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# News & Events in Holly Springs Government THE SOURCE

## Mayor's Message

Hi Neighbors,

As I prepare for a Thanksgiving celebration with my family, I find that November is the perfect time to pause and reflect on all we have to be thankful for, especially here in Holly Springs.

I am grateful for our thriving community. Every time I turn around, I am excited to welcome new residents and businesses to our Town. These include global leaders expanding their footprints and new locally owned businesses that are setting up shop.

I am thankful we have a beautiful and ever-expanding variety of greenways and parks to enjoy, and I'm looking forward to seeing the recreation center at Eagles Landing Park start taking shape soon, along with other construction progress.

Most of all, I am grateful for everyone who makes Holly Springs such an amazing community, to the people I call colleagues and neighbors. You make Holly Springs a place I am so proud to call home, and I hope you also share in this gratitude.

Yours truly,  
Sean Mayefskie



## Holly Springs is Grateful for Veterans

November is a special time in Holly Springs when the community comes together to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. From a special ceremony at Veterans Park to a visual display of support through Operation Green Light, the Town invites everyone to participate and recognize the sacrifices and contributions of veterans and their families.

### Veterans Day Ceremony

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.  
Veterans Park, 600 Bikram Dr.

The entire community is invited to the annual Veterans Day Ceremony, held at Veterans Park. This year's ceremony includes patriotic music sung by local students and remarks from Corey Petersohn, a decorated veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and Director of the Town's Budget, Innovation & Strategy Office. Petersohn's work experience also includes the U.S. Department of State and NC Office of State Budget & Management. Veterans in attendance will be recognized. Light refreshments also will be available.



### Buildings Light Up Green to Show Support

Town of Holly Springs buildings – including Town Hall – will be lighting up green during the week of Nov. 4-11. It's part of a nationwide movement to show military veterans that they are seen, appreciated, and supported while raising awareness about the unique challenges they may face.

Residents and business are invited to participate by changing a light bulb to a green bulb. The bulbs are sold in local hardware stores and through online retailers. Share your participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenlight.



### Veterans Day Holiday, Waste Collection

In honor of Veterans Day, on Tuesday, Nov. 11, Town offices and facilities are closed, including Town Hall, the Bass Lake Park office, and the Cultural and Hunt centers.

Yard waste collection is delayed one day, Tuesday-Friday, with Friday customers served Saturday, Nov. 15. Garbage and recycling collection remains on schedule.



# Safety Spotlight

## Thanksgiving & Shopping Safety Tips

The holiday season may include family, food, and fun, but it also brings unique safety risks. Keep your celebrations cheerful and safe with these tips from Holly Springs Fire Chief LeRoy Smith and Police Chief Paul Liquorie.

### Preventing Thanksgiving Fires

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. A few simple precautions can help keep your feast accident-free:

- Never leave cooking unattended. If you must step away, turn off the stove.
- Keep flammables away: Maintain a safe distance between towels, oven mitts, wooden utensils, and anything else that can catch fire, and the stove top.

- Fry turkey outdoors: If you're deep-frying a turkey, do it outside and away from your house, garage, and any overhanging structures. Never use a fryer on a wooden deck or in a garage.

### Holiday Shopping Safety

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Always lock your car, even if you're only stepping away for a moment.
- Discreetly hide all purchases in the trunk or under seats before you arrive at your next destination. Never leave bags visible.
- Only shop on secure websites (look for "https" in the URL and a padlock icon). Remember, if an offer seems too good to be true, it may be a scam.

## Half Marathon Traffic Alert

Saturday, Nov. 22

Get ready for runners! The annual Holly Springs Half Marathon hits local streets and trails on Saturday morning, Nov. 22.

The race starts and finishes at Ting Park, sending runners on a tour through Holly Springs, including through Veterans and Jones parks, across Holly Springs Road, down a section of Main Street downtown, looping through Womble Park, and traveling the Middle Creek Greenway. Police will direct traffic.

The Holly Springs Half Marathon Foundation has donated thousands to the Town to fund amenities, including trailside exercise equipment and water fountains.

## Holly Springs Offers Ways to Share Holiday Joy

Food donations, toy collections, and more: the Town of Holly Springs offers many ways to share joy during the holiday season. Stay tuned for more details: [hollyspringsnc.gov/sharejoy](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/sharejoy)

### Holiday Hunger Relief

Through Nov. 18  
Law Enforcement Center

Join the Holly Springs Police Public Safety Cadets in a pre-Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the Holly Springs Food Cupboard. Through the week before Thanksgiving, drop off non-perishable food donations at:

- Law Enforcement Center, 750 Holly Springs Rd.
- Town Hall, 128 S. Main St.

