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News & Events in Holly Springs Government

# THE SOURCE

## Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

Please join me on Thursday, September 11, at 9 a.m. at Fire Station 1 for a service in remembrance of 9/11. Holly Springs residents will gather with our Town's firefighters, police, staff, and elected officials to remember the victims and heroes of 9/11.

Those who lived through that day will never forget the attack on our country and how we came out stronger and united as a nation. I think about the firefighters, paramedics, and police officers killed while rushing in to help – at the same time as people were scrambling to get out. I think about the civilians and military personnel killed at the Pentagon. I also think about the thousands of civilians who died in the towers and on those four airplanes as they crashed.

9/11 is a day to remember what bravery looks like, and how important it is to support people who choose a life of service and to remember the sacrifices they make to keep us safe.

Holly Springs will never forget.

Yours truly,  
Sean Mayefskie



## "We're Inviting Everyone:" Holly Springs Kicks Off National Preparedness Month

This September, as part of National Preparedness Month, the Town of Holly Springs is inviting residents to prepare for emergencies and disasters.

"We're inviting everyone to take practical actions like creating a family emergency plan, building a supply kit with essential items, and making sure you know how to stay informed about local risks," said Holly Springs Emergency Management Specialist Jennifer Mathis. "We're also inviting our residents to be involved in community preparedness efforts."

### Does Your Family Know Your Emergency Plan?

This emergency plan outlines how your family will communicate, where you will meet, and what you will do in various emergency scenarios.

"Having a plan is critical because a disaster can strike at any time, often with little warning, and may separate family members," Mathis said.

Preparing in advance helps ensure everyone knows what to do, which can help families reunite safely, Mathis noted.

### Build an Emergency Kit

Building an emergency kit with essential items like non-perishable food and water, a first-aid kit, a flashlight, batteries, and a hand-crank or battery-powered radio is another way to be prepared, Mathis noted.

"Emergency kits help you to sustain yourself and your family for several days if you are cut off from services, without access to electricity, or unable to leave your home after a disaster, like a hurricane or ice storm," she said.

### Emergency Kit Checklist & Chat

Saturday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m.-noon  
Holly Springs Wal-Mart

Drop by to pick up an emergency kit packing list and talk with Mathis and Town first responders.



### Sign Up for Alerts to Stay Informed

- **Town Notifications:** Alerts and news about facility closings, garbage and recycling service delays, and more. Email or text notifications by phone enable you to remain in contact even if your home loses power. [hollyspringsnc.gov/signup](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/signup)
- **ReadyWake:** Alerts about severe weather and other emergencies from Wake County Emergency Management. [readywake.com](https://readywake.com)
- Check weather advisories from the **National Weather Service**.

### Join a Volunteer Team Trained to Help the Community

Do you have the desire to serve your community in times of need? The Town is considering launching a Community Emergency Response Team of volunteers who would be ready to help in a variety of situations, from assisting in the aftermath of a major disaster to supplementing staffing at special events, such as festivals and parades.

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# Safety Spotlight

## Holly Springs Police Share Back-to-the-School Year Safety Tips

School is back in session! While the Holly Springs Police don't have a flux capacitor and can't send students back in time to the start of summer, they can - and did - make an entertaining video series to share back-to-school safety tips.

Playing on the characters Doc and Marty from *Back to the Future*, Holly Springs Police Chief Paul Liquorie and a handful of officers discuss topics

that include bicycle and e-bike safety, driving near schools, crosswalk safety, and more!

"Let's make it a safe school year, Holly Springs," Liquorie said. "And, in the words of Marty McFly, 'If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything.'"

Watch the video series:

[hollyspringsnc.gov/schoolsafety](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/schoolsafety)



## Volunteer Community Emergency Response Team

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Also known as CERT, the program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

"CERT programs are used across the nation to establish teams of volunteers that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks," Mathis said. "The program creates a network of trained volunteers who can be a force multiplier for our first responders."

A free 21-hour course to be trained for the team is being offered at Holly Springs Fire Station 1, Friday, Sept. 12, through Sunday, Sept. 14. The program qualifies attendees to serve as part of the CERT program in Holly Springs, and throughout the State.

Unable to attend the program on those days? Consider a different training session that will qualify you to serve.

For additional information and to register: [hollyspringsnc.gov/CERT](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/CERT)

## Never Forget: Community Invited to 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Thursday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m.  
Fire Station 1  
700 Flint Point Ln.

The Holly Springs community is invited to attend this annual gathering at Fire Station 1 hosted by the Holly Springs Fire Department to remember the lives lost because of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The ceremony is at the fire station's 9/11 memorial, which includes a piece of steel from the North Tower of the World Trade Center.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 • 6-8:30 P.M.  
TING PARK • 101 SPORTSMANSHIP WAY



## Save the Date!

National Night Out is a free, annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Everyone is invited!  
[hollyspringsnc.gov/nightout](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/nightout)



# Signs of the Times

With elections in a couple of months, remember Town regulations for signage, including political signs.

## What & When

Political signs can be displayed as early as Sept. 16. Signs should be removed within 7 days after the election.

Polling places and surrounding areas must be cleared of all signs and election materials as soon as the polls close at 7:30 p.m. on election night.

Signs cannot exceed 6 square feet in face area. Signs may be no taller than 3.5 feet.

## Where

While political signs are permitted, some regulations apply:

- Signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the property owner.
- No more than one sign per candidate shall be located at a single corner or spaced closer than 500 feet apart.
- Signs may not be fastened to utility poles.

