

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

fresh from the farm

opening a new season at the Farmers Market

The Holly Springs Farmers Market begins its seventh season Saturday morning, May 4 with live music, customer appreciation drawings and other attractions to go with the strawberries, carrots, greens and other fresh produce.

The market opens at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot across Main Street from Town Hall and continues until 12:30 p.m., rain or shine. Our police and fire departments will have displays on hand.

The Farmers Market is open Saturdays

through Oct. 12 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. across from Town Hall.

The 28 food and fresh produce vendors are the most ever for our market. In addition to just-off-the-farm produce, customers can find seafood, beef, chicken, pork, lamb, goat, eggs and pet milk. A variety of baked goods and bread also will be available.

Holly Springs' farmers market was voted N.C.'s favorite farmers market last year in a contest held by the American Farmland Trust. Our Planning and Zoning Department operates the market.

Gina Clapp, director of Planning and Zoning, said the size of the market and its popularity continue to grow.

"Vendors seek us out because they want to be part of the market," she said.

The market typically draws several hundred people and can have more than twice that during special events. This season will feature three big events, including the Taste of Holly Springs on June 1 and Christmas in July on July 20. The season will end with the 4th annual Chili Cook Off on Oct. 12.

Clapp said vendors have enjoyed getting to know their customers, about 50 to 75 of whom are at the market each week.

"It's the Saturday morning social spot," she said.

coexisting with coyotes

Most of us have never actually seen one. But our Police Department says coyote sightings are on the rise here.

Once found mostly in the Southwest, they're now in all states except Hawaii.

Coyotes are highly adaptable, resilient and prolific. With the natural landscape shrinking, the likelihood of encounters is increasing.

At this time, it doesn't appear that coyotes pose any threat to people generally. Attacks on humans are rare.

Even so, take steps to minimize the chances of encounters and to protect pets.

Help keep coyotes away from people by ensuring you don't unwittingly provide food or shelter. Clean grills and trash cans. Pick up fallen fruit and spilled bird seed. Cover compost piles.

Keep small dogs and cats indoors, and don't leave pet food and water outside.

Close crawl spaces. Remove abandoned sheds. Trim shrubs to remove possible dens.

Call Animal Control at (919) 557-9111 with questions about coexisting with coyotes.

May 2013

calendar

Sat., May 4	Farmers Market, 8:30am Kids Appreciation Day, 2pm
Mon., May 6	Adult Basketball Regis. Opens Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC (Movie, Bowling weekly events)
Tues., May 7	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., May 8	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., May 9	Kids' Creations, 10am, CC Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Sat., May 11	Farmers Market, 8:30am TurtleFest, 1pm, BL
Tues., May 14	Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH Discover Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL
Wed., May 15	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., May 16	QDMA, 7pm, BL
Fri., May 17	Rt. 55 Jazz, 7:30pm, CC
Sat., May 18	Football, Cheer Regis. Opens Farmers Market, 8:30am
Tues., May 21	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Thurs., May 23	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL Bunco Night, 6:30pm, CC
Fri., May 24	Outdoor Concert, 7pm, CC
Sat., May 25	Farmers Market, 8:30am
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day—Offices Closed
Tues., May 28	Utility Bills Due Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Mon., June 3	Youth Soccer Regis. Opens

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

cooling a traffic hot spot

We're seeking federal money for a road project that could help cool the Town's worst traffic hot spot and also reduce congestion on N.C. 55 through downtown Fuquay-Varina.

Extending Main Street in Holly Springs across the highway to Piney Grove Wilbon Road would provide a badly-needed connection through southwest Holly Springs.

That should alleviate some of the pressure near N.C. 55 and Avent Ferry Road, our top traffic priority.

Officials in southern Wake and Harnett County see regional benefits. The project would enhance Piney Grove Wilbon Road as an alternate route for the portion of N.C. 55 going through downtown Fuquay-Varina.

"It's a good regional connection and would help alleviate congestion on Avent Ferry Road," said Kendra Parrish, senior engineer in our Engineering Department.

Whether the road gets built in the next couple of years depends largely on how a committee of the region's mayors, transportation officials and other representatives allocate federal transportation funds. The decision could come in May.

In addition to Main Street Extension, we continue seeking money to widen Avent Ferry Road to four lanes.

Widening from N.C. 55 to Piney Grove Wilbon Road is under design. However, money for construction has not yet been found.

Extending Main Street west of N.C. 55 could help alleviate congestion on Avent Ferry Road.

TurtleFest



Saturday, May 11
1 - 4 p.m.
Bass Lake Park

Celebrate and learn about turtles at this annual festival. Admission is free. Enjoy lots of interactive exhibits. Meet biologists, herpetologists, and wildlife rehabilitators. Make crafts, enter the annual art contest and play games. The TurtleFest Art Contest is open to ages 18 and under. Artwork will be accepted May 10 from 3-6 p.m. and May 11 from 8-10 a.m. only. Visit www.basslakepark.com for eligibility requirements and an entry form.

holidays

Memorial Day Monday, May 27

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

Garbage & Recycling Collection
Delayed 1 Day Throughout Week
(Routes Run Tuesday-Saturday)

Call the Public Works Department
at (919) 552-5920 with questions
on solid waste collection.

matters of convenience

Wake County is deciding whether to consolidate some of its smaller locations for dropping off trash and recyclables while expanding regional sites.

Convenience centers in our area include the ones at 6000 Old Smithfield Road and at 3401 New Hill-Holleman Road.

Wake County will hold a public meeting Wednesday, May 22 from 5-7 p.m. at Fuquay-Varina Community Center at 820 S. Main St. in Fuquay-Varina.

It's your opportunity to learn about possible changes to the county's program and to provide feedback.

for those who live on the edge

If your property is at the outer edge of your subdivision, you most likely have a landscape or perimeter buffer in place.

The buffer is a boundary between property uses that provides a natural barrier from adjacent land uses that may or may not have been developed yet.

These buffers are typically undisturbed natural vegetation or have been replanted

with specific landscaping requirements. Typically these buffers are to remain free of any type of structure.

We recommend contacting our Planning and Zoning staff before beginning construction of playgrounds, fences, sheds, etc., to verify proper placement within your yard.

Please call the Department of Planning and Zoning at (919) 557-3908.

appreciating kids

The 11th annual Kids Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, May 4 at Holly Grove Middle School from 2-4:30 p.m.

The Kiwanis Club of Holly Springs hosts the event each year with our Parks and Recreation Department.

Each child will receive a free slice of The Original NY Pizza, a free Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt cup and a "Friends of Youth" raffle ticket.

F&M Entertainment will have inflatable rides for the kids. Admission is free, and the public is invited.



Coming Soon to
Holly Springs Cultural Center

Route 55 Jazz Orchestra
Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m.
It Might as Well Be Swing * Tickets \$7

Lockdown Blues Band
Friday, May 24 at 7 p.m.
Outdoor Concert Series * Free

Please move basketball goals and other play equipment out of the street and behind the curb when not in use so that garbage trucks can move safely down streets and alleys and around cul-de-sacs. Ensure that the rim does not overhang the curb.

Truck drivers are not responsible for damaging play equipment within the right-of-way. Instead, basketball goal owners could be held liable for any damage to trucks.

Remember that neighborhood covenants could be even more restrictive about where basketball goals are allowed.