



HOLLY SPRINGS

Winter Farmers Market

3rd Saturdays

9:30am - 12:00pm
Holly Springs Cultural Center
300 W. Ballentine Street

December 19

Bring your holiday menu shopping list

January 16

Start your New Year with the freshest ingredients

www.HSFarmersMarket.com

The Farmers Market is operated and managed by the Town of Holly Springs Department of Planning & Zoning

smoking out fire risk

Firefighters visiting homes in Holly Springs to offer smoke alarm system checks have found that over 40 percent had problems.

Our firefighters have been to thousands of homes over the past three years in a free smoke detector inspection and replacement service. Firefighters can

Schedule a smoke detector inspection with free replacement of devices and batteries if needed. Call (919) 577-SAFE.



install new smoke detectors or replace batteries free of charge, using donated supplies from the state Fire Marshal's Office and businesses.

Special alarms that flash lights and shake the bed are available at no cost to those with hearing impairments. Holly Springs firefighters have installed such devices in several homes.

For assistance, contact the Fire Department's Safe Line at (919) 577-SAFE (7233).

going out on a limb

helping kids with Angel Tree effort

If you're participating in the annual Angel Tree project, please return unwrapped gifts to Town Hall by Dec. 4.

If you'd like to join this initiative to brighten Christmas for children from families in need, there's still time. Select a tag with a child's age and gender from the tree in our lobby.

We're partnering with New Horizons Fellowship Church in Apex again this year to try to ensure that no kid misses out on Christmas because of the family's financial hardship.

Donated toys should be brand new and still in the box.

Visit www.nhf.cc/christmas-store for more information or call us at (919) 557-2922. Again, gifts are needed by Dec. 4.



Christmas at the curb

Curbside Christmas tree collection starts the Monday after the holiday.

Trees are chipped for mulch. So please remove all decorations and other objects, including tinsel and nails, before leaving the tree at the curb for pickup.

Those with objects remaining cannot be collected.

Since we vacuum leaves, please keep Christmas trees separate from leaf piles.

holiday schedule

Holiday Luncheon - Wednesday, Dec. 9
All Town Offices Closed 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Thursday, Dec. 24
Town Hall, Hunt Center & Cultural Center Closed
Bass Lake Park Office Closed; Gate Open
Garbage & Recycling on Normal Schedule

Christmas Day - Friday, Dec. 25
Town Hall, Hunt Center & Cultural Center Closed
Bass Lake Park Office Closed; Gate Closed
Garbage & Recycling Delayed to Saturday

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HOLLY SPRINGS

North Carolina

December 2015



The Happy Holly Days Christmas Parade is the second Saturday of December along Main Street.

main events of the holidays

Join friends and neighbors along Main Street downtown for the Happy Holly Days Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 12.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. at Main Street and Holly Springs Road. Nearly 100 entries are in the parade

They include floats, bands, dancers, decorated vehicles, horses, marching groups and more.

The Holly Springs Kiwanis Club is presenter 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 afterward 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. But please don't park along Avent Ferry Road.

Call Town Hall at (919) 552-6221 with parade questions.

Main Street Christmas

Main Street merriment begins on the eve of the parade with the Main Street Christmas celebration from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11.

Festivities are at Town Hall and Holly Springs Cultural Center.

Enjoy visits with Santa, stories with Mrs. Claus, live entertainment, hayrides and refreshments.

Santa leaves Town Hall at 7:30 for the tree lighting, which will be outside the cultural center at 8 p.m.

Christmas at the Cultural Center

Thurs., Dec. 10 - A Free Christmas concert by Holly Springs Community Band
Sat., Dec. 12 - The Route 55 Jazz Orchestra presents "Silver Bells."

Thurs., Dec. 17 - "Christmas with the Nelsons", a sleigh ride through time.

Shows at 7:30 p.m. Details at etix.com.

Main Street Christmas

Friday,
Dec. 11
6-8 p.m.

