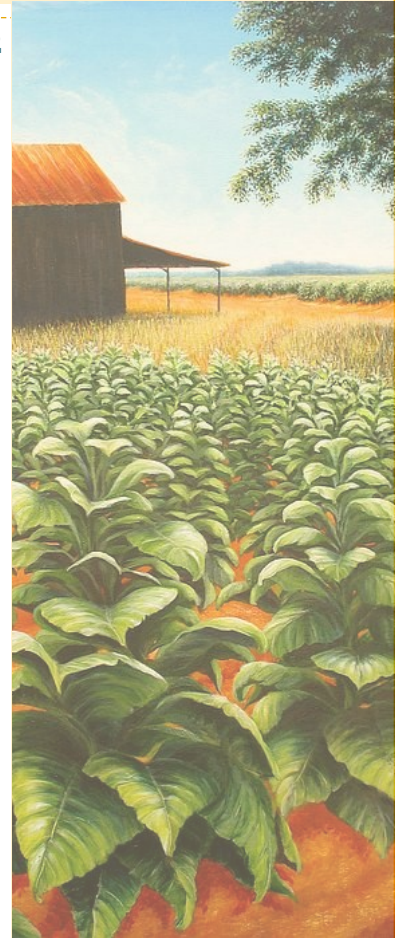




# Garden Spot News



**A WORD FROM OUR TOWN COUNCIL:**

In recent months we have had several new council members join our Rural Hall Town Council. We wanted to take an opportunity to introduce them and let them tell you a little bit about themselves.

**Mayor – Timothy M. Flinchum**

“I was first elected as a councilman for the Town of Rural Hall in 2017, then elected as the mayor in 2019. I moved into the Rural Hall area in 2012, then moved into the Town’s incorporated limits in 2016. I made the decision to run for office because, even as a student in high school, I have always had a strong interest in civics and government. I believe that this position provides me with the opportunity to serve my community to give back to those around me. My term is set to expire in 2023.”

**Mayor Pro Tem – Susan H. Gordon**

“Rural Hall has always been home to me. Since my parents Grady and Mary Hawks moved to Rural Hall when I was five. In September 1974, they opened Hawks’ Florist one mile outside of town limits. I moved in Rural Hall town limits on January 31, 1995. My love for the Town of Rural Hall is why I ran for the council. To get the honor to win and serve the residents of Rural Hall is a joy because they are my family. That is what Rural Hall means to me my family and friends. In plain words, I just love Rural Hall and I want the best for the resident. My term ends in 2023. I am looking forward to running again to serve the people of Rural Hall.”

**Councilman – Terry M. Bennett**

“I have lived inside the town limits of Rural Hall since 1997, however, I grew up in the neighboring community of Germanton. Because of this, I have been an active member of the Rural Hall community for over 50 years. I made the decision to run for Town Council because I felt a strong need for transparency within the Town and I believe that Rural Hall citizens deserve to know what is going on. I have strived to be as transparent as possible since taking office in October of 2021. I also believe that I have only been able to be as transparent as the law would allow due to the current litigation matter that the Town is facing. Nonetheless, I truly believe in the importance of transparency regarding public information. I also have a strong desire to keep tax rates as low as possible for Town residents, without sacrificing the great services that the Town of Rural Hall has to offer. My term ends in 2025.”

**Councilman – Norman E. Horn**

“I am a lifelong resident of the Town of Rural Hall. For the last fifty-four years, Rural Hall has been my home. After being approached by many citizens and many firefighters, I made the decision to run for Town Council. I have a strong desire to improve public safety withing the Town of Rural Hall and its neighboring communities. I have always loved our small town and I love to help our small town any way that I can. My term expires in 2025.”

