

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

going to school on growth

Our town's leaders understand how important schools are to their constituents.

Therein lies a dilemma. Schools are a major issue for residents, but the town has no authority over where they're built or who attends them. While some want the town to tackle school crowding by limiting development, that's tough to do legally.

The Wake County Public School System has removed enrollment caps at all but one school in Holly Springs for the 2015-2016 academic year. A fourth elementary school is scheduled to open in 2016, and school officials are searching for sites to build additional schools in Holly Springs.

Projecting Growth

Meanwhile, town officials work with the school system to update growth projections to help the school system anticipate needs for new facilities.

Our Planning and Zoning Department communicates with the school system to ensure that school administrators are up-to-date on development that is in the pipeline.

Given the amount of development requests in Holly Springs, town planners are working closely with school system consultants who update enrollment projection models.

Historically, those updates are several years apart. However, Holly Springs will now

be working directly with those consultants to provide at least annual updates.

Searching for Sites

Documenting the need is just the beginning, however. Finding a suitable site that is large enough and not prohibitively expensive has become increasingly challenging.

Parents get frustrated when their children are reassigned to schools farther away and say there is too much development.

However, the Wake County Board of Education focuses school construction on the areas where growth is occurring.

A Growing Strategy

Web section on growth.

Visit hollyspringsnc.us.

Property Owners Rights

Property owners have the right to develop according to the land's zoning. Town officials lack discretion to deny development plans or to require developers to pay more than their legal burden for school construction.

Recently, courts have struck down town ordinances in N.C. that required a specific developer to pay for schools or to be responsible for providing them, said Town Attorney John Schifano.

Investing in Other Ways

Although it doesn't build or fund schools, the town has investments in schools here.

The Police Department has six school resource officers who are involved in all Holly Springs' schools – the high school, middle schools and elementary schools. Police Chief John Herring called the resource officer program the department's "crown jewel."

Also, the Parks and Recreation Department has put more than \$500,000 into athletic facilities at Holly Springs High and at Holly Grove Middle for lights, irrigation and scoreboards, plus field maintenance.

In return for its investment, the town gets usage for town athletics on weekdays in the evenings and on weekends and holidays.



August 2015

calendar

Mon., Aug. 3	Monday Movie, 10am, CC
Tues., Aug 4	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Aug. 5	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL Hayride Meeting, 6pm, BL
Fri., Aug. 7	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Sat., Aug. 8	Farmers Market, 8:30am Hunter Education, 9am, BL
Sun., Aug. 9	Discover Dinosaurs, 3pm, BL
Tues., Aug. 11	Discovering Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH
Wed., Aug. 12	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Aug. 13	Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Fri., Aug. 14	Outdoor Concert, 6:30pm, CC Family Bingo, 7pm, BL
Sat., Aug. 15	Farmers Market, 8:30am Calfish Tournament, 9am, BL Toddler Exploration, 3pm, BL
Sun., Aug. 16	Animal Groups, 3pm, BL
Mon., Aug. 17	Circus Camp, 9am, CC (All Day, Week Long)
Tues., Aug. 18	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Aug. 19	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL Transfer Techniques, 6pm, CC
Fri., Aug. 21	Fort Fisher Bus Trip, 8am, BL
Sat., Aug. 22	Farmers Market, 8:30am Archery 101, 3pm, BL
Tues., Aug. 25	Utility Bills Due Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Thurs., Aug. 27	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL
Fri., Aug. 28	Outdoor Concert, 6:30pm, CC

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

and now, please welcome...

Holly Springs Cultural Center has set the stage for its best season yet in musical performances and comedy.

The lineup includes singer and songwriter **Paula Cole**, a Grammy award winner whose single "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone" was a Top 10 hit in 1997. She performs Oct. 3.



Pat Boone is here Oct. 25. The singer, actor and writer was the second biggest charting artist of the 1950s, trailing only Elvis Presley.



Speaking of Elvis, tribute artist **Travis LeDoyt** recreates the 50's Elvis on Jan. 30.

Other musical shows for 2015-16 include

the **Classics IV** on Sept. 26, Eagles tribute band **Hotel California** on Oct. 9-10, **Christmas with the Nelsons** on Dec. 17, the music of **Carole King and James Taylor** on Jan. 9, **Marty Haggard** on Feb. 13, and the Beach Boys tribute band **Beach Party Boys** on March 12.



The Clean Comedy lineup is the **Nice Guy Showcase** on Oct. 24, **Ladies of Laughter** on Jan. 16, **Late Nite Catechism** on Feb. 26-27, and **Will Durst** on April 23.



Tickets go on sale Aug. 28 at etix.com or at the Cultural Center box office at 300 W. Ballentine St.

canning spam

We've received phone calls and emails in recent weeks complaining about spam that some mistakenly believe comes from us.

Again, we are not the source.

Spam recipients identify the sender as Media Concepts in Holly Springs. Googling that gets you, among other things, the town's public information officer. He is our media contact.

The Federal Trade Commission has information on combatting and reporting unwanted commercial email at ftc.gov/spam.

If you're getting emails or text messages from us, it's because you signed up for them. You can unsubscribe at any time.

See the **Notify Me** link at hollyspringsnc.us for message categories such as news releases, alerts, job postings, calendar entries, etc.

it's all about the dog

We're accepting vendor applications for Dog Day in the Park on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Examples include rescue groups, veterinarians and makers of doggie treats.

For more details and an application, see Festivals and Events in the Parks and Recreation section of hollyspringsnc.us.

Please apply by Aug. 21.



Discover the latest and greatest in cultural history and traditions from our community in a new series at Holly Springs Cultural Center.

Each month, a N.C. artist takes the stage to spark your interest about the cultural arts through music, filmmaking, visual art, history, dance, and more.

Shows start at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7:10 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Sept. 25 — Carnatic Concert- Classical Music from South India

Oct. 23 — The Inuit: An Ancient Art Today & A High Arctic Adventure

Nov. 20 — Irish Music Through the Ages

Dec. 18 — A Christmas Brass Quintet

(919) 567-4000





the Farmers Market
Come. Discover. Taste.

August 1 | Blood Drive
Make a difference – donate today

August 8 | Farm-to-Table Chef Series
10 am Cooking Demonstration

August 15 | Garden Chat with the HS Garden Club
Growing Figs

August 22 | Farm Fresh Goodness
Get your NC Local Produce

August 29 | Park-It in the Market!
8:30 am 'til the food runs out—
Food Truck Rodeo

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
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

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.

The Cultural Center is at 300 W. Ballentine St.

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

Aug. 14 - GB4

Holly Springs' own blues and classic rock party band in 8th appearance

Aug. 28 - North Tower

One of the South's great party bands with oldies, beach, top 40 and funk



Cultural Center:
(919) 567-4000

