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News & Events in Holly Springs Government THE SOURCE

Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

Happy New Year!

As 2025 begins, I'm extending an invitation to everyone to join me at the Holly Springs Cultural Center on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. for a Mayor's Community Chat.

I've invited Holly Springs Police leadership to discuss the proactive measures we take to keep our community safe. We'll also talk about how the department works in partnership with residents and businesses and touch on some of the community outreach events the Police host regularly.

In addition to reviewing a variety of trends, we will discuss safety in public schools. Staff will share an update on what Holly Springs Police school resource officers are doing to keep our children safe.

I am honored to work beside the men and women of the Holly Springs Police, and I'm looking forward to sharing more information with you!

Yours truly,

Sean Mayefskie



Amgen Announces 370 Additional Jobs, \$1 Billion Holly Springs Expansion

Amgen, one of the world's leading biotechnology companies, announced plans last month to invest an additional \$1 billion to expand its manufacturing facility in Holly Springs. The investment includes a second state-of-the-art multi-drug substance manufacturing facility in northwest Holly Springs, south of US-1.

This second Amgen project in the Town of Holly Springs brings the company's total site investment to over \$1.5 billion, with employment reaching 725 by 2032. The expansion will enable Amgen to increase capacity and meet current and forecasted demand for life-saving medications globally.

"Amgen is ranked in the Fortune 500, named repeatedly as one of the 100 best companies to work for in the country, and we are thrilled that it's Holly Springs where they want to grow their operations," said Holly Springs Mayor Sean Mayefskie. "Not only are they bringing high-quality jobs here, but as part of this project, Amgen has shown a commitment to our community by funding crucial transportation projects and upgrades to water infrastructure in this fast-growing part of Town."

How residents will benefit:

- **Expanded job opportunities and diversification of local tax base:** Future property taxes from Amgen will allow for less reliance on residential property taxes for Town services and amenities and further the Town Council's strategic goal of increasing our commercial tax base. More than 70% of Amgen's current hires at its Holly Springs facility are from the local area.
- **Transportation improvements:** This expansion will contribute to the completion of additional transportation improvements to the area, including the realignment of Friendship Road at New Hill Holleman Road, near US 1, improving the configuration of the highway ramps for better traffic flow and safety. Additionally, the Friendship Road and Holly Springs New Hill Road intersection, currently a T intersection with a stop sign along a curve, will be upgraded for safety and traffic flow.
- **New public utility infrastructure:** Amgen will also extend Town water service along Friendship Road

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Safety Spotlight

Stay Warm and Safe This Winter

While winter can be wonderful, it also can bring chilly temperatures. The Holly Springs Fire Department encourages everyone to ensure a warm and safe season with the following safety reminders:

- **Use Space Heaters Safely:** Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Never leave a space heater unattended, especially when sleeping.
- **Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:** Install carbon monoxide detectors and have them checked regularly.

- **Keep Fireplaces Clean:** Have your chimney cleaned and inspected annually.
- **Be Careful with Candles:** Never leave burning candles unattended.
- **Avoid Overloading Outlets:** Overloaded outlets can cause fires.

"Taking simple precautions like ensuring proper ventilation or placing space heaters are away from flammable items makes a big difference," said Holly Springs Fire Chief LeRoy Smith. "We want everyone to stay warm and safe this winter."

Participate In & Commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

Memorial Walk & Community Celebration

Sunday, Jan. 19

Join the Holly Springs Martin Luther King Jr. Committee for a Unity Weekend Celebration! Details can be found on the organization's website, hsmlk.org.

- 2:30 p.m.: Memorial Walk from Oakhall Shopping Center to Cultural Center
- 3:30 p.m.: Community Celebration at Cultural Center



Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service

Monday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.

Spend time helping others in the community. Volunteers will mulch the Veterans Park playground and fitness area. Younger participants will pick up debris along the Jones Park Disc Golf course and trail.

While the project is intended for volunteers ages 16 and up, those ages 10-15 are able to assist with a parent or guardian in attendance.

Preregistration is required to ensure adequate supplies are available.
hollyspringsnc.gov/mlkservice



Shred-a-Thon

Saturday, Jan. 11, 7:30 a.m.
Ting Park, 101 Sportsmanship Way

Bring unwanted papers to this free shredding event offered by the Holly Springs Police.

A mobile shredding truck will be available in the Ting Park parking lot behind the baseball scoreboard. The truck will be available from 7:30 a.m. until it is full or until 11:30 a.m.

This drive-through event is for residents to safely dispose of documents with confidential information.



Shape the Future of Transit

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is asking for your feedback about their regional plans for transit, including bus service. The agency is updating its 10-year Wake Transit investment strategy, which will determine how to invest nearly \$1 billion over 10 years to make it easier for people in Wake County to use public transportation. Online survey: publicinput.com/wtip1

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

MONDAY, JAN. 20

 Town offices (including Holly Springs 311), Cultural Center, Hunt Center closed.

 Garbage & recycling collection on schedule.

 Yard waste delayed 1 day through week. Convenience Center closed Monday.

Interested in Getting an Inside Look & Gaining Deeper Understanding of Town Government?

Applications are open for the 2025 Holly Springs Citizens Academy! Interactive, hands-on experiences cover Town government topics, spanning everything from Council meetings to parks and recreation, community safety to yard waste collection, and more!

During the seven-session program, Citizens Academy participants learn firsthand what it takes to serve the growing number of residents and businesses that call Holly Springs home.



