



# Garden Spot News

August 2020

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



To handle yourself, use  
your head; to handle  
others, use your heart.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

## First Annual Rural Hall Fireworks Event

On July 3, the Town of Rural Hall held a community fireworks event, that was possibly one of the most appreciated and successful events the Town of Rural Hall has ever held for its citizens. The event was very well-attended and overwhelmingly positive. During an extremely trying time in our country, citizens were able to get out of their home and enjoy themselves – while more than 19 minutes of nearly 500 colorful fireworks lit up the night sky over Rural Hall. Viewers parked in various locations all over town to view the display. Moving forward the Town of Rural Hall hopes to make this an annual tradition on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. A big thank you goes out to our numerous sponsors who helped ensure this event was a success, as well as our Town Council and staff, Rural Hall Fire Department, and volunteers.



## Rural Hall Fire Department Receives Recruitment & Retention Grant

Rural Hall Fire Department is on the hunt for new volunteer members! You may not know it, but 72% of firefighters in North Carolina are volunteers. That number is on a steady downward trend and Rural Hall needs your help to turn it around! Do you want to help or serve your community? What better way than showing up to help a neighbor in a time of need? Rural Hall Fire Department has jobs for everyone, from junior firefighters (younger than 18 years old) to interior firefighters; from emergency medical technicians to traffic directors; from truck drivers to support personnel. If you want to help your community, we will find a job for you!



Rural Hall Fire Department was one of 15 departments selected across the state to participate in a recruitment and retention grant through the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs. Rural Hall Fire Department Fire Chief Andy Marshall stated, "We are very excited for this opportunity. The folks with the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) have been so helpful in preparing us for opportunities from this grant. On July 9 we got to take part in a virtual kick off meeting with members from the NCAFC, the IAFC and personnel from the 14 other selected departments across the state. The committee has a great plan that should unfold over the next 18 months and we are ready to see results." If you are interested in volunteering opportunities, contact Chief Marshall at 336-969-9171 or drop him a quick email at [amarshall@ruralhall.com](mailto:amarshall@ruralhall.com).

**Rural Hall Lifespan Center Back-To-School  
Drive-Thru on Friday, August 14, 10 AM – Noon  
Covington Park at 7450 Church Street  
(Picnic Shelter Parking Lot)**



The Rural Hall Lifespan Center has been serving the Rural Hall community for years. They annually host a Back-To-School Bash for local students to distribute free school supplies. Even though there is uncertainty about school this fall, the Lifespan Center and co-sponsor Rural Hall National Women of Achievement will provide basic free school supplies to students in the community in need. Students will need school supplies regardless if they attend school virtually or in-person.

This year’s distribution will be a drive-thru format. The supplies will be delivered to car windows by volunteers. If you choose to walk to the event, walkers need to wear a mask and you will be in a separate line. Volunteers will keep both lines moving swiftly. Participants will be asked to provide a list of students’ names and grade levels. This information is for accountability purposes and will be held confidential. **Please have this information ready to give to the volunteers.**



For more information or questions, contact JoAnne Falls at 336-996-5776.

**New Rural Hall License Plate Agency—Opening Soon**

We are excited to announce the new Rural Hall License Plate Agency (LPA) will be opening in early August.



After nearly a year with no local LPA, the new office will be located at **145 Bethania Street**. The former Town Hall building has undergone a major renovation, and we are ready to serve our community.

**Waste Management Recycling**

Recycling Dates Highlighted Below  
Recycling every other Tuesday  
Garbage every Tuesday

August						
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September						
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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			

**Questions About the 2020 Election and Voting?**

The 2020 General Election is Tuesday, November 3rd. Visit the Forsyth County Board of Elections (FCBOE) website at <https://www.forsyth.cc/elections/> for information on the upcoming election, candidates, and voter registration. You will also find helpful links and information regarding options to vote during COVID 19, finding your voting poll, schedules, important dates and deadlines, absentee voting, and more.

Click on the following link for information on Safe Voting Forsyth: Covid-19 Response:

[http://www.forsyth.cc/Elections/Documents/COVID-19\\_Response.pdf](http://www.forsyth.cc/Elections/Documents/COVID-19_Response.pdf)



You can contact the FCBOE at 336-703-2800.



**NCDOT Update Regarding Median & Signaling on NC 65 at Food Lion**

Weather permitting, the median and signaling portion of the NCDOT R-2247EC project at Food Lion in Rural Hall should be completed by the end of August. This includes appropriate signalization at the intersections at Food Lion and Forum Parkway (at Walgreens). Once this portion is completed, drivers will be able to make a left turn out of Food Lion at the traffic signal/intersection across from the Circle K, as well as make a U-turn at the Food Lion and Forum Parkway intersections. In the meantime, Food Lion will employ a deputy to help with traffic in the afternoons and evenings at the shopping center. If questions or concerns, please call NCDOT at 336-293-9610.

**New Business in Rural Hall: Brothers Music & Trade**

*Brothers Music & Trade is a family-owned business located at 8096 Broad Street. They do consignment and offer a variety of products and services, including string instrument repair. They buy, sell and trade! Check them out/follow on Facebook. You can contact them at 336-642-0063.*



**Join the FUN!**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH**

A virtual community celebration with live music, giveaways, activities for the whole family, and more. Follow Crisis Control Ministry on social media to tune in.



