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News & Events in Holly Springs Government

# THE SOURCE

## Mayor's Message

Dear Neighbors,

We're highlighting many back-to-school topics in this edition, and I wanted to tell everyone about a new program for Holly Springs High School students. As a business owner, I realize that our young people are the Holly Springs entrepreneurs of the future. That's why I reached out to Principal Robert Morrison about creating an Entrepreneurs Club.

Just like the Shark Tank show, in Entrepreneurs Club, students will present their business ideas to the Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce executive director, the LaunchHollySprings program manager, and myself. I've even invited some local business leaders to participate. After listening to the students and asking questions, we will share our thoughts and feedback. It's a fantastic way for young entrepreneurs to grow experience in a business setting and gain insight into their ideas.

The Entrepreneurs Club will meet on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Holly Springs High School. For any questions, please contact Holly Springs High career and technical education teacher Percy Woods, pwoods@wcpss.net.

Yours truly,  
Sean Mayefskie



## Voters Can Shape the Future of Parks & Recreation in Holly Springs

It's official! Residents of Holly Springs will go to the polls this November to vote on a 2023 Parks Bond Referendum. The \$100 million investment will fund enhancements to facilities across Holly Springs, as well as the construction of a new state-of-the-art park on Cass Holt Road.

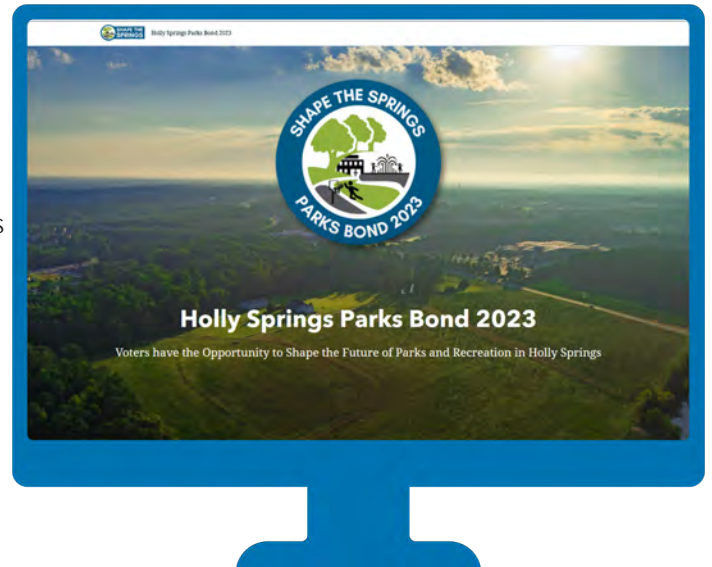
"When we looked at results from the 2021 Community Survey and Parks Master Plan, residents made it clear that abundant and quality parks and greenways are a high priority," said Holly Springs Mayor Sean Mayefskie. "Most of the parks and facilities that make Holly Springs such a great place to live were financed by municipal bonds, but the last one was in 2011 when our population was 25,800. Now we are approaching 50,000 residents, it's time to invest again to improve our amazing quality-of-life amenities."

If approved by voters, bond funding will support the first park on the west side of town, across from Holly Springs High School. The park will include:

- Multi-generational indoor recreation center
- Outdoor splash pad
- Lighted pickleball courts
- Lighted basketball courts and turf fields
- All wheels skatepark
- Trails and greenways
- Picnic shelters and fishing pier

The Town has already purchased the

56-acre property but, without bond funding, will be unable to construct the new park.



For detailed information about the 2023 Parks Bond Referendum, visit the new website at:  
[hollyspringsnc.gov/parksbond](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/parksbond)

The 2023 Parks Bond Referendum will also help finance projects across Town. Womble Park could see the addition of two outdoor lighted basketball courts and new baseball dugouts. Sugg Farm Park will be upgraded with a new program pavilion with restrooms. The Holly Springs Cultural Center Theatre would receive new retractable theater seating to give patrons an accessible and comfortable experience when seeing some of the many performances that come to Town. The Parks Bond will also help connect some popular greenway segments to bring neighborhoods together.

