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Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

As Holly Springs grows, so does our need for federal support addressing the challenges of our fast-growing community.

At the end of March, I traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with our federal delegation along with Mayor Pro Tem Dan Berry, Council Member Annie Drees, Town Manager Randy Harrington, and Town Attorney John Schifano. We discussed how federal funding could help us address our infrastructure needs, particularly regarding transportation investments and the community's desire for more greenways. We also brought up the needs of our public safety departments and how federal dollars could help us continue to be one of the safest communities in North Carolina.

Over the past few years, these DC trips have been instrumental in building strong relationships between the Town and our federal partners and securing important grants in areas such as water and wastewater infrastructure, along with continued support of federal programs that provide grant funding to many of our roadway and greenway projects.

Yours truly,
Sean Mayefskie



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Sip & Stroll Downtown Social District Launches May 2

Downtown Holly Springs is becoming an even more welcoming destination with the opening of the "Sip & Stroll" social district. The Holly Springs Town Council voted to establish the social district, which allows people to purchase beer or wine from participating businesses and enjoy the beverages as they walk around the vibrant and growing downtown area.

"Grab a drink or a bite to eat, take a stroll, listen to live music, and soak in the joys of being part of a friendly, connected community while supporting local businesses," said Holly Springs Mayor Sean Mayefskie.

Sip & Stroll launches May 2 in conjunction with the Town's International Food Festival and operates seven days a week from 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

"Social districts have been very successful in neighboring municipalities, and downtown Holly Springs is an ideal location to add this activity," Mayefskie said.

Holly Springs Economic Development staff are coordinating the Sip & Stroll initiative to support local businesses by increasing foot traffic and creating a more dynamic and engaging downtown throughout the year.

"As people Sip & Stroll in our downtown, they will naturally discover and interact with shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues, driving economic activity," said Holly Springs Small Business Downtown Manager Tyler Garner.

The district spans Main Street downtown, starting just north of the intersection of Earp and ending at Oak Avenue. The district also extends to the Cultural Center and includes areas designated for future development. Sip

& Stroll signage marks the boundaries where open beverages in marked containers are allowed.



While downtown, visitors should look for Sip & Stroll decals displayed near business doors that indicate the participation status.



Beverages Sold Here:
Indicates that the business sells Sip & Stroll beverages. Sip & Stroll beverages are served in marked containers that can be disposed in recycling containers downtown.



Beverages Welcome:
Indicates that Sip & Stroll beverages may be brought into and enjoyed inside the business.



Please No Beverages:
Indicates that Sip & Stroll beverages are not allowed within that business.

"Sip & Stroll aims to provide residents and visitors with an exciting way to enjoy the charm of Holly Springs and contribute to the continued vibrancy and success of our local economy," Garner said.

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Safety Spotlight



Fire Station 3 Opening

It was all smiles and celebration as the Town of Holly Springs opened its newest fire station in northwest Holly Springs last month. Joining Holly Springs Mayor Sean Mayefskie and Town Council Members were State and Wake County elected officials, local business leaders, students, and community members to mark this important public safety milestone. The new Fire Station 3 at 114 Cinder Station Road is strategically located in an area seeing tremendous growth with homes and businesses.

Use the QR code to view the video of Holly Springs Fire Chief LeRoy Smith's epic entrance to the event.



Fire Station 2 Goes Solar

Fire Station 2 along Avent Ferry Road is now using solar energy to help power the facility. The 25.74-kilowatt solar system is an effort to reduce operating costs and the Town's energy consumption – a Holly Springs Town Council initiative. The project was completely funded using a Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.



Get Timely Information During Emergencies

No one likes to think about worst-case scenarios, but you can make sure your family has the latest information by signing up for emergency alerts. If there is ever a public safety emergency that Holly Springs Police and Fire deem urgent enough, they will notify Wake County Emergency Management to activate the ReadyWake notification system. You can sign up at readywake.com. These alerts can come to your cell phone, home phone, business phone – you choose how you want to receive emergency alerts.

In case of utility emergencies, the Town will automatically notify you via email, phone call, and text message, using the contact information provided when you signed up for your account. This can be very important if a water or sewer line breaks in your neighborhood. If you would like to update your contact information, log onto your utility account at hollyspringsnc.gov/payonline or call 311.

Battle of the Badges

Friday, April 25-Sunday, April 27
Ting Stadium

Cheer on local heroes as Holly Springs Fire and Police teams, along with public safety teams from neighboring communities and the county, face off in a double-elimination softball tournament at Ting Stadium. All sponsorship proceeds will support this year's charity, Miracle League of the Triangle.

