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Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

October is Fire Prevention Month, an opportunity to raise awareness about the critical importance of fire safety. This annual observance is an opportunity for residents to take proactive measures to protect themselves and family members from the devastating effects of fires.

Taking just a few simple steps can significantly reduce the risk of a fire starting in your home or workplace. These could include changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and testing them to ensure they are working properly. Regularly inspect electrical cords and make sure flammable materials are kept away from heat sources. Remember to never leave cooking unattended. And, make sure you and your family members have a well-rehearsed escape plan so you know what to do in an emergency.

By taking a proactive approach to fire safety, we can partner with the brave and talented professionals in our Holly Springs Fire Department to save lives, prevent injuries, and minimize property damage.

Stay safe, Holly Springs.

Yours truly,
Sean Mayefskie



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HollyFest Community Festival Celebrates All Things Holly Springs

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Sugg Farm, 2401 Grigsby Ave.

HollyFest is back and better than ever. This annual family-friendly Town festival celebrates the community with a day full of fun for all ages. Entertainment, food, children's rides and activities, artists, businesses, nonprofits, a beer garden, and more: find it all at Sugg Farm on Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.

This year, new additions include:

- New Free Rides:** Get ready to spin, twirl, and bounce on new rides and attractions.
- Second Performance Area:** The Town added a new, second area to showcase even more local talent. Be sure to check it out throughout the day for live music and performances!
- An Improved Selfie/Photo Station:** Capture the fun with family and friends.



Connect with Town staff from virtually every department. Check out a variety of vehicles, including police cars, a fire engine, and yard waste trucks. And be sure to purchase this year's Holly Springs shirt (credit cards only) at the Town tent! The shirts are an opportunity to share your Holly Springs spirit with the world. Following the festival, shirts will be available to purchase at the Holly Springs Cultural Center as long as supplies last.

HollyFest beer sales will feature local breweries, and beverages can be enjoyed throughout the entire festival footprint. Upon making a beer purchase, the attendee will receive a stamp on their hand and a wristband, which is required to be worn while walking around the event with the beverage. Outside alcohol beverages are prohibited.

Vehicles leaving the park during the festival will use the Teal Lake Drive exit near the bottom corner of the parking lot. Follow Teal Lake Drive to exit onto NC 55 at the traffic signal. Following the festival, both the Teal Lake Drive and Grigsby Avenue exits will be available.

Mark your calendar for a day of fun and community at HollyFest!

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Safety Spotlight

Police-Community Advisory Group Applications Open

Are you a Holly Springs resident interested in joining a special group that helps build a bridge between police officers and the people they serve? Consider applying to join the Holly Springs Police-Community Advisory Group, which has four openings for the upcoming term.

Police-Community Advisory Group members meet with the Police chief and leadership quarterly to discuss:

- Neighborhood concerns and local crime trends.
- Ideas for community engagement.
- Police training, standards, and policies.

"Being on this advisory group is a tremendous opportunity for our residents to have a direct hand in fostering the relationship between the Police Department and the community," said Holly Springs Police Chief Paul Liquorie. "We value the perspective of our residents, and this group provides another way for us to listen, learn, and collaborate."

The Police-Community Advisory Group consists of 10 resident

ambassadors from across the Town of Holly Springs and is a three-year commitment. Appointments are limited to two full terms.

To be considered for the group, applicants must:

- Live within the Holly Springs Town limits.
- Pass a criminal background check.
- Have attended or will attend the Citizen Police Academy within their first year of service. The Citizen Police Academy is a 10-week program runs from Thursday, Feb. 19-Saturday, April 9, 2026.

Interested? Complete the online application before Friday, Nov. 14.

hollyspringsnc.gov/policegroup



Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil

Thursday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.
Law Enforcement Center
750 Holly Springs Rd.

Join the Holly Springs Police Department for a candlelight vigil to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence and to honor the survivors. The event is held during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Candles will be provided to people in attendance, and there is no cost to participate. Attendees will have the opportunity to share the name of someone they would like to be honored during the vigil.

Members of the Domestic Violence Squad will be on site to interact with visitors, provide resources, and discuss domestic violence issues.



Welcome, K9 Byrd

The Holly Springs Police recently swore in a new team member, K9 Byrd. K9 Byrd is named after Deputy Ned Byrd, a dedicated K9 handler who tragically gave his life in the line of duty.



