



February 2026

News & Events in Holly Springs Government

# THE SOURCE

## Mayor's Message

Neighbors,

Every February, the Mayor and Town Council spend time at a retreat meeting with staff to have a more detailed conversation about the challenges and opportunities facing Holly Springs. I'm looking forward to gathering with Town leaders and planning for our future.

Though we'll be talking about the long-term, our focus is still on you and your needs. We'll review feedback from the recent community survey. We can use this information about your satisfaction with Town services as we discuss how we'll build next year's budget. Once community survey results are compiled, they will be posted on the Town website's transparency portal, [hollyspringsnc.gov/transparency](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/transparency).

During the retreat, we will also discuss detailed information about Holly Springs' financial health, which remains excellent. We'll also tackle transportation funding, housing affordability, and infrastructure to meet the needs for water, wastewater, and stormwater as we continue to grow.

I am looking forward to a year of progress ahead as we work together to keep Holly Springs thriving.

With Respect,  
Mike Kondratick



## It's Happening Here New Downtown Brand Launches

Have you noticed a new spark downtown? Holly Springs has officially launched its new downtown brand identity with the tagline: "It's Happening Here." Born from the community-driven 2023 Downtown Area Plan, this initiative is about more than just a logo; it's about creating a destination where people want to linger. Keep an eye out for:

- New lights in the trees along Main Street and cozy bistro lighting behind Town Hall.
- Bold new banners lining the streets to welcome everyone to the district.
- Plans are in motion to transform a section of Avent Ferry Road into a dedicated "festival street" that can be closed to vehicles for special events. This adaptable public space will support larger, more immersive celebrations.

All of these efforts stem from the Holly Springs Downtown Area Plan, adopted by the Town Council in 2023. Community engagement was essential to developing the plan. Shared ideas from residents helped create a roadmap developing a welcoming and walkable downtown, perfect for memorable experiences and featuring charming public spaces.

The bold new downtown identity not only celebrates the energy that already exists but signals to everyone—residents, visitors, and entrepreneurs—that the momentum is real, the destination is special, and the most exciting chapters for Holly Springs are truly happening here.

Whether you're visiting the Sip & Stroll

social district, dining at a local favorite, or completing some shopping, it's happening in downtown Holly Springs!

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



## Complete a Downtown Scavenger Hunt for a Prize!

Ready to explore Holly Springs in a whole new way? To celebrate the new downtown brand, Holly Springs Economic Development is hosting a scavenger hunt February 2–14. Let's see if you can find the new logo hidden around downtown!

It's free, family-friendly, and full of surprises. Here's the mission:

1. Explore: Wander through downtown to find hidden letters on new signage.
2. Solve: Piece the letters together to reveal a secret phrase.
3. Prize: Head to the Cultural Center to claim your limited-edition downtown mug (while supplies last) and a free hot drink.

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# Safety Spotlight

## Winter Heart Health Tips

February is American Heart Month, a time to focus on cardiovascular health, a critical topic in North Carolina where heart disease remains a leading cause of preventable death.

While local residents may not face the strain of constantly shoveling heavy snow, winter still presents unique risks. Even with a milder climate, cold air causes blood vessels to constrict, which can spike blood pressure and force the heart to work significantly harder during outdoor exercise.

To stay safe year-round, Holly Springs Fire Chief LeRoy Smith shares these "heart-smart" tips:

**Warm Up Indoors:** Before heading out for a walk or bike ride, spend five minutes stretching to prepare your circulatory system.

**Dress in Layers:** Wear moisture-wicking layers to maintain a steady body temperature. Sudden chills from trapped sweat can put unnecessary stress on your heart.

**Monitor Your Numbers:** High blood

pressure often has no symptoms. The Holly Springs Fire Department offers free blood pressure checks at its stations to help residents stay informed. It's a great, no-cost way to track your health. Just stop by during business hours.

**Learn CPR:** If a neighbor or loved one collapses, your actions can double or triple their chance of survival. Find instructional videos on the American Heart Association website. Or, for an in-person option, American Red Cross Babysitters Training and Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Certification are offered through the Town Parks & Recreation Department. Learn more about upcoming offerings in the program guide, [hollyspringsnc.gov/hurrahs](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/hurrahs).

