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

Egg My Yard



A little Easter cheer was delivered to over 200 children on April 1. Town staff, Council, and their families hid over 3,000 eggs at 84 homes in town. The local senior community, Rural Hill, was also treated to some Easter goodies. **Special thanks to Rural Hall Lifespan Center and the local National Women of Achievement for partnering with the Town on this endeavor.**

Garden Spot News

May 2021

Town Welcomes New Staff Members to Public Works and Fire Department

Dalton Pendry, Maintenance Tech I: Dalton Pendry is the newest addition to our Public Works Department as a Maintenance Tech I as of April 20. Dalton has a background in construction and is excited about working for the Town and community. Dalton lives in Pilot Mountain, but he grew up in Rural Hall and has many ties to Rural Hall. His late father, Jeff Pendry, worked for the Town from 1987 until 1990. Dalton is married and has a one-year old son. He enjoys spending time outdoors and is an avid hunter and fisherman.



Mike Simone, Fire Marshal: Mike Simone started his Fire Marshal career for the Rural Hall Fire Department (RHFD) on March 31. Mike is no stranger to working in fire service or the Rural Hall community, but the Fire Marshal position is new to RHFD. Mike has been in fire service for the past 10 years, working part-time for King Fire Department, as well as RHFD for the past seven years. He spent 8 years working full-time for Forsyth County Fire Department and Winston-Salem Fire Department. Mike is a certified Fire Investigator, Level III Fire and Life Safety Educator, and Level III Fire Inspector. He was awarded Firefighter of the Year in 2013 for King Fire Department and Forsyth County Firefighters Association. He also spent 2 years as a paramedic with Forsyth County EMS. Mike has an associate degree in Emergency Medical Science, in addition to a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is married to his wife Jessica and has two children, Madylin and Bowen. He enjoys doing yardwork, detailing cars, home improvement projects, and serving his church during his spare time.



Mike will be building Rural Hall's fire prevention bureau, and there is no question he will bring an abundance of knowledge and experience to our department and top-quality service and protection to the community. Mike is excited about this opportunity and his goal is to provide extraordinary fire protection. Mike stated, "The residents and businesses of this community deserve nothing less than our absolute best."

Ryan Key, Career Firefighter: Ryan Key started as a career firefighter with the RHFD team on March 31. Ryan has a background in fire service as well as emergency medical services. He is EMT-B certified and has worked for Surry County EMS and as a telecommunicator for Surry County 911. Ryan currently works part-time as a firefighter at CC Camp Fire Department in Surry County and volunteers for South Surry Fire Department. He lives in Siloam and in his spare time enjoys fishing and playing golf. Ryan said he is excited about this opportunity and ready to work for RHFD and serve the Rural Hall community.



Thomas Mabe, Career Firefighter: Thomas Mabe comes to Rural Hall from the Meadows community in Walnut Cove and is working on his 17th year of fire service. He is currently the Fire Chief at South Stokes Fire & Rescue and has served in that role since 2018, working his way through the ranks of Captain, Assistant Chief, and ultimately Fire Chief. Thomas also works part-time for Walnut Cove Fire and Rescue. Thomas started his career at RHFD in August of 2020 as a part-time firefighter, but transitioned to a full-time career firefighter on March 21. Thomas is quite a decorated firefighter, having received numerous awards over the past 17 years – six Firefighter of the Year awards, two Officer of the Year awards, one EMT of the Year award, and three Life Saver awards! Thomas is married with 2 children, Izaiah and Ember. When he is not at a fire station, Thomas enjoys camping, going to the coast, and hunting in the fall. Thomas is new to the Rural Hall community and has already noticed a lot of "very friendly people" and how Rural Hall "seems to be very close-knit". He is very excited to start a career with Rural Hall Fire Department and looks forward to being part of the community!



The Town is excited to have all of these men on board—they will be great additions to our staff!

Annual Shred Event at Town Hall: Saturday, May 1 from 9 AM–Noon



To protect staff and citizens, please follow these steps:

- ⇒ Enter the Town Hall parking lot via Pine Street (ATM entrance).
- ⇒ Pull up to the tent at the shred truck – DO NOT leave your vehicle.
- ⇒ Unlock your trunk so staff can unload your containers.
- ⇒ Let staff know if you would like to retain your containers, they will return them to your vehicle.
- ⇒ Pull forward once your vehicle has been serviced and exit via HWY 65.
- ⇒ Please DO NOT arrive before 9 AM to prevent congestion.

Not intended for businesses/commercial entities. Call 336-969-6856 / email townclerk@ruralhall.com for more details.

