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Garden Spot News



March 2023

State Auditor's Report

On November 30, 2022 the Rural Hall Town Council, along with the Town's Interim Attorney and selected staff members met with State Auditor Beth Wood and her staff for a confidential exit conference and review of their draft audit report about the Town. The Interim Town attorney responded to the draft report; however, the State Auditor rejected the exhibits which the Interim Town attorney wanted to include in the Town's response for context and completeness. The State Auditor's investigation determined that there are no missing or misspent funds but did identify some areas where they felt the Town could improve in its governance and financial processes.

The State Auditor's report was published online on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and can be found at <https://www.auditor.nc.gov/audits-reviews/all-other-reports/investigative-audits>. The Town has also published the report on our website, along with our response to the Auditor's findings including the exhibits which the State Auditor refused to include in the Town's response. The Town Council has appointed interim leadership that is working to address all concerns identified, and we are committed to being transparent with the public in sharing these findings with you, and also letting you know how we intend to address each of the areas identified in the Auditor's report. Interim Manager Ron Niland (manager@townofruralhall.com) and Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin (financedirector@ruralhall.com) welcome any questions about the Auditor's report and Town's response that you may have, and wish to assure the public that the Town of Rural Hall's staff and elected leaders are working daily to ensure that Town operations meet the expectations of our citizens and agencies with oversight.



Rural Hall Fire Department

Exciting Changes Ahead...

The Rural Hall Fire Department located near the intersection of College Street and SR-65 was constructed in 1941. In 1988 the station was renovated, to include an addition. The total area of the building is 12,152 square feet, of which 5,112 square feet is apparatus bays. In 2019, a space needs assessment was conducted, and the Town began discussing the need for a new Fire Department building. In January 2023, Fire Chief Mike Simone and his Command Staff, along with Interim Town Manager Ron Niland and Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin interviewed design and construction firms. Bobbitt Construction has been identified as the company recommended to our Town Council to partner with for the construction of a new building. Representatives of the company came to the February Town Council Meeting, and following their presentation, the Council agreed to move forward as suggested. Site and building design work will begin in the coming weeks. Currently this project is in the informative stages. Once a timeline is set, we will be communicating plans with the public, and seeking public participation and input throughout the design and construction process. We are excited about the possibility of a new facility that will serve our Town and the surrounding fire tax district for many years to come.

Council & Staff

- Timothy M. Flinchum
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- Susan H. Gordon
Mayor Pro Tem
- Janet M. Carithers
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Interim Town Manager
- Lynette E. Hendrick
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- Homer T. Dearmin
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- *****
- Dawn Tysor
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- Jonathan Collins
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- Shykerria Moore
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- Annette Sawyers
Title Clerk
- *****
- Jason Hill
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- Dalton Pendry
Maintenance Tech II
- Brian Jobe
Maintenance Tech I
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- Mike Simone
Fire Chief
- Ryan Hooker
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- 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



Rural Hall Garden Club

March is unpredictable, even in relatively warm climates. Spring may have a strong foothold in March but wet soils and frost warnings will remind you that your garden is still working under limitations. It is still a good time to start seeds indoors. Plants like tomatoes, lettuces, squash, and eggplant are good choices. Remember to keep seeds moist but not overly wet or dry. The last frost date for our area zone 7b. is April 15th. If you are considering early blooming flowers consider the hardy *Helleborus*. They bloom as early in spring as they possibly can. Because some varieties can bloom as early as January and February, hellebores can be one of the earliest sources of pollen for bees. They are slow-growing, evergreen, deer-resistant perennials. If you are not particular about the color, you can find seed packets of mixed blends. You will have to wait a few years for seed-grown hellebores to bloom, but once they are established, they can live for decades.

Our March meeting will be March 27th. at 7PM at the Nazareth Lutheran Church, 460 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd. Our February guest speaker from the Kordick Family Farm gave a wonderful presentation on growing heirloom apples as well as regional cider apple varieties care and harvesting.

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. The club has several activities in the planning stages and committee selections for Spring plant sales, planting the hanging baskets for town, yard of the month, tending to the library, post office, and town hall beds. Most enjoyable in addition to the informative club meetings are the pot luck dinners and tours of our friendly members gardens and grounds. These tours run May through September and make for a most enjoyable evening. Come and join us in the garden.

Contact Information email ruralhallgardenclub@gmail.com

Facebook Page search: [RH GC](#) "Rural Hall Garden Club"

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

March 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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	

April 2023						
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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
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Community Calendar

March 6:
Agenda Briefing & Work Session
3:00pm Council Chambers

March 13:
Council Meeting
7:00pm Council Chambers

Fire Safety Awareness

Hoarding and Fire Safety



Know the fire-safety risks and how you can keep yourself and first responders safe.

Risks:

- Personal items can crowd cooking equipment, making it unsafe to cook.
- Personal items can crowd heating equipment, putting you at risk of having a fire.

Difficulties for firefighters:

- Blocked windows and doors make it difficult for firefighters to get into your home to fight the fire and search for occupants.
- Piles of belongings make it difficult for firefighters to move through your home quickly.