Most importantly, **learn the warning signs of a heart attack**, such as sudden chest discomfort, shortness of breath, or nausea. If you experience these symptoms, call 911 immediately.

For more information, visit the American Heart Association website: [heart.org](https://heart.org).

## Last Call for Leaf Vacuuming!

Town vacuum trucks are hard at work through the end of February, when leaf season comes to a close.

- Through February: If your yard waste cart is full, place extra leaves behind the curb for vacuum collection according to your zone schedule. [hollyspringsnc.gov/leaf](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/leaf)
- Year-Round: Biweekly yard waste cart collection continues all year long!

And mark your calendars for the Spring Sweep, April 6-10! During this biannual fee-free collection week, residents can place any volume of acceptable yard waste at the curb on Sunday, April 5.

## Local Civic Grant Applications Open

Are you involved in a civic nonprofit group that serves Holly Springs residents? Do you have a project that could make life in Holly Springs even better? Applications for the 2026 Local Civic Nonprofit Grant Program are officially open!

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available for initiatives that align with the Town's strategic priorities and serve Holly Springs residents.

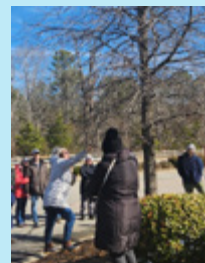
- Deadline: March 6, 2026
- Eligibility: Programs must be open to all residents and serve a clear public purpose.

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

## Town Offers Tree Pruning Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.  
Womble Park  
Advance registration required

Take your tree-pruning skills to the next level, learn tree-care tips, and meet fellow tree enthusiasts. Sign up to attend this free, hands-on workshop hosted by the Holly Springs Tree Advisory Committee, and learn from a Certified Arborist!



Space is limited; sign up early by emailing: [DevelopmentServices@hollyspringsnc.gov](mailto:DevelopmentServices@hollyspringsnc.gov)



## NC 55 Turn Lane Project Wrapping Up

Ever wonder why a project looks done, but the cones are still out? It's what's underneath that counts!

With the NC55 right turn lane project underway to build an extra lane between Avent Ferry Road and Main Street, teams are busy relocating fiber optics and preparing for the installation of new streetlights. As soon as the underground work is wrapped up, crews will install the final stripes and markings.

Stay tuned for the finish line, which is anticipated this spring.



# Art, Performances, and Heart: Experience “Black Expressions” & Celebrate Black History Month

This February, the Holly Springs Cultural Center invites you to a month-long celebration of Black art, culture, and identity. Exhibitions showcasing the work of Black artists will be on display throughout the month.

## Black Expressions

Friday, Feb. 27 @ Cultural Center

6 p.m. Reception

7 p.m. Performance showcase

The celebration culminates with an exciting evening you won't want to miss. A gallery reception begins at 6 p.m., providing an opportunity to interact directly with local artists and explore the depth of their visual storytelling. The event includes complimentary refreshments from Christine's Plates, a local business dedicated to honoring generational legacies through rustic, farm-inspired cuisine.

At 7 p.m., the energy moves into the theater for a showcase of top Triangle talent. Hosted by comedian and historian Byron Johnson, the main event promises a powerful night of performances celebrating the diversity and brilliance of Black artists.

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

## Soul Food & Gullah Geechee Cuisine

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.

This cooking class explores the culinary traditions of African Americans and is hosted by the owner of Christine's Plates. Use registration code 1341609 to save your space.

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

## Explore Holly Springs Black History

The Town's mobile, interactive Black History Tour gives users a glimpse into the rich history of Holly Springs.

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



# Holly Springs Starts the New Year with Celebration

The Town of Holly Springs started off 2026 in a big way, with the launch of the Holly Springs Hopper ride-sharing service and ribbon cuttings for the completion of the Holly Springs Road Widening – East project and the opening of the Community Garden and Nature Play Area at Sugg Farm at Bass Lake.



## With the Hopper, Destinations are Just a Hop, Skip & Jump Away

The Holly Springs Hopper is making local travel easier than ever. Book an affordable shared ride in just a few taps and get picked up in minutes. The service provides transportation anywhere in Holly Springs, including neighborhoods, businesses, parks, retail locations, and more, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Rides can be booked through the Ride Freebee App or by calling (855) 918-3733.

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

Download the app and receive two free trips to get hopping!



