

# Roaming Around Reidsville

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The month of May will showcase both some new, recurring and revamped events in the City of Reidsville. I love this time of year when Market Square starts gearing up for the season, and weekends start filling up with great, family-oriented activities.

The first weekend in May provides a prime example. The **ribbon cuttings for Reidsville's newest downtown murals**, previously scheduled for last month but rained out, will be held on Friday, May 3. The Reidsville Chamber of Commerce will cut the ribbon for the new mural adorning the front of the Reidsville Public Library, 204 West Morehead, at 5:30 p.m. Those attending will then travel down to the "Greetings from Reidsville" mural at the corner of Scales and Gilmer streets. Both of these beautiful murals were painted by Reidsville artist Mary E D Ryan. They are such a lovely addition to the Reidsville landscape.

The same weekend, on Saturday, May 4, the **Farmers Market** at Market Square opens for the season. From 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., you can come downtown and get those fresh veggies, baked goods and more that you've been waiting for over the cold, winter months. The Farmers Market has been a long standing tradition in Reidsville, and Market Square is the perfect venue for the market. And Fresh Bucks are back! Those with SNAP can double their benefits up to \$20 a day. That's good food for you and good news for your pocketbook.

On Sunday, May 5, one of those new events takes place, also at Market Square. Come out and celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the City's first ever **F.A.B. Festival**. F.A.B. stands for Food, Art & Brews. The Reidsville Downtown Corporation is sponsoring this free event from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. All the proceeds will go to benefit the Downtown Corporation's economic development efforts. The RDC is striving to make Reidsville's downtown a great destination not only for local residents but also for visitors as well. Add to the mix live music as well. At 12 noon, local musician Jacob Vaughan will provide listeners with a little bit of country. At 2 p.m. the Eden band "Against the Nights" will take the stage to share Christian Blues. The final musical act of the day will be the Megan Doss Band at 4 p.m., bringing a play list that includes Country, Pop and Classic Rock. With music, food, art and brews, it sounds like F.A.B. Festival should have something for everyone!



The second weekend in May will kick start the **Second Downtown Fridays** series, which unfortunately got rained out in April. We are hoping for good weather this month for this revamped event. What was once the downtown cruise-ins has been expanded. As I noted last month, classic cars are still part of the night's activities, but this revamped version is designed to appeal to the entire family. From 6-9 p.m. on May 10, Reidsville's downtown streets will be closed not only for the vintage vehicles but also for family games, food trucks and music at Mural Park. It's also a good night to visit some of our downtown restaurants and those shops that are open. This month kicks off the addition of a free movie at Market Square. The movie lineup is family friendly, and in May, the movie is *Incredibles 2* so bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show. A special appearance is planned by ToyMakerz, the reality series filmed here in Reidsville with David Ankin and shown this season on the History Channel at 9 a.m. Sundays and on FYI on Saturdays at 10 p.m. The Second Downtown Fridays series continues through September.

The events continue with the **Team Reidsville CommUNITY Celebration** on Saturday, May 18, at Market Square. This first ever celebration is the brainchild of the Reidsville Human Relations Commission. Years ago, the HRC hosted a Multicultural Day for the community.



Commission members had been discussing the need for a similar but different event since early 2018, according to committee chair Llewellyn Alexander Williams. "We wanted to bring people together in a unifying event," explained Williams. He said they didn't want to focus on one segment of the population but to create a celebration to help everyone learn more about the different ethnicities or cultures in the City of Reidsville and Rockingham County. The celebration will be held from 3-8 p.m. Music will be provided by the Michael Bennett Band, along with food and games. At the end of the night, enjoy a free showing of the movie, "Black Panther". Interested in being a sponsor? You have until May 8<sup>th</sup>. Vendors must mail in their paperwork by May 1<sup>st</sup>. You can get the necessary forms by

going to the City's website, [reidsvillenc.gov](http://reidsvillenc.gov). In the Document Center, the forms can be found under 2019 Team Reidsville community celebration.

So May is shaping up to be a busy month in Reidsville. Mark your calendar and try to join us for all the festivities.

Also happening in May:

- Every Monday and Wednesday: **Fitness on the Square @ Market Square featuring Zumba** from 6-7 p.m. This free class, sponsored by Annie Penn Hospital, begins May 6<sup>th</sup>. No rhythm required!
- Every Tuesday and Thursday: **Fitness on the Square @ Market Square, this time with Yoga** from 6-7 p.m. Bring a mat or towel and water. Again, sponsored by Annie Penn Hospital, these classes start May 7<sup>th</sup>!

- Saturday, May 11: The Reidsville Police Department hosts a **Spring Rabies Clinic**, sponsored by the Belmont Small Animal Hospital, behind the PD from 1:30-3 p.m. You are encouraged to bring your unvaccinated cat or dog to the clinic where Dr. Maudlin and his staff will vaccinate your pets for a fee of \$7.00 cash each. Anyone who brings a current rabies certificate can receive a three-year vaccination for the same price. Do bring your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrying crate.
- Saturday, May 11: Lake Reidsville will host a **Single Bass Tournament** (three-fish limit) from daylight until 3 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Call the lake at 336-349-4738 for more details.
- Saturday, May 11: Classic cars won't just be seen in downtown Reidsville this month. The first **Keystone Cops Cares, Mom & Me Car Show** will be held at Lake Reidsville, 630 Water Works Road. If you want to bring your vintage vehicle, registration is \$15 per car. If you want to see the show or bring a car, you must arrive on site by 7:50 a.m. since Waterworks Road will be closed from 7:50 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. for the 5K Run & Walk. Judging begins at 9 a.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 9:30 a.m. This is a rain or shine event that is open to the public. You can register by going to <https://jonesracingcompany.com/keystone/> and click register. This event is in conjunction with the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Keystone Cops Cares, Mom & Me 5K Run & Walk** sponsored by Keystone Foods, the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department, the Reidsville Police Department and Reidsville Parks & Recreation. The 1-mile Fun Run starts at 8:10 a.m. with the 5K starting at 8:30 a.m. Registration is from 7-8 a.m. Profits from this event will benefit Hospice of Rockingham County.
- Saturday, May 18: Lake Reidsville will hold a **Crappie Fishing Tournament** from daylight until 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Call the lake at 336-349-4738 for more details.
- Friday, May 31: The Reidsville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring **"Reidsville Night" at the Greensboro Grasshoppers**. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber so get them soon!