**Councilwoman – Janet M. Carithers**

“I’ve lived in Rural Hall since 1984. I’ve been married to Steve Carithers for 39 years. Steve is a lifelong resident of Rural Hall, and his dad, Harry Carithers, the first mayor of Rural Hall, served on the Sanitation Committee and on the town council. We have one daughter, Allison, who lives in Rural Hall. I’m a graduate of Parkland High School, and lettered in volleyball, basketball and softball, was editor of the yearbook, a member of the Anchor Club and the Quill and Scroll. I have BA and MA Degrees from Appalachian State University. I was editor of the yearbook, on the Student Center Board, a member of the Student Judiciary Council and on the Board of Visitors. I taught at Ashe Central High School in Ashe County, NC. And, at Greer High School in Greer, SC. I’m a retired Special Education Teacher from the WSFC Schools. Most of my teaching years were at South Park High, and I coached 3 sports and was the yearbook sponsor. I was the Transition Coordinator/Special Populations Coordinator for the WSFC Schools when I retired. I also worked at North Forsyth High School with the Sports Medicine Program from 1998-2005. After retirement, I worked as a Case Manager, Staff Development and Community Resource Coordinator for DAIS, a mental health provider company in Winston-Salem. I was a youth leader and chairman of the Christian Education Committee at Rural Hall Moravian Church. I coached softball and was on the North Forsyth Little League Board for over 10 years. I decided to apply for the vacant seat because I had several people ask me to do so, and I felt I could help the Town through this difficult transition. My term expires in 2023.”

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## TOWN COUNCIL & STAFF

Timothy M. Flinchum  
Mayor  
Susan H. Gordon  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Terry M. Bennett  
Councilman  
Janet M. Carithers  
Councilwoman  
Eddie Horn  
Councilman  
Randolph M. James  
Interim Town Attorney  
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Misty A. Meadows  
Town Manager  
Lynette E. Hendrick  
Town Clerk  
Wade Gilley, Jr.  
Finance Director  
Robbie L. Wagoner II  
Administrative Assistant  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dawn Tysor  
LPA Supervisor  
Jonathan Collins  
Lead Title Clerk  
Lisa Lane  
Title Clerk  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Jason Hill  
Public Works Director  
Donnie White  
Maintenance Tech II  
Dalton Pendry  
Maintenance Tech II  
Brian Jobe  
Maintenance Tech I  
\*\*\*\*\*  
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  
Swing Shift Firefighter  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Trent Thornton  
Town Deputy  
Michael Collins  
Town Deputy

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Agenda Briefings & Action Meetings are held at 3PM inside Town Hall on the first Monday of every month, unless advertised otherwise.

Town Council Meetings are held at 7PM inside Town Hall on the second Monday of every month, unless advertised otherwise.

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## NEW FACES AROUND TOWN:

- **Lisa Lane** is our new Full-Time Title Clerk at our License Plate Agency.
- **Donna Watson** is our new Part-Time Title Clerk at our License Plate Agency.
- **Brian Jobe** is our new Maintenance Technician I at our Public Works Department.
- **Josh Wright** is our new Fire Captain at our Rural Hall Fire Department.
- **Lynette Hendrick** is our new Town Clerk at our Town Hall.

(Pictured Below From Left To Right):



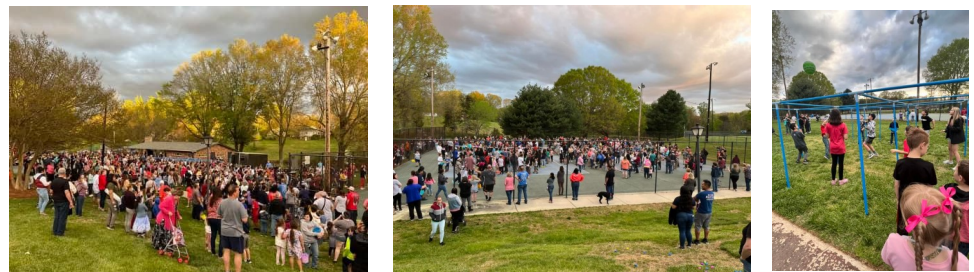
## FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

- Part-Time Firefighter, **Ed Young**, was named the 2022 Rookie Firefighter of the Year by the Rural Hall Fire Department.
- Part-Time Firefighter, **Eddie Bottoms**, was named the 2021 and 2022 Firefighter of the Year by the Rural Hall Fire Department.
- Fire Captain, **Josh Joyce**, was named the 2022 Forsyth County Fire & Rescue Association Fire Officer of the Year.



