Preservation Month was designed to raise awareness of the places that are significant to communities around the nation. It is a time to demonstrate how historic preservation has protected and enhanced our homes, neighborhoods, farms, and cities.

The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (HRC) will host two free events in May. First, the Silver Hill Historic Marker will be unveiled on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. The marker will recognize Silver Hill, which was a 19th century African-American neighborhood of modest houses built by tobacco workers and domestic servants. Only a cemetery remains today.

The second event is a rare opportunity to visit two Local Historic Landmarks in the historic Washington Park neighborhood. On Thursday, May 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Cicero Francis Lowe House at 204 Cascade Avenue and the Burton Craig House at 134 W. Cascade Avenue will be open to the public. Come see two outstanding examples of Colonial Revival style houses in Forsyth County.

If you want to get out of the city, the Lewisville Historical Society has an event for you. On Saturday, May 5, the Lewisville Historical Society and Lowe’s Foods will sponsor the Shallow Ford Wine Tasting at Shallowford Square in Lewisville from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Join in supporting this important community project as you enjoy tasting excellent regional wines! Tickets are a $35 donation, available from Lowe’s Foods in Lewisville.

Rural Hall is celebrating its 130th anniversary on Saturday, May 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The celebration will include exhibits, a student art competition, and tours of the Rural Hall Historical Museum. Admission is free, but donations to the museum are appreciated. The Depot is a Forsyth County Local Historic Landmark, located at 8170 Depot Street, Rural Hall.

And yes, there’s more!!!! For more information on these and many other events visit Preservation Forsyth’s website: www.preservationforsyth.org.

2018 CAC Awards - Reserve Your Seat!

The 2018 Community Appearance Awards will be held Wednesday, May 30th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Gray Auditorium at the Old Salem Visitor Center. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. The keynote speaker for the event is Kenneth Bowers, AICP, president of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association and Director of Planning for Raleigh. Please RSVP to Amy Crum at amyccityofws.org or 336-747-7051 by May 23rd. For more information, visit: www.cityofws.org/CAC.
Building Safety Month: Building Codes Save Lives

Each May, the International Code Council (ICC) and its 64,000 members worldwide, along with professionals from the building construction, design and safety industries come together with corporations, government agencies, professional associations and others to support the Building Safety Month campaign. The campaign helps to improve public safety by increasing awareness about how building codes and code officials protect the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play. Activities during the month reinforce the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

This year’s Building Safety Month theme is Building Codes Save Lives. All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events and structural collapse. Model building codes are society’s best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and entertainment venues. Code officials work day in and day out to keep the public safe.

Building Safety Month celebrates all aspects of building safety to help families, employers and leaders understand and appreciate the best practices that keep us safe. Each week focuses on a different aspect of building safety. Topics for 2018 are: Partnering with Code Officials to Build Stronger, Safer Communities; Advancing Resilient Communities through Science & Technology; Protecting Communities from Disasters; Safeguarding Our Water; and Improving Education & Training Standards for a Safer Tomorrow.

For more information from ICC about Building Safety Month, visit: https://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/2017-building-safety-month/

Public Art Project Takes Shape in South Winston-Salem

A fifty-foot tall American river otter, a species found in Forsyth County along the Yadkin River, was painted on the City’s Sides Road Water Tank this April. The mural can be seen from Peters Creek Parkway, south of West Clemmonsville Road. The City-County Public Art Commission facilitated the project, which was designed and painted by the artist Daas, of Jacksonville, FL. The project was paid for by the Lidl grocery store on Peters Creek Parkway through the development process put in place by the Major Retail Business – Special (MRB-S) zoning district. The district has a menu of site improvement options available for developers to choose from, including paying for a piece of public art in the city. The Public Art Commission hopes that the otter painting brings an increased awareness to Forsyth County’s waterways and the natural environment. Time-lapse videos of the artist at work can be viewed on the City’s Facebook and Twitter feeds.