

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

taking a turn for the better

Big changes are taking effect on N.C. 55 Bypass.

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 will no longer 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 up to a month, 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

Intersection changes along N.C. 55 near the new shopping center may seem confusing initially. But road designers say they'll help traffic flow better over the longer term as the amount increases substantially.

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 first toll road in North Carolina.

safety in numbers

Town ranked among safest cities in U.S.

The Web site NeighborhoodScout has ranked Holly Springs as the 78th safest city in the country among towns with at least 25,000 people.

The ranking is based on the number of violent crimes and property crimes combined per 1,000 people.

Crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, larceny, burglary and motor vehicle theft.

Holly Springs was the only North Carolina

municipality on NeighborhoodScout's safest 100 list.

NeighborhoodScout is a search engine that allows homeowners, home buyers and businesses to obtain crime, school or real estate information about any neighborhood or city.

Examples of our Police Department's proactive approach include assignment of officers to schools, including elementary schools.

Also, an analyst plots crime and traffic data to determine where to deploy resources.

February 2013

calendar

Fri., Feb. 1	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Mon., Feb. 4	Summer Camp Registration Movie, Bowling, CC Youth Baseball, Softball Adult Soccer Registration
Tues., Feb. 5	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH Community Arts Festival, CC (Continues Through Saturday)
Wed., Feb. 6	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Mon., Feb. 11	Intro to Soccer Registration Monday Movie, 10am, CC Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC
Tues., Feb. 12	Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH Discover Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL
Wed., Feb. 13	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Feb. 14	Kid Creations, 10am, CC Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Fri., Feb. 15	Clean Comedy, 7:30pm, CC Town Council Retreat
Sat., Feb. 16	Town Council Retreat John Berry Concert, 7:30pm, CC
Mon., Feb. 18	Monday Movie, 10am, CC Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC
Tues., Feb. 19	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Feb. 20	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Mon., Feb. 25	Utility Bills Due
Tues., Feb. 26	Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Thurs., Feb. 28	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL Bunco Night, 6:30pm, CC

Locations

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

home is where the art is

Holly Springs' first Community Arts Festival will be held Feb. 5-9 at Holly Springs Cultural Center.

The festival will showcase local artists, writers, performers, instructors, artisan exhibitors and vendors.

It will feature classes and short programs for children and adults, a juried fine art exhibition, plus performances by area musicians and dance groups.

A fund-raising gala with an art raffle will be held Saturday, Feb. 9.

Holly Springs' public schools will display works from their best artists.

The Community Arts Festival is a collaboration of the Holly Springs Arts Council and

the Town-operated Holly Springs Cultural Center. Organizers intend for it to be an annual event.

Brenda Priest, executive director of the arts council, said the festival idea grew out of a desire to support hometown artists.

Holly Springs' first Community Arts Festival will include classes, performances, an art exhibition and fund-raising gala. It will be Feb. 5-9 at Holly Springs Cultural Center.

"It is my passion and hope that this Community Arts Festival will bring into focus our town's need to develop an arts culture that helps our struggling artists and writers," she said. "A healthy arts culture will also bring people to Holly Springs to work, live, shop, and play."

Visit www.hollyspringsartscouncil.org for more information about the Community Arts Festival.

getting into the market

Want to be part of the Holly Springs Farmers Market in 2013?

We're seeking vendors who grow farm-fresh produce or make or bake items.

Go to hsfarmersmarket.com for an application. Applications are due by March 5.

We are also seeking sponsors for lots of family friendly events, weekly live music, cooking demonstrations and much more. Season 7 starts in May.

If your business would like to participate, give us a call at (919) 567-4010 to discuss how to market it by becoming a sponsor of the farmers market.



studying cancer

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

The study is open to people between the ages of 30 and 65 who have never been diagnosed with the disease other than basal or squamous cell skin cancer. The study requires a long-term commitment.

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

Enrollment visits are being scheduled for March 21 at Holly Springs Fire Station 1 on Flint Pointe Lane. Appointments at other county locations will be held in mid-March.



Soon you'll be seeing banners highlighting the Bloomberg Businessweek ranking of Holly Springs as the best town in N.C. to raise kids.

The honor stems from evaluation of towns with populations between 5,000 and 50,000 and median family income less than \$116,000.

coming attractions

Our 2013 Town calendar has Parks and Recreation events, programs and classes; Town government meetings; and other



important dates to remember.

Get calendars for free at Town Hall and at other Town facilities.

keeping connected

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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