

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

fixing Avent Ferry

Town efforts to relieve congestion on Avent Ferry Road will get another big boost – nearly \$1.6 million in federal funds to widen from N.C. 55 to Piney Grove Wilbon Road.

Widening that portion from two lanes to four is part of a multi-prong strategy to deal with Holly Springs' No. 1 traffic hotspot.

"All of these projects are targeting different aspects, and all come together to help alleviate congestion on Avent Ferry Road," said Town Engineering Director Kendra Parrish. "No one project will fix all of the problem."

Widening between 55 Bypass and Piney Grove Wilbon won't begin for about two

years. The federal money is not available to spend yet, and design and right-of-way acquisition must occur beforehand.

Even so, 2015 is shaping up as a year of change for Avent Ferry Road. In mid-year, construction begins on:

- New lanes, medians and signal light timing at the intersection of N.C. 55 and Avent Ferry Road. The purpose is to help left turns onto northbound 55 during the morning rush and right turns back onto Avent Ferry in the evenings.
- Extension of Main Street westward to Piney Grove Wilbon Road, providing an alternate route that should substantially reduce traffic turning left from Avent Ferry onto 55.

Also this year, the state Department of Transportation installed a traffic light and altered the median for safer left turns out of Southpark Village shopping center.

The Department of Transportation is responsible for N.C. 55 and Avent Ferry Road. But with N.C. road needs far exceeding funding, Holly Springs has assumed a greater role in devising solutions for traffic congestion and finding ways to pay for them.

For the widening, federal grants for design, right-of-way and construction total \$1.8 million, 20 percent of the estimated cost.

working hard toward game day

Crews are working week-ends to make up time lost to bad weather at North Main Athletic Complex.

They're on a tight schedule to have the stadium ready for the May 28 opener of the Holly Springs Salamanders, a collegiate summer league baseball team.

Meanwhile, workers are putting the finishing touches on tennis courts and synthetic turf soccer fields.



The 1,800-seat multi-sport stadium with synthetic turf will be used for town Parks and Recreation league play, concerts, and special events in addition to Salamanders baseball.

April 2015

calendar

Wed., April 1	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., April 2	Medieval Sword Fighting, HC Meets Weekly, 6:30pm
Fri., April 3	Good Friday Holiday Town Hall, Cultural Center & Hunt Center Closed Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Sat., April 4	Hunter Education, 9am, BL
Mon., April 6	Morning Movies, 10am, CC (Occurs Weekly)
Tues., April 7	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Photography 101, 7pm, CC (Meets Weekly) Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., April 8	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., April 9	Recreation Board, 7pm, TH Wildlife Club, 7pm, BL
Fri., April 10	Family Bingo, 7pm, BL James Gregory, 7:30pm, CC Clean Comedy Series
Sat., April 11	Rabies Clinic, 9am, HSPD Mushroom Workshop, 9am, BL Archery 101, 3pm, BL Community Band, 7:30pm, CC
Tues., April 14	Discovering Nature, 10am, BL Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH Photo Club, 7pm, BL
Wed., April 15	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Tues., April 21	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Thurs., April 23	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL
Sat., April 25	Pine Needle Basketry, 9am, CC Catfish Tournament, 9am, BL
Sun., April 26	Toddler Exploration, 3pm, BL
Mon., April 27	Utility Bills Due
Tues., April 28	Planning Board, 7pm, TH

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

Bass Lake bridge replacement

The state will begin replacing the Bass Lake Road bridge soon, requiring closure to through traffic for about six months. Bridge closure could occur as soon as late April.

N.C. Department of Transportation engineers say timber in the substructure has deteriorated so much that the bridge is deficient.

Through traffic will be detoured along Holly Springs Road and Sunset Lake Road throughout the project. N.C. 55 can be an alternate detour for some motorists.

However, Bass Lake Road will remain open to local traffic on either side of the bridge.

We still will be able to turn into Bass Lake Park and onto streets such as Salem Ridge Road from the Holly Springs side of the bridge.

However, we will Bass Lake Road as a connection to Fuquay-Varina temporarily.

The recently-completed trail around Bass Lake will remain open during work, although some temporary closures are possible.

The Bass Lake Road bridge has a sufficiency rating of 6 out of a possible 100 for a new structure, the state says. Replacement has been planned for years.

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holidays

Good Friday April 3

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

Garbage and recycling schedule unchanged during the week.

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

rabies clinic

Saturday, April 11

9 a.m. - noon
Police Department
Back Parking Lot
110 W. Ballentine St.



\$5 Rabies Shots
\$25 Microchips
Cash Only

Hosted by
Holly Springs P.D.
(919) 552-7110

The seeds are planted ...



Season 9 Sprouts on May 2nd!

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Town of Holly Springs Department of Planning & Zoning

Coming soon to Holly Springs Cultural Center

Juice Newton

Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

American pop and country singer, songwriter, guitarist & five-time Grammy Award nominee with hits including "Queen of Hearts", "Angel of the Morning" & "Break It To Me Gently."
Tickets available at the Cultural Center box office at 300 W. Ballentine St., by phone at (919) 567-4000, or through etix.com.



Coming soon to Hunt Recreation Center

Adult Men's Basketball

Team Registration Opens May 4

Join if you're over 18 to show you've still got game. Games played on weeknights. Space limited; open until filled or May 22. See the Parks and Recreation Department section of hollyspringsnc.us or call (919) 557-6293 or (919) 557-9601 for more details.

