

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

December 2014

calendar

Tues., Dec. 2	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Dec. 3	Bridge Club, 10am, CC Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., Dec. 5	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Tues., Dec. 9	Discovering Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH
Wed., Dec. 10	Bridge Club, 10am, CC Town Staff Holiday Luncheon All Town Offices Closed 11:30am - 1pm Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Dec. 11	Senior Gaming, 2pm, CC Recreation Board, 7pm, TH S. Wake Conservationists, 7pm, BL Community Band, 7:30pm, CC
Fri., Dec. 12	Main Street Christmas, 6pm
Sat., Dec. 13	Christmas Parade, 11am Open House, 1-4pm, CC Rt. 55 Jazz, 7:30pm, CC
Tues., Dec. 16	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Dec. 17	Bridge Club, 10am, CC Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Thurs., Dec. 18	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL QDMA, 7pm, BL
Sat., Dec. 20	Farmers Market, 10am, CC Dawn's Day, 7:30pm, CC
Wed., Dec. 24	Christmas Holiday Town Offices Closed
Thurs., Dec. 25	Christmas Holiday Town Offices Closed
Fri., Dec. 26	Christmas Holiday Town Offices Closed
Mon., Dec. 29	Utility Bills Due

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

Main Street mirth

Join friends and neighbors along Main Street downtown for the Happy Holly Days Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. It starts near the Food Lion, but isn't fully formed until reaching Holly Springs Road.

Nearly 100 entries are in the Happy Holly Days Parade.

The Holly Springs Kiwanis Club is present-er of the parade with the Town as sponsor.

If you can't make it to Main Street this year, you'll still be able to watch the parade after-ward on YouTube at www.hstv11.us. You

can also watch HSTV on Time Warner Cable channel 11 with a digital adapter.

The parade will proceed unless the weather is really bad. There is no rain date.

Some parking is available on the grassy easement running beside Avent Ferry Road between Elm and Ballentine streets. Please don't park along Avent Ferry Road, however.

Call (919) 552-6221 with parade questions.

Main Street merriment begins on the eve of the parade with the Main Street Christmas celebration from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. Festivities are at Town Hall and Holly Springs Cultural Center.

Main Street Christmas
Friday, Dec. 12
6-8 p.m.

Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 13
11 a.m.



Enjoy visits with Santa, stories with Mrs. Claus, live entertainment, hayrides and refreshments. Santa leaves Town Hall at 7:30 for the tree lighting festivities, which will be at the cultural center outdoor stage.

shopping local, in comfort

Thanks to the new winter version of our Farmers Market, homemade and hand-crafted really never are out of season.

And you can shop for these local products in climate-controlled comfort inside Holly Springs Cultural Center.

The winter market is held one Saturday a month from 10 a.m. until noon at the center.

Usually, it's the fourth Saturday. Because of Christmas, the December market will be on the 20th.

Our Planning and Zoning staff, which man-ages the market, chose some of their cus-

tomers' favorite vendors to extend Season 8 through winter with an indoor market. The Winter Market will continue through March.

The Winter Farmers Market this month will be held Saturday, Dec.

20, 10 a.m. - noon in the cultural center.

As in the regular season, the Winter Market features goods from local producers. There are plenty of natural, home-made, hand-crafted and locally-grown goods to be had.

These include pastries and baked goods; cheeses; fresh and dried mushrooms; North Carolina honey; gourmet pastas and sauces; all-natural fresh meats; farm fresh eggs; ready-made foods; and homemade dog treats.

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 Public Works 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 they don't damage equipment

and slow crews down. Leaf piles with other debris in them cannot be collected.

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.

Consider composting leaves for an excellent source of landscaping material.

To report dumping down a storm drain or to learn more about storm water issues, call our Engineering staff at (919) 567-4027 or e-mail stormwater@hollyspringsnc.us.

Days for leaf collection on your street may vary during this busy time of year. We ask for your patience.

moving on transit

The kickoff for a fresh look at transit opportunities in Wake County will be held Monday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. in Raleigh Convention Center.

Speakers will discuss transit options, tradeoffs, and the months-long process for evaluating them.

The public is invited to attend Dec. 8 and also to provide input beforehand on topics and questions to address at the event.

Visit waketransit.com to learn more and to provide input. You can also follow @waketransit on Twitter.

holidays

**Christmas Holidays
Wednesday - Friday
Dec. 24-26**

- ◆ Town Hall closed
- ◆ Hunt Center closed
- ◆ Cultural Center closed
- ◆ Bass Lake Park office closed; entire park closed only on Christmas Day

Garbage and recycling on normal schedule Monday through Wednesday. Thursday and Friday routes run 1 day behind schedule on Friday and Saturday.

Note: All town offices closed 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10 for Town employees' lunch.

home opener

The Holly Springs Salamanders are seeking host families for the collegiate summer league team's inaugural season in 2015.

The season runs from late May to early August. Home games will be in the town's North Main Athletic Complex.



Bringing a player or coach into your home for the summer will help the team while providing a great experience for your family, especially if there are children at home.

For a hosting application, please visit <http://www.salamandersbaseball.com/#fam> or call the Salamanders at (919) 249-7322.

meeting our new teachers

On your way home after the Christmas Parade on Dec. 13, bring the whole family by Holly Springs Cultural Center between 1 and 4 p.m. for an open house with live music, crafts, games, and coffee and hot cocoa samples. The open house is our way of showcasing the center's new and favorite instructors teaching in 2015.

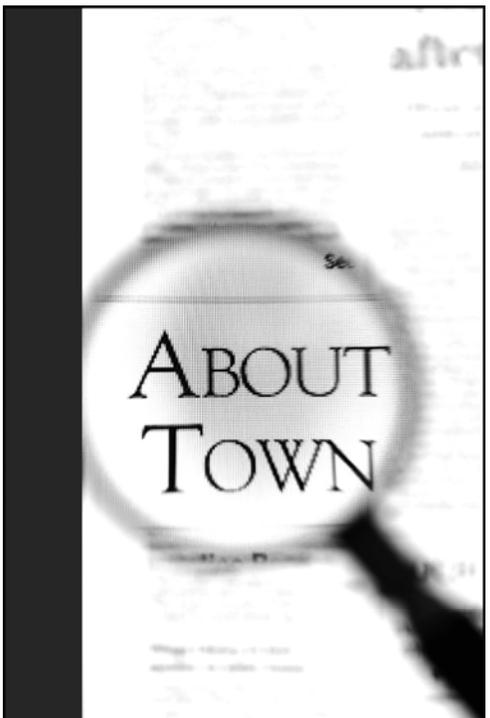
stocking holiday joy for kids in need

We're partnering with New Horizons Fellowship Church in Apex again this holiday season to help children of local families in need have a brighter holiday season.

In the Town Hall lobby, pick up Christmas tree tags with a child's age and gender. The suggested price range for donated toys is \$15 to \$20. They should be brand new and still in the box.

Please return all unwrapped toys by Monday, Dec. 8.

Volunteers will pick up the gifts the following day and deliver them to New Horizons Fellow-



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