

## Town of Rural Hall

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

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



"Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul."

—Luther Burbank

# Garden Spot News

April 2021



## Town Welcomes Chris Nowlin & Promotes Ryan Hooker

**Chris Nowlin** started his full-time journey as a firefighter for the Rural Hall Fire Department on March 3. He joined the department as a volunteer in 2016. He has a background in fire service, dating back over 25 years ago when he began in 1994 as a junior firefighter with City View Volunteer Fire Department in Walkertown. He also served as a volunteer firefighter at Salem Chapel Fire Department in Walnut Cove from 1999-2017, where he held positions as Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief. Chris also has an extensive background in public service with both Forsyth and Stokes County Sheriff's Offices. Chris and his family live in Rural Hall. He enjoys fishing and laying by the pool in his spare time. Chris is thrilled to be a part of our team and excited to serve the citizens in the town he lives in.

**Ryan Hooker** began with the Rural Hall Fire Department in 2016 as a career firefighter and was promoted to Shift Captain on March 16. Ryan has been in fire service for over 20 years. He started as a junior firefighter in 1999 at Franklin Volunteer Fire Department in Surry County. In 2005, he began working for the City of Mount Airy Fire Department as a full-time firefighter. He continued to work full-time at Mount Airy until 2016, while also serving as a volunteer at Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as Fire Chief from 2010-2011. Ryan lives in Booneville and enjoys riding horses with his girlfriend in his spare time. Ryan is excited to continue to serve the community and residents of Rural Hall in a new role.

The Town is excited to have both of these men on staff. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in fire service. We know they will be assets to the Rural Hall Fire Department and community!

*Pictured above: Ryan Hooker (left) and Chris Nowlin (right)*

## Graduate Banners

The Town of Rural Hall would like to honor our 2021 high school and college graduates with double-sided pole banners hung throughout Town in June. Due to limited pole availability, this is only available to high school and college graduates who live inside the town limits.

Cost for a banner is \$25 and a sample is pictured right. All banners will be available for pickup once removed. **All banners are sold on a first come, first serve basis due to limited pole availability. Banner purchases will not be confirmed until payment has been received.** A waitlist will be maintained should the maximum purchases be exceeded. Banners will be placed on poles within the town limits of Rural Hall as determined by Town staff. Only one banner per graduate will be placed on a pole.

If you would like to honor your high school or college graduate, **please email the following by 3 PM on Wednesday, April 28 to [townclerk@ruralhall.com](mailto:townclerk@ruralhall.com)**. An email will be sent to confirm your information was received. **Banner purchases will not be confirmed until the graduate's address is verified, and all information and payment have been received.**

- A photo of the graduate
- Graduate's first name, last name, and street address
- Graduate's high school or college name
- Purchaser's name, telephone number, and email address

**Payment of \$25 must be received by 3 PM on Wednesday, April 28.** Payment can be made as follows:

- Cash or check/money order placed in the drop box at Town Hall (located to the right of front door)
- Credit card by calling Town Hall at 336-969-6856 (transaction fee of 2.95% will be applied)
- Check/money order (payable to the Town of Rural Hall) mailed to PO Box 549, Rural Hall, NC 27045



## Annual Shred Event: Saturday, May 1 from 9 AM–Noon

Our annual Shred Event will be in the Town Hall parking lot. You can safely dispose of personal documents, including checks, tax returns, bank statements, medical documents, and more. Please enter from the Pine Street entrance and do not arrive before 9 AM. Click [here](#) or visit our website under the "Events" tab for more details.

*This event is not intended for businesses/commercial entities.*



## Town Mulch (First Come, First Serve Basis)

The Town's Public Works Department will be delivering leaf mulch the week of: **April 19 – April 23 (Weather Permitting)**

**Deadline to sign up: Thursday, April 15**

**Residents living inside Town limits will be served first.**

To receive mulch, residents must:

1. Complete and sign a waiver (allows Town employees and equipment onto your property and releases Town of any liability). Click [here](#) to print a mulch waiver, or visit the "Yard Waste" section of the "Services" tab at [www.ruralhall.com](http://www.ruralhall.com).
2. Pick up a yard stake from Town Hall (423 Bethania-Rural Hall Road) and place it in your yard where you would like your mulch delivered.

**No need to complete a waiver if we already have one on file, but you will need to pick up a stake and have your name added to the delivery list.** Waivers and yard stakes can be picked up and waivers can be dropped off during office hours at the Town of Rural Hall, located at 423 Bethania-Rural Hall Road:

**Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM and Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

Completed waivers can also be placed in our outside drop box, scanned and emailed to [townhall@ruralhall.com](mailto:townhall@ruralhall.com), or mailed to PO Box 549, Rural Hall, NC 27045.

