



Garden Spot News

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



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

“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning to dance in the rain.”

– Vivian Greene



Welcome Officer Trent Thornton

Officer Trent Thornton joined the Town of Rural Hall Community Policing on August 31.

He replaced Officer Brandon Baugus. Trent has been with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office a little over seven years. He began as a detention officer, and in 2019 transitioned to a patrol officer. He has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice.

Trent is originally from Arkansas. He moved to Rural Hall when he was 10 years old. He has lived in the Rural Hall area since and is familiar with the community. He is married with two children, ages four and one. In his spare time, Trent enjoys being outdoors, camping and fishing.

Trent is excited to be serving the community he has lived in for so many years, and we are excited to have him as part of our team!

Rural HALL-O-Ween



Small town trick-or-treating doesn't get much better, or bigger, than Rural Hall. Year after year, trick-or-treaters flock to Broad Street to go door-to-door for goodies handed out by area residents and businesses, as well as take in the sites of the elaborately decorated yards and haunted attractions.

Halloween has grown bigger and bigger each year on Broad Street, thanks to the residents and businesses in the area. Last year, Halloween in Rural Hall has coined Rural HALL-o-ween. Because the holiday has grown in popularity and participants, the Town annually assists in traffic and safety on Broad Street. The Town does not sponsor Rural HALL-o-ween, but we want to continue to assist the community in doing what they love every October 31st and help keep everyone safe.

With current state COVID guidelines and restrictions, we do not know what Halloween will look like this year. If we are able, the Town will assist the community in having Rural HALL-o-ween. We will be able to make more plans and decisions as we see what unfolds with regards to state guidelines. **If you live on or near Broad Street and take part in the annual Halloween festivities (decorating and giving out goodies each year), please contact us and give us your input.** We would like to get feedback from the community as we move forward with making decisions.



2020 Voting Information

The 2020 General Election is **Tuesday, November 3**. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM. The voter registration deadline for November 3 voting is **Friday, October 9**.

Early Voting

Early voting runs **October 15 through October 31**. Early voting (“no excuse” or “one-stop early voting”) is a process by which any registered voter may vote prior to election day. A reason for voting early is not required. A registered voter may vote at any one of the one-stop locations, regardless of their place of residence. One-stop early voting allows a voter to register and vote on the same day. Visit the following link for a list of dates, times and locations for early voting: <https://www.co.forsyth.nc.us/elections/assets/documents/2020EV.pdf>

Visit the following link for more information on early voting and same day registration: <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-early-person>

Voting on Election Day

If you are voting on election day, you must vote at your polling place based on your address. You can find your polling place on the FCBOE website at: <https://www.forsyth.cc/elections/>.

Double Voting

It is illegal to vote twice in an election. There are numerous checks in place in North Carolina that prevent people from double voting.

Visit their website or contact the FCBOE at 336-703-2800 for more information.



Rural Hall Fire Department News

Due to the Governor's COVID restrictions and state guidelines, allowing only 25 people or less inside and 50 people or less outside, the Rural Hall Fire Department has decided to cancel our annual Open House event this year for the safety of our community. Our annual Open House focuses on fire safety and prevention. National Fire Prevention Week this year is October 4-10. This year's theme is "Serving Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen". Cooking remains the leading cause of home fires, therefore this year's focus is on cooking and kitchen safety. Nearly half of all home fires involve cooking equipment, and unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires. The good news is most of these fires are highly preventable. Following these guidelines will help prevent cooking fires:

- ◆ Keep a close eye on what you are cooking - never leave cooking unattended.
- ◆ Keep anything that can catch fire, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains, at least three feet away from your stovetop.
- ◆ Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, do not cook or use the stovetop.

