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# News & Events in Holly Springs Government

## THE SOURCE

### Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

Last month, I had the honor of speaking at a breakfast and awards ceremony at the Club at 12 Oaks to celebrate local first responders in our community.

Holly Springs police officers and telecommunicators, Holly Springs firefighters, medical professionals with Wake County EMS and UNC Health, and linemen with Duke Energy were recognized at the event, organized by the Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce. Firefighter and police officer of the year, and rookie of the year, were some of the awards handed out by local business leaders.



These men and women have dedicated their careers to keeping our community safe, and we all should be continuously grateful for their service.

Yours truly,  
Sean Mayefskie



### New Interactive Map Helps Residents View Details for Proposed & Approved Development

Have you ever wondered what new development projects could be coming to Holly Springs? Have you seen a public hearing sign and wondered what was being proposed... or driven past a construction site and wondered what is being built? The Town has launched a newly reimagined and upgraded interactive tool that provides an array of development activity information!

Visit [hollyspringsnc.gov/devmap](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/devmap) to view the new Interactive Development Map and project listing. The online tool provides information about projects being reviewed and considered for development and the status of approved projects.

"The new Interactive Development Map provides a greatly improved resource for viewing a treasure trove of information about projects," said Candace Alford, Holly Springs GIS Manager. "The map shows projects that are being proposed by developers and have yet to be approved or denied by the Town, as well as projects that have been approved."

Select the green "View Map" button or the Interactive Development Map header to be taken to a page that displays a map of Holly Springs showing properties with recent or proposed development activity. Click on a property to view details about the project and a link to documentation, such as the site plan for the development. Buttons at the top of the map allow users to filter what types of development activity are displayed.

A key feature is the listing of projects in different stages of the development process:

- **Proposed:** Projects that are in review and may be approved or denied.
- **Approved:** Projects that have been approved for development but are pending civil construction drawing approval and building permits.
- **Under Construction:** Projects that have received all the approvals needed from the Town to begin construction. These projects are either actively under construction or are awaiting the project developer to begin construction.



Select a project from the listing to view a map showing the project site, a link to the project on the interactive map for a broader view, project documents, and more. The listing also shows recent changes to the online tool, making finding updates even easier for viewers.

Try it out: [hollyspringsnc.gov/devmap](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/devmap)



# Safety Spotlight

## Important Back-to-School Safety Tips

The carefree days of summer are coming to a close with the first day of traditional-calendar school on Monday, Aug. 25. The Holly Springs Police want everyone to have a safe and successful school year. Holly Springs Police Chief Paul Liquorie shares some key back-to-school safety tips.

Tune into Town social media channels for videos with school resource officers who provide additional tips leading into the school year.

### Bicycle & E-Bike Safety

- Bicycles and e-bikes are vehicles. Cyclists must observe all traffic laws, and cyclists under 16 must wear a helmet.
- Stop at all crosswalks and make sure the road is clear or vehicles are stopped before proceeding.
- E-bikes that go faster than 20 miles per hour are classified as motorcycles and have additional rules including registration, insurance, and a license.
- Bring your bicycle or e-bike to the Holly Springs Police Bike Rodeo! With a rise in e-bike usage and reports of unsafe cyclist behavior, officers will be available to share information about bicycle safety and rules of the road!

### Crosswalk Safety

- Follow the direction of police officers if they are present.
- Use crosswalk locations. Activate flashing signals and use flags if available.
- Do not get distracted by electronic devices while walking.
- Look both ways and ensure traffic has stopped before entering the roadway.

### Driving & School Bus Safety

- Obey all traffic laws and reduced school zone speed limits.
- Watch for pedestrians, and don't get distracted by your phone.
- Parking is restricted in neighborhoods around Holly Springs High and Holly Ridge Middle schools. Parking there could result in a ticket.
- Do not pass stopped school buses, and be mindful of children entering and exiting the bus.
- Always keep safe distances from buses, and remember that they make frequent stops.
- Carpool drivers: The designated location at the school is the only location where students should be dropped off.

## Free Back-to-School Bicycle & E-Bike Rodeo



With the start of the new school year, the Holly Springs Police are planning a free safety event for cyclists of all ages.