Town of Rural Hall Solid Waste Collections Policy

The Town's Solid Waste Collections Policy was recently updated and can be found at <https://www.ruralhall.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Solid-Waste-Collections-.pdf>.



This policy addresses all Town pickup services, including yard waste, brush and limbs, bulk items, solid waste, and recycling.

Here are few of the key changes to the policy:

- ⇒ All items for pickup must be placed at the edge of property, away from obstacles, by 7AM on the day of collection.
- ⇒ Individual piles of brush and limbs should not be stacked wider or higher than 5 feet, with a minimum of 24 inches between piles.
- ⇒ No limbs or trimmings should exceed six (6) inches in diameter or ten (10) feet in length.
- ⇒ Small pitchfork size piles of sticks, twigs, and trimmings should be placed in a yard waste cart for pickup.
- ⇒ No stumps or root balls will be picked up.
- ⇒ Yard waste carts are to be purchased from the Town of Rural Hall.
- ⇒ After carts (garbage, recycling, and yard waste) are emptied, carts are to be removed from the curb or street by midnight or be subject to a penalty per the Town's most current Fee Schedule as adopted by the Town Council. The fee schedule can be viewed at [Fee-Schedule-2020-2021-Revised-April-12-2021.pdf \(ruralhall.com\)](#).

Rural Hall Elementary School Spring Break Adventures



Students at RHES enjoyed spring break the week of April 5-9. Some fifth graders had the opportunity to write about their adventures during the break and we wanted to share some of them:

"My family and I took an exciting trip to the Everglades. The Everglades has so many animals and plants to see. There is a lot of water and marshes. We were able to camp for a whole week. One place we camped was on a chickee. It is a platform on stilts surrounded by water. You get to it by canoe. While we were riding in our boat through the mangroves, we saw a big wake and it was a dolphin that went right past us very fast. The next day we went back to our regular campsite. My dad climbed a tree and picked coconuts and we opened them and ate some and drank the coconut milk. Afterwards, my brother, mom, and I went walking on a trail and we saw a little beach. We played in the water. The day after that we took our boat in the Gulf of Mexico and went to a beach and saw lots of crocodiles! Some of the crocodiles went into the water right in front of our boat. We camped on the beach for one night. One crocodile stayed near our campsite. We also saw a manatee eating in the water. As we were leaving the Everglades, my dad saw a BIG alligator! We backed up and got out to take picture of it. We went close to it and it started to hiss, and its stomach was blowing up like a balloon. I guess he didn't want his picture taken. Then we got to eat at Sonny's Barbeque on the way home. We had a great time!"

- Ivy Joe Scott – Mrs. Sprague's 5th Grade

"My spring break was spent with my family. I traveled to Charlotte with my dad and brother. My brother had a soccer game there. We watched him play. We stayed with my cousins for the week. They have a pool. We swam and played water games. We also had a huge cookout. We ate delicious food and visited with each other. While we were there, my sister went to the hospital to have her baby. She had a little boy and now I'm an aunt. He is very cute."

- Britney Quintero Lopez – Mrs. Scott's 5th Grade

"I did many things during spring break. I played tons of video games with my friends. I got to go to the pool and swim. My sister celebrated her birthday, and we had a party. We also celebrated Easter by having an Easter egg hunt. We searched for eggs

Waste Management Recycling

Recycling Dates Highlighted Below

Recycling every other Tuesday

Garbage every Tuesday

May 2021						
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June 2021						
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27	28	29	30			

that had money and candy in them. I found the most eggs. We ate lots of candy! I have a popcorn machine and popped so much popcorn."

- Jordan Jacobs – Mrs. Scott's 5th Grade

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:

DANNY TICKLE

BY

SHARON TICKLE

Reporting Garbage & Recycling Issues

Effective April 1, 2021, residents should direct issues **directly to Waste Management**. This includes missed service and cart/lid replacements or repairs. **How to report issues to Waste Management:**

- Call 336-723-2784 (Choose Option 1)

- Email WinstnOp@wm.com

Please provide the following information:

- Name

- Address

- Nature of Request/Complaint

Rural Hall Historical Society



The Rural Hall Historical Society (RHHS) meets the fourth Thursday of the month. May and June meetings will be at the Covington Park Picnic Shelter at 7 PM (Board will meet at 6:30 PM). Join them in the park!

May 27: Preservation Forsyth, Topic: Renovating Houses and Buildings and Funding Resources

June 24: Guest speaker TBA. Watch the Garden Spot News for details.

Renovations for the downstairs portion of the Rural Hall License Plate Agency are budgeted and RHHS meetings will be held there once future renovations are complete. The RHHS plans to have an open house/celebration once the renovations are complete. The RHHS would like to thank the Town of Rural Hall and community for their continued support.