## EASTER AT COVINGTON PARK:

- We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the organizations who helped sponsor our Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt. Some helped financially and many helped physically. This event would not have been possible without the following organizations: REVO Church (Rural Hall), Rural Hall Lifespan Center and National Women of Achievement (Rural Hall Chapter), Jefferson Christian Church, Mizpah Moravian Church, Stewards Chapel AME Zion Church, State Employees Credit Union, Rural Hall Elementary School, Decked Out Donuts, Benny's Ice Cream Truck, Rural Hall resident Ruth King, Town of Rural Hall Staff and Council and the Rural Hall Fire Department.
- We had approximately 4,500 filled eggs, 50 volunteers, 400 glow sticks, 500 glow in the dark tattoos, over 325 pieces of pizza, over 250 prepackaged snacks, coolers of Gatorade, lemonade, and water, over 100 free donut coupons, food trucks, and games – Nine Square, Cornhole, Sack Races and more.
- We had a much larger turnout than anticipated, but we saw tons of fun, smiles, community, and connection! We witnessed families, friends, and strangers enjoy their time with one another and make memories. We are thankful to have been a part of that and be able to serve and impact so many people.



## VOLUNTEER EVENTS COMMITTEE:

- In years past, the Town of Rural Hall had a volunteer event committee to help plan and coordinate Town events. The Town loves to host events for the community, however, being a small staff, we are not able to provide and facilitate as many events as we would like. It is tremendously beneficial to have community volunteers help us. Not only does it help us get more accomplished, it gives members of our community a sense of purpose, belonging and ownership.
- We are in the very preliminary stages of forming a new volunteer committee. We would like to get an idea of interest in the community. If you would be interested in being on our future volunteer event committee, please submit your full name, mailing address, email address, and best contact number to [townclerk@ruralhall.com](mailto:townclerk@ruralhall.com), or mail to Lynette Hendrick, PO Box 549 Rural Hall, NC 27045.
- The Town of Rural Hall looks forward to serving the community through events and connecting and interacting with our residents.



**RURAL HALL AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:**

**May 2022 Meeting Details:**

- Date & Time: Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.
- Location: Covington Memorial Park (7450 Church Street)
- Details: Final Food Drive Celebration & BBQ Picnic

**June 2022 Meeting Details:**

- Date & Time: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.
- Location: Mayflower Seafood Restaurant (665 Montroyal Road)
- Details: "State of the Union" of Rural Hall—Mayor Tim Flinchum



**RURAL HALL COMMUNITY WATCH:**

- Are you interested in starting a Community Watch program for your Rural Hall neighborhood? You would be joining millions of Americans who have taken action to protect their families and neighbors through this empowering program. Community Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the participation of residents in cooperation with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office to reduce crime, improve the quality of life, and establish a sense of well-being by watching out for one another in your area. The program is a highly successful effort that has been in existence for more than forty years in cities and counties across America. If you are interested in helping, or would like to be a chairperson for a Community Watch group please contact **Corporal Butch Moore** with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office at **336-843-0937**. For more information, feel free to contact Town Hall at 336-969-6856.

**DAWG WITH A DEPUTY—COMMUNITY POLICING EVENT:**

- The Town of Rural Hall and the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office is excited to host our "Dawg with a Deputy" Community Policing event. This event will take place on **Tuesday, May 17** from **6:00p.m. until 8:00p.m.** at King's Hot Dogs in Rural Hall (1009 Bethania-Rural Hall Road). A free hotdog and drink will be given to our first 75 guests! Come meet your local Community Policing Officers and learn about the Community Watch Program and other ways to keep our community safe.

**RURAL HALL HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT & RAILROAD MUSEUM:**

- All Aboard! The Rural Hall Historic Train Depot & Railroad Museum is happy to announce that their first Open House of 2022 will be held on **Saturday, May 21**, from **1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.** To celebrate National Preservation Month, J. R. Snider will take attendees on a visual journey through his presentation "Wish You Were Here" Railroad Depots in Vintage Postcards. Visitors will also be welcome to explore the Depot and caboose. Admission is free; donations are appreciated. See you at the Depot!

**RURAL HALL / STANLEYVILLE LIBRARY:**

- The meeting of the Friends of the Rural Hall/St Stanleyville Library will take place on **Monday, May 2, 2022, 5:30 p.m.** in the Rural Hall/St Stanleyville Library Auditorium. (There will not be a meeting for the months of June, July, and August.)
- The Friends of the Rural Hall/St Stanleyville Branch Library will have a book sale that will take place on May 20 & 21, 2022. The hours of the book sale are: **Friday, May 20 - 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, May 21 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** (There is a maximum of 16 people allowed in the auditorium at one time & there may be a short wait during the busiest times.)