Stay tuned for details!  
[hollyspringsnc.gov/calendar](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/calendar)

## Utility Account Security Reminder

At the Town of Holly Springs, your data security is of critical importance to us. Please know that the Town will never call its existing utility customers and ask for their account number or payment information over the phone. When the Town needs to call customers regarding an issue with their account, no payment or identifying personal information is requested from the customer.

Do you have questions or concerns about utility billing? Please call 311 or (919) 577-3111.



## Battle of the Badges Tournament Benefits Miracle League

The Holly Springs Fire Department presented the Miracle League with a \$15,000 check – proceeds from this year's Battle of the Badges softball tournament. Held in April, the competition at Ting Stadium attracted public safety teams from around the region, including Holly Springs Fire and Police.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who came to the tournament, cheered on all the teams, and helped raise funds for The Miracle League," said Holly Springs Fire Lieutenant Michael Castelloe, Battle of the Badges organizer. "It is a tremendous honor to host this event in Holly Springs and to be able to donate the proceeds to such a worthy cause."

The Miracle League helps children with special needs participate in sports activities.



## Who's Digging in Your Yard?

The State of North Carolina allows public agencies and utility companies, like Spectrum, Google Fiber, and Duke Energy the right to work in front of a resident's yard, provided the work stays within the public right-of-way.

Currently, Google Fiber has begun a large-scale installation project in Holly Springs that may impact the right-of-way in front of homes and businesses in the community.

Have questions or concerns? Contact Google Fiber directly at 877-454-6959.

For more information about public easements, visit the Property Information webpage:

[hollyspringsnc.gov/propertyinfo](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/propertyinfo)



# Q&A: Holly Springs Road Roundabout Construction

Work to expand Holly Springs Road to four lanes includes installing a roundabout on Holly Springs Road near Holly Ridge Elementary and Middle schools. Many residents have asked questions about the new traffic pattern. Holly Springs Utilities & Infrastructure Executive Director Kendra Parrish provides some answers.

## Why is a roundabout being installed instead of a four-way intersection at this location?

Without the roundabout, NCDOT would have required a median across Holly Springs Road, preventing any left turn movements. In the project's planning stage, many residents said they wanted to continue to have full travel options to and from Holly Ridge Elementary School and the neighborhood. The roundabout is the only way NCDOT would allow that to happen with the road widening.

Roundabout benefits also include easing congestion, allowing traffic to flow at the fullest capacity at the intersection, and improving safety for both drivers and pedestrians.



## What about access to and from Holly Ridge Middle?

Right-in and right-out movements will apply to the entrance to the Holly Ridge Middle parking area since NCDOT requires a median with the widening to four lanes. Drivers who wish to travel from the school toward downtown Holly Springs will be able to turn right out of the parking area onto Holly Springs Road and make a U-turn at the Linkland signal.

## Won't a roundabout cause more accidents?

Roundabouts are an increasingly common intersection design, with the number of roundabouts on North

Carolina roadways at more than 400 and growing. The rising number of roundabouts can be attributed in part to the fact that roundabouts have been proven to reduce the total number of intersection collisions by 46%. Additionally, they reduce fatal and serious injury collisions by 76% and reduce head-on collisions, the most serious of all collisions, by 75%.

## How will drivers be able to navigate this two-lane roundabout?

View the NCDOT video on how to navigate two-lane roundabouts at [hollyspringsnc.gov/hsrd](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/hsrd).

Make sure to follow signs and markings that will guide you through the roundabout and help you know which lane your vehicle should be in before entering the roundabout. Yield to vehicles already inside the roundabout.

## What's next for construction on Holly Springs Road?

As roundabout construction is completed in the coming weeks, the roundabout will be converted to two lanes for drivers on Holly Springs Road. Crosswalks nearby also are planned to be painted before school begins in late August at the following locations:

- Between Grassy Meadows Road & Holly Ridge Elementary School entrance
- Between Holly Ridge Elementary School & Holly Ridge Middle School.

Crosswalks are located away from the roundabout to further remove potential pedestrian conflicts as vehicles travel through the roundabout.

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.