Fall Yard Waste Sweep, Leaf Season Collection Begins

As the air turns crisp and a kaleidoscope of colors begins to take over the trees, residents might begin dreaming of pumpkin spice lattes and cozy sweaters. For many Holly Springs neighborhoods, the changing season also brings a different kind of bounty: an avalanche of leaves! But don't despair—Public Works yard waste collection crews are ready to help manage the flood of fall foliage!

Fall Yard Waste Sweep

Week of Oct. 13

It's a fantastic time to clean up the yard – especially with the fall yard waste sweep just around the corner! Place any volume of acceptable yard waste at the curb on Sunday, Oct. 12 for fee-free collection during the week.

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Leaf Season Zone Collection

Oct. 27, 2025-Feb. 27, 2026

During leaf season, leaves that don't fit in yard waste carts can be placed at the edge of your front yard for collection. Town vacuum trucks will collect leaves left behind the curb each month during your zone's collection week to accommodate larger volumes of leaves this time of year. View the schedule, below.

Neighborhoods with high leaf volumes will be monitored, and the Town will address these areas as needed to ensure streets remain passable.

Biweekly collection of yard waste from carts also continues during this time.

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Year-Round Drop Off at the Convenience Center

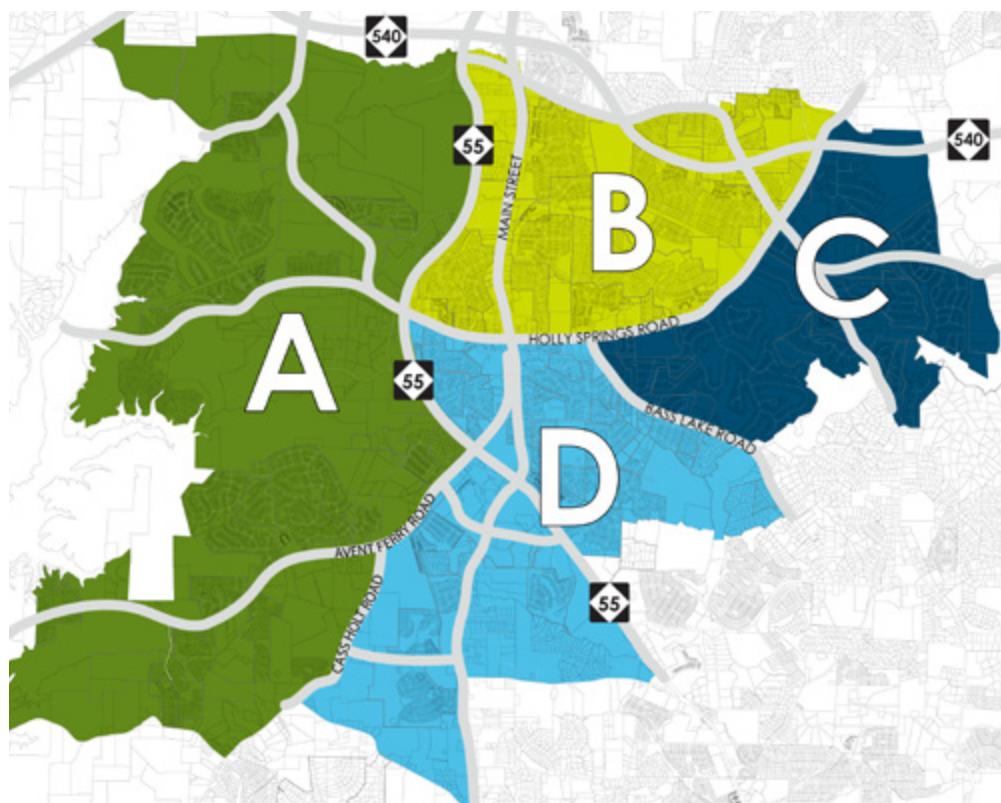
If you miss the sweep or if you have more yard waste than you can fit in your cart, consider taking excess waste to the Town's Yard Waste Convenience Center. Located off Rex Road, the center offers yard waste disposal at no additional charge to residents.

hollyspringsnc.gov/convenience

Or, call 311 or (919) 577-3111 to request excessive yard waste collection for an additional fee.

