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Mayor's Message

Dear Neighbors,

With fireworks lighting up the sky at the Town's annual Independence Day celebration, neighborhood cookouts, and outdoor fun, July is one of my favorite months in Holly Springs. There are just so many activities to enjoy!

If you're looking for lakeside action, consider Bass Lake Park. The lake is stocked with catfish every other month from mid-spring to mid-fall, and live and packaged bait can be purchased at the office. There, boats also can be rented.

No pole? No problem! A tackle loaner program allows visitors to borrow equipment.

Prefer staying cool? Drop by the W.E. Hunt Recreation Center where the elevated walking track is free – and air-conditioned! The center also offers a game room with ping pong and table soccer on a first come basis at no charge.

What summer would be complete without dropping by Ting Stadium to cheer on the Holly Springs Salamanders? Visit the team website for the game schedule and ticket information.

Have a fantastic summer,
Holly Springs!

Sean Mayefskie



Free July Parks & Recreation Activities Abound During July

Take part in the nationwide celebration of parks and recreation during July! A month full of fun, free activities is planned with Holly Springs Parks & Recreation. Visit hollyspringsnc.gov/parksmoonth for all the details and links to preregister.

Parks & Recreation Scavenger Hunt Throughout July

Travel across Holly Springs as you solve the mystery of the golden bass! Families will get an in-depth tour of many park facilities as they solve riddles and gather clues. Once the mystery is solved, meet at Bass Lake to earn a special prize. Details:

hollyspringsnc.gov/parksmoonth

All Abilities Arts & Crafts

Thursday, July 13, 5-8 p.m.
Holly Springs Cultural Center

Children of all ages and abilities are welcome to drop by the Holly Springs Cultural Center anytime during this free workshop to explore different art techniques, make new friends, and get creative and messy. No advance registration is required.



Fireside Friday

Friday, July 21, 7-9 p.m.
Sugg Farm

Enjoy s'mores under the stars at Sugg Farm! Registered participants will be provided a roasting stick and sweet treat to enjoy by the fire. Games and other nighttime educational adventures also will be provided. Please register in advance for this free activity.

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Rolling out the Green Carpet



Upgrades to the Womble Park turf field are in full swing. The top carpet is being replaced with brand-new, denser material, and fresh rubber and sand filler will be added for a rejuvenated bounce. Work is expected to wrap up in time for the fall rec soccer season. In the meantime, enjoy the multipurpose fields at: Ting Park during open play hours; the field beside the Hunt Center, across Stinson Avenue from the Womble field; the field behind Holly Ridge Elementary; and the multipurpose field at Holly Springs High.



Safety Spotlight

Stay Safe While Making a Splash this Summer

With summer in full swing, prioritizing safety especially when it comes to children and pool activities is crucial, says Holly Springs Fire Chief LeRoy Smith.

"As you enjoy the summer pool season, make safety a top priority," he said. "Use appropriate flotation devices for children, follow drowning prevention tips, and consider taking a free CPR training workshop with our team."

Free CPR Training

The Holly Springs Fire Department offers free CPR training. Sign up to learn skills to save lives: call (919) 577-SAFE (7233).

Help Children Stay Safe Around Water

- Choose age-appropriate flotation devices, approved by recognized safety organizations.
- Ensure a snug and comfortable fit, replacing any damaged devices.
- Adult supervision is always necessary, even when using flotation devices.

Prevent Drowning

- Establish clear pool rules and emphasize the importance of never swimming alone.
- Enroll children in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors.
- Install pool barriers and eliminate distractions while supervising.

Learn CPR: A Lifesaving Skill

- Learn CPR, and consider becoming certified in it. Consider enrolling in a free session with the Holly Springs Fire Department by calling (919) 577-SAFE (7233).
- Act swiftly in emergencies, performing CPR until medical help arrives.
- Spread awareness about free CPR training opportunities among friends and family to create a safer community.

"Together, we can create a summer filled with fun, safety, and the knowledge to act in emergencies," Smith said. "Stay safe, and have a wonderful summer!"

Securing Future Needs for a Growing Community

July marks the beginning of a new fiscal year. The Town's \$93.8 million budget approved last month by the Holly Springs Town Council prioritizes utility investments to meet the water needs of a growing community.

Additionally, the Towns of Fuquay-Varina and Holly Springs are partnering to construct a 14-mile water conveyance line from Sanford to both communities.

Other fiscal year investments include:

- Elevating emergency 911 response capability
- Investing in emergency preparedness tools and staff
- Constructing a new Fire Station #3 near Carolina Springs
- Funding a new Operations Campus to handle the growing community's public service needs

2023-2024 Rates & Fees

- No property tax rate increase
- Water and sewer rate fees increase with an average user paying \$9.82/month to secure future water and wastewater supply
- Garbage and recycling fee increases by 56 cents per month
- Yard waste fees increase by \$3 per month.

