



Garden Spot News

October 2023

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Council Meetings

October 2

Agenda Briefing
3:00 pm Council Chambers

October 9

Regular Council Meeting
7:00pm Council Chambers



Rural Hall Business Spotlight

Blue Compass RV



Blue Compass RV (formerly Bill Plemmons RVs) had their open house and ribbon cutting event on August 22nd. Mayor Tim Flinchum, Mayor Pro Tem Susi Gordan, Councilman Terry Bennett, Councilwoman Janet Carithers, Interim Finance Officer Homer Dearmin and Deputy Kiam Holley attended the event.



We feasted on barbecue chicken, brisket, baked beans, and macaroni and cheese from Little Richards Barbeque.



Corporate staff from Florida were present. The company started in Fort Lauderdale, and has stores from coast to coast now.

It was very interesting learning about the company, and it was great to meet the employees.

Blue Compass RV has completely renovated the main building. In addition, they have renovated the Big Bear Store and the old bingo location.

Cameron Large is the General Manager. He lives in Pfafftown, and graduated from North Forsyth High School.

Blue Compass presented a \$1,500 check to Crossnore School during the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony.

If you are interested in an RV or need repairs for your RV, stop by Blue Compass RV. The staff are very friendly and helpful. Welcome to Rural Hall!



Council & Staff

- Timothy M. Flinchum
Mayor
- Susan H. Gordon
Mayor Pro Tem
- Janet M. Carithers
Councilwoman
- Eddie Horn
Councilman
- Terry Bennett
Councilman
- Hugh B. Campbell, III
Town Attorney

- Ron Niland
Interim Town Manager
- Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk
- Homer T. Dearmin
Interim Finance Director
- Donna K. Watson
Accounting Clerk
- Alston H. Brown
Public Information Officer

- Dawn Tysor
LPA Supervisor
- Jonathan Collins
Title Clerk
- Lisa Lane
Title Clerk
- Shykerria Moore
Title Clerk
- Annette Sawyers
Title Clerk

- Jason Hill
Public Works Director
- Donnie White
Maintenance Tech II
- Dalton Pendry
Maintenance Tech II
- Brian Jobe
Maintenance Tech II

- Mike Simone
Fire Chief
- Ryan Hooker
Fire Captain
- Josh Joyce
Fire Captain
- Josh Wright
Fire Captain
- Ryan Key
Career Firefighter
- Thomas Mabe
Career Firefighter
- Chris Nowlin
Career Firefighter
- Chad Stevens
Career Firefighter
- Mark Thorpe
Career Firefighter
- Josh Kiger
Career Firefighter

- Steve May
Code Enforcement

- Michael Collins
Town Deputy
- Trent Thornton
Town Deputy
- Kiam Holley
Town Deputy

The Bombers & The Young Guns

The Bombers

This group of young-at-heart 80 and over men – and woman (1) - have been playing baseball and softball collectively in some fashion for several hundred years.

From backyards, neighborhoods, grade schools, high schools, college, military (both in the US and overseas) and on so many company teams that they can't remember them all.

They may not run as fast as they once did – but they sure can still hit the ball!

So, let's meet some of the Bombers:



Billy Boyles (95)



Harvey Staples (86)



Bobby Key (86)



Jim Matney (77)



Bill Inman (87)

The Young Guns

The Young Guns are the Bomber's worthy opponents. They are players - both men and women – under the age of 80. They also have been playing ball for decades in schools and on company teams and in at least one case in semi-pro baseball.

To make the game safe and competitive, the Young Guns must bat opposite handed – lefties bat right-handed, righties bat left-handed. The Young guns are limited to scoring no more than 5 runs per inning, while the Bombers can score as many as they can.

Here are some of the Young Guns:



Mike King (74)



Wayne Gross (52)



Joan Inman (71)



Don Shields (76)



Allen Royal (74)

Come out and support the Bombers and The Young Guns. Weather permitting, they play every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at Covington Memorial Park in Rural Hall. In the next newsletter, we will introduce you to more of the players.

