



HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR

# Garden Spot News



January 2023

## The Town of Rural Hall 30th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed our Christmas Tree Lighting! Thank you to Sgt. Butch Moore of FCSO and RHES Principal Shannon Boles for our opening. Thank you to Pastor Craver from Rural Hall Moravian Church for our opening prayer. Thank you also, to Boy Scout/Troop 914 who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We enjoyed singing by RHES students, Ms. Robert's ESL and Mrs. Wolfe's 4th grade and Mrs. Parker's 5th grade chorus class, as well as the Adams Sisters! The Cheering Hearts put us in the Christmas spirit with their cheers! We had some wonderful hot chocolate and hot cider provided by RHES PTA, and delicious cookies provided by Windy City Realtors. Both were a hit on such a chilly night! We even had a visit from SANTA who arrived at Town Hall on a fire truck. A special Thank You also goes out to our Public Works Department, who set up our stage and tree, our Fire Department, Community Policing, and our Town Staff and Town Council!

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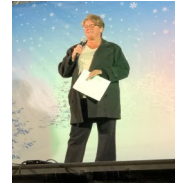
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office

Non-Emergency Number

336-727-2112 (Dispatch)

336-917-7001 (Office)

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.



May this year be full  
of hope in our eyes and  
love in our hearts.  
WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A VERY  
HAPPY NEW YEAR



**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

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- Misty A. Meadows  
Town Manager
- Lynette E. Hendrick  
Town Clerk
- Wade Gilley, Jr.  
Finance Director
- Donna K. Watson  
Administrative Assistant

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

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

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- 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

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- Steve May  
Code Enforcement

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- Michael Collins  
Town Deputy
- Trent Thornton  
Town Deputy

**2022 Town of Rural Hall Christmas Parade Grand Marshall  
Captain Robert J. Bethea**



Captain Bethea moved to Rural Hall in 1996 and has been a part of our community for 26 years. He has two daughters, Shakira and Brittany Bethea.

He was with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office for 28 years, just retiring at the end of 2022. Captain Bethea served in the Army as an E4 Corporal from 1985-1988 and then the US Army National Guard from 1988-1993. He began his career with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office in 1994 as a Detention Officer and worked his way up through the ranks to Detention Corporal, to Deputy Sheriff (I, II & III), to Sergeant to Lieutenant to Captain. We thank Captain Bethea for his service to our country and community!

Captain Bethea's hobbies include traveling, golfing and working out in his yard.

**2022 Town of Rural Hall Christmas Parade**



**Waste Management Recycling  
Recycling Dates Highlighted Below**

Recycling every other Tuesday

Garbage every Tuesday

January 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				

February 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				

**Community Calendar**

**January 2:**

New Year's Day Holiday  
Town Offices **Closed**

**January 4:**

Agenda Briefing & Work Session  
3:00pm Council Chambers

**January 16:**

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
Town Offices **Closed**

**January 9:**

Council Meeting  
7:00pm Council Chambers

**Did You Know??...**

There will be a Speed Limit Change Soon

**SPEED  
LIMIT  
25**

The speed limit will change from 35 to 25 mph on Church Street.

This will become effective as soon as Speed Limit Sign are posted on Church Street.



## Winter Driving Safety

The N.C. Department of Transportation [proactively plans for winter weather](#) and has crews ready to clear roads, but driving during and after rain, ice or snow can still be dangerous.

Although the guidelines on this page can help prevent a wreck, the only way to be certain is to stay off the roads.

- \* Be sure your vehicle is running well and equipped properly for driving on potentially dangerous roads.
- \* You should have a supply kit that includes an ice scraper, snow brush, extra windshield wiper fluid and anti-freeze and a basic automotive tool kit that includes jumper cables and flares.
- \* In case you get stranded, keep an additional kit in your trunk. Include a flashlight, first-aid kit, blanket, shovel, sand or kitty litter (to give tires traction), non-perishable snacks and drinking water and safety flares. You might want to include other items based on your personal needs.



The Governor's Highway Safety Program just partnered with law enforcement from Dec. 12 - Jan. 1 for the annual [Booze It & Lose It campaign](#) to raise awareness about the dangers and consequences of choosing to drive while impaired.

Recognized as one of the nation's most effective anti-drunk-driving campaigns, [Booze It & Lose It](#) has created increased awareness of the dangers and the consequences of drinking and driving through innovative education campaigns and extensive enforcement of impaired-driving laws.

During each campaign, law enforcement agencies increase the number of patrols and officers in an area, set up checking stations and use local news media to reach out to drivers.

Motorists caught driving while impaired could face jail time, lose their driving privileges and pay an average of \$10,000 in fines, towing fees and other expenses associated with a DWI.

That's not a small price, and it doesn't even count the heftier price: the potential cost of a lost life.

Even with the success of Booze It & Lose It, more than 9,000 people have lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes in North Carolina since the program's introduction in 1994.

During enforcement campaigns, law enforcement agencies increase the number of saturation patrols, set up checking stations and use local news media to reach out to all drivers.

## What a Wonderful Community We Live In!!



### Rural Hall Elementary School Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who donated food/money for the Rural Hall Elementary School food pantry. Thanks to your generous donations, food insecurities for the students and families of our community will be lessened.



We do not know the exact poundage of food collected, but it was an enormous amount.

Its wonderful that we have such a wonderful community where we help our neighbors during their time of need.

### Toy & Gift Drive



Thank you to everyone who donated Toys and Gifts for local needs in our community. Together, we have made Christmas a little brighter for those we have been able to help.





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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### PROPER CART PLACEMENT

Place your cart at least 3 feet away from all objects including your second cart, mailbox, car, or tree. The lid opening should face the street with the wheels of the cart facing your house.



Place wheels of cart toward house.

Keep space between carts and other objects.



Do not obstruct collection of carts or bulk items by parking vehicles in the vicinity. Keep area clear for easy access by collection truck.



All trash must be bagged and fit inside the cart with the lid firmly closed.



Please have your trash cart at the curb the night before your regular collection day or by 6 a.m. on your pickup day.



Wish this New Year brings for you  
lots of joy, happiness, good health  
and indeed wealth.  
Have a rocking year,

Wish You A  
*Happy New Year*