Important:

- Always keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from cooking and heating equipment.
- Keep doorways and windows clear for escape in case there is a fire. This will also prevent injuries from falling over excessive personal items.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov

Community Happenings



The Rural Hall Area Business Association is meeting every third Tuesday and if you do business in the Rural Hall area, (or want to) this is the group for you. Not only is it a chance to market to local businesses, but it's our monthly networking group with local and state government officials as they represent our community interests. Our programs are of interest to the community and business in particular and guests are welcome. If you are a business and prospective member, your first visit with us is free and lunch is on us! After that, you can visit with a \$15 guest fee or join for the year. Our very reasonable membership fee covers all your meals, so that makes it practically free to be a member. You have to eat lunch somewhere so why not with us! Most meetings are at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant at 12:30pm to 1:30pm and our next meeting is, Tuesday, Feb. 21. Our speaker will be Dale Graver with VC3 IT services, who will help us with our computer support options. We are also the largest civic/service club in Rural Hall and raise over \$12,000 for our local elementary school with our Flat & Fast Rural Hall 5K 10K, being held for the 16th year on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 8am. Come join us today! Follow this link for more information about our 5K 10K fund raiser and registration is now open online:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/RuralHall/FlatandFastRuralHall5K10K>

Meeting Date	Speaker
January 17	Kent Hunter – NC Main Street/Downtown
February 21	Attny Randolph James – Employment Law
March 21	Dale Graver VC3 IT Services
April 18	Kick Off 2 nd Harvest Food Drive
May 16	Final Food Drive Celebration at Covington Park (BBQ)
June 20	Novant Health
July 18	Zach Trollinger – Wildlife Damage, Control and Repair
August 15	Pat Ivy – NCDOT – community road project
September 19	NC House of Representatives, Kyle Hall
October 17	RHES – Race Fundraiser Update & Final Volunteer Needs
November 21	Bobby Kimbrough, Forsyth County Sheriff
December 12	Rural Hall Elementary School Program & Luncheon

Rural Hall Business Association

** All programs start at 12:30pm.

Please note that our December Meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday.

Location: all meetings held at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant at exit 118, Hwy 52 with the exception of May, which meets at Covington Park picnic shelter and December, which meets at Rural Hall Elementary School media center (school library).

New Restaurant Opening Soon in Rural Hall Frank's Kitchen

Councilwomen Janet Carithers met Frank Javier and his family, his wife Fanny and children Maci, Carolina, Canala, Moises and Stephanie at their new restaurant, Franks Kitchen, that will be opening up in a few weeks. Menu items include pancakes, crepes, French Toast, bacon, sausage, grilled chicken, pork chops, T-Bone, gravy, biscuits, omelets and they have a kids menu. The restaurant is family owned and operated. The restaurant will be open for breakfast and brunch 7 days a week, and is located at 1027 Bethania-Rural Hall Road next to the Family Dollar Store. Welcome to Rural Hall!

You can follow Frank's Kitchen on Facebook!



Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum



March is a memorable month for the Depot! You've likely heard the story before, but on March 26, 1980, D. J. Redding saved the historic building from demolition. Afterward, he and his wife Alene restored the Depot and opened it to the public. A tradition we continue today! And, speaking of traditions, we are excited to tell you that this year's Open House schedule has been posted on our website and Facebook page. So, be sure to take a look, and mark the dates on your calendar, as we hope to see you at one or all of our events this year!

Rural Hall Elementary School



Mrs. Durham is planning the 2023 Career Day. If you are interested in presenting at this year's Career Day, Please click on link below and complete form:

<https://forms.gle/EioQdKYcdkoKbFyp8>

Questions Contact Mrs. Durham, School Counselor, 336-701-5789

Do you know or have a child who will be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2023? If so, it's time to get enrolled in kindergarten! Visit Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools website @ WSFCS.K12.NC.US to enroll online for the 23-24 school year. Questions, contact Rural Hall Elementary @ 336-703-6789.

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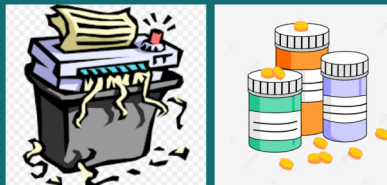
Save The Dates!!

TOWN OF RURAL HALL
PRESENTS
SHRED & MED EVENT

APRIL 29, 2023

SHRED DROPOFF: 9 AM - 12 PM
MED DROPOFF: 9 AM - 1 PM

LOCATED AT TOWN HALL
(423 BETHANIA-RURAL HALL ROAD)



SAFELY & FREELY DISPOSE OF YOUR
PERSONAL DOCUMENTS & MEDICATIONS

NOT INTENDED FOR BUSINESSES OR COMMERCIAL ENTITIES



TOWN OF RURAL HALL
FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday, July 03, 2023

Covington Park

★ **Food Trucks & Fun - 6:30 PM**
Fireworks Display - Dusk

★ **FOOD TRUCKS**
WILL BE LOCATED
AT TOWN HALL &
COVINGTON PARK

★ **PARKING AVAILABLE**
AT TOWN HALL &
COVINGTON PARK

★ **FIREWORKS**
CAN BE VIEWED
AROUND TOWN

TOWN OF RURAL HALL
TOWN MULCH PROGRAM

FREE MULCH DELIVERY
APRIL 10 - APRIL 21
WEATHER PERMITTING

MUST SIGN UP BY APRIL 7
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE
RESIDENTS LIVING INSIDE TOWN
LIMITS WILL BE SERVED FIRST



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