

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

orange aid

supporting orange route for extension of I-540

For extending Interstate 540 through Holly Springs, we want state officials to stick with the path they've envisioned for 20 years.

For two decades, the state has obligated us to reserve that alignment by prohibiting development within it.

But state and federal rules require that more than one alignment be studied before a route for the I-540 extension is chosen.

One potential option, the purple-blue route, could mean the displacement of 30 or more homes in the Sunset Oaks neighborhood of Holly Springs.

So we're trying to convince state officials to drop the purple-blue option from further study.

The state Department of Transportation is evaluating alternative routes for extending I-540 from Holly Springs to Knightdale. That would complete the I-540 loop. NCDOT has

invited citizens to post comments online on alignment alternatives through Nov. 15.

Visit www.ncdot.gov/projects/complete540 to learn more about the project and to post comments.

The Town Council reiterated its support for the orange alignment this month with a resolution, 5 ½ years after endorsing NCDOT's vision of an interchange at Kildaire Farm Road.

The town boards of Fuquay-Varina and Garner also are on record supporting the orange route.

The state intends to select paths for addi-

The Town is asking residents to support the long-planned orange route for extension of I-540. It would require the displacement of fewer homes than the purple-blue option.

tional study by the end of the year. The final route will be chosen in 2015 after environmental studies are completed.

The orange alignment roughly parallels State Road 1010 through and east of Holly Springs to Highway 401.

The purple-blue alignment follows part of the same alignment as the orange route, but then extends along a more southerly path than the orange.

November 2013

calendar

Fri., Nov. 1	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Mon., Nov. 4	Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC
Tues., Nov. 5	Town Elections (Polls Open 6:30am—7:30pm) Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Nov. 6	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Sat., Nov. 9	Four Tops Tribute, 7:30pm, CC
Mon., Nov. 11	Veterans Day Event, 10am, VP Town Offices Closed
Tues., Nov. 12	Discover Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH
Wed., Nov. 13	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Nov. 14	Kid Creations, 10am, CC Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Mon., Nov. 18	Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC
Tues., Nov. 19	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Nov. 20	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., Nov. 21	QDMA, 7pm, BL
Mon., Nov. 25	Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC Christmas Parade Entries Due Utility Bills Due
Tues., Nov. 26	Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Thurs., Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Town Offices Closed
Fri., Nov. 29	Thanksgiving Holiday Town Offices Closed

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

talking the walk

Please watch for pedestrians at crosswalks. Remember that they have the right-of-way in crosswalks at or near an intersection wherever there are no traffic lights.

Stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks is more than simple courtesy. It's the law.

Still, pedestrians at crosswalks shouldn't assume that drivers will do as they're supposed to do and stop. If you're waiting to cross the street, ensure that traffic in both directions sees you and is stopping before you begin crossing.

Police caution pedestrians against assuming a false sense of security at crosswalks.

Where there are crosswalks, pedestrians are expected to use them. Otherwise, they must yield to oncoming traffic. Pedestrians have the right-of-way when approaching an alley, building entrance, private road, or driveway, from any sidewalk or walkway.

choosing our leaders

Holly Springs voters will choose a mayor Tom O'Brien; Anthony Perna; Arthur (Pete) and three Town Council members on Utley, Jr.; and Linda Hunt Williams. 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;

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

Town Council elections are non-partisan. Mayoral and Town Council candidates do not run as members of a political party. Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5, and close at 7:30 p.m.

Visit wakegov.com and see Elections or Board of Elections for more information on how to participate.

honoring service



Veterans Day Celebration
Monday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m.
Veterans Park
600 Bikram Drive

All are invited to attend this celebration honoring our service members, with special acknowledgment of veterans in attendance. The flag ceremony will be led by members of the Holly Springs Police Department and Boy Scout Troop 356.

holidays

Veterans Day Monday, Nov. 11

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

Solid Waste Collection Unchanged

Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 28

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Friday, Nov. 29

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Solid Waste Collection Delayed 1 Day on Thursday & Friday Routes

joining the parade

Entries for this year's Happy Holly Days Christmas Parade are due Nov. 25.

The 2013 parade will be Saturday, Dec. 14, beginning at 11 a.m.

For more details and how to enter, look under Quick Clicks atop the home page of www.hollyspringsnc.us. You can also call Town Hall at (919) 552-6221.

The Town and the Kiwanis Club of Holly Springs co-host the Christmas parade.

clearing up the fog in pipes

With holiday dinners coming up, here are a few reminders to help keep grease from ruining your fun and your plumbing system.

First, don't pour any grease or fryer oil down the drain. Oil and grease rinsed down the sink can congeal and block pipes, causing sewer backups.

Proper disposal of cooking oil and other greases may save your home from a clogged drain—and a holiday visit from the plumber.

You can use any empty glass jar, empty aluminum can (coffee cans work great), or similar container. When it becomes full, just throw it out with the trash.

Our Public Utilities Department's fats, oil and grease control program (known as the FOG program) helps by offering free can lids and fat trapper bags.

Also, make sure you scrape or wipe off plates, pans and cooking utensils into the

trash before washing. Use a paper towel to wipe off as much grease as you can before rinsing or loading your dishwasher. Let us help you with a free pan scraper from the Town of Holly Springs' FOG Program.

Since this is the big time of the year for deep-frying turkeys, please dispose of fryer oil properly.

Proper disposal of fats, oils and grease can help prevent pipes from clogging.

Anytime you need to dispose of fryer oil, pour it back into the container it came with a little help from a free foldable funnel from our FOG program.

Take it to the South Wake Landfill just off at 6130 Old Smithfield Road, just off N.C. 55 Bypass. The South Wake Landfill has a section for household hazardous wastes.

For more information and to get free can lids, fat trapper bags, pan scrapers or foldable funnels, contact Jeff Peters, FOG Program coordinator, at (919) 567-4014 or e-mail jeff.peters@hollyspringsnc.us.

leaving your leaves for us

We're heading into the busy season for leaf collection, so it's an appropriate time for a few friendly reminders.

First, the volume of leaves and other yard trimmings coupled with days off for holidays affect the timing of leaf pickup November through January. Our crews are working their way through town as quickly as they can. Please be patient with them.

Second, 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 that they don't damage 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 that what goes down storm drains flows to our water supplies.

Consider composting leaves for an excellent source of landscaping material.