



Garden Spot News



December 2022

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Check us out on Social media and be sure to follow or like us! Please stay tuned to our social media, website, email alerts, and future publications for events, update, cancellations, etc.

The Town of Rural Hall wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

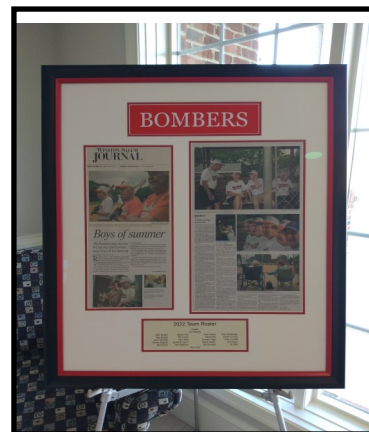
The Town of Rural Hall Salutes Are Veterans!



Thank you to all veterans for your service to our great country. We appreciate the purchase of our veteran banners. Each September, we start advertising the sell of the veteran banners. Be watching our newsletter and social media post for next year's opportunity to purchase a veteran banner in memory or in honor of your loved one.

Albert G. Logan	US Air Force	Bryan C. Spencer	US Navy Aviation
Paul Elliott Ayers	US Army	Jason A. Muldovan	US Marine Corps
Clifton Wilson	US Air Force	John B. Shreve, Jr.	US Navy
James Griffin	US Air Force	Brooks Gulledge	US Navy ABE-2
Lewis "Big Boy" Griffin Jr.	US Army	James H. Knight	US Army
Paul Nance	US Army	Michael R. Knight	US Army
William Foster Crouse	US Army	James H. Knight	US Navy
Ken "Peanut" Lawson	US Marine Corps	Wayne Allred	US Army
Malcolm W. Calhoun	USMC & NC Natl Guard	Ed Lupo	US Navy
Tommy Flippen	US Army	Gerardo Gonzalez	US Marine Corps
William "Bill" Kiger	US Navy	Robert Westerberg	US Air Force
James Salmons	US Marine Corps	Joseph "Joe" Niten	US Army

The Bombers



The Senior League Softball team, the Bombers, ages 80 & Up was recognized at our November Council Meeting. They have used Covington Park Ball Field for many years.

On November 14th, the Bombers dedicated this framed tribute (pictured) to the Town of Rural Hall for their continued support. This beautiful tribute, showcasing the Bombers, will be proudly displayed in Town Hall.

Tina Phelps



Michelle Lawson



Congratulations to our Most "Boo-Ti-Ful" Halloween House Winners, and to all who participated!

Council & Staff

- Timothy M. Flinchum
Mayor
- Susan H. Gordon
Mayor Pro Tem
- Janet M. Carithers
Councilwoman
- Eddie Horn
Councilman
- Terry Bennett
Councilman
- Randolph M. James
Interim Town Attorney
- *****
- Misty A. Meadows
Town Manager
- Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk
- Wade Gilley, Jr.
Finance Director
- Donna K. Watson
Administrative Assistant
- *****
- Dawn Tysor
LPA Supervisor
- Jonathan Collins
Title Clerk
- Lisa Lane
Title Clerk
- Shykerria Moore
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
- Mark Thorpe
Swing Shift Firefighter
- *****
- Steve May
Code Enforcement
- *****
- Michael Collins
Town Deputy
- Trent Thornton
Town Deputy



Meet Mr. Mac McBride

Meet Mr. Mac McBride. Mac has lived in Rural Hall for several years. He is retired and walks around town and picks up trash just about every day. He said the exercise is good for his heart! He enjoys living in Rural Hall and being out in the community. If you see him while out and about, give him a wave and a hello! Thank you, Mr. McBride for what you are doing for our community!

Tips from the Rural Hall Fire Department










Heating, holiday decorations, winter storms and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. NFPA and the U.S. Fire Administration are teaming up to help reduce your risk to winter fires and other hazards, including carbon monoxide and electrical fires.

Use the link below to request Smoke Alarm Test or Installs

<https://www.ruralhall.com/smoke-alarm-request/>

Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

-  Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.
-  More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.
-  Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.
-  Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.
-  A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.
-  More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.
-  Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
-  Make sure your tree is at least **3 feet** away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.
-  Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

Waste Management Recycling
Recycling Dates Highlighted Below
Recycling every other Tuesday
Garbage every Tuesday

December 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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

January 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Community Calendar

December 1: Town Hall Christmas Tree Lighting 6:00pm

December 4: Rural Hall Christmas Parade – 2:30pm

December 23, 26-27: Christmas Town Offices **Closed**

December 30: New Year's Day Town Offices **Closed**

January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Town Offices **Closed**



Did You Know??...

Drop Box at Town Hall:
 The Town Hall has a drop box by the front door for when the office is closed. You can use the drop box to make payments, or to drop off forms.



Rural Hall Garden Club

Wow, where has the summer gone? The Garden Club has completed another successful year of fun activities. From the

annual plant sale, hanging the town flowering baskets, working the planting beds at several key spots in the town, participating in the Christmas Parade, each was a labor of love for our talented group.

Special thanks to all the members who opened up their homes and gardens for the membership to tour and visit this year. Each one was a special treat! We have thoroughly enjoyed all the garden parties, food and socializing. The visiting guest speakers shared knowledge and expertise on a wide range of topics.

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!

Meetings are held the 4th MONDAY of the month at 7PM at the Nazareth Lutheran Church (460 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd) through the fall/winter months and at a member's garden or the picnic shelter at the church during the months of May through September. We usually have a variety of speakers during cooler months, and visit local gardens during spring and summer. Come join us in the garden!

Garden Tips for December: Dig over empty borders and prepare your soil for next year's planting.

