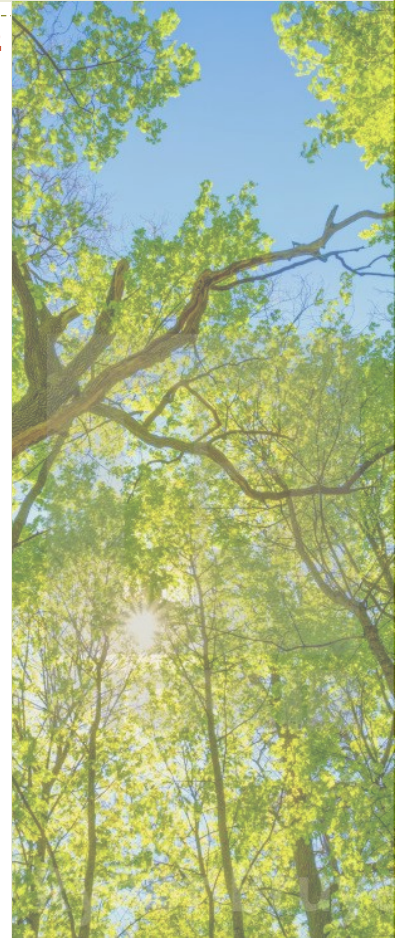




Garden Spot News



It is very important to the Town of Rural Hall that we keep our residents up-to-date and informed of what is going on in the community. Due to recent unexpected staff changes and being short-staffed, we have not been able to distribute a printed Garden Spot News for the last several months. During this time, we have evaluated the newsletter. Moving forward, we will publish the Garden Spot News on a **bi-monthly** basis.

The Town of Rural Hall has recently been through some administrative changes and new council members were elected this past November. **Congratulations** to the following:

- **Elected Officials:** Eddie Horn, Councilman & Terry Bennett, Councilman
- **Staff:** Misty Meadows, Town Manager & Mike Simone, Fire Chief

For a full council and staff listing, please visit www.ruralhall.com.

The Advisory Board for the Rural Hall Fire Department has made the decision to move forward with rehiring four returning members. These returning members will be hired as part-time fire department employees: Adam Groce, Brian Burnette, John Webster, and Ryan Hall. Congratulations to these gentlemen and welcome aboard!

The Town of Rural Hall is also currently in the process of hiring/onboarding the following positions: Town Clerk, License Plate Agency Title Clerk, Maintenance Tech I, and Fire Captain (Internal Posting). Please **stay tuned** for more information and announcements in the next May/June publication.

GLOW IN THE DARK EASTER EGG HUNT:

A Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt event will take place at Covington Memorial Park on **April 14**, from **6:30 PM until 9:00 PM** (Egg Hunt for kids 12 & under). Bring a basket & a flashlight. Food/snacks will be served. We will also have a Food Truck, prizes, candy, fun and more! The Town of Rural Hall is sponsoring this event with the Lifespan Center and other local organizations. Stay tuned for more details.

FOOD TRUCKS AT TOWN HALL:

On the second Tuesday of the month from March through November, the Town will host our **Food Truck Tuesday** event. Food trucks will be set up and ready to serve lunch at 11:30 AM in the front parking lot at Town Hall (seating & parking will be available). The first Food Truck Tuesday event of 2022 will be on **March 8**. This event will host the beloved [Sandwich Express](#) Food Truck, as well as the famous [EmergenSweets](#) dessert truck. Click the links above to access their website and view their menu options.

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MEDICATION DROP-OFF

Bring your unused or expired medications
for safe disposal.