**Waste Management Recycling
Recycling Dates Highlighted Below**

Recycling every other Tuesday

Garbage every Tuesday

**Holiday-one day delay*

October 2023						
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 2023						
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		

**Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad
Museum:**



The Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum is looking for a few good members; board members that is! Do you have an interest in, and knowledge of, railroad and local history? And, would you like to use that interest and knowledge to help the Depot with events, fundraisers, and other Depot-related activities? If so, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact Donna Jo Abernethy at draber-nethy@aol.com and tell us a little about yourself. We would love to know about your interests and experience, as well as how you might assist us.

Also, we are sorry to report that due to unforeseen circumstances we will not be hosting an Open House in October. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to remember our founder, D. J. Redding, who rescued the Depot from demolition and made it accessible to the community. Our first Open House was held in October 2013, and we continue to open our doors in his honor.



Rural Hall Garden Club

Gardening Ideas for September.

Gardening Ideas for October.

As the summer of 2023 comes to a close, we can reflect on the many events the garden club has participated in and marvel at how time flies by. We've had great meeting presentations, the Spring sales event, town hanging baskets, home garden tours of members, and pot luck dinners. Now here it is October, what do we do? Well October is the month for fun. The cooler mornings bring relief from the intense heat of summer. Thinking about savoring the scents of spices and flavors of apple cider and pumpkin help us get ready for the cool crisp weather. Enjoy all the eye-catching fall tree foliage, yard decorations of straw hay bells, quirky gourds, pumpkins, and beautiful mum's. Taking advantage of trips to apple orchards, hay rides, all the local town fall festivals, or gathering with family and friends for a quiet evening of toasting marshmallows over an open fire pit. All these sound-like fun events. Enjoy this beautiful October!

The R.H. Garden Club will be starting inside meetings at the Nazareth Lutheran Church this month. We meet on the fourth Monday of each month 7-9 PM. Special speakers on various topics preceded by business meetings.

Our family garden club has been organized for Rural Hall and surrounding area to help promote Rural Hall's theme, "Garden Spot of the World." Men, women and children (ages 12 and up) are welcome and invited to join us.

Contact Information:

ruralhallgardenclub@gmail.com

Facebook Page search: **RH Garden Club** "Rural Hall Garden Club"

LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup service begins on **Tuesday, October 17** and will be **weekly on Tuesday** (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 able.

Rural Hall Fire Department

Happy Halloween from the Rural Hall Fire Department! Here are some tips to keep safe.



HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- » **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- » **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- » Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- » **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- » **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- » **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- » **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly **800** reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.



Your Logo

Rural Hall Candidates Forum

***NOTE:** This Candidates Forum is **not** sponsored and/or affiliated with the Town of Rural Hall. This forum has been coordinated and moderated by Lyndel Payne and Alison Coward, who asked to use Town Hall facilities for the event.



MEET AND GREET THE RURAL HALL CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES FORUM

Coordinated and Moderated
by
Lyndel Payne and Alison Coward

OCTOBER 16, 2023
5:30 - 6:30
RURAL HALL TOWN HALL

Stewart's Chapel AME Zion Church 119th Anniversary



Around 1901, the Rev. J.L. Lash was sent to Rural Hall to organize the **A.M.E. Zion Church**. Charter members include Mrs. Emily Beck, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Miss Annie Beck, Mrs. Ida Beck, William Beck, RA Conrad, and Eugene Beck. The church

had its beginnings under a brush arbor; sometime later a church building was constructed under the leadership of the Rev. E. Stewart on land given by the Anderson Family. Consequently, the church was named Stewart's Chapel. The cornerstone was laid in 1904.

The church is located at **198 Anderson Street in Rural Hall**, and church service is held every Sunday at 11:00.

