

The Small Town Main Street/Historic Hayesville, Inc. annual planning session and monthly Board of Directors meeting was held Tuesday, Feb. 1 to approve the 2022 budget and events. Thanks to community support for HHI fundraisers, the financial report showed increases for both the fiscal and calendar year of 2021 events or projects.

Proceeds from the annual Trash-to-Treasure fundraiser by Friends of Historic Hayesville volunteers provided the most income along with key figures from other events or projects such as Shop Small Shop Local, Barn Quilts and individual donations to Historic Hayesville, Inc. which are greatly appreciated.

Partner projects with other local nonprofits, various organizations and businesses support STMS efforts for Hayesville. The town was selected by the N.C. Department of Commerce in 2013 to be an ongoing participant in the state program and as an affiliate of National Main Street practices helping cities or communities of all sizes for more than 40 years. Hayesville is currently the smallest participant in North Carolina.

HHI is the 501c3 nonprofit sector for STMS and all fundraisers benefit projects for downtown Hayesville beginning this year with the Mayor's Yard Sale on Saturday, May 14 around the square. FOHH volunteers will assist Mayor Joe Slaton with the event and sell breakfast food items to supplement funds for downtown beautification. HHI works in partnership with Clay County Communities Revitalization Association to maintain garden plants around the gazebo, lampposts and areas of the Beal Center grounds. Master Gardener volunteers work with HHI volunteers to maintain the front landscape of Hayesville Town Hall, assist with planters at the post office entrance and other areas around town.

Upcoming STMS/HHI events include Steins & Wine Around the Square which had to be postponed twice due to COVID challenges. It is now scheduled for Saturday, May 21 with participation from at least 10 area breweries and wineries. Proceeds from the annual downtown event will benefit the rehabilitation of the old town hall in Hayesville Heritage Park as a small classroom for historical and cultural activities.

HHI partners with Clay County Historical & Arts Council to have the structure located on their property below the Old Jail Museum.

FOHH volunteers are currently taking gently used household items into storage for the ninth annual Trash-to-Treasure sale which will begin in June at a retail location to be announced soon. Folks who do their spring cleaning early and wish to donate items should email: [historichayesvilleinc@gmail.com](mailto:historichayesvilleinc@gmail.com) for more details.

Summer will bring more events to downtown Hayesville including the annual CCCRA Summer Concert Series, Rotary Club Car-B-Que and CCHAC Festival on the Square. Links to additional group activities along with restaurants and other business locations are featured on the HHI website. The HHI Centennial Exhibit located on Sanderson Street will reopen in late March with additional information, updates for downtown activities and historical features including quilt displays.

Visit: [www.historichayesvilleinc.com](http://www.historichayesvilleinc.com) for more details or to volunteer or donate.