

A Monthly Newsletter of The Town of Holly Springs



Holiday

Town Hall, the Cultural Center and Hunt Recreation Center will close Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

June 2012



budget & bonds

The Town Council will hold a public hearing June 5 on a proposed 2012-2013 budget with a 2-cent property tax rate increase to pay for some of the parks and recreation bonds that voters authorized last year.

The council will adopt a budget during a special meeting set for Friday, June 29 at noon in Town Hall. (The June 5 public hearing will be during the council's regular meeting at 7 p.m.) The budget year starts July 1.

The council voted 3-2 at a work session May 21 to include a 2-cent tax rate increase in the proposed budget. That was after council members revised the potential project list to trim a half-cent from the proposed rate increase. Days earlier, the council had split the same way over the 2 1/2-cent proposal.

A 2-cent increase in the property tax rate would enable the Town to borrow an esti-

mated \$8.9 million for parks and recreation projects and repay over 20 years. Last year during the bond education campaign, Town staff laid out potential tax rate increase scenarios as high as 3 1/2 cents.

"I think we can make a significant impact in the community," said Assistant Town Manager Charles Simmons about what a 2-cent rate increase could fund for recreation.

A public hearing on the 2012-2013 budget will be held at the Town Council's June 5 meeting at 7 p.m.

At the May 21 session, the council also decided to delay proposed increases in water and sewer rates. A utility customer using an average of 5,000 gallons of water per month would pay \$21.60 per year less than if the rate increases took effect.

Monthly access charges still would rise by 50 cents for water and 50 cents for sewer to pay for utility infrastructure.

A 2-cent tax rate increase would mean an additional \$54.40 per year in property taxes for a home valued at \$272,000, which was the average sale price in 2011. The current property tax rate is 41.5 cents per \$100 in property valuation.

carryout food for thought

Our Economic Development staff and Chick-fil-A of Holly Springs want you to be inspired.

Reserve your space now for a free and inspirational lunch-and-learn event Wednesday, June 20 featuring Dan T. Cathy, Chick-fil-A president and chief operating officer.

The event will be held in the auditorium of Holly Springs High School at 5329 Cass Holt Road. Cathy will speak on the importance of a good name and having a positive impact.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. Cathy will

speak from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Afterward, attendees will receive a complimentary Chick-fil-A boxed lunch to take home.

"This is an event we are proud to sponsor," said Carl Dean, our town manager. "I've heard Mr. Cathy speak, and he has a powerful, positive message. I am looking forward to what he has to share with Holly Springs."

The event and lunch are free, but seating is limited. Register at www.chick-fil-a.com/hollysprings. For more information, call Chick-fil-A at (919) 601-1334.

calendar

Fri., June 1	Family Fun & Concert, 5:30pm, BL
Sat., June 2	Farmers Market Downtown, 8:30am
Mon., June 4	Youth Soccer Registration Opens, HC
Tues., June 5	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., June 6	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., June 8	Family Bingo, 7pm, BL
Sat., June 9	Farmers Market, 8:30am
Mon., June 11	Nature Explorers Camp (All Week) Ages 8-10, BL
Tues., June 12	Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH
Wed., June 13	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., June 14	Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Sat., June 16	Farmers Market, 8:30am
Mon., June 18	Nature Explorers Camp (All Week) Ages 11-13, BL
Tues., June 19	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., June 20	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., June 21	QDMA, 7pm, BL
Sat., June 23	Farmers Market, 8:30am
Mon., June 25	Nature Explorers Camp (All Week) Ages 8-10, BL Utility Bills Due
Tues., June 26	Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Sat., June 30	Farmers Market, 8:30am Rabies Clinic, 9am, PD

Locations

Bass Lake (BL) Hunt Center (HC)
Town Hall (TH) Womble Park (WP)

catching the county's bus plan

Learn more about the proposed extension of regional bus service to Holly Springs and possible ways to pay for it.

Drop in at Holly Springs Cultural Center between 4 and 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 7.

Wake County officials will give presentations at 4:15 and 5:15 on plans for countywide expansion of bus service.

The main source of funding would be a proposed half-cent increase in the county sales tax. Vehicle fees totaling \$10 a year more are another.

Wake County commissioners are expected to decide late this month whether to put the half-cent sales tax increase before voters this fall.

In the meantime, Wake County officials have been on the road, explaining the transit plan at towns and gauging support.

For Holly Springs, bus service would be extended by 2015 if funding is provided to implement the plan.

During peak hours, riders could board at the New Hill Place shopping center under construction on N.C. 55.

One route would go through Apex to Research Triangle Park. Another would go through Cary to downtown Raleigh. A third route would provide a connection to Fuquay-Varina.

For more information, contact the Wake County Planning Department.

Transit Workshop
Thursday, June 7
4-6 p.m.
Cultural Center

holiday

Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4

- ◆ Town Hall Closed
- ◆ Hunt Center Closed
- ◆ Cultural Center Closed
- ◆ Bass Lake Park Open

Wednesday through Friday garbage and recycling customers served Thursday through Saturday

rabies riddance

Protect your dog or cat against rabies for only \$5 cash during our next rabies prevention clinic on **Saturday, June 30** from 9 a.m. until noon behind Town Hall.

Pets can receive shots that are good for three years with proof that their vaccination is up-to-date. A rabies tag or reminder card from the Police Department will suffice. One-year vaccinations are available otherwise.

Payment is by cash only.

State law requires rabies vaccination for dogs and cats over 4 months old. Call Animal Control at (919) 552-7110 with questions.

Free outdoor concerts return to Holly Springs Cultural Center on the second and fourth Fridays through August. Showtime is 7 p.m. Visit www.hollyspringsnc.us and check the Events listing on the home page.



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Bulletin Boards and Town Council air every day at

7 and 11

(a.m. and p.m.)

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Watch Us On Your Schedule!

www.hstv11.us



List Your Community Event. Leave a Message Two Weeks Ahead at:

567-4711

greening greenly

Proper use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides is important to protect water supplies, people and pets and to ensure effectiveness.

Whenever possible plant drought tolerant, native species in your yard. Please do not over-fertilize your lawn. Free soil testing kits are available at our Engineering Department.

Also avoid application when the forecast calls for rain since storms can wash polluted runoff down the storm drains. Anything that enters a storm drain flows directly to our streams and rivers, without treatment.

Never dispose of pesticides by pouring them down a sink, toilet, storm drain or on the lawn.

Report a spill or dumping down a storm drain by contacting the Stormwater Hotline at (919) 567-4011 or stormwater@hollyspringsnc.us.

GET FRESH - BUY LOCAL!



Start your Saturdays with us!

Come fill your baskets each Saturday with farm-fresh produce and stay for family-friendly events!

June 2 Taste of Holly Springs

Celebrate our 6th anniversary with free samples from area restaurants

June 9 Farm-to-Table Chef Series

10 a.m. - Cooking Demonstration

June 16 Master Gardener Workshop Series

10 a.m. - "Summer Garden Maintenance"

June 23 Farm Fresh Goodness!

Live music every Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Children activities every Saturday

Visit www.HSFarmersMarket.com for event info

Saturdays
 8:30 a.m. -
 12:30 p.m.

Downtown
Holly
Springs
Across from
Town Hall



The Farmers Market is managed and operated by the Town of Holly Springs Department of Planning & Zoning