Zone Schedule

A	During the weeks of Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Jan. 5, Feb. 2
B	During the weeks of Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 12, Feb. 9
C	During the weeks of Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 19, Feb. 16
D	During the weeks of Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 26, Feb. 23



October is National Community Planning Month

October is National Community Planning Month, a time to recognize how thoughtful planning helps create vibrant and thriving communities.

"Our Town's character and quality of life don't happen by accident—they are carefully and intentionally planned," said Chris Hills, Holly Springs Development Services Director. "The planners on our team guide where different types of development can occur, how we connect our roads and greenways, what our downtown looks and feels like, and so much more."

Current planning initiatives include:

- **Preparing to launch microtransit service** next year to help residents get around Holly Springs conveniently and for fares that cost less than a cup of coffee. Similar to Uber and Lyft, microtransit is a ride-sharing service that offers on-demand trips within a designated area.
- **Updating sections of the Comprehensive Plan**, a policy guide and the primary tool used by Town staff, the Planning Board, and the Town Council to determine priorities for public investments. Sections of the plan that are being updated include those regarding community facilities (such as land designated for police or fire stations and schools), infrastructure and utilities, and natural areas.
- **Helping the Town explore 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 the park into a vibrant destination that extends its appeal beyond sporting events.

To learn more about planning initiatives and stay informed, visit the Development Services webpage at hollyspringsnc.gov/DS. Or, learn more about development activity around Town by visiting the Interactive Development Map:

hollyspringsnc.gov/devactivity

Sit Back & Enjoy: Cultural Center Seats Replaced

Get ready to be entertained in comfort! The original seats at the Holly Springs Cultural Center have been replaced, so guests can relax in brand new chairs while enjoying a lineup of fall performances and the return of free movies in the theater.

The seating installation, funded by the voter-approved Parks Bond, provides a new seating platform with carpeted decking that reduces noise during performances. Single chair mounts and wider aisles provide more comfort and stability for theatergoers.

"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.

View upcoming performances: hollyspringsnc.gov/tickets

Free family movies in the theater have also returned this fall. A popular attraction for residents, no admission is charged.



Ghostbusters: Free Movie on the Lawn

Friday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.
Outside Cultural Center
300 W Ballentine St.

Who ya gonna call... to join you and watch Ghostbusters (1984) on the Holly Springs Cultural Center lawn?

Bring lawn chairs and blankets, and enjoy this blockbuster movie outside under the stars. Admission is free.

Pack a picnic or pick up dinner and stroll over to enjoy the show! Concessions also will be available for sale inside the Cultural Center.

Receive Information, Request Service Through New Holly Springs Connect Chatbot

A new, AI-powered chatbot is now live on the Town's website, offering residents a convenient option when looking for information or reporting an issue to the Town.

The Holly Springs Connect chatbot is directly linked with the Holly Springs Connect app and 311 system—the Town's hub for non-emergency questions and requests. Click the "Chat" icon on any Town webpage to get started.

"No matter the time of day or night, you can get the answers you need or submit a service request with the chatbot," said George Brown, director of the Town's Office of Customer Care. "The chatbot enters service requests directly into our system, enhancing the Town's efficiency in helping residents."

Benefits of the chatbot include:

- **24/7 Access:** Office hours are Monday through Friday, but



issues aren't always noticed during weekdays. Similar to the Holly Springs Connect app, the chatbot is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so residents can report an issue like a fallen tree or a broken streetlight whenever they notice it.

- **Instant Answers:** Have a question about Town services or events? Get an immediate answer from the chatbot. It's like having a digital encyclopedia of Holly Springs knowledge at your fingertips.
- **Faster Service:** Handling questions and routing requests, the chatbot means faster and more efficient service.

Residents also can download the Holly Springs App to their mobile device. Or, call 311 or (919) 577-3111 if outside Town limits during office hours to speak with an Office of Customer Care representative.

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Spooky Fun for Everyone

Haunted Trail

Friday, Oct. 10, 7-10:45 p.m.
Sugg Farm | \$10 tickets

For those who crave a chilling thrill, get ready for a night of scares! This year, the trail has been amped up with ghoulish creatures, startling sounds, and bone-chilling surprises lurking around every turn.

Aaaargh you ready for a brand-new, terrifyingly themed section this year? You might just find a ghostly crew waiting to shiver your timbers.

Dare to face your fears? Tickets can be purchased online or, if available, at the event. Recommended for ages 14 and older; younger children are allowed when accompanied by a parent.
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