Happy Holly Days Christmas Parade

Saturday,
Dec. 12
11 a.m.



Calendar

Tues., Dec. 1	Puppet Theatre, 11am, HSCC (Holly Springs Cultural Center) Town Council, 7pm, Town Hall
Wed., Dec. 2	Senior Bingo, 1pm, Bass Lake
Fri., Dec. 4	Family Fun Night, 6pm, Bass Lake
Sat., Dec. 5	Christmas Crafts, Bass Lake
Mon., Dec. 7	Monday Movie, 10am, HSCC
Tues., Dec. 8	Discover Nature, 10am, Bass Lake Photo Club, 7pm, Bass Lake Board of Adjustment, 7pm, Town Hall
Wed., Dec. 9	Town Employee Lunch, 11:30am–1pm
Thurs., Dec. 10	Community Band, 7:30pm, HSCC
Fri., Dec. 11	Main Street Christmas, 6pm
Sat., Dec. 12	Toddler Exploration, 10am, Bass Lake Christmas Parade, 11am, Main Street Archery 101, 3pm, Bass Lake Route 55 Jazz, 7:30pm, HSCC
Tues., Dec. 15	Puppet Theatre, 11am, HSCC Town Council, 7pm, Town Hall
Wed., Dec. 16	Senior Bingo, 1pm, Bass Lake
Thurs., Dec. 17	Explore-a-Story, 10am, Bass Lake Christmas with the Nelsons, 7:30pm HSCC
Fri., Dec. 18	Oak City Brass, 7:30pm, HSCC
Sat., Dec. 19	Winter Market, 9:30am, HSCC
Tues., Dec. 22	Planning Board, 7pm, Town Hall
Thurs., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve -Town Offices Closed
Fri., Dec. 25	Christmas Day -Town Offices Closed Garbage & Recycling Delayed 1 Day
Mon., Dec. 28	Utility Bills Due

myths of growth

Given the vibrant economy of the Triangle, it's not a question of *whether* growth is going to occur in Holly Springs, but *how* it's going to happen.

Even so, there are those who feel the town should adopt a policy of zero-growth. They lament school overcrowding and traffic congestion and contend that the Town Council should halt approval of new subdivisions, especially those that require removal of woods, picturesque pastures and farmland.

However, it is a myth that stopping growth in Holly Springs would solve our growing pains. Growth in the region around us would still impact our town.