### Operation Rescue Christmas

Through Nov. 21  
Law Enforcement Center

Public Safety Cadets will also host a toy drive in partnership with Military Missions in Action, a North Carolina-based non-profit that serves veterans, active-duty military members, and their families.

Donate toys for ages 0-17 in camouflage boxes located at the Law Enforcement Center and Town Hall.



### Shop with a Cop

Through Dec. 17  
Law Enforcement Center

Through this annual, beloved program, Holly Springs Police officers partner with schools in Town to identify about 10 children for a special experience. The children are paired with Holly Springs Police officers to shop for holiday presents for themselves and their families.

Drop by the Law Enforcement Center to donate Walmart gift cards, or donate by credit card at [hollyspringsnc.gov/shopwithacop](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/shopwithacop) or with the QR code above.



### Holly Springs Police Angel Tree

Nov. 17-Dec. 3, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
weekdays  
Law Enforcement Center

The Holly Springs Police are partnering with the Salvation Army for this year's Angel Tree program to bring the magic of the season to a child in need. Visit the Law Enforcement Center lobby between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on weekdays. Pick a tag from the tree with a local child's special holiday wish list. Deliver purchased, unwrapped gifts with the original angel tag securely attached.

### Holiday Toy Drive at Town Hall

Through Dec. 9  
Town Hall lobby

Donate unwrapped toys to be given to local families in need. The drive serves Holly Springs families, as well as those from surrounding communities.

### U.S. Marines Toys for Tots

Through Dec. 11  
Holly Springs Fire Stations 1, 2, and 3

Donate unwrapped new toys at any Fire Station. Toys for Tots, a program created by the U.S. Marine Corps, distributes toys to disadvantaged children.

# Holly Day Fun: Festive Events

Get ready to embrace the holiday spirit with a line-up of community events for the whole family. Opportunities abound to make the season merry and bright.

## Santa's Mailbox

Nov. 24-Dec. 14

Main Street in front of Town Hall

Santa's Mailbox returns for the season outside the front entrance to Town Hall at 128 S. Main St. It's a gift to the children by ASI, North Carolina.

Once letters are dropped off, Holly Springs Run Club volunteers and Endurance Fence Solutions staff run them to the North Pole so that Santa can answer those that include a name and home address.

## Santa Cares

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 4-7 p.m.

Cultural Center

This sensory-friendly holiday event allows families with all types of special needs to experience the time-honored tradition of a visit with Santa in a comforting environment. Register in advance for this free activity.

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

## Light the Springs

Saturday, Dec. 6, 5-8 p.m.

Holly Springs Cultural Center

Enjoy live entertainment, food trucks, visits with Santa, craft stations, menorah and Christmas tree lightings, and a "snow" celebration!

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

## Happy Holly Days Parade

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.

Downtown Holly Springs

Floats, bands, dancers, decorated vehicles, marching groups, and all sorts of entertaining entries travel Main Street through downtown.

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



## Holly Day Express with the Fire Department

Early December

Holly Springs neighborhoods

The jolly fellow is hopping on a float and being escorted through Town, thanks to the help of the Holly Springs Fire Department. Fire engines will join Santa's tour, so if you hear a siren or see some lights, you'll know Santa is getting close!

Remember, it's safety first with Santa, so if firefighters need to respond to a call, the tour will be paused for the emergency response.

Follow Santa's progress in real time on the Town's specially created Santa Tracker.

**New this year:** Santa plans to pass through a public location, such as a selected park, every night. So if you miss him in your neighborhood, there's still a way to wave hello.

Dates and routes will be posted online:

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



**Nov. 29-Dec. 13**

For participating stores, visit  
[hollyspringsnc.gov/shopthesprings](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/shopthesprings)

## Celebrate Small Businesses & Enter to Win

Shop the Springs is back for its second year! From Small Business Saturday on Nov. 29 through Dec. 13, celebrate local downtown businesses by participating in Shop the Springs, and you could win a prize pack!

Organized by Holly Springs Economic Development, Shop the Springs is a fun way to highlight small businesses in downtown Holly Springs that provide jobs, offer unique products and services, and make our community a special place to live – and shop!

To participate in the fun, pick up or print a "HOLLY" card. Shop at downtown businesses during the event, and collect stamps on your card. Then turn in your completed card at the end of the event for a chance to win.