Click on the following link for more cooking safety tips:

<https://www.nfpa.org/~media/files/public-education/resources/safety-tip-sheets/cookingsafety.pdf>

Fire safety and prevention is not just one week out of the year, it is important every day. You should check your smoke alarms every month and change the batteries twice a year, check your fire extinguisher regularly and purchase one for your home if you do not have one, and make a fire exit plan and practice with the entire family, especially the children in the home. Practice cooking safety, as well as seasonal and winter safety, as the holidays approach. All these things are precautions that you can do to keep you and your family safe. Do not forget to check on the elder members of your family. If you see something that needs addressing or appears to be unsafe in their home, help them! If you don't feel comfortable or need assistance, feel free to contact us at the Rural Hall Fire Department, or one of many organizations that specialize in senior services. You can contact us at 336-969-9368. For more guidelines and tips regarding fire safety and prevention, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education>. Thank you for always supporting the Rural Hall Fire Department. We hope to see everyone at next year's Open House!

SOLID WASTE REPORT FOR 2019-2020

Solid Waste & Recycling Collection	\$151,486
Composting/Mulching	\$ 10,000
TOTAL COST	\$161,486

Cost per household to provide these services was \$153. These services were not offered to businesses. Waste Management of the Piedmont provides solid waste and recycling services via contract. The Town provides yard waste pickup, which is carried to Jackson Street for mulching and composting.

Rural Hall Garden Club

Although the Garden Club is not currently holding monthly meetings, they are still awarding Yard of the Month. Each year during the warmer months, the Garden Club looks for beautifully manicured yards and awards a yard as the "Yard of the Month".

September 2020 Yards of the Month

**Rita Marshall (172 Broad Meadow Court) &
Tommy & Dot Collins (178 Broad Meadow Court)**

For more information about the Garden Club, please contact Ed Deal (336-985-5354) or Carol DeVries (336-642-4240).



Waste Management Recycling

Recycling Dates Highlighted Below
 Recycling every other Tuesday
 Garbage every Tuesday

October						
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						
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					



#100BinChallenge

Crisis Control, Forsyth County Sheriff's Office & the Town of Rural Hall are teaming up and hosting a food drive (non-perishables) in the parking lot of the Rural Hall Food Lion on **Saturday, October 3 from 9 AM - 5 PM**. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2644349305881479/>.

Town Flag Program

Recent Flag Purchases

In Memory Of:

MARY JOHNSON

BY

KIM, JOHN & LUCAS MIDDLETON

JACKIE JAMES

BY

KIM, JOHN & LUCAS MIDDLETON

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

Rural Hall Branch Library



Library Hours

Monday - Wednesday: 10 AM – 7 PM
Thursdays and Fridays: 10 AM – 5 PM
Saturdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Rural Hall Library To-Go Schedule

Monday - Wednesday: 10 AM – 7 PM
Thursdays and Fridays: 10 AM – 6 PM
Saturdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Deep Cleaning Hours

Please be aware that the Rural Hall Branch will be closed from **1:00-2:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays in order to undergo deep cleaning**. We apologize for any inconvenience. We are trying to keep our library environment as safe as possible.

When you visit us...

Please keep your visit brief, wear a mask, and follow guidelines for social distancing (maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from others). Before entering the library's doors past the lobby area, all visitors will be asked a series of questions. If you answer yes to any of the questions, you will be asked to wait until you are well again to visit the library building.

Computers

A limited number of computers are available. Users are allowed a total of four 30-minute sessions per day.

Virtual Programming

While in-person programs have been suspended until further notice, Forsyth County Public Library is working on virtual programming, both live and prerecorded for this fall. If you miss story time, be aware that there are two story times a day offered via Zoom. Sign up information for these live Zoom story time sessions can be found at: <https://www.forsyth.cc/library/article.aspx?NewsID=25461>

Digital Services

Be sure to check out the variety of digital services, including videos of programs and crafts available through the library's website <http://www.forsythlibrary.org> and materials through our Library To-Go Services for reserves and requests.

Please do not hesitate to call the branch at 336-703-2970 to choose items for pickup.

