



# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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## *Historic Preservation Month - May 2015*

May has been designated Historic Preservation Month both nationally and locally. Preservation Month was designed to raise awareness of the power historic preservation has to protect and enhance our homes, neighborhoods and communities - the places that *really* matter to us. The local theme for 2015 is *Preservation on the Move*, established by the Preservation Month Partners. The Preservation Month Partners is a group of local organizations that collaborate to organize a month full of educational but fun activities for people to learn more about the history and character of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The Partners this year include the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (HRC), Preserve Historic Forsyth (PHF), Old Salem Museums and Gardens, Reynolda House of American Art, New Winston Museum (NWM) and Preservation North Carolina.

Throughout the month there will be many opportunities to learn about ways our community is working together to preserve our history. This year there will be a kick-off party hosted by PHF and LMI Builders, Inc. on May 1 at 5:00p.m. on the Rosenbacher House at 848 W Fifth Street where the preservation and greater community will gather to celebrate this newly restored Local Historic Landmark. Food, beverages, and music will be provided.



The HRC is hosting a historic marker unveiling to recognize and remember the R.J.R. labor strikes that happened in the 1940s. The unveiling will take place at 545 Power Plant Circle at 6:00p.m. on May 8, 2015. A light reception and loft tour hosted by Plant 64 will follow the unveiling.

On May 17, the HRC along with the Rural Hall Train Depot and the Rural Hall Historical Society will sponsor a Family Fun Day at the



Depot, 8170 Depot Street in Rural Hall. The activities include tours of both the Rural Hall Train Depot, a Local Historic Landmark, and the Rural Hall Historical Society Building, a talk by Yadkin Valley Rail Road Engineer/Conductor Roy Osborne, results of the local art competition at Rural Hall Elementary, King's hot dogs at the depot, and Mrs. Hanes train shaped cookies.

Old Salem will host the Historic Preservation Month *Lunch and Learn Lecture Series* at their visitor's center in the James A. Gray, Jr. Auditorium on May 13 and 27. The lectures will begin at noon and will include the following topics: "*Creating History from Thin Air? Reconstructing Buildings in Williamsburg*" by Dr. Carl Lounsbury, Senior Architectural Historian, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and "*The Truth of Restoring Wood Windows*" by Steve Jordan, author of the *Windows Sash Bible*.

Reynolda House will host architect Edwin Bouldin to speak on "*A New Lease on Life: Reynolda Village in the 1970s and After*" at 5:30p.m. on May 14.

The NWM at 713 S Marshall Street will host two panel discussions: "*Writing your Memoirs*" with Winston-Salem Writers on May 21 at 7:00p.m. and "*The Rise of Winston-Salem Hospitals*" on May 28 at 5:30p.m.

PHF and Korner's Folly will host a talk on May 16 at 2:00p.m. at the Folly, 413 S Main Street in Kernersville: "*If These Walls Could Talk: Restoration at Historic Korner's Folly*". PHF's annual meeting will follow the talk.

The final events of the month organized by the Preservation Month Partners are the Winston-Salem Neighborhood Trolley Tours on May 30. Tours will begin at the Old Salem Visitor's Center at 9:00a.m., 11:00a.m., 1:00p.m., and 3:00p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased online at [www.PreserveHistoricForsyth.org](http://www.PreserveHistoricForsyth.org) or at the New Winston Museum. All proceeds go to local preservation organizations.

All events and lectures are free unless otherwise noted and open to the public. Go to [www.ForsythcountyHRC.org](http://www.ForsythcountyHRC.org) for more information.

## May is Building Safety Month



The International Code Council's (ICC) Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system. The North Carolina Building Code is an ICC sponsored and developed code.

The Building Safety Month campaign is presented by the ICC and its 57,000 members worldwide along with a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design and safety community. Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofits and more come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.



This year's theme is **Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes**. Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety. Additional information and hands-on activities are available on the ICC website: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/2015-building-safety-month-is-may/>

Locally, the Winston-Salem City Council and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners will be asked to adopt proclamations recognizing May as Building Safety Month, acknowledging the essential service provided by state and local inspections departments and encouraging communities to participate in Building Safety Month activities.

To help educate the community, the City-County Inspections Division is working with City Marketing and Communications to produce information videos. The first video, on why we need Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Inspectors, is available on WSTV Digital Media and on the City's YouTube Channel at <http://youtu.be/rUJxhSVMq1k>

## Schedule a Planning Presentation

Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are booming with new multifamily housing construction projects. They're being built in Downtown Winston-Salem, our towns, and many places in between. Why? Who is choosing to live there? What does it mean for our community?

Are you interested in hearing more about this national trend with local implications? Planning staff has compiled research and prepared presentations for your neighborhood or business group on the subject. Learn about our changing housing demographics and watch video interviews with local people living in these developments. Hear what they like about multifamily housing, including desired amenities and locations.

We'll also talk about how you can get involved in the planning process and influence the future development of your community. Contact the Planning Staff to set up a presentation for your group!



### Want more information?

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