Residents can vote on the Bond November 7.



# Safety Spotlight

## Watch for Pedestrians; Crosswalk Safety is Key as Schools Begin

An influx of yellow buses, lists of needed supplies, and perhaps the sounds of cheering parents: all are signs that traditional-calendar schools are opening at the end of the month. The start of a new school year is a particularly significant time for drivers to be alert for students crossing roads.

“As families adjust to new routines, the beginning of every school year is an important time for drivers to be alert to their surroundings,” said Holly Springs Police Chief Paul Liquorie.

The Town of Holly Springs has elevated crosswalk safety with flashing beacons that pedestrians can activate to alert drivers of their presence and bright flags for pedestrians at several key locations in Town.

Flashing beacons are located at several crosswalks near schools and around Town. When drivers see the flashing lights, they should stop for pedestrians crossing the road.

“As always, pedestrians should not begin crossing until vehicles have stopped for them,” Liquorie noted. “Flashing beacons are not stoplights, and pedestrians should not assume that drivers will yield to them.”

Walkers also can find bright flags placed beside crosswalks on Holly Springs and Bass Lake roads, and at the signalized crosswalk on Avent Ferry near the Holly Grove schools.

Flags can be placed in the bucket on

the opposite side of the crosswalk for those traveling in the other direction.

Residents in 12 Oaks may notice the Town’s freshly striped crosswalks near Oakview Elementary.

### For Drivers

- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks to allow them to cross.
- Use extra caution when traveling in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.

### For Pedestrians

- When available, use flashing beacons or flags to help alert drivers to your presence.
- Remember, the flashing beacons only provide a warning to motorists. Make sure vehicles are stopping before walking onto a crosswalk.
- If the timer on a signalized crosswalk is counting down, do not enter the crosswalk; wait for the next cycle.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.



## Sidewalk Shift on Holly Springs Road Could Affect School Walkers

Sidewalk users near Holly Ridge middle and elementary schools will notice a shift as Holly Springs Road Widening construction continues.

Sidewalk along the northern portion of Holly Springs Road (shown in blue) remains open. Walkers should use the open sidewalk and marked crosswalks at Cobblepoint and Linkland.

The portion of the sidewalk shown in red will be closed for several months due to construction activity in that area.

# School No Parking Zones Established Near Holly Springs High School

In response to resident concerns about Holly Springs High School students parking in their neighborhoods and causing a nuisance, the Town establishes strict no parking zones before the start of the school year. Numerous residents in both Garrison and Honeycutt Farm spoke before the Town Council in June about reckless driving, damage to property, and littering from students who are parking in their neighborhoods and walking to school.

"This summer we've been working with homeowners to make sure their concerns are heard and find a solution," said Holly Springs Assistant Town Manager Scott Chase. "It's very important to be

responsive when quality of life issues are raised, so all of us can live in a safe and friendly environment."

The Town Council has declared school no parking zones from 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in these neighborhoods, which will be strictly enforced. The

Town Council will consider additional increases in fines and penalties for unlawful parking at its Aug. 15 meeting. Once finalized, the High School will be communicating this information to parents of student drivers.

[hollyspringsnc.gov/schoolparking](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/schoolparking)



## Womble Turf Replacement Wraps Up

In July, workers were wrapping up work on the Womble Park multipurpose turf fields, which are reopening for the fall sports season. This summer, the Town replaced the top carpet with new, denser material and added fresh rubber and sand filler for a rejuvenated bounce.

## Drop By & Help Shape the Future of Downtown Holly Springs

Saturday, Aug. 26, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Holly Springs Cultural Center

How do you want key downtown Holly Springs streets to look and feel? What types of spaces for social activities would you like to see in downtown? What might a permanent farmers market look like?

Share your thoughts at this third and final public open house meeting during the process to update the plan that will guide growth, development, and redevelopment in downtown Holly Springs.

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

More information: [hollyspringsnc.gov/downtownplan](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/downtownplan)

## Free outdoor summer concerts

**Amazing Lounge Lizards**  
Friday, Aug. 4, 6-9 p.m.

**Rob Matthews Band**  
Friday, Sept. 1, 6-9 p.m.

Cultural Center Lawn  
300 West Ballentine St.