Scan this QR code to hear what last year's participants said about the Citizens Academy.

Applications are open at hollyspringsnc.gov/citizensacademy Jan. 3-31 for this year's academy. Participants must be able to attend all seven sessions held Thursday nights, Feb. 20 through April 15, 5:30-8 p.m.

Space is limited. Last year, out of 60 applicants, 24 participants were selected for the academy.

During the academy, the in-person sessions are held at various Town facilities with graduation at a Town Council meeting.

Sessions include interactive, hands-on activities. A group Q&A session with staff concludes each evening. Sessions also include an informal meal where participants can enjoy friendly conversations and build relationships.

Session topics include:

- Overview of Town Government:** Participate in a mock council meeting where participants get to play the roles of council members and the public. The evening will also feature a Q&A with Town Council members.
- Managing Traffic:** Learn why solutions to traffic are so complex, and take part in a hands-on exercise that will demonstrate the roadblocks that can arise.
- Shaping Holly Springs:** Delve into the tools the Town uses to manage growth and receive a unique opportunity to hear about how we recruit businesses to Holly Springs.
- Community Safety:** Get an inside look at how Holly Springs provides a high level of public safety for residents with Police and Fire staff.
- Parks & Recreation:** Experience the behind-the-scenes operations of a dynamic department.

- Keeping the Town Running (Above & Below the Ground):** See how unsung heroes quietly keep the Town running daily.
- Money Matters & Community Connections:** Experience the process that goes into weighing the needs of a growing town and building an annual operating budget. Then, dive into how the Town's Communications & Marketing team and 311 staff are building community connections.

"Holly Springs is filled with people who care deeply about their community, and the Citizens Academy has given staff a wonderful opportunity to answer questions and give participants direct access to the talented Town staff members who help to create and support our amazing quality of life," said Town Manager Randy Harrington.

hollyspringsnc.gov/citizensacademy



NEW YEAR'S DAY

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1



Dec. 31: Hunt Center closes at 5 p.m.
Jan. 1: Town offices (including Holly Springs 311), Cultural Center, Hunt Center closed.



Garbage & recycling collection delayed 1 day Wednesday-Friday.



Yard waste for Wednesday-Friday customers delayed 1 day. Convenience Center closed Jan. 1.

Leaf Collection

This time of year, leaves that do not fit in yard waste carts can be placed at the edge of your front yard for pickup during your zone's collection week.

Before 7 a.m. on Monday morning of your zone's assigned collection week, **place leaves only** off the street and away from storm drains.

hollyspringsnc.gov/leaf

Christmas Tree Pickup

When you're ready to dispose of your live Christmas tree, remove all decorations and other objects, including tinsel and nails, which could damage the chipping machine.

Leave your tree at the curb for collection at no additional charge. Each week, Jan. 2-22, Christmas trees will be collected using a zone schedule.

Details and other tree-disposal options: hollyspringsnc.gov/tree



Senior Freedom Tours Offer Adventure and Fun

Want to challenge yourself to a high-tech driving range or experience the charm of Pinehurst? Senior Freedom Tours offer ages 55 and older an opportunity for adventure with Holly Springs Parks & Recreation.

Transportation and tickets for all events are covered in registration fees, though participants are expected to cover the cost of food on these fun outings.

January begins with a day trip to Top Golf for interactive games before concluding with a delicious meal and shopping at Brightleaf Square.

Mid-month, a historic and fun-filled day trip to Raleigh is planned with stops at the State Legislature, Pit BBQ, and Raleigh Fire Museum.

The month concludes with what promises to be "A Perfect Day Out!"

Plan ahead for upcoming months that include trips to Mebane, Pinehurst, Bentonville, and other locations! Find details in the Parks & Recreation program guide at hollyspringsnc.gov/hurrahs. Or, pick up a print copy of the HURRAHS guide at any Town facility!



New App Gives Easy Access to Fitness Center, Parks & Rec

Get the most from Holly Springs Parks & Recreation with the brand new Holly Springs RecPass app.

Hunt Fitness Center members can enjoy easy access using this digital pass.

The app also offers:

- Mobile program registration
- A quick link to find Holly Springs greenways near you
- A calendar with upcoming Parks & Recreation events like fitness classes, free children's movies, and community festivals
- And more!

The RecPass app is now available on the Google Play and Apple App Store. Use the QR code to download the free app.



Amgen

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and Woods Creek Road. The project will improve water pressure while providing infrastructure redundancy for all utility customers in the area. The company will also construct reclaimed water infrastructure and improve wastewater lines that will benefit the area.

• Small Business Opportunities:

Amgen's expansion brings new opportunities for local small businesses to grow and thrive, supporting not just the company and its employees but residents as well. Amgen's location in the Camp Helix site in northwest Holly Springs is poised to bring additional commercial and retail growth for the community.

"The Amgen expansion further solidifies Holly Springs as a globally recognized life sciences and biomanufacturing hub," Mayefskie said. "Our community is known for its diverse and talented workforce, and our exceptional quality of life."



Start 2025 Strong...

...with a membership at the Hunt Fitness Center!

Membership includes access to:

- Cardio & resistance equipment
- 15+ group exercise classes weekly
- Use of open play time in the gymnasium
- Pickleball (ages 55+)
- All-inclusive membership with no start-up or hidden fees

Rates for residents begin as low as \$25 per month or \$180 per year.

The W.E. Hunt Recreation Center is located at 301 Stinson Avenue, near Womble Park.

hollyspringsnc.gov/fitness