Garden Spot News

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

"Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict."

- William Ellery Channing

Welcome New LPA Staff

The new Rural Hall License Plate Agency (LPA) is open for business! Their doors opened to the public on August 5th. The new LPA staff members are very excited to serve the community and the Town of Rural Hall is thrilled to have them as part of our team.

The new LPA is located at 145 Bethania Street, in the former town hall building. The phone number is 336-642-9016 and fax number is 336-642-0949.

The Rural Hall License Plate Agency can assist you with registration renewals, title transfers, titles from out of state, and license plate needs. They are not able to issue or renew a drivers license at this facility. You must visit a NCDMV for drivers license needs. Visit https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/Pages/default.aspx, the official North Carolina DMV website, for more information and online services.

The LPA staff members pictured above (left to right) are: **Dawn Tysor, Jon Collins, Dawn Sutton, and Annette Clayton**.

Latest NCDOT Update—Rural Hall Projects

NC-65 Interchange: Work along NC-65 is continuing and the intersection between Montroyal Road and the new Food Lion driveway is open. Traffic can turn left into and out of the Food Lion shopping center at this intersection/ traffic signal. The remaining work on NC-65 should be complete by no later than September 18 (weather dependent).

Northern Beltway (Western Loop) I-74 Connector: Work along the beltway/widening of US-52 is continuing off alignment alongside US-52 Northbound and Southbound. New construction entrances are in place near Westinghouse Road on both US-52 Northbound and Southbound. Mass dirt moving and bridge construction are the main items currently being worked on. The beltway portion at Rural Hall is expected to be complete by fall of 2022. This will tie in with the construction at NC-66 near Old Hollow Road.

For more information, contact the NCDOT Division 9 Office at 336-747-7800 or visit www.ncdot.gov.

Rural Hall Lifespan Center Back-To-School Drive-By

The Rural Hall Lifespan Center and Rural Hall National Women of Achievement held their annual Back-To-School Drive-By on August 14th. They distributed 100 bookbags of free school supplies! The sponsoring group (pictured right) has provided free school supplies in Rural Hall for over 20 years. The group members shown are former teachers. JoAnne Falls (pictured in the middle) is the founder of the Lifespan Center, formerly named the 4-H Clubhouse. Jo-Anne is a retired Home Economics Extension Agent (Family Consumer Educator) who worked in Forsyth County. These organizations have been making a difference in the Rural Hall community for many years, and this year they helped make a challenging and uncertain time much easier for many local families and children.

Rural Hall Fire Department—"Candle With Care"

National Fire Prevention Week is coming up next month, October 4-10. Candles are one of the top causes of fires in the United States. Candles are pretty, cozy, great for special occasions, and smell wonderful. As fall approaches, popular candle scents of "Spiced Pumpkin" and "Autumn Wreath" will fill homes with the smells of fall. However, don't forget - a candle is an open flame and can easily ignite anything that can burn! The key to burning candles is doing it ***responsibly***. According to the National Fire Protection Association, from 2014-2018 U.S. fire departments responded to over an estimated 7,600 home structure fires annually that were started by candles. These fires caused an annual average of 81 deaths, 677 injuries, and $278 million in direct property damage. More than one-third of home candle fires start in the bedroom. On average, 21 home candle fires are reported each day.

Important Candle Safety Tips

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy. Place them on safe, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully, keeping hair and loose clothing away from the flame.
- Do not burn a candle all the way down to the container or holder.
- NEVER use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- NEVER leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.

Visit https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education for more information on fire prevention. Visit the following link for a PDF on Candle Safety: https://www.nfpa.org//-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/CandleSafetyTips.pdf.

Waste Management Recycling

Recycling Dates Highlighted Below
Recycling every other Tuesday
Garbage every Tuesday

September						
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			

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

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup begins on **Tuesday, October 13th** and leaf pickup service 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.

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

Garbage Delay

Garbage services will be delayed the week of Labor Day until **Wednesday, September 9th.**

Street Light Out?

If you notice a street light or sidewalk lamp is out, damaged, or cycling off-and-on, please contact us and we will report it online to Duke Energy.

The turn-around time for repair is typically 3-5 business days.

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".

The 2020 Yards of the Month to date are:

April: Matthew & Melissa Whiteheart (7370 Broad Street)

May: Vanessa Calvery (929 Bethania-Rural Hall Road)

June: Billy Blevins (455 Academy Street)

July: Bernie & Cathy Carpenter (7375 Brook Valley Road)

August: Dorothy Shuford (1000 Canyon Drive)

Congratulations to these residents!

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

2020 Voting Information

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

Early voting (no excuse required) runs **October 15 through October 31**. This includes one-stop early voting (same day registration and voting). Locations for early voting have not been finalized by the Forsyth County Board of Elections (FCBOE), but will be soon. Check the FCBOE website for more information and updates. You will also find helpful links and information regarding options to vote during COVID 19, finding your voting poll, the election schedule and deadlines, absentee voting, and more.

