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News & Events in Holly Springs Government THE SOURCE

Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

As mayor, I am grateful for Wake County Public Schools' continued investment in our growing community. This summer, we're joining with the Wake County Public School System to celebrate the opening of two new schools serving students and families in Holly Springs.

This month, Rex Road Elementary is opening its doors to students. The new school follows a year-round calendar, so drivers along Rex Road near its intersection with Buckhorn Duncan Road should be watchful as students and parents adjust to new school year routines and commutes. Holly Springs is thrilled to be adding a school resource officer covering Rex Road Elementary as part of our commitment to enhancing safety in schools within Town limits.

In August, Felton Grove High School, located off Stephenson Road in Apex, opens for a student base that includes many areas in Holly Springs. The school is 400,588 square feet with a capacity of 2,223 students.

I wish every student a safe and successful year filled with growth, curiosity, friendship, and learning.

Yours truly,
Sean Mayefskie



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Holly Springs Road Roundabout Construction Begins

School's out for summer – at least for traditional calendar schools – and just in time: Construction is gearing up to build a roundabout on Holly Springs Road near Holly Ridge Elementary and Middle schools.

The roundabout is part of the project to widen Holly Springs Road to four lanes. It will be located at the Holly Springs Road intersection with Cobblepoint Way and the entrance to Holly Ridge Elementary.

"This roundabout will help ease congestion, allowing traffic to flow at the fullest capacity at this intersection, while making this busy area safer for both drivers and pedestrians," said Kendra Parrish, Executive Director of Holly Springs Utilities & Infrastructure. "The roundabout was the only way to continue to provide full access to the school and subdivision. Without a roundabout, NCDOT would have required a median, preventing any left turn movements at the intersection."

In the coming weeks, drivers will notice construction crews completing median work. When the work reaches the roundabout area, cones will be used to direct traffic into a single-lane roundabout pattern. Drivers should yield to vehicles already in the roundabout.

Once the median work is completed, the roundabout will be converted to two-lanes for drivers on Holly Springs Road. View a video about how drivers will navigate the roundabout at hollyspringsnc.gov/hsroad.

Roundabout construction and painting of nearby crosswalks is planned to wrap up before school begins in late August. Installation of flashing beacons for pedestrians at the crosswalks is set for the coming months.

Completion of widening Holly Springs Road from Flint Point Lane (at Fire Station 1) to Sunset Lake Road is



anticipated by the end of the calendar year. Then the construction focus will shift down the road to the next phase of widening, Main Street to Flint Point Lane.

Main Street and N.C. 55 Turn Lane Updates

Work also is continuing on bond-funded turn lane projects along Main Street at Holly Springs Road and along N.C. 55, from Avent Ferry Road to Main Street.

While work along 55 is anticipated to have minimal impact to traffic this month, drivers along Main Street should expect lane closures with traffic shifts between 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Main Street details:
hollyspringsnc.gov/mainst

N.C. 55 details:
hollyspringsnc.gov/nc55



Safety Spotlight

Operation Freeze Rewards Safe Bicyclists

As temperatures heat up, the Holly Springs Police have the ticket to staying cool as Operation Freeze returns for the summer. As part of the initiative, the Police are patrolling neighborhoods beginning this month. When they see a young bicyclist who is riding safely, the Police may deliver a coupon for a free sweet treat at a local restaurant.

"Operation Freeze is a fantastic way to encourage children to wear helmets, stop at crosswalks, and obey traffic signals and signs," said Officer Leon Nelson, who is heading up this year's program.

Nelson asks parents to talk with their children about bike safety:

- Wear a properly fitted helmet and clothing that is easily visible when riding near sunset or at night.
- Follow the same rules as motorists. Bicyclists should stop at all stop signs, just as vehicles do. This helps

prevent accidents and maintains smooth traffic flow

- Yield the right of way to pedestrians at crosswalks, and be extra careful at intersections.

Nelson thanked Chick-fil-A, Fresh Local Ice Cream, Manhattan Pizza, and McDonald's for donating coupons for Operation Freeze.



July is Parks & Recreation Month

Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month in Holly Springs! The Town is offering a variety of free and fun events. Many require advance registration, so plan ahead and save your space!

