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News & Events in Holly Springs Government THE SOURCE

Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

This month, I want to congratulate all of our graduating high school students. Whether your path leads you to the halls of higher education, the honorable service of our armed forces, or the dynamic opportunities within the workforce, please know that the entire Town of Holly Springs extends its warmest congratulations.

No matter where your next chapter takes you, remember there are fulfilling career opportunities right here in our community, whether the job is with Town government or one of the thriving businesses that call Holly Springs home. As a Town government, we rely on service-oriented people with diverse skills to keep our community one of the best places to live in the state, nation, and world. Check out opportunities by visiting hollyspringsnc.gov/jobs.

I extend my heartfelt wishes for a bright, prosperous, and joyous future to all our graduates. May your next steps be filled with purpose and success.

Yours truly,
Sean Mayefskie



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Genentech Announces Plans to Invest \$700 Million in Holly Springs, Creating 420 Jobs

Genentech, a member of the Roche Group based in Switzerland, has announced plans to invest \$700 million in Holly Springs to establish a new high-volume fill/finish manufacturing facility.

"World-class companies like Genentech recognize that North Carolina is a leading state for biotechnology," said Governor Josh Stein. "These companies know that our life science workforce is ready to help them deliver their cutting-edge medicines to the world. We are proud to welcome Genentech to North Carolina."

With more than 100,000 employees across the globe, this announcement marks Genentech's first investment in North Carolina. Genentech joins a well-established ecosystem with more than 600 life science operations in the Triangle region alone.

This investment will have a tremendous impact on the local economy in Wake County. It will support an estimated 4,578 direct, indirect and induced jobs, resulting in an anticipated economic impact of \$1.2 billion.

In recent years, Holly Springs has emerged as a preferred location for the life science industry thanks to long-term strategic planning to position the Town as an ideal home for these companies. Global heavyweights including CSL Seqirus, FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies and Amgen have already made significant investments in the community.

"Residents and small businesses in Holly Springs welcome the addition of Genentech to our growing family of

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Budget Focuses on Strategic Council Initiatives with No Property Tax Rate Increase

At its meeting on June 3, the Holly Springs Town Council considers for adoption the \$117 million budget proposed for fiscal year 2026.

"Our residents identified the areas that they wanted us to prioritize over the next few years, and those values are front and center of the Mayor and Town Council's Strategic Plan," said Town Manager Randy

Harrington. "You can see that plan put into action in the proposed budget with investments in managing traffic, transforming downtown Holly Springs, expanding walkability and mobility options for residents, and constructing voter-approved Park Bond projects like Eagles Landing Park."

Learn more: hollyspringsnc.gov/budget



Safety Spotlight

Holly Springs Honors Fallen Firefighters at National Memorial

Fire Chief LeRoy Smith and Battalion Chief Don Hussey represented Holly Springs at the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend held last month at the National Fire Academy in Maryland. The weekend honors firefighters who died in the line of duty or due to cancer from various hazards of the job. This year, the foundation honored 140 firefighters, providing closure for families and colleagues. Chief Smith is part of the production staff for this event and greets all the families from North Carolina.

"It is an honor to support these families," Smith said. "The memorial weekend is emotional for everyone there, including me. It is a somber and important occasion to honor those who have passed."

The weekend includes a candlelight service on Saturday, and a memorial service on Sunday. The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation plans all year for this event.

Proactively investing in equipment that keeps firefighters safe can help prevent future illnesses from hazards encountered on the job, Smith said.

Twenty-seven sets of protective gear that are approaching their expiration date are planned to be replaced as part of the Town's recommended FY 25-26 budget.

"Investments in safety gear are critical in helping keep our firefighters safe, both today and in the future," Smith said.



Pictured above: Chief Smith (second from right) and other members of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend production team.

Get Involved: Holly Springs to Celebrate 150 Years

The Town is kicking off its 150th anniversary celebration in just over a year, beginning on July 5th, 2026. The Town is planning for months packed with events, activities, and many fun, interactive ways to honor this historic milestone.

Preparations are underway and the time to get involved is now...

- Residents - share your Holly Springs historical stories and photos with us to be considered for inclusion in materials.
- Businesses - stay in the loop on ways to take part in the event.



For more information, visit: hollyspringsnsc.gov/150

As Temperatures Heat Up, Police Prepare for Operation Freeze

Holly Springs Police are gearing up for the return of Operation Freeze this summer. The initiative encourages bicycle safety among children and teens. As officers patrol neighborhoods, as part of Operation Freeze, they may deliver coupons for a free treat at a local restaurant to young bicyclists who are riding safely.

Are you a business interested in donating coupons for Operation Freeze? Please contact Master Officer Nelson: leon.nelson@hollyspringsnsc.gov

Please Pardon Our Dust

Downtown visitors may notice construction activity this summer as an HVAC unit at Town Hall is replaced.

The parking lot immediately behind Town Hall is expected to close for a few weeks to allow for construction staging and a crane that will remove and replace the HVAC unit in the attic. Accessible parking will be provided nearby, and access to Town Hall will be available through the front entrance on Main Street only. Watch the Town website for updates.

PRESENTED BY THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOLLY SPRINGS MLK COMMITTEE



JUNE TEENTH

A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 | 5 - 8PM

HOLLY SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER
300 W BALLENTINE ST, HOLLY SPRINGS

FOOD TRUCKS | LIVE MUSIC
LOCAL VENDORS | FREE KIDS ZONE

Celebrate a Second Day for the USA!