You can contact the FCBOE at 336-703-2800 or visit their website at **https://www.forsyth.cc/elections/**.

Greetings from…

The Rural Hall Branch Library

Services and Hours

To accommodate customers who have been unable to pick up holds before 5 PM on weekdays, the library now offers **To-Go Pickup Service until 7 PM.**

The library's lobby is open for customers to pick up materials:

Monday-Thursday 10 AM – 7 PM

Friday 10 AM – 5 PM

Saturdays 10 AM – 2 PM

The library recently reopened its doors for customers to browse the shelves, Monday through Friday from 10 AM until 5 PM.

*In efforts to keep the library environment as safe as possible, the Rural Hall Branch will be **closed from 1 PM—2 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays to undergo deep cleaning**. Apologies for any inconvenience.*

Virtual Programming

While in person programs for Children, Teen, and Adults have been suspended until further notice, Forsyth County Public Library is working on more virtual programming, both live and prerecorded, to premiere this fall!

Story Time: 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.

Be sure to check out the variety of digital services and materials, including videos of programs and crafts available, at http://www.forsythlibrary.org. Please call the branch at 336-703-2970 to choose items for pickup.

Visiting the Library

- The Rural Hall Library looks forward to seeing you, but asks that you keep your visit brief (to minimize the chance of infection).
- When you visit, please wear a mask and follow guidelines for social distancing.
- Before entering (doors beyond the lobby), 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.
- A limited number of computers are available for use. Users are allowed a total of **four 30-minute sessions per day.**

Crisis Control Ministry (CCM)

30th Annual Hope du Jour
September 8, 2020
Eat Out. Take Out. Help Out.

Dine out for a good cause on Tuesday, September 8th. Participating restaurants will donate 10 percent of their proceeds that day to Crisis Control Ministry, Forsyth County's largest provider of emergency assistance.

Hope du Jour is a feel-good day when restaurants, sponsors, and diners come together for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to make a difference in our community. Find participating restaurants at http://hopedujour.org/.

Gift of the Month: Pasta

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

Town of Rural Hall Email Alert List

The Town of Rural Hall maintains an email alert list that we use to make residents aware of important information, such as garbage & recycling delays, safety concerns, community events, weather concerns, scams, and more. Please email Dora Moore at townclerk@ruralhall.com or call 336-969-6856.

3RC EnviroStation Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The Town of Rural Hall does not pick up televisions and other electronics. Electronic waste is banned from NC landfills. These items, along with other household hazardous waste (such as chemicals, paint, motor oil, etc.) can be taken to 3RC EnviroStation. It is located at **1401 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and open Wednesday through Saturday, 9 AM – 3 PM.**

Due to COVID-19, 3RC EnviroStation has modified their operations. Residents must follow these guidelines:

Bring proof of Forsyth County residency (drivers license), expect longer lines and wait times, unload their own items, wear masks and gloves, and maintain social distancing guidelines.

Visit https://www.cityofws.org/1160/Accepted-Not-Accepted-Items for a list of items accepted free of charge. **There is a limit of two televisions per household each year.** For more information, please call City Link 311 or 336-727-8000.

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Fire Captain
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Fire Captain
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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 Message from the Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum

Although the pandemic has prevented the Depot from opening its doors to the public, it has not stopped the Board from sprucing up the grounds. Thanks to the generosity of Vulcan Materials Company, the Depot was able to purchase an outdoor sign that was beautifully created by Carolina Signs & Lighting, Inc. In addition, the Yadkin Valley Railroad graciously donated railroad ties for the planters that can be seen on either side of the sign. Be sure to take-a-look the next time you drive by! We think the sign and planters look lovely and know you will too! Stay safe and we hope to see you at the Depot soon!

Members of the Board expressed their appreciation to Denise Hallett (seated right in lower photo), Manager of Community and Government Relations, Vulcan Materials Company, during her visit to see the newly erected sign on August 18.

(Photograph courtesy of Rural Hall Historical Train Depot and Railroad Museum)

Food Truck Tuesdays

(2nd Tuesday of the Month)

Town Hall Parking Lot

Starts 11:30 AM

September 8: BJ's Fry Shack

Check them out on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/BillieBurgers/

*Mark your calendar for **October 13**:*

Lucy's Latin Food Truck

September Community Calendar

Sept 7: Labor Day, Town Offices Closed
Sept 8: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday
Sept 9: 10 AM, Agenda Briefing
Sept 14: 7 PM, Council Meeting
Sept 22: First Day of Fall

Mark Your Calendar for…
Oct 13: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday
Oct 31: Halloween