Town of Rural Hall
423 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd
Post Office Box 549
Rural Hall, NC 27045
www.ruralhall.com
townhall@ruralhall.com
336-969-6856 PHONE
336-969-9081 FAX
336-727-2112 Forsyth County Sheriff’s Office
Non-Emergency Number

Garden Spot News

December 2018

Town of Rural Hall Christmas Events & Drives
Tis the Season for Giving!

You don’t want to miss our annual Christmas parade and please add a few extra items to your Christmas list for our upcoming drives!

22nd Annual Christmas Parade—Dec. 2nd, 2:30 PM
The parade starts at the intersection of Broad Street and Wall Street and ends at Washington Street/Rural Hall Elementary School. Bring your chairs/blankets and bags for candy! What else can you bring to the parade? See below...

Rural Hall Fire Department’s Brenner Children’s Toy Drive
Rural Hall firemen will collect toys and donations along the parade route, or you can drop off donations at the fire department or Town Hall. Accepted items: NEW toys, games, books, stationary items, posters, bath and body sets, hats, robes, socks, and gift cards. For a complete list of accepted and suggested items, visit: https://www.brennerchildrens.org/Family-Resources/Child-Life/Holiday-Giving.htm and click on “Children’s Holiday Wish List”.
Deadline: Friday, December 7th

Second Harvest Food Bank Food Drive
We are also collecting non-perishable items, as well as monetary donations (cash or check), for Second Harvest Food Bank. You can drop off items at Town Hall or Rural Hall Fire Department. Visit our website at www.ruralhall.com for more information about the most needed items and hunger statistics in Northwest NC.
Deadline: Friday, December 7th

We are so blessed and these are convenient ways you can help make a difference and give back to your community! We make making a difference easy!

Community Spotlight
In case you missed it on Fox 8 Roy’s Folks or reading about it in the Elkin Tribune, local resident Jane Bodenhamer and her cousins Faya Macemore of Hamptonville and Debbie Groce of Ronda, also known as the Brown Stringers, are now North Carolina’s State Champions in Tobacco Stringing/Looping! They won first place at the 2018 NC State Fair in October, beating the defending champions, the Looping Fools of Maple Hill, with a time of 56.74 seconds. They took home the first-place plaque, $250, and most certainly bragging rights. They competed against 14 other teams, each team made up of three people. Tobacco is tied to a tobacco stick by hand (36-38 bundles) and teams are judged on who can tie it the fastest and best—judging is based on a combination of stringing time, stick quality, tightness, evenness and neatness. The ladies were interviewed by Fox 8’s Chad Tucker on October 24th and are pictured above with Chad, along with their hand-tied stick of tobacco. The art of hand-tying tobacco is a part of North Carolina’s history and heritage, and some areas of the state call it looping and some call it stringing. Either way, these ladies are fast and impressive at what they do. Congratulations ladies!

“Best way to predict your future is to create it.”
- Abraham Lincoln
**Leaf, Brush, Yard Waste, Bulk Item & White Goods Pickup Policy Change**

Our leaf, brush, yard waste, bulk items & white goods pickup policy now formally addresses open burning. Open burning is NOT allowed in the town limits and a section has been added to the policy to address this. The new section (section 8) reads as follows:

*No person shall kindle or maintain any open fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private property, or on or in any public ground. Open burning is allowed for the following circumstances: decorative, cooking and/or heating on private property. The diameter of the decorative, cooking and/or heating surface shall not be greater than four feet (48 inches). Natural vegetation (i.e., firewood), liquid propane or natural gas is the only allowable fuel source. During construction or demolition of buildings or structures, no waste materials or rubbish shall be disposed of by burning on the premises or in the immediate vicinity.*

Please contact Town offices if any questions/concerns.

---

### Waste Management Recycling

**Recycling Dates Highlighted Below**

**Garbage every other Tuesday**

**Recycling every other Tuesday**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>December 2018</th>
<th>S</th>
<th>M</th>
<th>T</th>
<th>W</th>
<th>T</th>
<th>F</th>
<th>S</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>January 2019</th>
<th>S</th>
<th>M</th>
<th>T</th>
<th>W</th>
<th>T</th>
<th>F</th>
<th>S</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Are You Interested in Being the Public Works Director for the Town of Rural Hall?**

The Town is searching for its next Public Works Director. The position is open until filled. For a complete job description and application instructions, visit our website at [www.ruralhall.com](http://www.ruralhall.com).

Some details and requirements of the Public Works Director position are as follows:

- **Starting Salary**: $53,079 - $58,386
- Performs a combination of difficult technical and responsible administrative work.
- Performs difficult skilled maintenance and repair of equipment and streets and oversees the maintenance and repair of the Town’s streets, parks, and related facilities.
- Makes sure all OSHA rules and regulations are in practice for a safe and healthy work environment.
- Work is performed under the general supervision of the Town Manager.
- Supervision is exercised over other employees assigned to the Public Works Department.
- Thorough knowledge of the utility organization and operation.
- Thorough knowledge of the materials, methods, practices, and equipment used in the operation, maintenance, and repair of streets.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Town officials, employees, and the general public.
- Ability to plan, assign and coordinate the work of maintenance personnel.
- Ability to prepare clear and comprehensive technical studies and reports.
- Ability to communicate ideas effectively, both orally and in writing.

---

**Waste Management Holiday Delay**

Garbage & recycling services will be delayed the week of Christmas. Service will be delayed until Wednesday, December 26th.