The increases will appear in the August utility bill that is mailed on August 31. Despite these rate increases, the Town's utility rates remain competitive, and the typical residential homeowner's monthly total bill is projected to remain near the State average according to UNC School of Government data.



Sanford Water Treatment Facility

While the Town has enough water and sewer capacity today, advance planning is underway to meet projections for the future.

The City of Sanford and towns of Fuquay-Varina, Holly Springs, and Pittsboro are engaged in partnership to expand the City of Sanford's water treatment facility (pictured).

More sewer capacity is also required given growth projections. The initial expansion will increase the Town's current treatment capacity from 6 million to 8 million gallons per day by 2027.

For more information, visit: hollyspringsnc.gov/transparency



Service in a SNAP

With a quick call to Holly Springs 311, Town employee Nic helped save a snapping turtle trying to cross the road from being hit by a car! Holly Springs Police Animal Control Officer Howard was dispatched and came to the rescue in a matter of minutes.

Receive service in a SNAP from Holly Springs 311! Learn more: hollyspringsnc.gov/311

Parks Fun

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July 5th

Wednesday, July 5, 6 p.m.
Sugg Farm

Enjoy the Town's Independence Day celebration, traditionally held on July 5. Come at 6 p.m. to enjoy live music and select from a variety of food trucks. Fireworks begin at about 9:15 p.m., weather permitting. Details & info: hollyspringsnc.gov/july5



MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run Program

Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m.-noon
Womble Baseball Complex

Children up to age 14 are invited to put their baseball and softball skills to the test. Advance registration is required at hollyspringsnc.gov/parksmoth.

Tai Chi at the Farmers Market

Saturday, July 22, 8 a.m.-noon
Cultural Center

Soak in some mindfulness and movement with tai chi, perfect for families to practice together!

Holly Springs Highlighted at International Convention

The Town of Holly Springs was the talk of the BIO International Convention last month. The annual gathering draws life science leaders from around the globe to network, share ideas, and more. This year's conference in Boston attracted about 20,000 attendees, including representatives from numerous international and domestic life science companies.

The Town's Economic Development team, Director Irena Krstanovic and Project Manager Anna Murphy, represented Holly Springs at the convention, alongside North Carolina partners including the N.C. Biotechnology Center, the Economic Development Partnership of N.C., and the N.C. Secretary of State's office.

"Holly Springs accelerates success in the life sciences," said Krstanovic. "Top talent, infrastructure, and a business-friendly climate are among the reasons why companies are

choosing our community. The convention was another way to engage with biotech leaders and companies interested in learning more about our vibrant life sciences community and growing, highly skilled workforce.

"Holly Springs was able to tell the N.C. story and showcase our community success and assets to further elevate the position of Holly Springs in the state's life science ecosystem," she said.



FALL YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

- Soccer & Intro to Soccer (ages 4-17): Through July 7
- Baseball & Softball (ages 5-17): July 10-28
- Flag Football (ages 5-17): July 31-August 18

REGISTER AT RECONNECT.US



Help Refine Plans for Downtown

Save the Date – Saturday, August 26

For months during a series of open house workshops, online surveys, and public meetings, Holly Springs community members have been sharing thoughts and ideas about what downtown Holly Springs could look like in the future. Now that ideas have been gathered and prioritized, a final open house is scheduled. It's all part of the effort to update the Downtown Village District Area Plan, a document that guides growth, development, and redevelopment of downtown Holly Springs.

Drop by the Holly Springs Cultural Center, Aug. 26, anytime between 8:30-11:30 a.m. to consider recommendations on how the community's ideas could be implemented in the future. Topics to be discussed include:

- How do you want key downtown streets to look and feel? Elements including lighting, art, social spaces, trees and plantings, and furnishings will be discussed.
- What might a permanent farmers market look like?
- How can the Town be proactive about parking, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety?
- Share ideas to create socially active spaces throughout the downtown.

While you're downtown, be sure to visit the farmers market around the Cultural Center where additional information also will be shared.

More information about the update to the Downtown Village District Area Plan:

hollyspringsnc.gov/downtownplan



WHAT DOES OUR COMMUNITY PREFER FOR THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN HOLLY SPRINGS?



Summer Camp Fun

School is out, the sun is shining, and Holly Springs Parks & Recreation summer camp has officially begun! Campers are enjoying a variety of activities including fishing, archery, volleyball, soccer, and more!



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, JULY 4

- Garbage & recycling collection delayed one day Tuesday-Friday
- Town Hall, Cultural Center, Hunt Recreation Center closed
- Bass Lake Park open 8 a.m.-dusk
- Schedules for open play at Ting Park available online



Details about the Holly Springs celebration on July 5 at Sugg Farm: hollyspringsnc.gov/july5

HOLLY SPRINGS farmers market

30+ vendors
live music
kids' activities

every saturday
8:00-noon
by the cultural center



www.HSFarmersMarket.com