We will contact you if there is an issue delivering your mulch. Please make sure we have the best daytime contact number to reach you. Should weather delay delivery, the Town will deliver mulch as soon as possible after weather conditions improve. Initially, the Town will deliver no more than one truck load per household. If more than one load is requested, additional loads will be delivered as quantities allow.

**Mulch will NOT be available or delivered after the designated time period.**



## Waste Management Recycling

**Recycling Dates Highlighted Below**

**Recycling every other Tuesday**

**Garbage every Tuesday**

April 2021						
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	

May 2021						
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					



## NCDOT Update

The EC portion (NC-65 Interchange) of the R-2247 project is nearly complete. Some finishing touches are being made to the arch panels on the new NC-65 bridge. There could be a couple of lane closures due to the finalization of the panels.

Progress on the EB portion (I-74 Connector) of the R-2247 project is picking up as temperatures warm up. During April, you can expect to see mass dirt moving as US 52 alignment/widening continues. Weather permitting, four bridges along the new US 52 Southbound alignment should be complete by this summer. The NCDOT is still on schedule to open the new US 52 Southbound section this year. This will allow the next phase of construction to start on US 52 Northbound, as well as part of the new I-74 Beltway.

The NCDOT will have periodic lane closures over the next few weeks to continue repairing a stretch of US 52, between Hanes Mill Road in Winston-Salem and Main Street in King. Most work will take place outside of peak traffic hours, but there may be times when work extends into peak traffic times due to weather conditions.

**The NCDOT would like to remind motorists to pay extra attention to crew members and work zones.**



The Triad Community Band is a local non-profit and recreational opportunity open to anyone who would like to maintain or advance their musical instrument skills. They practice at Rural Hall Moravian Church on Thursdays at 7 PM (outdoors, as weather permits). **Practices will resume on Thursday, June 3.** They also perform free, local concerts

in the community. Upcoming concert dates TBA soon. Anyone is welcome to join the band – it is open to the community!

If interested in joining, or for more information, contact Band Director, Robah Ogburn, at (336) 416-8253 or (336) 985-3267, or visit their website at: [www.triadcommunityband.org](http://www.triadcommunityband.org). You can visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Triad-Community-Band-144427023855>.

## Rural Hall

### Historical Society (RHHS)



The RHHS has not been meeting recently due to Covid, but will resume holding monthly meetings soon! They will meet at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Rural Hall on the fourth Thursday of the month, Board Meeting at 6:30 PM and General Meeting at 7 PM. More information to come.

Anyone in the community is invited to join! Membership is \$10 per person/\$15 per family. If interested or questions, please contact President Janet Carithers at (336) 414-1246, or email [jimcar1228@aol.com](mailto:jimcar1228@aol.com).

## Town Flag Program



Flags can be purchased at the Town of Rural Hall for \$20 in memory or honor of someone or a group.

### Recent Flag Purchases

*In Memory Of:*

**WILLIAM "BILL" ASHBY**

**BY**

**FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS OF  
SOMMERDALE COURT**

## Rural Hall Branch Library

### Library Hours

Monday - Wednesday: 10 AM – 7 PM

Thursdays and Fridays: 10 AM – 5 PM

**Saturdays: New Hours 10 AM – 5 PM**

### Rural Hall Library To-Go Schedule

Monday - Wednesday: 10 AM – 7 PM

Thursdays and Fridays: 10 AM – 6 PM

**Saturdays: New Hours 10 AM – 5 PM**

*Beginning the week of April 5, Forsyth County Public Library will extend Saturday hours at all locations from 10 AM—5 PM.*

### When you visit us...

Please keep your visit brief, wear a mask over your nose and mouth, 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 see a series of questions posted. If you can answer yes to any of the questions, please wait until you are well again to visit the library.

### Computers

A limited number of computers are available. Users are allowed a total of two, 1-hour sessions per day.

### Virtual Programming & More

*In-person programs have been suspended until further notice.*

During the month of April, bring your favorite poem to post, or ask staff to print out your favorite poem from the internet to post on our poet-tree on the bulletin board in our lobby.

April is also a good month to take stock of your financial situation, come explore what financial books we have available for checkout. Many will be on display in our Reading Room, along with a variety of useful handouts.

**April 22 is Earth Day!** To celebrate, we will have seed/bean mosaic craft kits available for takeaway on the table in our lobby while supplies last.

