

# THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

## roofs on the rise

### continuing an increase in single-family homes

Permits for new single-family houses in Holly Springs continue to rise, and the pace of the increase is accelerating.

Our Code Enforcement Department had processed 268 single-family home permits through late July. That's virtually as many as were issued in all of 2011.

Last year's total of 279 was a large increase over 2010, when the department issued 190 permits for single-family houses.

The housing market was red hot in Holly Springs through 2005-2006 with approximately 800 housing starts per year.

Then the recession pushed the housing market into decline, with housing starts here bottoming out at 177 in 2009.

However, the Holly Springs' market began gradually moving upward the following year.

"It's been tough," Town Manager Carl Dean said of the nationwide downturn. "But we're doing well right now in comparison to other places."

Jenny Mizelle, our Economic Development director, said the upturn in housing starts reinforces the decision of the developer of Holly Springs Towne Center to proceed with building the shopping center on N.C. 55 Bypass here.

The Target-anchored shopping center is scheduled to open next March with Dick's Sporting Goods, Marshall's, Michael's, Petco and Olive Garden restaurant in the first phase.

A Frank movie theater and bowling alley are part of the second phase.

"We're experiencing the growth that we thought would come back," she said.

"Definitely, retail is driven by rooftops," Mizelle said.

## ready for bad weather

The weather has been weird this year, so it's better to be safe than sorry and prepare for hurricanes and other severe weather.

The Ready Wake! Web portal at [readywake.com](http://readywake.com) has the information that you need before, during and after severe weather and other types of emergencies.

Ready Wake! is a joint project of Wake County government, municipalities and community partners.

Through it, you'll find information on creating an emergency kit. You'll also find contacts, resources and other quick links.

**Visit [readywake.com](http://readywake.com) for the information on getting ready for emergencies.**

In addition to severe weather, ReadyWake! has tips on staying safe from terror attacks.

Our Web site, [www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us), allows you to sign up for alerts, including those for weather emergencies and cancellations. Click on *Notify Me* on the right side of our home page for a list of categories.

## August 2012

### calendar

Wed., Aug. 1	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., Aug. 3	Family Fun & Concert 5:30pm, BL Stars Youth Theatre, 7pm, CC
Sat., Aug. 4	Farmers Market, 8:30am Stars Youth Theatre, 7pm, CC
Tues., Aug. 7	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC National Night Out, 6-8pm, JP Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Aug. 8	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Aug. 9	Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Fri., Aug. 10	Family Bingo, 7pm, BL
Sat., Aug. 11	Farmers Market, 8:30am Bicycle Rodeo, 4pm, TH
Tues., Aug. 14	Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH Photo Club, 7pm, BL
Wed., Aug. 15	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., Aug. 16	QDMA, 7pm, BL
Sat., Aug. 18	Farmers Market, 8:30am
Tues., Aug. 21	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Fri., Aug. 24	Hunter Safety, 6pm, BL
Sat., Aug. 25	Hunter Safety, 9am, BL Farmers Market, 8:30am
Mon., Aug. 27	Utility Bills Due
Tues., Aug. 28	Planning Board, 7pm, TH

#### Locations

Bass Lake (BL)	Hunt Center (HC)
Town Hall (TH)	Womble Park (WP)
Cultural Center (CC)	Jones Park (JP)

# banking on no late fees

Give yourself less to think about each month by signing up to have your Town utility payment drafted from your bank account. The form tells you how to drop off the form or how to send it by mail, fax or e-mail.

Bank draft is the best way to ensure you never again face late fees for your water, sewer and garbage collection bill.

Bank draft is quick and easy. It's green, too, since it reduces how much paper we have to produce and you have to dispose of when you no longer need it.

To sign up for utility bill bank draft, see the Finance Department section of our Web site, [www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us). Find the bank draft authorization form on the Finance home page under Assistance or see Payment Options in the menu on the left.

Signing up for bank draft authorization ensures you won't have to worry about late payments on your Town utility bill.

An alternative to bank draft is paying your bill online each month.

There's no fee, and your payment posts immediately. Go paperless by signing up for E-bill. See your account history.

Sign up for text reminders of when your next bill is due by clicking on the Notify Me button of [www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us). See the Calendar section.

# holidays

**Labor Day,  
Monday, Sept. 3**

- ◆ Town Hall Closed
- ◆ Hunt Center Closed
- ◆ Cultural Center Closed
- ◆ Bass Lake Park Open

Garbage collected one day later than usual throughout the week

Call (919) 552-5920 with questions.

# kids on bikes

Our Police Department is co-sponsoring a bicycle safety class on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 4-7 p.m.

It will be in the parking lot behind Town Hall. This "bicycle rodeo" is for kids of all ages.

A helmet is required. Parents must sign a waiver at the event for their children to be able to participate.

Participants can arrive at any time during the three-hour class to learn and have fun.

Call (919) 552-7110 with questions.



## Watch HSTV-11

Bulletin Boards and Town Council air every day at

# 7 and 11

(a.m. and p.m.)

**Don't Have Cable? Don't Have Time?  
Watch Us On Your Schedule!**

[www.hstv11.us](http://www.hstv11.us)



**List Your Community Event. Leave a Message Two Weeks Ahead at:**

## (919) 567-4711

Free outdoor concerts are at Holly Springs Cultural Center on the second and fourth Fridays through August.

Showtime is 7 p.m.

Visit [www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us) and check the Events listing on the home page.

# pet clean-up

Please be storm water wise with pet waste! Remember to clean up after your pets.

Scoop and bag pet waste. If your neighborhood has pet waste stations, use them. And remember, once the waste is bagged, dispose of it properly.

Pet waste contains pollutants, bacteria and viruses that eventually can reach surface waters.

For more information or educational material, contact the Stormwater Hotline at (919) 567-4011 or [stormwater@hollyspringsnc.us](mailto:stormwater@hollyspringsnc.us).

You can also call the hotline to report a spill or dumping down a storm drain of hazardous wastes.

Remember, clean water begins with you and me.

**GET FRESH - BUY LOCAL!**



The Farmers Market  
Holly Springs, NC - Est. 2007

**Saturdays**  
8:30 a.m. -  
12:30 p.m.

Downtown  
Holly  
Springs  
across from  
Town Hall



**Start your Saturdays with us!**  
*Come fill your baskets each Saturday with farm-fresh produce and stay for family-friendly events!*

**August 4 - August 25 School Supply Drive**

**August 11 National Farmers Market Week**  
Customer Appreciation Drawings  
Farm-to-Table Chef Series 10 a.m.

**August 18 Master Gardener Workshop Series**  
10 a.m. "Preparing and Planting the Fall Garden"

**August 25 Back to School Beach Party**

**Every Saturday-**  
Children's Activities 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and  
Live music from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Visit [www.HSFarmersMarket.com](http://www.HSFarmersMarket.com) for event info

The Farmers Market is managed and operated by the  
Town of Holly Springs Department of Planning & Zoning