

# THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

## at work on play

Light poles in Womble Park tower over soccer players on a field that never needs mowing and stays green without water.

Across the street, people stride around the elevated track of a rebuilt Hunt Center. Up Main Street is the new multi-sport stadium at North Main Athletic Complex. Beside it lay more tennis courts and soccer fields.

Our recreation program is on the move, attempting to keep pace with the town.

Starting essentially from scratch less than two decades ago, the program has grown to more than 500 acres of parks and open space. Thirty full-time employees and about a hundred part-timers run several hundred programs and classes, plus nine events.

During that time, the town's population has grown from a few thousand to over 30,000 now. The demand for more programs and

facilities continues to grow. Staying out in front with operations is a challenge.

### Looking Back

Twenty years ago, the only town park was on 7 acres where Holly Springs Cultural Center is today. The park was deteriorating.

Even so, the future held promise. Holly Springs was beginning to transform. During the 1990s, the population would increase tenfold from its 1990 census of 908. Town leaders were determined to expand recreational opportunities for the community.

In 1996, the parks and recreation program began to take off, fueled by \$2 million in bonds that town voters approved. Bond pro-

### A Growing Strategy

Web section on growth

Visit [hollyspringsnc.us](http://hollyspringsnc.us).

ceeds and parks grants were used to buy the property for Bass Lake, Womble and Jones parks, as well as for the old school building that became the Hunt Center.

Bass Lake was acquired in 1999, three years after the dam had burst during Hurricane Fran. Transforming the drained lake bed into a park required a major restoration.

In 2011, passage of another bond referendum set off a new round of expansion.

### Looking Ahead

So where to from here?

Town officials can chart a course. But taxpayers are in the driver's seat and ultimately decide where the future takes us.

Ahead lie many opportunities, challenges, and also choices.

## signing up to serve our town

Filing opens July 6 for candidates for two seats on the Town Council in the Nov. 3 municipal elections.

Candidate filing ends July 17 at noon.

Town elections are non-partisan, meaning candidates are not identified by political party on the ballot.

The top two vote-getters Nov. 3 are elected regardless of the number of candidates or

margin of victory.

To run, you must be registered to vote in Holly Springs and eligible to vote in the election. The minimum age for candidates is 21.

The filing fee is \$50.

Filing is at the Wake County Board of Elections at 337 S. Salisbury St. in downtown Raleigh.

Visit [wakegov.com/elections](http://wakegov.com/elections) to learn more.

## July 2015

### calendar

Fri., July 3	Independence Holiday - TH & CC Closed Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Sat., July 4	Farmers Market, 8:30am (Meets Weekly)
Sun., July 5	Independence Event, 5pm, SF
Mon., July 6	Morning Movie, 10am, CC (weekly)
Tues., July 7	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Thurs., July 9	Tai Chi, 10am, & 6:30pm CC (Meets Weekly) Wildlife Club, 7pm, BL Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Fri., July 10	Campfire Cooking, 6pm, BL Mystique, 6:30pm, CC Family Bingo, 7pm, BL
Sat., July 11	Toddler Exploration, 10am, BL Archery 101, 3pm, BL
Sun., July 12	Predator and Prey, 3pm, BL
Tues., July 14	Discovering Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH
Wed., July 15	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., July 16	Paint Nite, 7pm, CC
Sat., July 18	Hunter Ed., 9am, BL Beer Education 101, 3pm, CC
Sun., July 19	Lake Dipping, 3pm, BL
Tues., July 21	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., July 22	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL
Fri., July 24	Fishing Basics, 3pm, BL Southern Grace, 6:30pm, CC
Mon., July 27	Utility Bills Due
Tues., July 28	Planning Board, 7pm, TH

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

# fireworks on the fifth

See you at Jefferson L. Sugg Farm at Bass Lake Park for our annual Independence Day celebration on Sunday, July 5.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. with food vendors, inflatables, rides, crafts, and games including a cornhole tournament.

Musical performers include Holly Springs Community Band, Blue Note Dixieland Band, Kudzu Ramblers, and GB4.