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 our variety of digital services and materials through our Library To-Go Services for reserves and requests at <http://www.forsythlibrary.org>. Call 336-703-



## Crisis Control Ministry (CCM)



CCM strives to give help for today and hope for tomorrow—by providing our neighbors with support, advocacy, understanding, and information. CCM meets the needs of people in Forsyth and Stokes Counties. Visit [www.crisiscontrol.org](http://www.crisiscontrol.org) for more information or ways to help.

### CCM Gift of the Month Item:

#### INSTANT OATMEAL

For a complete 2021 Gift of the Month listing, visit:

<https://www.crisiscontrol.org/ways-to-give/foodgift-of-the-month.html>

## Rural Hall Garden Club



Due to Covid, most activities of the Rural Hall Gardening Club have been suspended for the past year. They will not be having their spring plant sale. They hope to resume meetings and activities later in the year, as restrictions are relaxed and conditions improve. The Garden Club wishes everyone a safe and healthy year.

## Saint James UMC Food Pantry



Saint James United Methodist Church Pantry is open **every Thursday from 11 AM until 4 PM**. They are distributing free USDA Food Boxes until the end of April (while supplies last). The boxes will be distributed on Thursdays beginning at 12:30 PM. USDA Food Boxes are part of the "Farmers to Families" Program for disadvantaged Americans. They include fresh produce, milk and dairy products, and cooked meats. Saint James UMC is located at 160 Bethania-Rural Hall Road. Call 336-969-6359 for more information.

## A Message from the Rural Hall Historic Train Depot & Railroad Museum



The Board is excited to be working with Carrie Leigh Dickey – an artist in Winston-Salem – who is designing new exhibit labels and signage for the Depot. We can't wait to show them off at one of our upcoming Open House events.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ruralhalldepot> for more details. Thank you and we hope to see you at the Depot soon!

## 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

Jonathan Collins

Title Clerk

Shykerria Moore

Title Clerk

Dawn Sutton

Title Clerk

Joe Johnson

Town Deputy

Trent Thornton

Town Deputy

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Jason Hill

Public Works Director

Donnie White

Maintenance Tech II

Jarrett Golding

Maintenance Tech II

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Andy Marshall

Fire Chief

Ryan Hooker

Fire Captain

Eric Stewart

Fire Captain

Mark Williams

Fire Captain

Josh Joyce

Career Firefighter

Chris Nowlin

Career Firefighter

Josh Wright

Career Firefighter

### Agenda Briefing

1st Monday, 10:00 AM (as needed)

### Council Meeting

2nd Monday, 7:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### **Important Garbage & Recycling Reporting Information**

Effective April 1, residents should direct garbage and recycling issues **directly to Waste Management**. This includes missed service and cart/lid replacements or repairs. This will help reduce time and steps for residents and our staff. We hope this will allow issues to be reported and taken care of without delay, and ultimately be a better service for residents.

#### **How to report issues to Waste Management:**

- Call 336-723-2784 (Choose Option 1)
- Email [WinstnOp@wm.com](mailto:WinstnOp@wm.com)

#### **Please provide the following information:**

- Name
- Address
- Nature of Request/Complaint



### **Food Trucks at Town Hall**

**Food Truck Tuesdays**, second Tuesday of the month, will continue this year through November. Lunch starts at 11:30 AM.



We are also starting **First Friday Food Trucks**, on the first Friday of the month (as availability allows). These will typically start at 5 PM. If you can't make a Tuesday lunch, maybe you can make a Friday dinner! Be sure to follow us on social media to stay tuned to our food truck schedule and events!

**Friday, April 2: 5 PM, Lucy's Latin Food Truck**

<https://www.facebook.com/LucyLatin>

**Tuesday, April 13: 11:30 AM, Maho's Bistro**

<https://www.facebook.com/mahosbistro>



### **Rural Hall Elementary School News**

Rural Hall Elementary now has all students in the building four days a week! Some students are still virtual until the board decides about virtual participation at home schools, due to the new executive order from the governor. The Virtual Academy is still an option if virtual learning is not allowed at home schools. We hope to keep everyone at Rural Hall! It is so nice to see our students returning to some sense of normalcy since we all went home last March. Go Bulldogs! **Congratulations and shout out to:**

**Patti Durham—2021 Teacher of the Year**

**Sabina Fitzsimmons—2021 Classified Staff of the Year**

**Amy Taylor—2021 Instructional Support Staff of the Year**

### **Community Calendar**

April 2: Good Friday, Offices Closed

April 2: 5 PM, First Friday Food Truck

April 5: 10 AM, Agenda Briefing

April 12: 7 PM, Council Meeting

April 13: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday

April 19-23: Mulch Week (see page 2 for details)

#### **Mark Your Calendar...**

May 1: 9 AM-Noon, Annual Shred Event

May 31: Memorial Day, Offices Closed