## Outside Residential Subdivisions

Signs must be at least 5 feet from the street pavement or curb, whichever is more, provided that the signs do not interfere with vision clearance at intersections or with driveways.

## Within Residential Subdivisions

Signs may be in the public right of way between the street and the sidewalk, provided that the signs do not interfere with vision clearance at intersections or with driveways.



**HOLLY SPRINGS POLICE**  
**MEET & EAT**

 Wednesday, September 10

 **Manhattan Pizza**  
305 Matthews Drive, Holly Springs

 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

# Canine Con Promises to Be Wicked

Follow the yellow brick road... or, in this case, Grigsby Avenue... to Sugg Farm this September. The annual Canine Con festival for dogs and their human companions returns, this time with the theme of Wicked Fur Good.

Show off you and your pup's "wicked" matching styles, enjoy dog-themed activities such as artisans and vendors, local rescues, food trucks, rabies/microchipping opportunities, and more!

To celebrate the upcoming Canine-Con event, Holly Springs Parks & Recreation is holding a dog supply donation drive at the W.E. Hunt Center. All donated items will be given directly to the Wake County Animal Center in Raleigh.

Find details on the website:

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



# Ting Fields Reopen with New Turf



Leaving plenty of time for practice in advance of the fall sports season, the Town wrapped up a project to replace the synthetic turf on the 183,300-square-foot Ting Park multipurpose fields this summer. The new turf covering features a thicker carpet and permanent lines for various ages to play both soccer and lacrosse.

In addition to structured practices and games, the Ting fields offer open play hours when anyone is welcome to drop by and use the fields:

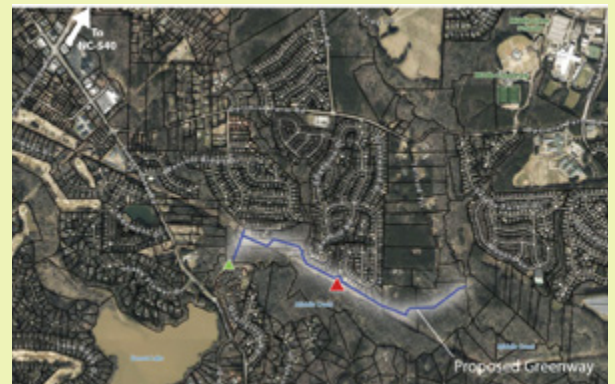
[hollyspringsnc.gov/tingopenplay](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/tingopenplay)

# Town Receives Greenway Grant

The Town of Holly Springs is being awarded a \$300,000 grant through the Great Trails State Program to begin planning a new greenway segment. The 1.21-mile trail will connect the Wescott, Creekside, and Sunset Oaks neighborhoods in Holly Springs with the Town of Cary's proposed Camp Branch Greenway.

"We're very excited to receive grant funding that will help us provide a greenway connection between neighborhoods in northeast Holly Springs," said Holly Springs Parks & Recreation Director LeeAnn Plumer. "This trail segment will be a significant step toward a future connection with the current Middle Creek Greenway."

The Great Trails State Program grant is anticipated to cover a significant portion of the greenway feasibility study and design costs, supplementing Parks Bond funding toward those efforts. Construction is not anticipated until 2028.



Grant funding will study the alignment of the proposed greenway route shown above for feasibility.



# Save the Date for the Fall Yard Waste Sweep

Week of Oct. 13

As cooler weather approaches, it's a fantastic time to clean up the yard – especially with the fall yard waste sweep just around the corner!

Residents can place any volume of acceptable yard waste at the curb for fee-free collection on Sunday, Oct. 12. Holly Springs crews will travel from neighborhood to neighborhood Oct. 13-17 to collect the yard waste.

Details: [hollyspringsnc.gov/sweep](https://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

## Need to Pay Taxes?

All real estate and personal property taxes are paid to Wake County.

Options for making payments to Wake County include online, by mail, and in person at Wake County facilities such as the Southern Regional Center in Fuquay-Varina. Learn more on the Wake County website. [wake.gov/tax](https://wake.gov/tax)



## Enjoy Friendly Chats with Town Staff

Saturday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m.-noon  
Holly Springs Farmers Market  
Outside the Cultural Center  
300 W Ballentine St.

Do you have a question about the Town but aren't sure who to ask? Consider dropping by the Holly Springs Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 27, for the annual Town Information Day event!

Amid the market's fresh, locally grown foods and artisanal goods, you'll find staff from a variety of Town departments who are eager to share information with you. Enjoy conversations in a free-flowing, friendly environment, and learn about Town services, upcoming events, and more!

Unable to attend? Call 311 or (919) 577-3111 during business hours. The Town of Holly Springs Office of Customer Care staff can provide assistance.

## Holly Springs Road Widening Continues



Over the summer, work has focused on roundabout construction.

Work is progressing on Holly Springs Road widening.

Within the next month or two, all four lanes of Holly Springs Road are anticipated to open, from Flint Point Lane to Sunset Lake Road. Construction on this segment of the road widening project is anticipated to be fully completed by the end of the year. Then the focus will shift down the road on widening from Main Street to Flint Point Lane.

View additional information and a video about navigating roundabouts:

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

## LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, Sept. 1



Town offices closed Monday.



Garbage and recycling collection delayed one day throughout week.



Yard waste collection delayed one day throughout week. Yard Waste Convenience Center closed on Monday.



Cultural Center & Hunt Center closed. Bass Lake office open 8 a.m.-dusk.



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