---

**Town of Rural Hall Door Decorating Contest**

Last year we had fun with decorating our office doors for Christmas/winter! We had a variety of themes and the office looked so festive!

The Town and Rural Hall Fire Department will be decorating our office doors again this year at Town Hall. Be sure to check them out on Facebook or swing by Town Hall and see them in person!

If you are not already following us on social media, be sure to look us up on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!
Crisis Control Ministry
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The sale of 2018 Crisis Control Ministry (CCM) Holiday Honor Cards is underway! For a minimum donation of $5 per card, CCM Holiday Honor Cards can be sent by the purchaser, or be signed and sent by CCM. Two design options are available – one created by graphic artist Beth Jones (left) and one painted by local artist William Mangum (below).

Proceeds go directly to help our neighbors in Forsyth County who are in crisis and in need of help!

CCM will take orders through December 20th! Contact Vicki Jones at 336-201-5290 or vjones@crisicontrol.org for orders or more information. Donations are tax-deductible.

Rural Hall Branch Library
336-703-2970

Storytime with Santa
Monday, Dec. 3, 6 PM
Children and caregivers are welcome to attend a special nighttime storytime with Santa. Afterwards, children can make and take home a craft.

Cosplay & Cookies
Friday, Dec. 14, 4 PM
Teens (6th—12th grades) are welcome to celebrate their favorite Anime, Manga, or superhero character by dressing up in cosplay and recreating their favorite character in cookie form.

Visit our website for more information and a full calendar of events:
https://www.forsyth.cc/Library/RuralHall/

Ongoing Library Programs:
Sittercise: Mondays and Fridays, 10 AM
Art Club: Tuesdays, 10 AM

Quilting Club: Second Tuesday, 6-8 PM
Sewing Circle: Third Tuesday, 6-8 PM
Stitching Circle: Every Tuesday, 6-8 PM (except the first)

The library will be closed December 24-26 for the Christmas holiday.

Rural Hall Train Depot’s Santa at the Caboose
Dec. 8, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

By way of special delivery, Santa Claus will arrive at the Rural Hall Historic Train Depot on Saturday, December 8 at 6 PM. Children can enjoy visiting with the “jolly old elf” and receive a complimentary gift from his helpers. Guests of all ages can delight in hearing the caboose carolers and partaking in cookies and hot cider. Other festivities include photo opportunities, tours of the museum, and an art exhibit of train engines from across the country.

Mark your calendars now so you don’t miss this free, signature event! The Board of Directors of the Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum wishes you and your families a very merry Christmas and looks forward to seeing you soon!

RHFD Christmas Tree Safety Tips!
As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart! Celebrations, lights, decorations, and winter greens are hallmarks of the holiday season, but they also present fire risks that can quickly turn this festive time of year into a devastating one! Here are a few holiday fire statistics:

- One of every three Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas, New Year’s Day and New Year’s Eve
- A heat source too close to a Christmas tree causes about one in every four Christmas tree fires.

You can find more tips here:
https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/ChristmasTreeSafetyTips.ashx

Council & Staff

Larry T. Williams
Mayor

John N. McDermon
Mayor Pro Tem

Timothy M. Flinchum
Councilman

C. Thomas Griggs
Councilman

Ricky S. Plunkett
Councilman

D. Barrett Burge
Town Attorney

Megan M. Garner
Town Manager

Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk/Office Supervisor

Monica S. Thomas
Accounting Clerk

Misty A. Meadows
Administrative Assistant

Landon Johnson
Town Officer

Brandon Jones
Town Officer

Chris Southern
Public Works Crew Leader

Jason Hill
Public Works

Donnie White
Public Works

Andy Marshall
Fire Chief

Brian McGlamery
Fire Captain

Eric Stewart
Fire Captain

Mark Williams
Fire Captain

Ryan Hooker
Career Firefighter

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
RHFD Firefighter Awards

The Rural Hall Fire Department held their annual banquet on November 10th. Eric Stewart was awarded 2018 Firefighter of the Year. Eric ran 401 calls and had 225.5 training hours in 2018 through October 31st. Chris Nowlin was awarded 2018 Rookie Firefighter of the Year and as of October 31st, Chris ran 198 calls and had 75 training hours. Eric and Chris were both selected by their fellow members of the department.

John Moore was recognized with an Outstanding Achievement Award for 32 years of service. John’s service with the department was from 1986 until he retired in May 2018. In the last 15 years John ran 3,096 calls, attended 329 training events, and had 1,007 hours of training!

These are remarkable achievements and it was an honor to recognize these men. The Town of Rural Hall and Rural Hall Fire Department thank them for their dedication and unwavering commitment to our community. Congratulations to all of these firefighters! Pictured in the front row are: Eric Stewart (left), John Moore (center), Chris Nowlin (right).

Town Flag Program

Flags can be purchased at the Town of Rural Hall for $20 in memory or honor of someone or a group. These funds help replenish the flags that fly along Broad Street as they become tattered and torn. Thank you to those who have purchased flags and allow this program to continue!

Recent Flag Purchases:
In Honor of Steve Wall for 35 Years of Service with the Town of Rural Hall by Jerry & Dorothy Canady

Community Calendar
Dec 2: 2:30 PM, Christmas Parade (Broad Street)
Dec 7: Deadline for Second Harvest Food Drive & Brenner Children’s Toy Drive
Dec 21: Winter Begins
Dec 24-26: Town Offices Closed for Christmas
Jan 1: Town Offices Closed for New Year’s Day