Fireworks start about 9:15 p.m. No outside sparklers or other fireworks are allowed.

Sugg Farm is on Grigsby Avenue just down the road from the ball fields at Womble Park.

Parking outside Sugg Farm is available only on the Womble Park side of Grigsby Avenue. Cars should face Main Street since no U-turns will be allowed when leaving.

At 9 p.m., vehicles will be prevented from



## Independence Celebration

Sunday, July 5  
5 p.m.

Sugg Farm Park

entering so both lanes can be used to exit.

For 30 minutes after the fireworks, the right lane of exiting traffic will be for pedestrians.

At about 10 p.m., both lanes will open to vehicles. Police will direct one lane up Grigsby and the other along Blooming Meadows Road to reach Stinson Avenue.

Visit [hollyspringsnc.us](http://hollyspringsnc.us) for a traffic map, etc.

## game preparation

### Adult Softball

Ages: 18 & older

Registration: Mon., July 6 - Fri., July 24

Season: Weeknights August through October

### Fall Youth Baseball / Softball

Ages: 6-17

Registration: Mon., July 6 - Fri., July 24

Season: August - Late October

### Intro to Football (Flag Football)

Ages: 5-7

Registration: July 14-31 (Walk-in only July 13)

Season: Mid-August through October

### Intro to Soccer

Age: 4

Registration: July 14-31 (Walk-in only July 13)

Season: Mid-August through October

Registration Details: See Athletics under the Residents tab at the top of [hollyspringsnc.us](http://hollyspringsnc.us).

## keeping our town safe together

Holly Springs ranks as the fifth safest town in N.C. in a comparison of FBI Crime Report data compiled by the home security company SafeWise.

Holly Springs was the top ranking town in the Triangle, using the most recent year (2013) for which statistics are available. Apex and Cary were seventh and eighth.

It was the second year in a row that Holly Springs ranked as the safest town in the

region.

Police Chief John Herring said the entire community shares in the credit.

"We are only able to do what we do because of the support we get from the community and community leaders," he said. "We should all be proud of this town."

SafeWise compiled its safest cities in North Carolina list from towns of at least 4,000 people that reported crime data to the FBI.

## holiday

### Independence Day

Friday, July 3

- ◆ Town Hall Closed
- ◆ Cultural Center Closed
- ◆ Hunt Center Open  
(8 am - 5 pm; no camps or programs)
- ◆ Bass Lake Park Open

Garbage and recycling unchanged.

## lounging room only

Ease into the weekend at Holly Springs Cultural Center with free Summer at the Springs outdoor concerts on the second and fourth Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and picnic dinner for these family-friendly shows in a variety of musical styles.

Holly Springs Cultural Center is a block from Town Hall at 300 W. Ballentine St.

Concerts are on the lawn from **6:30 - 9 p.m.**

### July 10 - Mystique

Kickin' R&B, Old School and classical soul. Featuring Priscilla.

### July 24 - Southern Grace

Southern country rock and Top 40 band.

Cultural Center:  
(919) 567-4000





## the Farmers Market

**Come. Discover. Taste**

**July 4 | Yes - We are open!**  
Get all your Independence Day BBQ fixin's

**July 11 | Farm-to-Table Chef Series**  
10 am Cooking Demonstration

**July 18 | Garden Chat with the HS Garden Club**  
Why we need bees

**July 25 | Founder's Day**  
Meet Town Staff and find out what's happening in your Town

**August 1 | Blood Drive**  
Make a difference - donate today

**Every Saturday**  
Children's Activities 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
and  
Live music from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

2015 Blue Ribbon Sponsor  
**GMA SUPPLY**  
Building Materials

**Event Info | [www.HSFarmersMarket.com](http://www.HSFarmersMarket.com)**  
**Saturdays 8:30am - 12:30pm**  
E. Center Street Parking Lot across from Town Hall  
The Farmers Market is operated and managed by the  
Town of Holly Springs - Department of Planning & Zoning