Rural Hall Historical Society



The Rural Hall Historical Society (RHHS) has not been meeting for the past several months due to COVID-19. Our meetings were previously held at 145 Bethania Street. The Rural Hall License Plate Agency

is now upstairs at this location. In the future, the Rural Hall Historical Museum will be downstairs at this location. The Town of Rural Hall has budgeted for renovations to the downstairs to be completed this fiscal year, contingent upon incoming revenues. Stay tuned for more information.

2020 Officers:

Janet M. Carithers, President
Miranda Griffin, Vice President
June Koehn, Secretary
Susan Gordon, Treasurer

Additional Board Members:

Carolyn Kiger, Lee Childress, Shirley Koehn, Lynda Groce, and Ruby Terry.

The Rural Hall Historical Society has a **Facebook page**. If you would like to join, go to our Facebook Page and request to "join the group". RHHS membership is \$10 per person / \$15 per family. A lifetime membership is \$150. If you would like to be a member of the Rural Hall Historical Society, or have questions, please contact Janet Carithers. You can reach her at 336-414-1246, jlmcar1228@aol.com, or Facebook

Crisis Control Ministry (CCM)

Please consider donating to our food pantry, it does make a difference! In fiscal year 2019, Crisis Control Ministry provided food to 5,058 individuals, valued at \$540,435!

Food Pantry Gift of the Month:

Applesauce (no glass jars)

Our food pantries are often low on the following items: cooking oil, spaghetti sauce, beef stew, canned meats, canned fruit, toothpaste, toothbrushes, potato flakes, box dinners, and baking items.

You can make a financial gift online at <https://www.crisiscontrol.org/ways-to-give/financial-donation.html>.

Battle of the Badges

Saturday, October 31, 2020

8:30 AM - 8 PM at David Couch Ballpark

Visit this link for more details:

<https://www.crisiscontrol.org/news-events/events.html/event/2020/10/31/2nd-annual-battle-of-the-badges/290708>



Council & Staff

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Councilman
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Dawn Sutton
Title Clerk
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Town Deputy

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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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A Special Message from the Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum

October is a special time for the Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum. During this month, we honor our founder D. J. Redding, who rescued the Depot from demolition. Thanks to his foresight, the Depot was restored and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In October 2013, the Depot held its first Open House event and has opened its doors to the community ever since. The Redding family and the Depot's Board of Directors have worked hard to preserve D. J. Redding's legacy. Together, they strive to improve and expand the museum's offerings. Although the Depot remains closed due to the ongoing pandemic, we hope you will take part in our celebration by sharing our Facebook posts and inviting your friends to like our page. We are truly grateful for your support and can't wait to see you when our doors reopen. Thank you and we hope to see you at the Depot very, very soon! Visit us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ruralhalldepot/>.

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup service begins on **Tuesday, October 13th** and will be **weekly on Tuesdays** (weather permitting) until the volume of leaves increases. Public Works will make at least one trip around town limits per week. During peak season, Public Works may make additional pickups as time allows. Please follow these guidelines when placing leaves at the curb:

- ◇ Leaves should be raked to the **edge of the street**—NOT in the street, onto the sidewalk, or in the curb.
- ◇ Do not bag leaves.
- ◇ Do not mix debris in the leaves, such as brush, limbs, rocks, trash, etc.

There is no need to call when you have leaves at the curb. Public Works will service them as soon as they are

Food Truck Tuesdays at Town Hall (2nd Tuesday of the Month, starts 11: 30 AM)

October 13: Lucy's Latin Food Truck

Check them out on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lucys-Latin-Gourmet-Mfu-102571018007807/>

Mark your calendar, November 10: Sooo Truckin Hungry



October Community Calendar

- October 3: 9 AM—5 PM Food Drive at Food Lion
- October 5: 10 AM, Agenda Briefing
- October 12: 7 PM, Council Meeting
- October 13: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday
- October 31: HALL-O-Ween

Mark Your Calendar for...

- November 1: Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 3: Election Day
- November 10: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday

