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News & Events in Holly Springs Government

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Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

May is National Small Business Month, which celebrates the vital role of these local businesses and entrepreneurs in our community. Small businesses are more than just **shops and services; they reflect the individuals who invest their dreams and hard work right here in Holly Springs.**

From the familiar faces greeting you at your favorite local bakery to the innovative entrepreneurs bringing new ideas to our downtown, small businesses create jobs, foster our unique local character, and contribute to the vibrant spirit that makes Holly Springs so special.

Often, Holly Springs small **businesses are the first to** champion local causes, sponsor youth activities, and support charitable organizations that make a real difference. This month and throughout the year, I encourage everyone to shop locally and support our local business community.

Join me in celebrating the passion, dedication, and invaluable contributions of our small business owners.

Yours truly,
Sean Mayefskie



Explore Holly Springs Historical Markers with New Online Tour

With National Historic Preservation Month this May, the Town is launching an online tour of all the historical markers around Town, including the newest marker planned to be unveiled in the coming weeks at First Baptist Church of Holly Springs on Grigsby Ave.

The church dates to 1865 when a group of about 50 freedmen pooled their resources and purchased a half-acre plot of land. Services were held in a log cabin until the church building was constructed. The original church structure burned, and all documents were lost. The present structure was built in 1880. Brick facing and memorial windows were added in the early 1950s.

The online tour shares details and historical images that tell the stories behind all historical markers in Holly Springs, including Woodward's Mill, operated by a Revolutionary War patriot; Holly Springs Masonic Lodge 115, one of the oldest lodges and school buildings in the county; Holly Springs Elementary School, a public school for Black children; and many others.

View the new online tour:
hollyspringsnc.gov/markertour

The online tour began as a project by Bridget Peters, an intern with Holly Springs Development Services, working with Town Planner Conor Ryan.

As more historical markers are added around Holly Springs, the online map will be updated.

Following the unveiling of the First Baptist Church marker, the Town plans to install a marker for the Cape Fear & Northern Railroad/Durham & Southern Railroad. Constructed in the 1890s, the railroad connected to Apex and

Angier. The last train ran through Holly Springs in 1981, and the tracks were later removed.

Learn more about the Holly Springs Historical Marker Program on the Town's website. The page includes criteria for historical markers and a link to the application to request one.
hollyspringsnc.gov/historicalmarker

"We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us," said Holly Springs Town Clerk Linda McKinney, who coordinates the historical marker program. "Historic markers not only educate us but validate the importance of those people and events that shaped our Town and made it what it is today."





Safety Spotlight



CSL Seqirus Hosts Event Honoring First Responders

CSL Seqirus hosted its third annual Town of Holly Springs First Responders Appreciation Event last month. As one of the Town's largest employers, CSL Seqirus prioritizes safety. The company works closely with Holly Springs to ensure firefighters and police officers are familiar with the facility if they need to respond quickly to an emergency. CSL Seqirus also has an internal trained medical team on site.



Congrats Holly Springs Fire Academy Graduates

Congratulations to the graduating cadets of Holly Springs Fire Academy! Since October 2024, cadets have been completing training through Wake Tech and Central Carolina community colleges. Last month, 14 cadets officially joined Holly Springs Fire-Rescue shift personnel and are serving the community with honor, duty, and pride. Stop by any fire station to say hello to the new hires. Interested in joining the team? As openings become available, they are posted at hollyspringsnc.gov/jobs.

Upcoming Public Safety Community Events

Shred-a-thon

Saturday, May 17, 7-11 a.m. (or until truck is full; weather permitting)
Ting Park

Bring unwanted papers to shred to this free event offered by the Holly Springs Police. A mobile shredding truck will be available in the Ting Park parking lot behind the baseball scoreboard. This drive-through event is for residents to safely dispose of documents with confidential information.

Holly Springs Police Meet & Eat

Wednesday, May 14, 6-8:30 p.m.
Chick-fil-A, 801 Village Walk Drive

Enjoy dinner at Chick-fil-A while connecting with local police officers.

Breaking Bread with Fish and Kids

Every summer, children are invited to enjoy fishing with Holly Springs Police officers at Bass Lake Park. Police efforts focus on developing positive relationships with children and teens. Free online registration is anticipated to open in the next few weeks, and space fills quickly.

hollyspringsnc.gov/breakingbread

Trail Etiquette Encouraged

As the weather warms up and more people are enjoying local trails and greenways, the Holly Springs Parks & Recreation Department is encouraging visitors to remember the importance of trail etiquette to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment of local resources.

Simple courtesy tips, such as announcing yourself before passing others from behind, moving to the side of the trail when stopping, and more, can be found online:

hollyspringsnc.gov/trailsafety

Downtown Sip & Stroll Social District Launches This Month

Beginning May 2, experience downtown Holly Springs in the Sip & Stroll 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.

Sip & Stroll hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m., seven days a week.
hollyspringsnc.gov/sipandstroll

Eagles Landing Park Construction Begins

Construction fencing parallels Cass Holt Road and wraps around Eagles Landing Park land – a sign that construction is beginning on the first park west of N.C. 55.

The 56 acres across from Holly Springs High School are being transformed into a multi-generational indoor recreation center, outdoor splash pad, lighted pickleball courts, basketball courts, turf fields, and more, thanks to voter-approved bonds.

Town leaders plan to gather in early May for an official groundbreaking ceremony. Visitors should not enter the property during construction. The park's opening is anticipated in 2027, though certain park amenities could potentially open earlier.

hollyspringsnc.gov/eagleslanding

Work is slated to begin this summer on other projects, including new baseball dugouts at Womble Park, and seating at the Cultural Center.

Warmer Weather Means Paving Progress

Road construction projects around Holly Springs are gearing up with temperatures conducive to paving.

On Holly Springs Road, bridge construction is expected to be completed in the coming weeks and activity will shift to median installation.

Active construction on turn lanes along N.C. 55 and Main Street also is anticipated, following utility relocations.

Find the latest updates on the Town website: hollyspringsnc.gov/projects

New Bass Lake Spillway to Reduce Flooding

Planning to visit Bass Lake Park? You may notice some construction activity near the parking lot. A new, additional spillway is being built to help mitigate flooding at the park and downstream during heavy rain events. The new spillway will enhance drainage capacity, reducing the risk of water overtopping the dam and preventing potential damage to the parking lot.

During construction, some of the parking spaces adjacent to the lake are closed. The park remains open; construction is anticipated to wrap up this summer.



Citizens Academy Participants Graduate

Holly Springs Citizens Academy graduates were recognized by the Mayor and Town Council members last month for their commitment and dedication to the Town.

Participants in the second annual academy spent seven weeks attending weekly sessions hosted by Town staff where they could learn, ask questions, and engage with fellow residents. From touring Town facilities and operating a fire hose to building a budget and running a Council meeting, participants received a behind-the-scenes look into the operations of their Town government.

Food, Music & Fun

International Food Festival

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

Enjoy a variety of food, beverages, and entertainment representing countries from around the world.

hollyspringsnc.gov/foodfestival

Live at the Springs with Everclear

Saturday, May 10, 6:30 p.m., Ting Park

Enjoy one of the leading alternative rock bands to emerge from the 90s. Details & tickets:

hollyspringsnc.gov/liveatthesprings

Wild about Nature

Saturday, May 17, 1-4 p.m., Sugg Farm

Live animals, games, activities, local nature and conservation organizations, food trucks, and more at this free, family-friendly event.

hollyspringsnc.gov/wild

Town Offers On-Demand Yard Waste Cart Pickup

A few times per year you may have a need to dispose of yard waste when it's not your scheduled collection day. In addition to the option of using the Town's convenience center, the Town Council approved on-demand yard waste cart pickups for \$15 per extra collection. While the standard bi-weekly yard waste cart collection continues throughout the year, any resident who wants to schedule an extra yard waste cart pickup can call 311 or use the app to arrange for collection on the following business day.

"The Town anticipates that optional extra cart collections will be convenient for some Holly Springs residents, especially those with larger yards who don't want to wait until their scheduled yard waste collection day," said Solid Waste Division Manager Freddie Rodriguez with Holly Springs Public Works. "Scheduling an on-demand yard waste cart pickup is easy, and the charge for the extra collection will simply be added to the resident's next utility bill."

The new option is in addition to the regularly scheduled bi-weekly yard waste cart collection, which residents will continue to receive. Additionally, the Town's vacuum trucks will continue to collect leaves that don't fit into carts during the fall and winter months at no added charge.

The Yard Waste Convenience Center off Rex Road is another option for residents who have excessive yard waste and want to dispose of it for no additional

charge, Rodriguez noted. Bring proof of Holly Springs residence, such as a driver's license or utility bill.



Town Council Considers Possible Sports & Entertainment District for Ting Park

Imagine a future when family outings to ballgames at Ting Park could seamlessly transition into an evening of dining and entertainment just steps away. Imagine inviting grandparents to Holly Springs to cheer on your child in a sports tournament and, between games, enjoying some light shopping and a quick restaurant lunch – all without jumping in a vehicle.

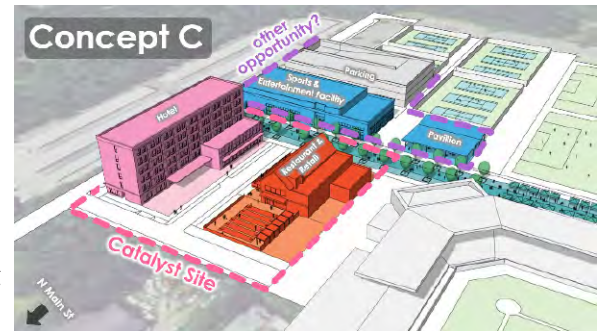
The Holly Springs Town Council is exploring conceptual possibilities of establishing a Sports & Entertainment District around Ting Park. The district could transform about 2.5 acres of largely undeveloped Town-owned land in and around Ting Park into a vibrant destination that extends its appeal beyond sporting events.

"Creating a Sports & Entertainment District at Ting Park is an exciting concept," said Sean Ryan, Planning Manager with Holly Springs Development Services. "It's also something that resident feedback supported during the development of the Town's most recent Comprehensive Plan."

The development would occur through a public-private partnership, like the recent downtown partnership that resulted in the construction of retail and office buildings and the Town's parking deck. It is anticipated that most of the investment would come from private developers, not from the Town, enabling the Town to capitalize on its existing investment in the park itself.

Ryan noted that the district could build upon Ting Park's already significant draw; the park attracted 750,000 visitors in 2023 alone. During his presentation to the Council, Ryan shared a few different conceptual ideas for the district. The concepts explored the development of retail spaces in multi-story buildings that could also house multi-family residences, a 'festival street' designed to host pedestrian-friendly events, diverse entertainment options, and more.

Areas under consideration include an open field adjacent to the stadium and near the tennis courts, as well as areas surrounding the stadium.



"All of the options are conceptual at this point," Ryan said. "We are currently developing an understanding of what resources we may have and what the possibilities could be."

The Town plans additional public engagement as concepts continue to be developed and a request for proposals is crafted for consideration.

Take Part in the Budget Process

Stay informed and share feedback as the Town prepares its budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Recommended Budget Presentation

Tuesday, May 13, 6 p.m.

At Town Hall or view online:

hollyspringsnc.gov/livestream

Holly Springs Town Manager Randy Harrington presents the recommended budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at this meeting.

View the recommended budget at hollyspringsnc.gov/transparency following the May 13 meeting.

Budget Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m. | Town Hall

Share your thoughts on the Town's budget; present your thoughts during this public hearing at a Town Council meeting. Written comments also are accepted. Find details at:

hollyspringsnc.gov/publiccomment

Other Important Dates

Budget Workshop: Thursday, May 22, 6 p.m., Law Enforcement Center

Council Considers Budget for Adoption: Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m., Town Hall