## Holly Springs Road Widening – East Wraps Up

Last month, Town leaders cut the ribbon, celebrating the official opening of the first segment of the Holly Springs Road Widening project, from Flint Point Lane to Sunset Lake Road. One of the most heavily traveled thoroughfares in Town, Holly Springs Road is being widened to four lanes with a median, and sidewalks. New signals will be activating soon at two crosswalks near Holly Ridge Elementary and Middle schools.

Next, construction will move down the road to widen the central section, from Main Street to Flint Point Lane.

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



## Community Garden and Nature Play Area at Sugg Farm

Holly Springs celebrated the opening of the Community Garden and Nature Play Area at Sugg Farm with a special celebration and community open house.

The garden features 40 raised beds, 15 of which are ADA accessible, for community members to enjoy a dedicated space to grow their own produce.

The Nature Play Area and Sensory Trail feature unique experiences for children of all abilities to play together.

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



# Culture, Crafts & Summer Fun with Holly Springs Parks & Recreation

February in Holly Springs is packed with ways to connect with the community, enjoy local talent, and prepare for a sun-filled summer.

## Curtains Up at the Cultural Center

The Holly Springs Cultural Center is the place to be with a fantastic lineup of live performances scheduled throughout the month. From captivating theater to soul-stirring music, shows are available for every taste.

### Spiderwebs – A Tribute to No Doubt & Gwen Stefani

Saturday, February 7, 7:30 p.m.

### Little Women (presented by the Southern Wake Players)

Friday & Saturday, February 20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m.

### Black Expressions

Friday, February 27

6 p.m. Reception

7 p.m. Performance showcase

Interact with local artists and explore the depth of their visual storytelling.

More details inside this newsletter.

## Valentine's on Ballentine

Saturday, February 14, 4-6 p.m.

Holly Springs Cultural Center

Valentine's on Ballentine is a sweet celebration for the whole family! Enjoy an evening filled with dancing, crafts, snacks, face painting, and more. Bring your loved ones, dress in your favorite reds and pinks, and



dance the night away in a charming ballroom. Tickets are required, and space is limited. Tickets: [hollyspringsnc.gov/tickets](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/tickets) or call the box office at (919) 567-4000.

## Looking Ahead: Summer Camp Enrollment

While the winter chill may still be here, summer planning starts now! **Registration for summer camps officially opens on March 2.** These spaces fill up fast, so mark your calendars! Holly Springs Parks & Recreation offers a camp for every interest:

**Hunt Center Summer Camp (Ages 6-12):** A classic adventure featuring sports, crafts, and exciting field trips.

**Nature Explorers & Great Outdoors Adventure (Ages 8-13):** Perfect for kids who want to embrace the outdoors through fishing, archery, and wilderness survival skills.

**The Arts at the Cultural Center:** Explore everything from cooking and robotics to 3-D art. Theater lovers can hone their acting skills in Make-A-Play Camp.

Full catalogue & registration link: [hollyspringsnc.gov/summercamp](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/summercamp)



## Advisory Committee Applications Open

The Town is looking for residents to help shape the next chapter of the community's urban canopy, parks, recreational programs, and more.

The **Tree Advisory Committee** helps the Town maintain Tree City USA standards and plans related events. Four open seats are available. Two of the terms end in 2028; two end in 2029.

Members of the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee** act as a vital link between the Town Council and residents. Members provide direct input on the parks, trails, and recreation initiatives that make Holly Springs a special place to call home. Three open seats have terms that end in June 2029.

Learn more and apply by April 6: [hollyspringsnc.gov/boards](https://hollyspringsnc.gov/boards)



## Annual Change in Drinking Water Treatment Method

Holly Springs drinking water might smell and taste more like chlorine in March because of an annual change in the treatment process. It will still be safe to drink. The State requires the month-long switchover each year for a balancing of treatment methods.

Ordinarily, the water treatment plant that supplies Holly Springs disinfects with chloramines, a mixture of chlorine and ammonia. Each year during March, the plant suspends the addition of ammonia.

Kidney dialysis users should know that the water might contain chloramines, chlorine, or a mixture during March. Call the Holly Springs Office of Customer Care at (919) 577-3111 with any questions about the switch.

In April, the plant will return to chloramines for disinfection. Chlorine and chloramine mixtures may be present in early April.