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/CookingSafety.ashx>

Community Garden Plots Available

The Rural Hall Community Garden has **4 x 8 foot community garden plots available**. The plots are located at Nazareth Lutheran Church (at 460 Bethania-Rural Hall Road). If interested or for additional information, contact Jane Bodenhamer at (336) 969-1880 or Mark Rutledge at (336) 413-4077.

Garden Club News

The Rural Hall Garden Club has suspended activities indefinitely until the virus crisis has passed. They are not currently holding monthly meetings and have cancelled their annual spring plant sale that is usually held in early May. Regretfully, they will not be able to provide the beautiful hanging baskets at the main intersection this year.

If questions or interested in being in the Garden Club, contact Ed Deal (336) 985-5354 or Carol DeVries (336) 642-4240.

Rural Hall Senior Citizens Club (for ages 60 and up)

Monthly meetings are on hold until it is safe to meet again. When meetings resume, join them for fun and fellowship and to meet some new faces! Normally they meet at 11:30 AM on the first Tuesday of the month at Kingswood United Methodist Church. For more information or questions, contact: Penny Dixon at (336) 934-6523.

Flag Program

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

Recent Flag Purchases

In Memory of:

**DORA LEE SHOUSE
 BY RURAL HALL SENIOR
 CITIZENS CLUB**

**WILLIAM "BILL" THOMAS
 MARTIN**

BY JUDY & ED WALL



Newsletter Via Email?

In a continued effort to reduce mailing paper newsletters, please let us know if you would like to start receiving your monthly newsletter by email instead of USPS mail.

Crisis Control Ministry



Hope du Jour: September 8, 2020

Eat out. Take out. Help out.

Crisis Control Ministry (CCM) is Forsyth County's largest provider of emergency assistance. Their annual Hope du Jour fundraiser has over 130 restaurants who participate and donate 10% of sales to CCM! This year marks the 30th anniversary and Hope du Jour has been rescheduled from May 5th to September 8th due to COVID-19.

May of Hope Day: May 5, 2020

This year, May 5th will be May of Hope Day. Since local restaurants have been generously providing hope to our neighbors in crisis for the past 30 years through CCM's Hope du Jour fundraiser, on May 5th let's give these restaurants hope that they can survive the impact of COVID-19 by ordering takeout from those offering curbside pickup. Visit <http://hopedujour.org/> to see the list of Hope du Jour restaurants open for takeout.

Want to help?

Crisis Control has seen an increased need for food assistance. Food donations can be dropped off Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 AM—11 AM at 431 West Bodenhamer Street in Kernersville. The biggest way you can help is to donate a financial gift online at www.crisiscontrol.org.

Need assistance?

- Call (336) 996-5401 for an interview at the Kernersville office.
- Call (336) 724-7453 for an interview at the Winston-Salem office.

Crisis Control remains open and is accepting donations, but has reduced their hours. Please check www.crisiscontrol.org for hours of operation, continuous updates, Gift of the Month information, and details on upcoming events.

The annual **Stamp Out Hunger Drive** scheduled for May 9th has been cancelled.

Rural Hall Elementary



At this time, RHES staff members continue to work diligently to make sure learning continues while schools are closed (through May 15) due to COVID-19. Please check the WSFCS website at <https://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/> for the latest updates, or call the school at (336) 703-6789.

Rural Hall Branch Library



The Rural Hall Branch Library and all Forsyth County Public Libraries are closed to the public until further notice.

A Message from the Rural Hall Library:

"The Rural Hall Library misses seeing our customers of all ages and cannot wait until everyone can come back to visit the library again for general services and programs!

In the meantime, we look forward to providing you with a variety of digital services through our website, www.forsythlibrary.org, and materials through our new To-Go Pickup services for reserves and requests.

Please do not hesitate to call the branch at (336) 703-2970 in order to choose items for pickup or just talk."

Forsyth County Public Libraries are offering To-Go Library Pickup, an alternative delivery method for books and materials, from 10 AM—5 PM, Monday through Friday. Anyone with a valid Forsyth County Public Library card can reserve books and audio-visual materials online or by calling their local branch. The complete library catalog is available on www.forsythlibrary.org, or call (336) 703-3030 for help. All branches will be closed on the weekends until further notice.



The Rural Hall Area Business Association normally meets the second Tuesday of the month at Mayflower Seafood in Rural Hall at 12:30 PM. For more details, visit our website or the RHABA Facebook page at:

<https://www.ruralhall.com/business-rural-hall-nc/rhaba/>

RHABA Virtual Food Drive



The RHABA hosts a Second Harvest Food Drive each year. This year it is online through **May 29th**. Food donations are needed NOW more than ever, as well as monetary donations.

Visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/team/861311/> - the RHABA Virtual Food Drive team page to donate!

RHABA Flat & Fast Race—Save the Date!

The RHABA will hold its 14th Annual Flat & Fast 10K/5K on **Saturday, October 24th!**

Details & Registration at:

<https://flatandfastruralhall5k10k.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=5286>

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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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Rural Hall Historic Train Depot & Railroad Museum

Next Open House on:

Saturday, May 16 from 11 AM – 1 PM

Admission is free; donations appreciated. Stay up-to-date on Depot activities by visiting www.ruralhalldepot.org or liking their Facebook page. **See you at the Depot!**

Please note, this event is subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.



Food Truck Tuesdays are “Trucking” Along...

The Town of Rural Hall hosts a food truck on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall parking lot for lunch, starting at 11:30 AM. At this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are not able to offer inside seating and orders are “to-go” only. Participating food trucks are taking the proper precautions to limit contact and maintain health and safety. Please continue to social distance and wait in your vehicles as much as possible. The next food truck will be:

West Coast Wanderer on May 12th

Check them out on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/West-Coast-Wanderer-LLC-455502768332040/>

Mark your calendar for June 9: Slider Kings



Senior Services Vehicle Donation Program

Is your car slowing you down?

If you have an unwanted vehicle, please consider donating it to Senior Services! Proceeds go to provide food and care to seniors who are homebound and living with frailty in Forsyth County. To find out more or to donate a vehicle, call Leigh Anne Groves at (336) 721-6908 or visit www.seniorservicesinc.careasy.org.

Done with it? Do **good** with it.



May Community Calendar

- May 4: 10 AM, Agenda Briefing
- May 11: 7 PM, Council Meeting
- May 12: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday
- May 15: 6 PM, Spring Fling Event
- May 25: Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day
- May 26: 7 PM, 2020-21 Budget Public Hearing

Mark Your Calendar for...

- June 9: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday
- June 19: 6:30 PM, Movie Night at the Park

Please stay tuned to our website, social media, email alerts, and future publications for updates or cancellations.