A Growing Strategy

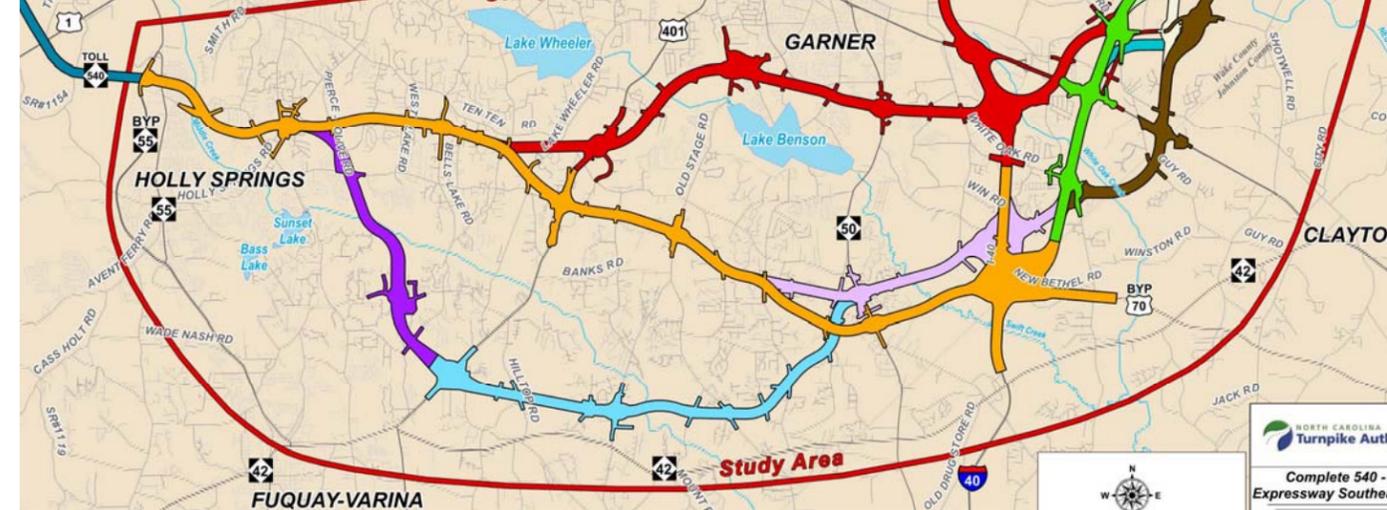
Web section on growth

hollyspringsnc.us/growingstrategy

If the Town Council were to take a stance that it would no longer approve any subdivisions in Holly Springs, what are some potential results?

- The agricultural landowner loses the option to pay for retirement by selling to a developer. Instead, nearby homeowners enjoy the beauty and built-in privacy of his woods.
- Businesses that have located here lose the opportunity to see their business grow with the town. Businesses seeking to relocate are more likely to look elsewhere to more thriving communities. The local economy stagnates over time.
- Seats that may open up in public schools here likely are filled by more students from outside Holly Springs as the county school system makes the best use of its facilities.
- Homes assume a larger share of the property tax burden over time as business growth stagnates.

Are you starting to see the bigger picture?



ensuring NCDOT says “aye” for orange

We're leading cheers for the orange route as the state Department of Transportation invites the public to speak up on alignment alternatives for completion of the 540 highway project.

Which path prevails could depend largely on which one draws the most support in the next two months.

You can make comments multiple ways, including online, by phone or in person.

Mayor Dick Sears said the orange route has widespread support because it would affect the fewest number of homes and would be the most cost effective.

“Please make your voices heard again,” he said, asking residents to reiterate their support. “DOT has said on more than one occasion how important public comment will be in the final decision.”

Preferred route selection is expected in spring 2016.

Public Comment on 540 Project

Visit ncdot.gov/projects/complete540 for details on route alternatives and ways to be heard.

NCDOT Public Meeting

Tuesday, **Dec. 8, 2015** from 6-8 p.m.
Holly Springs High School Cafeteria
5329 Cass Holt Road

The long-planned Complete 540 project, also known as the Southeast Extension, would extend the Triangle Expressway from the N.C. 55 Bypass in Apex to the U.S. 64/U.S. 264 Bypass in Knightdale.

The project would complete the 540 outer loop.

pickup pointers - leaving your leaves for us

Leaf season is under way, with up to four vacuum trucks rotating through Holly Springs neighborhood by neighborhood each workday.

Please rake leaves to the edge of your front yard, off the street pavement, for collection. Do not bag leaves. Keep leaf piles separate from other yard debris.

To help you plan ahead for when a truck will be down your street, we're posting online updates weekdays at www.hollyspringsnc.us/leaf throughout collection.

Daily updates posted by 5:30 p.m. every weekday will list the order of neighborhoods where leaves are collected

and show where leaves were collected earlier that day. Every Friday, the update will list the neighborhoods crews intend to visit the following week.

Although our Public Works crews strive to gather leaves as quickly as possible, delays can result from heavy volumes or bad weather. Equipment breakdowns are another source of collection delays. So please **do not mix sticks, rocks or other debris with the leaves.**



holiday giving & receiving

Donate an item of non-perishable food to the Parks and Recreation Department's **Holiday Food Drive** and receive a free daily fitness membership to Hunt Recreation Center.

Drop off donations until Dec. 20 at the front desk of the Hunt Center, which is at 301 Stinson Ave. These will go to the Holly Springs Food Cupboard.

Items needed most include canned and packaged meats, dry pasta, sides of all kinds, and crackers.