**SUMMER CAMP AT ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

- The Lilly's Network will be hosting a summer camp from **June 13—August 19** at St. James United Methodist Church (160 Bethania-Rural Hall Road). The cost is \$85 per week. This program will include: pool, park, weekly field trips, arts & crafts, literacy, science & math activities. For more information, please email [LILLYS.NETWORKTEAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LILLYS.NETWORKTEAM@GMAIL.COM) or call **336-779-8126**.

**FARMER'S MARKET AT RURAL HALL MORAVIAN CHURCH:**

- The Moravian Square Market will be hosted at the Rural Hall Moravian Church (7939 Broad Street) on **May 7 and June 4** from **8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** This event will be featuring "everything under the sun" and will benefit our local food banks and support our community. There will be a large variety of vendors, food trucks, and much more. Parking will be available.

**TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE UPDATES:**

- Due to the Memorial Day Holiday occurring on Monday, May 30, 2022, garbage services will occur on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022**, instead of the normal Tuesday service date.
- Elderly or disabled residents have the option to receive "**back door**" garbage and recycling pickup if they are unable to roll their garbage and recycling carts to the roadway. If you are an elderly or disabled resident within the incorporated limits of the Town of Rural Hall who would like to begin receiving this "back door" service, please contact Town Hall at **336-969-6856** and we will be happy to communicate your request to Waste Management.

**Community Calendar**

**May 7, 2022:**  
Moravian Square Market  
(8 AM –1 PM)  
(Rural Hall Moravian Church)

**May 10, 2022:**  
Food Truck Tuesday  
(11:30 AM –Town Hall)  
(More Details To Come)

**May 17, 2022:**  
Dawg With A Deputy  
(6 PM –8 PM)  
(King's Hotdogs)

**May 21, 2022:**  
Open House  
(1 PM –4 PM)  
(Rural Hall Historic Train Depot & Railroad Museum)

**May 30, 2022:**  
Memorial Day  
(Town Offices Closed)

**June 4, 2022:**  
Moravian Square Market  
(8 AM –1 PM)  
(Rural Hall Moravian Church)

**June 9, 2022:**  
Community Concert  
(5:30 PM –Town Hall Lawn)  
(Music By Triad Community Band & Ryan Newcomb)  
(More Details To Come)

**June 13, 2022:**  
Lilly's Network  
Summer Camp Begins  
(St. James UMC)

**June 14, 2022:**  
Food Truck Tuesday  
(11:30 AM –Town Hall)  
(Sliders Steet Food)

**July 3, 2022:**  
Town Fireworks Celebration  
(More Details To Come)

**Waste Management Recycling**

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

Recycling every other Tuesday  
Garbage every Tuesday

*Recycling Dates Highlighted Below*

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**FIRE DEPT:**

The Rural Hall Fire Department has, once again, partnered with Safe Place to provide a refuge for youth in the event of a tragedy.

For more details, visit:  
<https://www.nationalsafeplace.org/>



**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.

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**LITTLE ITALY PIZZA & ITALIAN RESTAURANT:**

- Little Italy Pizza & Italian Restaurant, a fixture in Rural Hall since 1999, has a new home — just down the street from its old one. Little Italy opened March 30 in a brand-new building at 696 Angus Street, at the intersection of Bethania-Rural Hall Road. Congratulations!



**GARDEN SPOT NEWSLETTER SURVEY:**

Please return your responses in person, via email ([townhall@ruralhall.com](mailto:townhall@ruralhall.com)) or via mail: PO Box 549 Rural Hall, NC 27045

**Do you want to continue to receive the Garden Spot News?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ No preference \_\_\_\_\_

**How often would you like to receive it?**

Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ Bimonthly \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_  
(Once a quarter) (Every other month) (Once a month)

**If you currently receive the newsletter by mail, would you prefer to receive it via email?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is your email address? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you no longer wish to receive the Garden Spot News, please provide your name (for mailing list) or email address (for email list) and we will remove you.**