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Councilwoman

Norman E. Horn
Councilman

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LPA Supervisor

Jonathan Collins
Lead Title Clerk

Jason Hill
Public Works Director

Donnie White
Maintenance Tech II

Dalton Pendry
Maintenance Tech I

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Fire Chief

Ryan Hooker
Fire Captain

Josh Joyce
Fire Captain

Ryan Key
Career Firefighter

Thomas Mabe
Career Firefighter

Chris Nowlin
Career Firefighter

Chad Stevens
Swing Shift Firefighter

Trent Thornton
Town Deputy

Michael Collins
Town Deputy

SHRED & MED EVENT (April 30, 9 AM–1 PM): (This event is not for businesses or commercial entities)

ANNUAL SHRED DROPOFF:

Our annual Shred Event will be in the Town Hall parking lot on **Saturday, April 30**, from **9:00 AM until 12:00 PM**. Participants can enter from the Pine Street entrance and follow the posted directions. **Acceptable** shredding materials include: paper, folders, paper clips, staples, binder clips, hanging file folders, cancelled/voided checks, medical/dental records, pay stubs, tax forms, bank statements, magazines, newspapers, and credit cards. **Non-acceptable** shredding materials include: hard drives, batteries, cell phones, laptops, CD/DVD/tapes, carbon paper, x-rays, paper towels, and food waste.

MEDICINE DROPOFF:

Combined with our Annual Shred Event on **April 30**, the Town of Rural Hall and the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office have teamed up to participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Every single day, **over 115 people** die from an opioid overdose across the United States. **YOU** can be a part of the solution!

Bring unwanted medications to the front parking lot at **Town Hall**. Participants can enter from the Pine Street entrance and follow the posted directions. This event will take place on **April 30** from **9:00 AM until 1:00 PM**. This will be a drive-through drop-off. Come dispose of your unwanted, unused medications without leaving your vehicle and **no questions asked!**

Can't make it to the Medicine Dropoff? Stop by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office public lobby during their regular business hours. They have a permanent medication drop-box for your convenience. They are located at **301 North Church Street in Winston-Salem**. Business Hours are **8:30 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday**.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY:

Help Feed Neighbors in Crisis! Crisis Control Ministry is looking for volunteers to help once a week in their food pantry. Volunteer shifts are Monday - Friday from 9 AM - Noon and 1 - 4 PM. Please email volunteer@crisiscontrol.org or call **336-770-1621** for more information. Gifts of the Month: (March: Pancake Mix & Syrup) (April: Instant Oatmeal & Grits)

RURAL HALL HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT AND RAILROAD MUSEUM:

When writing about D. J. Redding in 2016, Wes Young, a reporter for the Winston-Salem Journal, said "D.J. Redding saved the old Rural Hall train depot from demolition in March of 1980, fixed it up and turned it into a museum of railroad artifacts." Today, the Redding family and the Depot's board of directors are following in D. J.'s footsteps as they work to "fix up" a few fun events for the community in 2022. Stay tuned for more information!

RURAL HALL LIFESPAN CENTER:

The Lifespan Center, along with the Rural Hall Chapter of the National Woman of Achievement, will be partnering with the Town of Rural Hall for their Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt event that will take place at Covington Memorial Park on **April 14**. On **April 27**, the Lifespan Center will host a Meet & Greet event for their new board members. This event will take place at **1:00 PM** at their Summit Street Club House.

TOWN MULCH (First Come, First Serve):

The Town of Rural Hall's Public Works Department will be delivering leaf mulch the week of: **April 18 – April 22 (Weather Permitting).**

The deadline to sign up: Thursday, April 14 at 4:30 PM

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.
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 and you may use the same stake from last year if you already have one, but you will need to have your name added to the delivery list again for this year.

Waivers and yard stakes can be picked up and waivers can be dropped off during office hours at Town Hall, located at 423 Bethania-Rural Hall Road. Office hours are **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, or mailed to Post Office 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.

TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICES:

Town residents should direct garbage and recycling issues **directly to Waste Management**. This includes missed service as well as cart/lid repairs and replacements. This will help reduce steps and time 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. To report an issue to Waste Management: **Call 336-723-2784** (Choose Option 1) and/or **Email WinstnOp@wm.com**.

The 2022 Trash and Recycling Schedule for the Town of Rural Hall can be found on our [website](#), or you may stop by Town Hall during our regular business hours to pick up a hard copy. This schedule can also be sent out by request via email or mail.