Admission is only \$10 per person, per day, or \$20 per person for the weekend. Ages 10 and under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the games. Concession stands will be open and offer food and drinks for purchase throughout the weekend.



hollyspringsnc.gov/battleofthebadges



Middle Creek Greenway Opens

Town leaders and local residents wore green and gathered last month to celebrate the official opening of Middle Creek Greenway, a nearly 3-mile off-street greenway that generally follows the path of Middle Creek and connects the neighborhoods of Arbor Creek, Bridgewater, Woodcreek, and Sunset Ridge North. The greenway travels from Sunset Lake Road to Holly Springs Road and will provide a regional connection to the Town of Apex's Middle Creek Greenway, currently under construction. hollyspringsnc.gov/mcgreenway

International Food Festival Returns with More Vendors, Expanded Wine Offerings

Friday, May 2, 5-8 p.m.
Cultural Center

Get ready for a delicious journey around the world! A record number of festival food vendors will offer cuisine from an array of continents and countries. Beer and expanded wine offerings will be available, also. Connect with local nonprofits focused on cultural heritage awareness and education. Explore expanded activities as you take selfies at photo backdrops. Bring blankets and chairs for lawn seating to enjoy cultural performances on the outdoor stage.

hollyspringsnc.gov/foodfestival



Spring Fling

Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-noon
Ting Stadium

Bring the whole family for a morning of games, activities (some may have a fee), bunny meet and greets, and huge egg hunt for children ages 8 and younger. When it's egg hunt time, children scramble across the field collecting thousands of candy- and toy-filled eggs.



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GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER HOLIDAYS

FRIDAY APRIL 18 & SUNDAY APRIL 20

-  Town offices, 311 closed Friday.
-  Garbage & recycling on schedule.
-  Friday yard waste collected on Saturday. Convenience Center closed Friday and Sunday.
-  Friday: Bass Lake office open 8 a.m.-dusk, Cultural Center closed, Hunt Center open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Easter Sunday: Bass Lake office, Cultural Center, Hunt Center closed

Spring Sweep

It's Spring Sweep time! Residents can place any volume of acceptable yard waste at the curb for fee-free collection on Sunday, April 6.

Holly Springs crews will travel from neighborhood to neighborhood April 7-11 to collect the yard waste.

Details: hollyspringsnc.gov/sweep

Did you miss the opportunity and have more yard waste than you can fit in your cart? Residents can always take excess yard waste to the Town's Yard Waste Convenience Center off Rex Road for disposal at no additional charge. Or, call 311 or (919) 577-3111 to request excessive yard waste collection for an additional fee.

Looking for a Summer Job?

Do you enjoy working with children? This opportunity might be for you! Summer is right around the corner, and Holly Springs Parks & Recreation is looking for seasonal staff to assist with summer camp. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and available to work June 9-Aug. 15.

Learn more and apply:
hollyspringsnc.gov/jobs



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Sat. May 10, 6:30 p.m., Ting Stadium



DETAILS & TICKETS

hollyspringsnc.gov/tickets





Expanded Activities, New E-Newsletter Offered for Ages 55+

Calling all seniors: Are you interested in clubs and social gatherings, outings to regional destinations, volunteer opportunities, recreational activities, a new Senior Spotlight e-newsletter, and more? Through Holly Springs Parks & Recreation, people ages 55+ now can enjoy more connectivity and activities geared specifically for them than ever before!

Last year, with growing community interest in expanded activities for seniors, Mayor Sean Mayefskie held a Community Chat, inviting seniors to share what programs interested them. Town Parks & Recreation staff also sought input during senior focus groups and through an online survey.

"The feedback we gathered through various channels and conversations was truly instrumental in shaping expanded offerings of programs and activities geared specifically for this age group," said Holly Springs Parks & Recreation Director LeeAnn Plumer.

Holly Springs Parks & Recreation has launched a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to senior programs and activities. The Senior Spotlight includes information about regular programs and highlights unique activities offered for seniors during the upcoming month and beyond. Subscribe to the e-newsletter by visiting hollyspringsnc.gov/seniors.



The Senior Spotlight e-newsletter details the expanded offerings designed specifically for seniors, including:

- Weekly clubs, such as Wii bowling, bridge, mah-jongg, and more.
- Workshops spanning topics from technology to nutrition
- Senior fitness classes and wellness activities
- Social gatherings and volunteer opportunities
- Group outings to regional destinations

The newsletter also includes information about Town festivals, events, and performances.

Plumer noted that seniors were intentionally considered during the design of the multigenerational

recreation center planned for the future Eagles Landing Park.

More information & Senior Spotlight e-newsletter signup: hollyspringsnc.gov/seniors

Have an idea for a senior program or activity? Contact Holly Springs Parks & Recreation: (919) 577-3173.



Mayor's Community Chat

Thursday, April 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
Holly Springs Cultural Center, 300 W Ballentine St.
Topic: Downtown

Holly Springs Mayor Sean Mayefskie is holding quarterly get-togethers about topics that are important to the community. It's a way for residents to share their thoughts and understand the "why" behind decisions made as a Town Council.

