

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

merry Main Street

Join friends and neighbors along Main Street downtown for the Happy Holly Days Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. It starts near the Food Lion, but isn't fully formed until reaching Holly Springs Road.

Nearly 100 entries are in the Happy Holly Days Parade.

The Holly Springs Kiwanis Club is present of the parade with the Town as sponsor.

If you can't make it to Main Street this year, you'll still be able to watch the parade afterward. We'll have multiple post-parade airings on HSTV, our government access channel on Time Warner Cable channel 11. You can also watch on www.hollyspringsnc.us.

The parade will proceed unless the weather is really bad. There is no rain date.

This year, there will be no food court in the parking lot beside Town Hall. So there's a limited amount of parking there. You may also find parking along Avent Ferry Road near Town Hall.

Call (919) 552-6221 with questions about the Happy Holly Days parade.

Main Street merriment begins on the eve of the parade with the Main Street Christmas celebration from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13.

Festivities are at Town Hall and Holly Springs Cultural Center. Enjoy visits with Santa, stories with Mrs. Claus, live entertainment, hayrides and refreshments. Santa leaves Town Hall at 7:30, so arrive early.

The celebration ends with the tree lighting outside the cultural center.



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Friday,
Dec. 13
6-8 p.m.**

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December 2013

calendar

Mon., Dec. 2	Monday Movie, 10am, CC Senior Wii Bowling, 2pm, CC (Both occur Weekly)
Tues., Dec. 3	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Dec. 4	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., Dec. 6	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Sat., Dec. 7	Holiday Cabaret, CC
Tues., Dec. 10	Discover Nature, 10am, BL Bunco for Seniors, 2pm, CC Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH Photo Club, 7pm, BL
Wed., Dec. 11	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Dec. 12	Kid Creations, 10am, CC Recreation Board, 7pm, TH Community Band, 7:30pm, CC
Fri., Dec. 13	Main Street Christmas, 6pm TH & CC
Sat., Dec. 14	Christmas Parade, 11am Route 55 Jazz, 7:30pm, CC
Tues., Dec. 17	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Dec. 18	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL Planning Board, 7pm, TH (Different Meeting Time)
Thurs., Dec. 19	QDMA, 7pm, BL
Fri., Dec. 20	The Buckingham, 7:30pm, CC
Tues., Dec. 24	Town Offices Closed
Wed., Dec. 25	Town Offices Closed
Thurs., Dec. 26	Town Offices Closed
Fri., Dec. 27	Utility Bills Due

Bass Lake (BL) Hunt Center (HC)
Town Hall (TH) Cultural Center (CC)
Veterans Park (VP)

talking the walk

Please watch for pedestrians at crosswalks. Remember that they have the right-of-way in crosswalks at or near an intersection wherever there are no traffic lights.

Stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks is more than simple courtesy. It's the law.

Still, pedestrians at crosswalks shouldn't assume that drivers will do as they're supposed to do and stop. If you're waiting to cross the street, ensure that traffic in both directions sees you and is stopping before you begin crossing.

Police caution pedestrians against assuming a false sense of security at crosswalks.

Where there are crosswalks, pedestrians are expected to use them. Otherwise, they must yield to oncoming traffic. Pedestrians have the right-of-way when approaching an alley, building entrance, private road, or driveway, from any sidewalk or walkway.

a briefing on business

Check out the latest **Holly Springs Business Watch** to find out how Town projects affect commerce and to see how we're investing in the community.

Learn more about the fiber network under construction in Holly Springs as well as the North Main Athletic Complex. Land is being cleared for the complex, which will include soccer fields, tennis courts and a multi-sport stadium. The lead story is on X-games gold medalist Daniel Dhers' BMX sports complex opening here soon.

Pick up a free copy of Business Watch at Town Hall. It's online at www.hollyspringsnc.us. See the Newsletter link on the right-hand side of the home page.



rejoining the team

Former Councilman Hank Dickson rejoins the Holly Springs Town Council when the new council term begins Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Dickson, who served from 1997-2009, will take the oath of office that evening. The council meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

Mayor Dick Sears and Council members Linda Hunt Williams and Jimmy Cobb will take oaths of office. All three were re-elected last month to new four-year terms.

Dickson replaces Chet VanFossen, who did not seek re-election. He leaves office after 12 years on the Town Council.

holidays

Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Thursday, Dec. 26

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

Garbage and recycling on regular schedule Monday and Tuesday; Wednesday-Friday routes delayed 1 day to Thursday through Saturday

New Year's

Wednesday, Jan. 1

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Please remember to drop off new, unwrapped toys at Town Hall by Monday, Dec. 9 if you're participating in the Christmas gift initiative for children in need.

Volunteers will be stocking a Christmas "store" at New Horizons Fellowship Church.

Children from participating families will go there to receive donated gifts while enjoying music, decorations and refreshments.

Call (919) 557-2922 with questions.

clearing up the fog in pipes

With holiday dinners coming up, here are a few reminders to help keep grease from ruining your fun and your plumbing system.

First, don't pour any grease or fryer oil down the drain. Oil and grease rinsed down the sink can congeal and block pipes, causing sewer backups.

Proper disposal of cooking oil and other greases may save your home from a clogged drain—and a holiday visit from the plumber.

You can use any empty glass jar, empty aluminum can (coffee cans work great), or similar container. When it becomes full, just throw it out with the trash.

Our Public Utilities Department's fats, oil and grease control program (known as the FOG program) helps by offering free can lids and fat trapper bags.

Also, make sure you scrape or wipe off plates, pans and cooking utensils into the

trash before washing. Use a paper towel to wipe off as much grease as you can before rinsing or loading your dishwasher. Let us help you with a free pan scraper from the Town of Holly Springs' FOG Program.

Since this is the big time of the year for deep-frying turkeys, please dispose of fryer oil properly.

Proper disposal of fats, oils and grease can help prevent pipes from clogging.

Anytime you need to dispose of fryer oil, pour it back into the container it came with a little help from a free foldable funnel from our FOG program.

Take it to the South Wake Landfill just off at 6130 Old Smithfield Road, just off N.C. 55 Bypass. The South Wake Landfill has a section for household hazardous wastes.

For more information and to get free can lids, fat trapper bags, pan scrapers or foldable funnels, contact Jeff Peters, FOG Program coordinator, at (919) 567-4014 or e-mail jeff.peters@hollyspringsnc.us.

leaving your leaves for us

We're in the busy season for leaf collection, so it's an appropriate time for a few friendly reminders.

First, the volume of leaves and other yard trimmings coupled with days off for holidays affect the timing of leaf pickup November through January. Our crews are working their way through town as quickly as they can. Please be patient with them.

Second, we vacuum leaves and any grass clippings. So it's important to keep tree

branches, rocks and other large materials out of leaf piles so that they don't damage equipment and slow crews down.

Third, pile leaves away from storm drains and ditches, preferably at the edge of the yard and out of the street. Debris that clogs storm drains can cause streets to flood. Remember that what goes down storm drains flows to our water supplies.

Consider composting leaves for an excellent source of landscaping material.

Days for leaf collection on your street may vary during this busy time of year. We ask for your patience.