RURAL HALL AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:

March 2022 Meeting Details:

- Date & Time: Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 12:30 PM
- Location: Mayflower Seafood Restaurant (665 Montroyal Road)
- Details: Salem Printing—Business Spotlight—Carol Phillips

April 2022 Meeting Details:

- Date & Time: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 12:30 PM
- Location: Mayflower Seafood Restaurant (665 Montroyal Road)
- Details: Kick off 2nd Harvest Food Drive

Community Calendar

March 7, 2022:
Agenda Briefing &
Action Meeting
(3 PM—Town Hall)

March 8, 2022:
Food Truck Tuesday
(11:30 AM—Town Hall)
(Sandwich Express & EmergenSweets)

March 13, 2022:
(Daylight Saving Time Begins)
(Spring Forward 1 Hour)

March 14, 2022:
Council Meeting
(7 PM—Town Hall)

April 4, 2022:
Agenda Briefing &
Action Meeting
(3 PM—Town Hall)

April 11, 2022:
Council Meeting
(7 PM—Town Hall)

April 12, 2022:
Food Truck Tuesday
(11:30 AM—Town Hall)
(More Information To Come)

April 14, 2022:
Glow In The Dark
Easter Egg Hunt
(6:30 PM—9 PM)
(Covington Memorial Park)

April 15, 2022:
Town Offices Closed
(Good Friday Holiday)

April 17, 2022:
(Easter Holiday)

April 30, 2022:
Shred & Med Event
(9 AM—1 PM)
(Town Hall)

Waste Management Recycling

Waste Management Contact Info:
Phone: (336) 723-2784
(Residents Choose Option 1)
Email: WinstnOp@wm.com

Recycling every other Tuesday
Garbage every Tuesday

Recycling Dates Highlighted Below

MARCH 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2022						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Town Flag Program

To commemorate certain holidays, you will notice flags flown along NC 66, NC 65, or at the NC 66/NC65 intersection. These flags are flown throughout the year for special holidays.

Throughout the years, many individuals, groups, families, etc. have purchased flags in memory or honor of someone dear to them. Although the flags are not individually marked, plaques hang in Town Hall reflecting these tributes.

If you would like to purchase a flag in memory or honor of someone, you can do so by visiting Town Hall or call 336-969-6856. Flags are \$20 each.

January & February 2022 Memorial Flag Purchases:

**Richard "Kelly"
Johnson**

By
Frank & Nancy Harris

**Marianne Fay
Sue Denny
Brenda Flynt**

By
Rural Hall
Historical Society

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN PATRICK MCHENRY:

A representative of United States Congressman Patrick McHenry (NC 10) will hold office hours at the Rural Hall Town Hall on **Thursdays** from **11:00 AM until 4:00 PM**. Appointments must be made for other days and/or times by calling **828-327-6100**.

- You can contact Congressman McHenry about specific legislation, proposals, and initiatives, or to request a tour of the United States Capital.
- Congressman McHenry will also assist you with issues related to disability, social security, veteran claims, Service Academy nominations, passport issues, and more.
- Please note that due to the high volume of inquiries, it may take Congressman McHenry and his staff a few days to respond. To learn more, visit the following link: <https://mchenry.house.gov/>.

MESSAGE FROM THE FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office has encouraged the Town of Rural Hall to inform our residents of the issue regarding false alarms and the burden that these false alarms are placing on our first responders. False alarms continue to increase in communities throughout the nation. As the trend persists, numerous jurisdictions have attempted to mitigate the issue, often with less than acceptable results. Most buildings often indicate false fire alarms which have become a monumental challenge for fire safety. In fact, fire departments across the nation responded to nearly 3 million false fire alarms in 2021 alone. While the Town of Rural Hall does not currently issue fines for excessive false alarms, many municipalities do. The following tips can be crucial in preventing false alarms:

- Instruct alarm users/key holders on proper operation of the alarm system.
- An arming delay of at least 60 seconds is recommended.
- Properly secure all doors and windows before arming the system.
- Review with your monitoring service the procedures for police/fire dispatch.
- Ensure motion sensors are adjusted correctly.
- A yearly inspection of the alarm system is recommended.