The community is invited to come to monthly meetings and join the RHHS! For more information on membership, contact Janet Carithers (President) at 336-414-1246, or email jlmcarr1228@aol.com.

Rural Hall Branch Library



Library Hours

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

Rural Hall Library To-Go Schedule

Monday - Wednesday: 10 AM – 7 PM
Thursdays and Fridays: 10 AM – 6 PM
Saturdays: 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. 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 questions, please wait until you are well to visit.

Computers

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

Virtual Programming & More

Virtual, outdoor, and passive programs will resume in June.

Digital Services

Be sure to check out the variety of digital services, including videos of programs and crafts, at <http://www.forsythlibrary.org>, and materials through our Library To-Go Services for reserves and requests. Call the branch at 336-703-2970 to choose items for pickup.

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 for more information or ways to help.

CCM Gift of the Month Item:

TOILET PAPER

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

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

A Message from the Rural Hall Garden Club



After a year of dormancy, the Rural Hall Gardening Club is resuming limited activities. We anticipate holding monthly meetings, beginning in May, in accordance with guidelines for COVID-19. Meetings this summer will be held the fourth Monday evening of each month at an outdoor location. For information, contact Ed Deal (336-985-5354) or Carol DeVries (336-642-4240).

The club will not be holding its spring plant sale, but we recently planted the hanging baskets that decorate the intersection of Broad Street and Bethania-Rural Hall Road and Town Hall. Those baskets will be put in place in early May. We thank the Town for assuming the watering costs for this summer. The club also maintains plant beds at several other locations around town.

April Yard of the Month:

Michael and Leslie Wilmoth
448 Academy Street

Rural Hall Historic Train Depot & Railroad Museum Open House!

Saturday, May 15, 11 AM–2 PM

This will be the Depot's first Open House of 2021! Attendees are welcome to explore the Depot, climb aboard the caboose, and participate in family-friendly activities. In adherence with state COVID-19 guidelines, social distancing measures will be in place and masks will be required for indoor activities.

Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

They can't wait to see you at the Depot!



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Mark Williams
Fire Captain
Josh Joyce
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Ryan Key
Career Firefighter
Thomas Mabe
Career Firefighter
Chris Nowlin
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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PLANT PRIDE .NOT LITTER Increase in Litter and How To Do YOUR PART

Our Public Works Department has noticed an increase in litter along our streets and roadways in town and at Covington Park, particularly in the playground area of the park. Litter is challenging to control any time and in the best of circumstances, but it presents more of a challenge during these times. As more people are spending more time doing outdoor activities, the amount of litter has increased in Rural Hall, as well as across the state of North Carolina and elsewhere.

April is NCDOT's Spring Litter Sweep month. Litter Sweep was put on hold in 2020 due to the pandemic, but this year's Spring Litter Sweep ran through April 24. **The NCDOT reported 4 million pounds of litter has been removed from North Carolina roadsides since January 1, 2021, and over 1 million pounds since April 1, 2021!**

Litter breeds litter. Once it collects, people tend to add to it and think it is acceptable. Not only is litter unpleasant and an eye sore, it costs millions of dollars to clean up and harms the environment. Litter pollutes water, soil, and the air. It carries germs and can cause bacteria to breed. It can clog/disrupt drainpipes and waterways. It is harmful to animals, and it creates an environment for pests and insects. Keeping Rural Hall and the rest of our state clean requires everyone doing their part!

Ways you can help:

- ◇ Set an example by not littering. If you see litter, pick it up and throw it away (if it is safe).
- ◇ Keep a trash or litter bag in your vehicle or with you at outings.
- ◇ Recycle as much as possible (this also saves landfill space).
- ◇ Secure trash loads before driving.
- ◇ If you smoke, use a portable ashtray.
- ◇ Participate in community cleanup events and work with your neighbors to keep the community clean!

Food Trucks at Town Hall

Food Truck Tuesdays, are on the second Tuesday of the month. Lunch starts at 11:30 AM.



First Friday Food Trucks are on the first Friday of the month (as availability allows). Dinner starts 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, May 7: 5 PM, Pinkor's Delight

<https://www.facebook.com/PinKors-delights-110844270607418>

Tuesday, May 11: 11:30 AM, Maho's Bistro

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

Community Calendar

May 1: 9 AM-Noon, Annual Shred Event

May 3: 10 AM, Agenda Briefing

May 7: 5 PM, Friday Night Food Truck

May 10: 7 PM, Council Meeting

May 11: 11:30 AM, Food Truck Tuesday

May 31: Memorial Day, Offices Closed



Mark Your Calendar...

June 18: Movie Night, Playing With Fire