Bring lawn chairs or a blanket, and enjoy a free concert on the Cultural Center lawn. Food trucks and beer and wine sales available.



## LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

**MONDAY, SEPT. 4**

Garbage & recycling collection delayed one day throughout week

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

# Repairing and Preserving Streets This Summer

Every year, the Town of Holly Springs identifies streets to be resurfaced as part of an ongoing effort to keep roadways in good shape as the Town grows. Roughly 2.7 miles of asphalt along 19 streets in Holly Springs have been identified to be resurfaced starting this summer. The project will take about 70 days to complete.

"About every five years, a street rating survey is performed on the entire town-maintained road network," said Michael Leonas, Town of Holly Springs Senior Engineer. "This information is then combined with other factors like traffic volume, safety and interconnectivity to create a ranking priority for roads that are selected for repair."

Streets being resurfaced with a new asphalt top layer include:

- Avent Acres: Cottonwood Lane, Holly Berry Lane, West Elm Street from Ash Court to Cottonwood Lane, Avent Circle
- Braxton Village: Talley Ridge Drive and Harvolly Drive
- Holly Glen: Evergreen View Drive from Holly Meadow Drive to Sycamore Ridge Lane, Sycamore Ridge Lane, Shady Porch Court,

Hickory Knoll Court

- Remington: Flagg Road, Buckfield Lane, Baygall Road
- Somerset Farm: Hidden Cellars Drive and Barbwire Circle
- Sunset Ridge North: Crossway Lane from Skymont Drive to Cliffcreek Drive
- Wescott: Danagher Court
- Windcrest: Olvera Way and Springstone Drive/Crossway Lane, starting 250' east of its intersection with Main Street to Steedmont Drive

This year, in addition to resurfacing work, other selected streets around Town will receive pavement preservation treatment starting late summer. This treatment enhances the durability of the asphalt by replacing chemical components that are lost as asphalt ages in the early part of its service life. The coating, which initially appears pink when it is applied, dries into a translucent coating.

Streets receiving preservation treatment include all streets in the Mills at Avent Ferry and Wildwood subdivisions, as well as some of the streets in the Trinity Creek and



Woodcreek subdivisions.

Nearby residents will be notified by the contractor in advance. Be aware of workers, equipment, and trucks in the street and please drive slowly and carefully. For questions or concerns, please contact Holly Springs Utilities & Infrastructure at (919) 577-3150.

"Our streets are a very valuable asset, with an estimated value of \$86 million," Leonas said. "Our roadways are constantly used, and it's an important and ongoing job to keep them in good condition for years to come."

## EV Charging Stations Activated at Womble & Ting Parks

Does your electric vehicle need a charge? Womble Park and Ting Park are now home to several charging stations! Owned and operated by Duke Energy, these charging stations were installed through a partnership

with Duke's Park and Plug program and are officially available for use.

Two charging ports are located at Womble Park, specifically off Stinson Avenue in the west parking lot near the southern end of the lot, and

six charging ports are located at Ting Park, in the northern parking lot off Sportsmanship Way.

"We're excited to offer this additional amenity for park visitors to use while enjoying our Holly Springs parks," said Sustainability Coordinator Greg Sponseller. "Holly Springs is proud to partner with Duke Energy on these projects to expand EV charging in our community."

These level 2 charging stations typically provide about 15 to 30 miles of range per hour and cost about \$1 per hour to charge (approx. \$0.14/kWh). This added park amenity is available to any EV-driver and further expands the available public charging infrastructure in town.

To operate the charging station, users need to download the free Shell Recharge App, connect the charging cable to their vehicle, open the app, scan the QR code on the station or enter the station ID number, and then select "Start Charging." For assistance when using the charging station or to report issues, please call (855) 900-7584.

Stay tuned for additional charging stations being made available around Town. For more information about Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Holly Springs, please visit:

[hollyspringsnc.gov/evstations](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/evstations)