Details and links to register:
hollyspringsnc.gov/july

Parks & Recreation Open House

Thursday, July 10, 5-7 p.m.
W.E. Hunt Recreation Center

Check out virtually everything Parks & Recreation has to offer at this unique showcase. Enjoy snacks, prizes, and games while you're there.

Open Play Wii Night

Monday, July 14, 6:30-8 p.m.
Holly Springs Cultural Center

Get your game on! Enjoy a fun-filled family night with Wii Sports, Super Mario, and more.

Outdoor Family Movie Night

Saturday, July 19, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Holly Springs Cultural Center

Watch *Guardians of the Galaxy* outside under the stars. Concessions available for purchase.

Stargazing: Night Sky Wonders

Friday, July 25, 8:30-10 p.m.
Sugg Farm

Enjoy a guided stargazing experience, get creative with a glow-in-the-dark constellation craft, and enjoy some Night Sky Bingo. Bring a blanket, relax, and discover the wonders above and all around.

Drop-By Art Workshop

Wednesday, July 30, 6:30-8 p.m.
Holly Springs Cultural Center

Bring your kids and enjoy open, unstructured art play. Come ready to get messy and make memories!

Find Fun Here

Get ready for a fun-filled fall packed with a variety of special events, programs, and activities offered by Holly Springs Parks & Recreation! Registration for many fall sports begins this month!

hollyspringsnc.gov/hurrahs



HOLLY SPRINGS POLICE MEET & EAT

Wednesday, July 16
JT's Creamery
300 S Main Street, Suite 112, Holly Springs
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Share Your Thoughts!

Town Updating Plan that Guides Future Investments

This year, Holly Springs is updating three sections of its Comprehensive Plan, the primary tool used by Town staff, the Planning Board, and the Town Council to determine priorities for public investments.

Sections being updated this year include those about:

- Community Facilities (such as land designated for police or fire stations and schools)
- Infrastructure & Utilities
- Natural Areas

Updates help ensure that all sections of the plan are aligned so the Town can adequately plan for future growth and development.

Interested in sharing your thoughts with the Town? Look for opportunities this summer:

hollyspringsnc.gov/planupdate

Moving Around Town with Microtransit

The Town is planning to launch a microtransit service next year to help residents get around Town conveniently. Similar to Uber and Lyft, microtransit is a ridesharing transit service. The Town's service will be funded, in part, by a grant.

Interested in learning more? Want to share your feedback? Visit: hollyspringsnc.gov/microtransit

Holly Springs to Resurface Nearly 5 Miles of Streets

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. This year, the Town is resurfacing nearly 5 miles of asphalt along 21 streets in Holly Springs.

The project, which could begin in July, is anticipated to wrap up in November. 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.

This year's \$2,495,853 project is funded by the State through Powell Bill funding from gasoline tax revenues.

How are streets selected for resurfacing and preservation?

About every five years, a street rating survey is performed on the entire town-maintained road network. The 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.

Find the list of streets resurfaced at hollyspringsnc.gov/resurface.

Parking Lot Behind Town Hall to Temporarily Close

Downtown visitors may notice construction activity through mid-August as an HVAC unit at Town Hall is replaced.

Holly Springs Town Hall will remain open during the work. Because the building is served by multiple HVAC systems, services and scheduled meetings will continue uninterrupted. During construction, access to Town Hall will be available through the front entrance on Main Street only. Accessible parking will be provided in the Mims Square Parking Lot along the Main Street side.

The small parking lot immediately behind Town Hall is expected to close for a few days in late July through early August. The space is being used for construction staging, and a crane will be used to remove and replace the HVAC unit in the attic. The larger parking lot beside Town Hall, adjacent to Mims Towne Square, will remain open, although access to the parking lot may be available from Avent Ferry Road only at certain times during



Permitting and development services are offered through the Town's online portal. Both residents and businesses can apply for permits virtually. Holly Springs Development Services staff will also be available at Town Hall to help those who wish to receive in-person assistance. Development inspections will continue as planned.

Call 311 or (919) 577-3111 if you are outside Town limits to contact staff.

Budget Focuses on Strategic Council Initiatives

The Holly Springs Town Council has adopted the Town's upcoming fiscal year budget. The \$117 million budget includes investments in managing traffic, transforming downtown Holly Springs, expanding walkability and mobility options, and constructing voter-approved Park Bond projects.