For details and to download your Shop the Springs card, scan the QR code or visit:

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



## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 27-28

- Town offices closed.
- Garbage & recycling delayed one day; Friday customers served Saturday.
- Yard waste for Thursday & Friday customers collected on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Convenience Center closed Thursday & Friday.
- Bass Lake Park office, Cultural Center, Hunt Center, Sugg Farm closed Thursday. Bass Lake office and Cultural Center closed Friday.

# Town Celebrates Economic Development Milestones



## FUJIFILM Biotechnologies Celebrates Grand Opening

FUJIFILM Biotechnologies recently celebrated the grand opening of its state-of-the-art manufacturing site in Holly Springs. Town, County, and State leaders attended the event, a milestone for North Carolina. The facility's impact is anticipated to grow the State's economy by more than \$10 billion over the next decade.

FUJIFILM Biotechnologies anticipates employing 1,400 people at this facility by 2031.



## Ypsomed Announces \$195.4 Million Investment

Ypsomed, a medical technology company and global leader in injection and infusion systems for self-medication, announced plans last month to invest \$195.4 million in Holly Springs for its first North American manufacturing facility.

The company will purchase and customize an existing 110,000-square-foot building in the YIELD Holly Springs, part of the broader Holly Springs Business Park located off N.C. 55. Ypsomed has committed to creating 62 jobs.

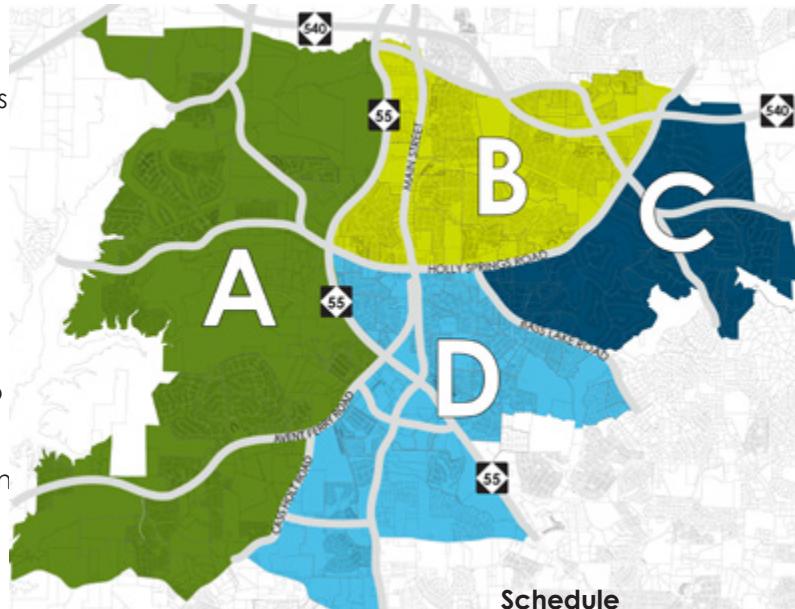
## Leave Your Leaves at the Curb

During leaf season, leaves that don't fit in yard waste carts can be placed at the edge of your front yard for collection. Through Feb. 26, 2026, 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. Neighborhoods with high leaf volumes will be monitored and addressed as needed to ensure streets remain passable.

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

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



### Schedule

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

## Holly Springs 311: Success in Service

Holly Springs 311 is helping more residents every day, providing efficient service from every department in the Town of Holly Springs. The number of app downloads, service requests, and call volumes is up, and response time to resolve requests is prompt.

George Brown, who manages the Office of Customer Care that oversees 311, took the opportunity to compare the service's first and second years. The data revealed that the number of people who have registered to use the service increased by 65%.

Daily average calls are up 32%, and service requests are up 37%, Brown noted. The average wait time to speak with a Town representative is 18 seconds, and service requests are generally addressed within a couple of business days.

Brown noted that Holly Springs is the smallest municipality in the State to successfully launch a 311 system, exhibiting how the Town is a leader in embracing technology and service.

Connect with Holly Springs 311 by calling 311 or (919) 577-3111 if you are outside Town limits during business hours.

Or, use the free Holly Springs Connect app anytime, available from the App Store or Google Play.

[hollyspringsnc.gov/311](http://hollyspringsnc.gov/311)



## Help Shape the Future

Consider applying to serve on the Board of Adjustment or the Planning Board. Applications will be accepted through Dec. 1.

The Planning Board makes recommendations to the Town Council after reviewing proposals for rezoning, development-related requests, and more. The Board of Adjustment conducts public hearings and renders rulings on variances from zoning regulations, appeals to zoning decisions, and more.

Details and applications are on the boards' web pages:

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