Bare-root season begins late this month. Plant cane berries, grapes and roots of perennials, such as Artichoke, Asparagus, Rhubarb, Astilbe and Peony, now.

Look after the birds - clean feeders, stock up on wild bird food and make sure they have access to fresh water.

Contact Information- Email:ruralhallgardenclub@gmail.com
Or search for us on Facebook: Rural Hall Garden Club

A Message from the Rural Hall Historic Train Depot & Railroad Museum

Santa at the Caboose!



The Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum is excited to announce that Santa Claus will be visiting the Depot on **Saturday, December 10, from 6:00pm until 8:30pm.** Children of all ages will enjoy visiting with Santa in the little red caboose, hearing-and perhaps singing- Christmas songs, partaking in hot cider and train-shaped cookies, frolicking in the "snow", and exploring the Depot's updated displays and gallery. **Admission is free; donations are appreciated.** See you at the Depot!



Rural Hall Elementary School

On Behalf of Rural Hall Elementary School:
A huge thank you to the Rural Hall Business Association for their generous donations to our school. They sponsor the Rural Hall 5k/10k each year to help provide funds for our students and staff. These funds help with instructional supplies, field trips and various needs during the year. The Association also collects donations that go directly to our food pantry to support many of our families. This year the Association raised over \$12,000 for our school. Thank you from the Rural Hall Elementary Bulldogs!

- RHES continues to accept donations for the Food Pantry & Clothing Closet, including hats, gloves and coats.
- They also have a PRIDE store that supports our behavior program. They accept any gently used or new toys for the PRIDE store.
- Community members are encouraged to volunteer at the school.

A Message from Crisis Control Ministry: Give the Gift of Hope.

Holiday Honor Cards are currently available. The purchase of these cards benefits your neighbors who are going through difficult times. Honor your family, friends, colleagues, and clients. Select from two beautiful designs. One by local designer Beth Jones and the other by nationally-known artist William Mangum. William Mangum has created a special painting each year for 35 years to adorn holiday cards. This will be the final year for Mangum cards, so you won't want to miss this last opportunity to send the Mangum card. For a minimum donation of \$5 per card, we can hand sign and mail your cards for you or send them to you to personalize. For more information or to place an order, visit our website at www.ccmcard.org

The "Share the Warmth" campaign allows Crisis Control Ministry to assist our neighbors who are unable to pay their utility or housing bills, making it possible for them to stay comfortable in their homes. Thanks to generous donors, your gift can have double the impact. Donations designated to Share the Warmth will be matched up to \$50,000. Yes, you read that correctly, \$50,000! Please help even more families during the cold winter months ahead. To learn more or to donate, visit our website at: <https://www.crisiscontrol.org/share-the-warmth/>

We have an increased need for **volunteers**. There are a variety of fun opportunities, and it is a great way to meet new folks. To learn more, visit our website at: <https://www.crisiscontrol.org/volunteer/>

Food donations are always needed. We are experiencing increased demand this time of year and appreciate your food donations. For drop off locations and time, visit our website at: www.crisiscontrol.org

Nazareth Lutheran Church Coat and Blanket Drive



Thank you for your donations!

37 coats delivered to Rural Hall Elementary School
30 coats and 10 blankets going to Winston Salem Rescue Mission
The drive will Continue through December 28th!



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Upcoming Christmas Events & Ways to Give Back to Your Community

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 1 at 6 PM at Town Hall:

The Town of Rural Hall will host this free, outdoor event at Town Hall on the lawn, along with the Rural Hall Fire Department and Rural Hall Elementary School. There will be a variety of local entertainment, light refreshments, photo opportunities, and lots of music and fun, including the Piedmont Cheering Hearts and a visit from someone special! Bring a chair or blanket and join us for a fun night of festivities!

Annual Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 PM down Broad Street:

The Town of Rural Hall's annual Christmas Parade down Broad Street will start at the intersection of Washington Street and end at Wall Street. Bring your chair to sit along Broad Street, and make sure to bring a bag for candy! Parade entry is FREE; however, we ask that you bring non-perishable items to donate to our food drive. We are collecting for **RURAL HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY** this year (details below). You must submit an application to enter the parade. You can download an application at www.ruralhall.com or contact Town Hall. (Inclement weather date: Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 PM.)

Food Drive to Benefit Rural Hall Elementary School Food Pantry Nov 21 - Dec 9:

The Town of Rural Hall is hosting an annual food drive in conjunction with the parade, but this year we are collecting canned goods and non-perishables for a special local cause – for the **Rural Hall Elementary School's Food Pantry**. Many children go to school hungry each day and are food insecure at home. Our own community is no different. The RHES food pantry needs donations, and we would like to help! Your donations this year will help local community children and their families. It will help local children thrive as they go to school each day so they can learn. *Donation boxes will be set up at parade line-up locations, or you can drop donations off at Town Hall or the Fire Department beginning November 21 through December 9.*

Toy and Gift Drive to Benefit Local Needy Families in the Rural Hall Community:

The Town of Rural Hall and Rural Hall Fire Department will collect toy and gift donations along the parade route again this year for their annual toy and gift drive! This year, donations will benefit local families in need – **children AND adults**. Donated items must be NEW. **Accepted items include self-care items and toiletries, blankets, bath and body sets toys, games, books, posters, hats, socks, and gift cards. No need to wrap your gifts. We also are accepting donations of wrapping paper.** When we distribute the gifts, we will distribute wrapping paper for the parents to wrap gifts in. *Just bring your gift(s) to the parade, or you can drop donations off at **Town Hall** or the **Fire Department**. **Deadline to drop off: Friday, December 9.***

Mark your calendars for these holiday events and we hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to give back to your local community! **Merry Christmas from the Town of Rural Hall!**