The budget has no change to the property tax rate of 34.35 cents per \$100 valuation, which maintains Holly Springs as one of the lowest property tax rates in Wake County.

Water and sewer rate fees increase, resulting in the average user paying an additional \$12.98 per month to secure future water and wastewater supply. Garbage and recycling fees increase by .59 cents per month. There are no changes in yard waste fees or stormwater fees.

Details: hollyspringsnc.gov/budget

Town Replacing Turf on Ting Fields

The Town is replacing the synthetic turf on the Ting Park multipurpose fields this month. The fields will be lined for various ages to play both soccer and lacrosse.

During construction, anticipated to wrap up by the end of the month, Womble Park fields will be available for summer programs and open play.

SUMMER AT THE SPRINGS

THE LAWN AT HOLLY SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER

THE AL WILLIAMS BAND (Motown Revue) 6-9P

JUL 11 AL WILLIAMS BAND

JOE HERO BAND 6-9P

AUG 8 JOE HERO BAND

Free Concerts | Food Trucks
Beer & Wine
hollyspringsnc.gov/performances

New Accessible & Inclusive Recreation Program Offers Opportunities for All

Music therapy, workplace and social skill development, bingo, sword fighting, and more: What do all these events have in common? They're part of new Accessible and Inclusive Recreation programming offered through Holly Springs Parks & Recreation. And, best of all, everyone is invited!

The new Accessible and Inclusive Recreation (AIR) Program provides ways for people with and without disabilities to enjoy activities in a safe and accepting environment. Activities range from recreation and social activities, such as yoga for youth with and without physical or cognitive disabilities, to classes for families navigating a new disability, to coaching to help participants navigate social situations and build meaningful connections.

"We are incredibly excited to offer accessible and inclusive recreation programming designed to help participants have fun and develop skills that will make a real difference in their lives," said Robert Sears, the Town's program specialist who is spearheading the initiative.



AIR Program Instructors are trained and experienced in working with individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. Caregivers are welcome and do not require separate registration.

Many of the programs run through the summer. View details and links to registration: hollyspringsnc.gov/AIR

In addition to activities, the program is providing sensory bags with tactile

and visual items designed to help regulate emotions and reduce anxiety at numerous Town facilities.

Sensory bags offer a variety of items, including headphones and sunglasses, activity cards, fidget and squishy objects, and more.

Communications aids, developed in partnership with A Voice for All Foundation, also are included in the bags.

"The bags and items inside can offer discreet and effective tools for self-soothing," Sears said. "The items can help both children and adults better participate in environments they might find overwhelming."

Sensory bags are free to borrow and available in the Holly Springs Town Hall Council Chambers, at the front desks of the Hunt Center, Bass Lake, and Cultural Center, and at Ting Stadium.

Visitors are welcome to borrow the entire bag or just an item or two during the activity or meeting. Items are cleaned between use and should be returned after guests are done using them.

"Our culture in Holly Springs is one of inclusion," Sears said. "We hope the sensory items bring comfort, focus, and calm vibes to visitors of all ages at Town programs and events."

The AIR program also is working to install additional communication boards inside popular Town facilities. The visual boards help people who have difficulty with verbal communication express themselves. Similar to the large boards at the Womble, Jones, and Veterans Park playgrounds, communication boards are being added to two program rooms at the Hunt Center in collaboration with A Voice for All Foundation.

Additionally, Town of Holly Springs is able to provide American Sign Language and language interpretation services, both for meetings at Holly Springs Town Hall and when interacting with the Town for services and information. For Town Council meetings, please contact the Town Clerk's office at least 48 hours in advance to ensure this service will be available.



HOLLY SPRINGS
farmers market

40+ vendors weekly
live music
kids' activities
every saturday year-round
8:00 - noon
by the cultural center

www.HSFarmersMarket.com



INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 5, 6 - 9:30 p.m.
Sugg Farm | Free & Open to All

hollyspringsnc.gov/july5



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.**

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

View this annual report detailing water sources, offering tips on conservation, and presenting the latest water analysis data:
hollyspringsnc.gov/water