

# THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

## open for play

The lighted, synthetic turf multi-purpose field at Womble Park is now in use, providing more opportunities for Town recreation programs and rentals as well as free play.

Holly Springs' first synthetic turf field apparently is almost unique among municipal recreation programs in the state.

Parks and Recreation Director Len Bradley said there are, at most, a handful of cities and towns in N.C. using such fields for their programs.

"It's new to our staff as well as the public," he said, "and we all need time to adjust."

With lights and turf, the Parks and Recreation Department expects to get double the annual usage over the unlit grass field that was replaced. The layered drainage system

beneath the artificial grass will enable play within an hour after the heaviest rains.

The 210,000 square foot field can fit two high school soccer fields or up to six youth league fields.

Next to the Womble Park turf are new tennis courts. The one regular-size and two youth-size courts are the first Town-owned courts in nearly a decade. Also new at Womble Park are a refurbished and expanded playground, concessions and restroom building, and expanded walking trail.

Womble Park improvements were funded with bonds that Holly Springs voters approved in 2011.

With proper care, synthetic grass will maintain its appearance and performance with greater durability than the natural variety. However, special precautions are needed. For example, no food or drinks will be permitted on the field except for water. Pets won't be allowed inside the fence, either.

To protect the field, the gate is locked when the field is not in operation.

Teams and organized groups are required to rent field space. Times for free, open play are adjusted seasonally according to field availability and demand.

A new Web section for Parrish Womble Park has more information. See Quick Clicks in the upper right corner of [www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us).

## January 2014

### calendar

Fri., Jan. 3	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Mon., Jan. 6	Spring Soccer Regis. Begins Monday Movie, 10am, CC (Movie Weekly except Jan. 20)
Tues., Jan. 7	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Jan. 8	Bridge Club, 10am, CC Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., Jan. 9	Senior Gaming, 2pm, CC Bunco Night, 6:30pm, CC Recreation Committee, 7pm, TH
Fri., Jan. 10	Spring Tennis Regis. Begins
Sat., Jan. 11	Firefall, 7:30pm, CC
Tues., Jan. 14	Discovering Nature, 10am, CC Photo Club, 7pm, BL Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH
Wed., Jan. 15	Bridge Club, 10am, CC Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Jan. 16	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL QDMA, 7pm, BL
Sat., Jan. 18	Late Night Catechism, CC
Mon., Jan. 20	MLK Holiday—Offices Closed
Tues., Jan. 21	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Jan. 22	Bridge Club, 10am, CC Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., Jan. 23	Senior Gaming, 2pm, CC
Sat., Jan. 25	Neil Diamond Tribute, CC
Mon., Jan. 27	Utility Bills Due
Tues., Jan. 28	Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Wed., Jan. 29	Bridge Club, 10am, CC

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

### vowing to never forget

Be a part of a War on Terror Memorial at Veterans Park to remember all those who have died in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and on Sept. 11, 2001.

David Griffith, a local teen working on his Boys Scouts of America Eagle project, created the monument. It includes a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. David now is working to create a plaza of brick pavers around the monument. He hopes to dedicate the finished memorial on June 14,

2014—Flag Day and the birthday of his brother, Major Samuel Mark Griffith, US Marine Corps, 36, who was killed in action in Afghanistan Dec. 14, 2011.

Bricks range from \$50 to \$200 and can be personalized to honor or memorialize a person or to recognize a business. Buy your own or as a gift by going to [www.thatsmybrick.com/eaglescouting](http://www.thatsmybrick.com/eaglescouting). You can send donations through Paypal to [dgwaronterrorrememorial@gmail.com](mailto:dgwaronterrorrememorial@gmail.com) or by mail to DG War on Terror Memorial; P.O. Box 408; Holly Springs, NC 27540.

# helping keep drivers safe

Holly Springs has been named an Outstanding Traffic Safe Community by AAA Carolinas for 2013.

It was the second such award for our Police Department from AAA Carolinas.

The annual Traffic Safe Community Awards recognize cities and towns that offer programs and initiatives to make roads safer in the Carolinas.

Holly Springs was among four towns with populations between 10,000 and 30,000 that were recognized.

Traffic safe communities are selected by looking at crash statistics, number of law enforcement officers per capita, and also

presence of formal traffic safety programs.

Our Police Department has a three-officer traffic safety unit that focuses full-time on enforcement of speeding and impaired driving laws.

Education programs include Survive the Drive, which teaches teenagers safe driving techniques. It also reiterates the dangers of speeding, driving while impaired, and failure to wear seat belts.

Other initiatives include child safety seat checks and also safety classes for motorcyclists.

The traffic safety team has extensive training in accident reconstruction.

# 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.

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

Where there are crosswalks, pedestrians are expected to use them.

## holidays

### M.L. King Jr.'s Birthday Monday, Jan. 20

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

Garbage and recycling schedule unchanged. Call Public Works at (919) 552-5920 with questions about solid waste collection.

# when Christmas hits the curb

We're collecting discarded Christmas trees at the curb. Please make certain that you've stripped it of all decorations and other objects, including tinsel and nails, before leaving it at the curb for us.

The trees are chipped for mulch.

Trees with objects on them must be left behind since they could damage the chipping machine.

Also, please don't place Christmas trees in the leaf piles. We vacuum piles of loose leaves at the curb.

Leaf collection season is winding down. Crews have worked their way through town more quickly this year than last with the addition of a fourth collection truck.

Thank you for taking care to keep rocks and other debris out of leaf piles. That's helped us avoid equipment breakdowns that slow collection.

If you have more leaves for us to vacuum, please keep piles 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. Keep in mind that what goes down storm drains flows to our water supplies.

**Remove everything from the tree before placing it curbside.**



## staying in touch

Stay connected with what's going on in Town government by signing up for free news updates and for happenings in your particular areas of interest.

Click the **Notify Me** button on the right-hand sign of the home page of our Web site, [www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us).

You'll see a list of topics on which you can receive updates by HTML e-mails or by text messages on your mobile phone.

Subscribe to any or all of numerous topics. Examples include:

- Emergency notifications on severe weather, cancellations, etc.,
- Town employment opportunities
- Calendars of meetings and events
- News releases and updates from select facilities, departments or programs

You're in control of what kinds of notifications we send to you and how you receive them. You can unsubscribe at any time.

# helping us find you quickly

When you call 911 in an emergency, you want police officers, firefighters or EMS crews at your doorstep without delay.

Help them help you by making sure that the correct house numbers are prominently displayed.

House numbers should be a minimum of 4 inches tall.

They should be displayed prominently on the front of the house where your front door faces the street.

If your house is on a corner lot, please be sure that the numbers are shown on the

same side of the house that faces the street that is your address.

On corner lots, mailboxes need to follow the same rule. They should be placed on the same street as your address. Many around town are on the wrong street.

To avoid confusion, we recommend that you move your mailbox to the street that is your address.

Not sure of your correct address? Please call our Planning and Zoning staff at (919) 557-3908. They can help.

**Correctly displaying house numbers helps us reach you quickly in case of emergency.**