[hollyspringsnc.gov/hsroad](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/hsroad)

## Enjoy Fall Performances on New Seats at the Cultural Center

While work to replace Cultural Center seats begins this month and wraps up in early September, make sure you have your tickets to enjoy an amazing lineup of fall performances!

The seating installation, funded by the voter-approved Parks Bond, will provide a brand new seating platform. Carpeted decking will reduce noise during performances. Single chair mounts and wider aisles will provide more comfort and stability for theater-goers.

"We're thrilled to be able to provide a more comfortable seating offering that will make performances in the Cultural Center theater even more enjoyable for everyone," said Holly Springs Parks & Recreation Director LeeAnn Plumer.

Enjoy an array of performances (and new seats) this fall:

### Press Play Music Series – Beatlesque

Saturday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Four-piece Beatles tribute band. Enjoy the music that we all know and love.

### Jason Adamo Presents North Carolina Songwriters in the Round

Saturday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.

A unique musical experience where artists perform in an intimate setting, sharing their songs and the stories behind them.

### Southern Wake Players Community Theater – Disaster!

Sept. 26-28

Disaster! follows a group of characters aboard a glamorous floating casino and discotheque. Get ready for a roller coaster of mayhem and comedy set to a backdrop of 70s disco hits!

### Route 55 Jazz Orchestra

Saturday, Oct. 4

Authentic Big Band Jazz in the tradition of Basie, Kenton, Miller, and more!

### Holly Springs Community Band

Saturday, Oct. 11

Volunteer musicians foster appreciation for every kind of concert band music.

Tickets, details & additional shows: [hollyspringsnc.gov/performances](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/performances)



## 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.

While Town Hall will remain open to the public during most of the work, the building may close for a day or two to ensure safety during crane operations. Look for any closure updates on our website. During construction, access to Town Hall will be available through the front entrance on Main Street only.

The small parking lot immediately behind Town Hall is expected to close for a few days 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. Accessible parking will be provided in the larger Mims Square Parking Lot along Main Street, which remains open.

[hollyspringsnc.gov/hvac](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/hvac)



# Holly Springs Street Tree Grant Applications Open Aug. 25

## Grants to be Reviewed, Awarded on First-Come, First-Served Basis

Imagine your neighborhood street with more shade on sunny days, cleaner air, and even less flooding. That's the power of street trees – those planted in the public right-of-way, alongside sidewalks and roads. Making Holly Springs greener is easier than ever! The Town of Holly Springs offers grant funding to help residents, homeowner associations, and property owners boost the community's tree canopy through street trees.

Got a struggling street tree? You can get funding to replace trees in poor condition. And for the first time ever, the Town is also offering grants to those who want to plant new street trees.

This year's grant application period will be open Aug. 25-Oct. 4. Those interested are encouraged to apply early as grants are reviewed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

In addition to basic information about the project, applicants will need a quote or estimate

from a licensed landscape company on company letterhead that includes removal and replacement of the tree/s. Applicants also need a photo of the dead tree and will need to indicate the selected tree species from the approved street tree list, linked from [hollyspringsnc.gov/treegrant](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/treegrant).

If awarded a grant, applicants must contact NC 811 (utility locates) and the Town of Holly Springs before beginning any work.

View the program webpage for the application and more information.

[hollyspringsnc.gov/treegrant](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/treegrant)



## Enjoy Safe & Easy (and Free!) Access to Hunt Center Indoor Track & Game Room

In a summer slump and looking for something fun to do in an air-conditioned space? The Hunt Center offers an indoor elevated track and a game room with ping pong and table soccer that are free for everyone to use! For safe and easy access to these amenities, visitors now will need a free community pass.

Getting your community pass is as easy as downloading the Holly Springs RecPass app. Sign up for a free account, or log in with the account you use to register for Holly Springs Parks & Recreation programs and athletics. Add the free community pass to your account. Then, next time you're ready to walk

some laps at the Hunt Center, hit the "scan pass" button at the top of the app. Family members can be added to the account free of charge. Visitors age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult with a community pass.

RecPass info and link to app: [hollyspringsnc.gov/recpass](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/recpass)