Friday, July 5, 6-9:30 p.m. Sugg Farm | 2401 Grigsby Ave.

Celebrate a second day for the USA at Sugg Farm! The Holly Springs Independence Day Celebration traditionally is on July 5 and is full of fun with live music, food trucks, and games. The fireworks show is scheduled to begin at 9:15 p.m., weather permitting.

Last year, the parking areas at Sugg Farm that hold more than 4,000 vehicles filled in advance of the show. Event planners expect the same to happen again this year. Once parking is full, additional vehicles will be prevented from entering the park.

Carpooling or parking off-site and using trails, sidewalks, and greenways to reach the park is encouraged. Due to its proximity to the fireworks, the Carl G. Dean Greenway near Sugg Farm will close at 8:45 p.m. in advance of the show.

As park lots fill, updates will be posted at hollyspringsnc.gov/july5 and on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page, [@HSParksAndRec](#).

In addition to the fireworks, event visitors can enjoy dozens of food vendors, live music, and a children's

carnival with games, activities, and prizes. Admission is free and open to all. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and outdoor games for this community celebration! Leashed dogs are welcome, but please be mindful of the fireworks and large crowds. Coolers and picnics are allowed. No alcohol, drones, sparklers, or other personal fireworks allowed.

With everyone ready to leave immediately after the show, drivers have two options for traveling one-way out of the park: the special

event exit at the lower corner of the parking area, or two lanes along Grigsby Avenue.



Eagles Landing Park Construction Begins

Eagles Landing Park is officially under construction! Last month, local leaders gathered at the groundbreaking ceremony for the first Town park west of N.C. 55.

The Town is transforming 56 acres located off Cass Holt Road across from Holly Springs High School into a multi-generational park with an indoor recreation center, outdoor splash pad, lighted pickleball courts, basketball courts, turf fields, and more, thanks to voter-approved bonds.

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Live Outdoor Concerts Have Returned for Summer

Everclear rocked a sold-out crowd at Ting Stadium last month (pictured below) as outdoor concerts in Holly Springs returned for the season.

Beginning Friday, June 13, 6-9 p.m., enjoy free outdoor concerts on the lawn of the Holly Springs Cultural Center with the Summer at the Springs series. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy dinner from one of the food trucks on site. Beer and wine will also be available.



Free Concerts | Food Trucks | Beer & Wine
More information online at hollyspringsnc.gov/performances

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Still receiving paper utility bills? Enjoy convenient payments, help the environment, and cut costs by signing up for electronic billing! No more waiting for paper statements—your bill will be delivered directly to your inbox. Pay your bill online with just a few clicks.

Visit hollyspringsnc.gov/payonline to set up your account in the portal, or call (919) 577-3111 for assistance.

Don't want to miss out on the Town newsletter?

If you sign up for electronic utility bills but still want to read this printed newsletter, you have options:

- Read the newsletter online at hollyspringsnc.gov/newsletter.
- Pick up a copy of the printed newsletter at Town facilities, including Town Hall, the Cultural Center, the Hunt Center, and Bass Lake Park.

You also can sign up to receive bimonthly e-newsletters from the Town. The e-newsletter includes everything in the printed newsletter and more, with links to videos and calendar events.

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Genentech Announcement, Continued

life science businesses," said Holly Springs Mayor Sean Mayefskie. "We are already seeing results from the economic development mission we've been pursuing, with everything from a thriving Main Street, to booming entrepreneurial growth, to an expanding commercial tax base that will allow the Town to keep our high level of service and add to our well-loved amenities."

Holly Springs stands to receive significant tax revenues from large economic development investments that position the Town to maintain one of the lowest tax rates in Wake County. Companies like Genentech not only invest hundreds of millions of dollars in constructing new facilities but bring high-paying jobs to Holly Springs, as well as significant secondary investments from supporting businesses.

As part of the strategy to recruit companies to make Holly Springs their new home, economic development agreements provide industry standard incentives such as partial tax reimbursements for a limited timeframe. These incentives are directly tied to new company investments and only occur if certain requirements for jobs and economic investment are completed. A typical agreement

provides a grant back to the company from a portion of the company's paid property taxes – similar to a rebate. These agreements only last for a set period of time, have a cap on the total potential amount, and only reimburse companies from taxes already paid. These grants do not use other tax-payer dollars. The investments from companies like FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies, Amgen, and now Genentech will provide significant future tax revenue that will support infrastructure investments and Town services that will help offset the need for future tax increases.

With a proven history of partnering with academic institutions across the world, Genentech plans to leverage local workforce development programs to grow the talent pipeline of drug product manufacturing in North Carolina.



Holly Springs Road Roundabout Construction Begins This Summer

Holly Springs Road Widening project work is continuing. Construction of a roundabout at the road's intersection with Cobblepoint Way across from the Holly Ridge schools is anticipated



to begin after school lets out for summer break.

Without a roundabout, the NCDOT would have required a median on its State road with the widening to four lanes, preventing left turns. In addition to allowing more options for turning vehicles, the two-lane roundabout will boost safety for pedestrians while allowing traffic to flow at capacity, easing congestion.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

FRIDAY, JULY 4

 Town offices (including Holly Springs 311) closed.

 Friday garbage, recycling & yard waste customers served Saturday.

 Convenience Center closed Friday.

 Cultural Center and Hunt Center closed. Bass Lake Park office open 8 a.m.–dusk.



Downtown Social District Now Open

Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m., seven days a week

Enjoy a drink from local bars & restaurants as you walk around the vibrant and growing downtown area.

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