On **August 27, 2023**, the church celebrated its **119th Anniversary**.

Rural Hall Fire Department (Cont.)

Reducing the Risk of Hoarding Fires from the Rural Hall Fire



Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

WHY HOARDING INCREASES FIRE RISKS

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

HOW HOARDING IMPACTS FIRST RESPONDERS

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- ✓ When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- ✓ Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- ✓ Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month.
- ✓ Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

Rural Hall Christian Church 130th Anniversary



On Sunday, **October 1, 2023** the **Rural Hall Christian Church** (280 Bethania Rural Hall Rd.) will celebrate its **130th Anniversary** (Est. 1893). All former members and friends from the community are welcome. Morning Worship led by our pastor of ten years, Mr. Wesley C. McCarter, D.Min., will begin at 11:00 AM. There will be a special sermon from Mr. Charles R. Beasley and special music. A lunch on the grounds will follow the service with bounce houses and other activities available for the children. The Church is grateful for the community and looks forward to many more wonderful years of worship and service.



Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269



RURAL HALL KIDS ZONE

Color your best scarecrow in this fun activity below! Return to Town Hall or send to townhall@ruralhall.com so we can share your pictures!



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Triad Community Band Concert

There will be a Christmas concert by the Triad Community Band on Thursday, **November 16, 2023** at **Rural Hall Moravian Church**, 7939 Broad Street, **7:00 – 8:00 PM**. The concert is free but canned / non-perishable food item donations are encouraged to benefit Crisis Control Ministry. Learn more about the band and their schedule of future performances on their website:

triadcommunityband.org

Rural Hall Historical Society

I am Miranda Griffin, Interim President of the Rural Hall Historical Society.

Those of you whom left items Loaned thru the Rural Hall Historical Society for the Museum, please contact Miranda Griffin mirandagriffin@hotmail.com or 336-767-3032, or message me on Facebook, to arrange release and pickup of your Loaned items.

Thank-you

Diane Cranfill Secretary

June Koehn Treasurer



Flat & Fast Rural Hall 5K 10K

October 28, 2023

Registration is now open for the 16th running of the Flat & Fast Rural Hall 5K 10K being held October 28, 2023. All proceeds benefit the Rural Hall Elementary School. Businesses are also invited to sponsor and get their name (and logo depending on level of sponsorship) on 540 runner & volunteer shirts, on the website, on a huge check in the school lobby all year, and on all the printed lists that we circulate around town between now and the event. For more information call Steve Hill at 336-969-9511 or follow the link below:

<https://www.ruralhall.com/business-rural-hall-nc/>

Rural Hall Seniors Club

The Rural Hall Seniors Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. For October, the meeting will be held at a to be determined location. Other monthly meetings are held at Mayflower Restaurant or Rural Hall Little Italy. Come on out and join the fellowship. For questions, please contact Penny Dixon at pennyedixon54@gmail.com or leave a message at 336-934-6523.

Rural Hall Business Association

Meetings held at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant at 12:30pm

Meeting Date	Speaker
17-Oct	RHES – Race Fundraiser Update & Final Volunteer Needs
21-Nov	Bobby Kimbrough, Forsyth County Sheriff
12-Dec	Rural Hall Elementary School Program & Luncheon

RURAL HALL MORAVIAN CHURCH
 7939 BROAD STREET, RURAL HALL

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FALL BREAKFAST MARKET & BAKE SALE

Best cooks in Rural Hall

VENDORS

- CHICKEN PIES
- RAFFLES

50/50 2 WF Basketball Tickets
 Lg. /\$14; Sm./\$8 Tickets \$1 each

SATURDAY, 21ST OF OCTOBER
 7 am to 10 am | Meals: \$10/adults
 \$5/ages 10 & under

takeout available all you care to eat

MENU: HAM, BACON, EGGS, GRITS, GRAVY, APPLES, BISCUITS, SUGAR CAKE, JUICE, COFFEE