

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

best place to raise kids

Bloomberg Businessweek publication has ranked Holly Springs as the best town in North Carolina to raise kids.

The honor stems from the publication's evaluation of 3,200 towns across the country with populations between 5,000 and 50,000 and median family incomes less than about \$116,000.

Bloomberg considered such factors as public schools, safety, housing costs, commute time, poverty, adults' education level, number of households with children, and diversity.

The magazine noted that Holly Springs was "near the area's best academic institutions but still maintains a slightly slower pace of life."

Town Manager Carl Dean said the Town invests a lot providing amenities that create quality of life for residents. Investments include police officers in schools.

This [honor] demonstrates the return on those investments," he said.

Jenny Mizelle, our Economic Development director, said such accolades could benefit the community by helping the Town market itself to businesses looking to relocate.

"For decision-makers at the corporate level, it reinforces having Holly Springs on the short list of possible locations," she said.

altering the drive on NC 55

Big changes have been under way recently on N.C. 55.

They should help maintain flow and provide drivers with more options as traffic increases substantially in the years ahead.

But growing accustomed to all the changes could take time for motorists.

Drivers on Ballentine Street, Green Oaks Parkway, West Holly Springs Road and New Hill Road no longer will turn left onto N.C. 55 or cross over.

Instead, they will turn right and use a U-turn lane with a traffic light to reach the other side of N.C. 55 or to go in the opposite direction.

For a short time, motorists on N.C. 55 who want to turn left onto any of those four side streets will have to drive beyond it and shift

into a signalized U-turn lane. Then they can turn left and proceed to the side street.

Soon, left turns onto the side streets from N.C. 55 will resume. However, traffic on those side streets will continue turning right and making U-turns to get to the other side of N.C. 55 or to go in the other direction.

The N.C. Department of Transportation has approved changes to prepare for additional traffic, including what's expected from Holly Springs Towne Center and from extension of the Triangle Expressway toll road.

Meanwhile, the six-mile segment of the new Triangle Expressway toll road has opened between N.C. 55 in Holly Springs and U.S. 64 in Apex.

The expressway is the N.C.'s first toll road.

January 2013

calendar

Tues., Jan. 1	New Year's Day TH, CC, HC & BL Office Closed No Town Council Meeting
Wed., Jan. 2	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., Jan. 4	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Mon., Jan. 7	Youth Soccer Registration Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC
Tues., Jan. 8	Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH Discover Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL
Wed., Jan. 9	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Jan. 10	Kid Creations, 10am, CC Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Mon., Jan. 14	Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC
Tues., Jan. 15	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Jan. 16	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., Jan. 17	QDMA, 7pm, BL
Fri., Jan. 18	Clean Comedy, 7:30pm, CC
Sat., Jan. 19	John Denver Tribute, CC
Mon., Jan. 21	MLK Holiday TH, CC, HC & BL Office Closed
Tues., Jan. 22	Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Thurs., Jan. 24	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL Bunco Night, 6:30pm, CC
Fri., Jan. 25	Utility Bills Due
Mon., Jan. 28	Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC

Locations

Bass Lake (BL)	Hunt Center (HC)
Town Hall (TH)	Womble Park (WP)
Cultural Center (CC)	Jones Park (JP)

understanding cancer

The American Cancer Society is enrolling volunteers in a massive, long-term study to better understand how to prevent the disease.

Results of the study will help researchers better understand the lifestyle, environmental, and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

The study is open to anyone who:

- Is willing to make a long-term commitment to the study, which involves completing periodic follow-up surveys at home for the next 20-30 years
- Is between 30 and 65 years old
- Has never been diagnosed with cancer (not including basal or squamous cell skin cancer)

The first step is to schedule an enrollment visit at one of 10 locations in Wake County,

including Holly Springs Fire Station 1 on Flint Pointe Lane.

Enrollment visits at Fire Station 1 are being scheduled for March 21. Appointments at other locations will be held at other times during mid-March.

Visit www.cps3WakeCounty.org to schedule an enrollment appointment.

After scheduling your enrollment appointment, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with instructions to go online and complete your first, most comprehensive survey.

At your appointment, you will be asked to sign a consent form, complete a brief survey, and provide a waist circumference measurement and a small blood sample similar to that taken at a doctor's visit.

Periodic follow-up surveys will follow.

curbing Christmas clutter

Christmas tree collection is under way at the curb as Public Works crews run trees through a chipper on the spot.

Because we grind the trees up, it's essential that you remove all ornaments, lights and any other decorations from the tree.

Crews must leave behind any discarded trees that still have decorations on them.

With the holidays behind us, the prime season for leaf collection is winding down.

Public Works crews nearly are back to their usual weekly collection schedule for yard waste. The only Town holiday coming

soon is the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observance on Monday, Jan. 21.

We vacuum leaves and any grass clippings. So it's important to keep tree branches, rocks and other large materials out of leaf piles so they don't damage the equipment and slow

crews down.

Third, pile leaves away from storm drains and ditches, preferably at the edge of the yard and out of the street. Debris that clogs storm drains can cause streets to flood. Remember, what goes down storm drains flows to our water supplies.

Leaf collection almost is back on regular schedule after the busy season.

holidays

Rev. M.L. King Jr.'s Birthday

Monday, Jan. 21

- ◆ Town Hall Closed
- ◆ Hunt Recreation Center Closed
- ◆ Cultural Center Closed
- ◆ Bass Lake Park Office Closed

Garbage and recycling on regular schedule during the week.

Residents' registration for Holly Springs Parks and Recreation youth soccer begins Monday, Jan. 7.

Residents' registration for summer camp, youth baseball and softball, and for adult league soccer opens Monday, Feb. 4.

See the Parks and Recreation section of www.hollyspringsnc.us for more details.

coming attractions



The 2013 Town of Holly Springs calendar has Parks and Recreation events, programs and classes; Town government meetings; and other dates to remember.

Calendars are available for free at Town Hall and at other Town facilities.

keeping a connection

Sign up now for automated phone, text or e-mail messages alerting you to emergencies.

We're using a free reverse 911 system made available by Wake County. With this system, we can call residents within a geographic area about severe weather and other imminent threats to public health and safety. It will be used judiciously.

To use this free service, you must sign up for it. There are several ways to register.

The preferred way to sign up is to visit www.ReadyWake.com and register there.

Those who do not have an Internet connection or computer at home can visit the Holly Springs Library to use a public computer.



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7 and 11

(a.m. and p.m.)

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