

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

road work

working for solutions to Avent Ferry traffic

We realize that traffic congestion on Avent Ferry Road has gone from bad to worse with the start of the new school year.

The Town has funded traffic lights and a turn lane over the past decade to try to maintain traffic flow on Avent Ferry Road.

In 2015, we'll begin an extension of Main Street. That new roadway should reduce by a third the amount of left-turning traffic from Avent Ferry onto N.C. 55.

But we're under no illusions that these projects will be everything that's needed. We'll keep pressing our case with the state Department of Transportation for assistance.

The state is responsible for maintenance on Avent Ferry and on most major roads that

pass through Holly Springs.

But as the gap widens between road needs and state funding, Holly Springs and other towns are assuming more of the burden.

Our engineers are working on the design for a four-lane Avent Ferry Road.

However, they estimate that widening to four lanes all the way to Cass Holt Road

We've done projects to try to lessen traffic congestion on Avent Ferry Road. But we're still working on how to pay for a project large enough to serve as a real solution.

would cost more than \$6 million.

We've won nearly \$7 million in federal grants to extend Main Street westward to Piney Grove Wilbon Road. That's 80 percent of the total for a badly-needed connection through southwest Holly Springs.

We do not have the option of using that money on Avent Ferry Road.

In addition to helping with Avent Ferry traffic, the Main Street extension promises greater benefits to Fuquay-Varina and northern Harnett County. Those regional benefits were the key to obtaining federal dollars.

We'll be adding more information on transportation soon to our Engineering Department Web site. So visit hollyspringsnc.us.

September 2013

calendar

Tues., Sept. 3	Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Sept. 4	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., Sept. 6	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Sat., Sept. 7	Farmers Market & Free Document Shredding, 8:30am
Mon., Sept. 9	Introduction to Hoops Registration Opens Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC (Both occur weekly)
Tues., Sept. 10	Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH Discover Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL
Wed., Sept. 11	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Sept. 12	Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Fri., Sept. 13	Family Bingo, 7pm, BL
Sat., Sept. 14	Farmers Market, 8:30am
Tues., Sept. 17	Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Sept. 18	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., Sept. 19	QDMA, 7pm, BL
Fri., Sept. 20	Rt. 55 Jazz, 7:30pm, CC
Sat., Sept. 21	Farmers Market, 8:30am Fun Forts, 2pm, BL
Mon., Sept. 23	Youth Basketball Registration Opens
Tues., Sept. 24	Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Wed., Sept. 25	Utility Bills Due
Thurs., Sept. 26	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL On the Horizon, 6pm, CC Bunco Night, 6:30pm, CC
Sat., Sept. 28	Farmers Market, 8:30am

Bass Lake (BL) Hunt Center (HC)
Town Hall (TH) Cultural Center (CC)



Think you make a great pot of chili?

4th Annual Chili Cook-Off Saturday, Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

- Professionals - \$25 entry fee; winner receives plaque
 - Amateurs - \$15 entry fee; cash prizes awarded
- A trophy and bragging rights go to the People's Favorite.

Visit www.HSFarmersMarket.com.

See the Events page for details on how to enter.

The Holly Springs Farmers Market is operated by the Department of Planning & Zoning.

choosing our leaders

Holly Springs voters will choose a mayor and three Town Council members on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The mayoral candidates are Vinnie DeBenedetto and Dick Sears.

Ten candidates are competing for three seats on the council. The other two seats are up for election in 2015.

The council candidates are Cleve Bardin; Jimmy Cobb; Hank Dickson; Gerald Holleman; Timothy Howard; Teshor J. Oates; Tom O'Brien; Anthony Perna; Arthur (Pete) Utley, Jr.; and Linda Hunt Williams.

Mayoral and Town Council candidates do

not run as members of a political party. Oct. 11 is the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 5 election.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. on Election Day and close at 7:30 p.m.

Visit wakegov.com for information on voting in the Nov. 5 Town elections.

Early voting begins Oct. 17 at the Wake County Board of Elections. There are no early voting sites in Holly Springs this election.

Those choosing to cast an absentee ballot have until Oct. 29 to request a ballot from the Elections Board.

Visit wakegov.com and see Elections or Board of Elections for instructions on registration and voting, sample ballots, and more information on how to participate.

Bass Lake Day Sat., Oct. 5



Enjoy live music and all sorts of interactive displays and exhibits promoting environmental education at Bass Lake Day on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 2-6 p.m.

Admission is free. Everyone is invited. This is an event for people of all ages.

Bass Lake Day is our Parks and Recreation Department's annual environmental education festival.

This celebration of nature is held on the first Saturday of each October.

Call (919) 557-2496 for more details.

holidays

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2

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

Garbage & recycling pushed back one day for all routes (collection occurs Tuesday through Saturday)

Call Public Works Department at (919) 552-5920 with questions.

a 4-mile run and lots of fun

Registration continues for the Holly Springs 4 at 4 race, which will be held on Oct. 12.

The 4-mile race starts at 4 p.m., beginning and ending in downtown Holly Springs. Runners can register online by visiting www.sportoften.com.

Registration is \$35. After Oct. 9, the entry fee for the 4 at 4 increases to \$40.

Registration is in progress for the Holly Springs 4 at 4 race on Oct. 12.

The event includes the Primrose Kids' Trot so that people of all ages can participate.

After the 4 at 4, local businesses and sponsors will provide live entertainment, food and beverages.

Contact David Mallard of our Parks and Recreation staff at (919) 557-9602 with questions.

Find out what's going on in town and what's coming soon. Join us at the Cultural Center on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 6-8 p.m. for On the Horizon.

a dog's day



Dog Day In the Park

Sat., Sept. 21
Sugg Farm
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bring your friendly, leashed dog to Sugg Farm Park Sept. 21 for food, fun, entertainment and adoptable dogs.

This is a family fun event where we'll have numerous local pet-care and pet-adoption groups on hand plus other services for canines.

Enter your pup in contests such as cutest dog, ugliest dog, most talented, best costume, Frisbee catching, and dog and owner lookalike.

This event has been a community favorite for years. Sugg Farm Park is a new location. Call Parks and Recreation at (919) 557-9602 for more information.

GET FRESH - BUY LOCAL!



The Farmers Market
Holly Springs, NC - Est. 2007

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

Downtown
Holly
Springs

across from
Town Hall



Start your Saturdays with us!

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

September 7 Shred-A-Thon

8:30 a.m. 'til the Truck is Full... sponsored by State Employees Credit Union

September 14 Farm-to-Table Chef Series

10 a.m. - Cooking Demonstration

September 21 Master Gardener Workshop Series

10 a.m. - "Fragrance Gardening"

September 28 Farm Fresh Produce Day

Featuring - Peppers

Every Saturday-

Children's Activities 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and
Live music from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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