**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. You can email us at [townhall@ruralhall.com](mailto:townhall@ruralhall.com).*

**Crisis Control  
Ministry (CCM)  
2020 Shmedfest**



**August 29, 6 AM—11 PM**

CCM's annual, family-friendly, Shmedfest fundraising event will be virtual this year, on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 am until 11 pm. Visit [www.crisiscontrol.org/news-events/events.html/event/2020/08/29/shmedfest/297429](http://www.crisiscontrol.org/news-events/events.html/event/2020/08/29/shmedfest/297429) or follow on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/shmedfest/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/shmedfest/about/?ref=page_internal).

In addition to having music and giveaways, there will be a sub-event this year called **The Shmed!** The Shmed is a 24-hour fitness event starting **August 28<sup>th</sup>** with four main workouts and mini-workout challenges throughout the event. The Shmed will be at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds and attendees are encouraged to camp out overnight. The first workout begins at **6 PM on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, email [ariesett@crisiscontrol.org](mailto:ariesett@crisiscontrol.org).

**The Gift of the Month for August is cooking oil.** It is always a need in the CCM pantries and goes quickly. Please consider purchasing some cooking oil to donate the next time you are at the grocery store, or make a financial gift online towards Gift of the Month at <https://www.crisiscontrol.org/ways-to-give/financial-donation.html>.

**Rural Hall Historic Train  
Depot & Railroad  
Museum**



Although the Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum remains closed, they invite you to visit them online at <http://ruralhalldepot.org/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ruralhalldepot>.

Thank you for your continued support. Hope to see you at the Depot soon!

**Rural Hall  
Branch Library**



The library recently reopened its doors for customers to browse the shelves. These hours are:

**Monday through Friday, 10 AM—5 PM**

When you visit, please wear a mask and follow guidelines for social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from others.

The library is really looking forward to seeing everyone, but they do ask for you to keep your visit brief to minimize the chance of infection.

Before entering, all visitors will be asked a series of COVID-19 questions. If you answer yes to any of these questions, you will be asked to wait until you are well again to visit the library.

In order to accommodate customers, the library has expanded its To-Go Pickup Service hours. The lobby is open for customers to pick up their materials:

**Monday through Thursday, 10 AM – 7 PM**

**Friday, 10 AM – 5 PM**

**Saturday, 10 AM – 2 PM**

Be sure to check out the variety of digital services, including videos of programs and crafts, available through the website at [www.forsythlibrary.org](http://www.forsythlibrary.org), and materials through the To-Go Pickup services for reserves and requests. Feel free to call 336-703-2970 to choose items for pickup.

Unfortunately, computer access will be limited to five library locations (Central Library, Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center, Lewisville, Southside and Walkertown Branches). Computers will not be immediately available at the Rural Hall Branch at this time.

Please call 336-703-2970 for more information or questions.

**Council & Staff**

- Timothy M. Flinchum  
Mayor
- John N. McDermon  
Mayor Pro Tem
- Susan H. Gordon  
Councilwoman
- Ricky S. Plunkett  
Councilman
- Jesse A. Stigall  
Councilman

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- Megan Garner  
Town Manager
- Dora Moore  
Town Clerk
- Wade Gilley, Jr.  
Finance Director
- Misty Meadows  
Administrative Assistant
- Dawn Tysor  
LPA Supervisor
- Annette Clayton  
Title Clerk
- Jonathan Collins  
Title Clerk
- Dawn Sutton  
Title Clerk
- Joe Johnson  
Town Deputy
- Brandon Baugus  
Town Deputy

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- Jason Hill  
Public Works Director
- Chris Southern  
Public Works Crew Leader
- Donnie White  
Maintenance Tech II
- Jarrett Golding  
Maintenance Tech I

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- Andy Marshall  
Fire Chief
- 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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**FOOD TRUCK**  
**Food Truck Tuesdays**  
(2nd Tuesday of the Month)  
Town Hall Parking Lot  
Starts 11:30 AM

**August 11: Queso Monster**  
Check them out on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Queso-Monster-1017749471605161/>

Mark your calendar for **September 8:**

**BJ's Fry Shack**

**August 21**  
**Movie Night**  
Family-Friendly Event  
MOVIE AT DUSK  
MORE DETAILS TBD

**Goodtimes BBQ & Brash Brownies**  
Food Trucks  
for purchase

**Plan to be away for a few days?**

Summer is prime time for vacations! You can request our community policing officers do a security check while you are out-of-town or away from your home. Please call 336-969-6856 or email [townhall@ruralhall.com](mailto:townhall@ruralhall.com) to request a security check. We can take your information over the phone or you can email the following information: the dates you will be out-of-town, name, address, contact number(s), a list of anyone who will be visiting the home and reason, any vehicles that will be at the residence, and if any lights will be left on.

**August Community Calendar**

- Aug 3: 10 AM, Agenda Briefing
- Aug 4: 6-8 PM National Night Out (Tentative, Details TBD)
- Aug 10: 7 PM, Council Meeting
- Aug 11: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday
- Aug 21: Movie Night (Tentative, Details TBD)

**Mark Your Calendar for...**

- Sept 7: Labor Day (Town Offices Closed)
- Sept 8: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday