

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

home is where the art is

Explore the arts through classes, exhibits and performances during the second annual Holly Springs Arts Festival Feb. 5-8 at Holly Springs Cultural Center.

"Coming Home - The History of Holly Springs" is the theme of this year's festival, which concludes with a gala featuring storyteller Claire Ramsey.

Festival sponsors are the Cultural Center and Holly Springs Arts Council. "This year, we will once again provide an opportunity to showcase our artists' varied talents and encourage the community to explore new media and artists," said Brenda Priest, presi-

dent of the Arts Council.

The 2014 festival will include:

- > Classes and performances by local artists the afternoons of Feb. 5-7 and all day Saturday, Feb. 8.

- > Juried fine art exhibition with sales during the festival and throughout February

- > Awards ceremony Feb. 8 for young artists chosen from those recommended by local art teachers in schools.

- > Artisan vendor show Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

- > Gala arts fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 8 from 6-9 p.m., featuring Ramsey's storytelling of Holly Springs' history.



Tickets to the gala fund-raiser are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Get them at the Cultural Center or online at etix.com.

Visit hollyspringsartscouncil.org for more information about the festival or call Holly Springs Cultural Center at (919) 567-4000.

plans for cooling a traffic hot spot

We're working with the state Department of Transportation to find ways to improve traffic flow at the intersection of N.C. 55 and Avent Ferry Road.

Although the state maintains both roads, the Town paid for a consultant to study ways to alleviate congestion there.

With study results in hand, the Town and NCDOT agree on the solution for the intersection. The next step is funding.

We're working closely with NCDOT to identify a source of money that could allow work to move forward within 12-18 months.

The Town Council will review the study results during its planning retreat Feb. 14-15

in Southern Pines.

Meanwhile, other efforts continue.

In 2015, the Town will begin extension of Main Street westward to Piney Grove Wilbon Road. That will cut left-turning traffic from Avent Ferry onto N.C. 55 by a third.

The regional benefits of this project earned it 80-percent federal funding via NCDOT. However, that money cannot be used to improve Avent Ferry Road.

So we keep pressing for other state or federal funding toward the multi-million dollar expense of improving Avent Ferry Road, including widening and intersection improvements.

February 2014

calendar

Mon., Feb. 3	Spring Baseball & Softball, Adult Soccer, Summer Camp Registrations Begin
Tues., Feb. 4	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Feb. 5	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL Bridge Club, 10am, CC (Bridge Club Meets weekly) Arts Festival Begins, CC
Fri., Feb. 7	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Mon., Feb. 10	Intro to Soccer Registration Monday Movie, 10am, CC (Movie Shown Weekly)
Tues., Feb. 11	Discovering Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH
Wed., Feb. 12	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Feb. 13	Senior Gaming, 2pm, CC Bunco Night, 6:30pm, CC Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Sat., Feb. 15	HSSOD Dance Theatre, CC
Sun., Feb. 16	Gene Watson, 3pm, CC
Tues., Feb. 18	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC HS Bookworms, 6:30pm, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Feb. 19	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., Feb. 20	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL QDMA, 7pm, BL
Fri., Feb. 21	Rt. 55 Jazz, 7:30pm, CC
Sat., Feb. 22	Dennis Regan, 7:30pm, CC
Tues., Feb. 25	Utility Bills Due Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Thurs., Feb. 27	Senior Gaming, 2pm, CC Bunco Night, 6:30pm, CC

Locations

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

keeping your water clean

Although your water is safe to drink, it may smell and taste more like chlorine during March.

This is because treatment plants change how they disinfect water each March.

State and federal rules require a bal-

ancing of treatment methods for safe drinking water.

Water plants throughout the state do this month-long switchover each year.

Kidney dialysis users should be aware that the water may contain chloramines, chlorine, or a mixture during March.

Call our Public Works Department at (919) 552-5920 if you have questions or concerns.

A temporary switchover in treatment methods may lead your water to taste and smell more like chlorine during March. It's still safe to drink.

During April, the treatment water plant will return to the use of chloramines for disinfection.

Mixtures of chlorine and chloramines may

be present during the early days of April.

Aquarium owners should use neutralizers that work on chlorine as well as chloramines.

The flushing of lines during this period may cause minor discoloration of the water. However, it remains safe to drink.

staying in touch

Want emergency alerts and/or Town government information on the topics of your choice?

Our Web site, www.hollyspringsnc.us, allows you to sign up for e-mail or phone text messages on numerous categories.

Just click the Notify Me button on the right side of our home page. Provide your e-mail address and/or phone number.

Signing up is free, of course, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Notification choices include Town news releases, emergency alerts, weather-related cancellations, calendar postings, Town government job openings, and many more.

You control which information that we send your way.

talk of the town

A full agenda of wide-ranging issues is awaiting the Town Council for its annual planning retreat Feb. 14-15 in Southern Pines.

The council will meet all day Friday, Feb. 14, and the morning of Saturday, Feb. 15 at Pine Needles Lodge. The sessions are open to the public.

The gatherings enable council members and some Town staff to tackle complex issues in detail with fewer interruptions than they face when in town.

Two of many topics up for discussion are:

- Debt - The amount currently financed and how much can be managed while avoiding a tax increase
- Transportation - An update on projects such as Main Street Extension and Avent Ferry Road improvements, plus strategies for addressing traffic hot spots

sports sign-up

Registration occurs this month for several Parks and Recreation athletics programs.

These include spring baseball and softball for youth and soccer for adults. All three begin Feb. 3.

Walk-in registration for Introduction to Soccer starts Feb. 10 and begins online the following day. Youth track and field registration starts Feb. 24.

For details, see the HURRAHS! course booklet in the Parks and Recreation Department section of www.hollyspringsnc.us.

the poop on scooping poop

Please remember to clean up after your pets.

Scoop and bag pet waste. If your neighborhood has pet waste stations, be sure to use them. Once the waste is bagged, remember to dispose of it properly.

Pet waste contains pollutants, bacteria and viruses that can eventually reach streams and lakes. Waste that is left on the street or sidewalk can wind up in storm drains.

Not only is it environmentally damaging and unsanitary not to clean up behind your pets, it is illegal.

To help us raise awareness, volunteers are posting signs in neighborhoods about the importance of picking up after pets.

Participating in this sign posting program is a way that you can help protect water quality.



For more information or educational material, please contact our Engineering Department's Stormwater Hotline. The number is (919) 567-4011.

'tis the season to trim the tree

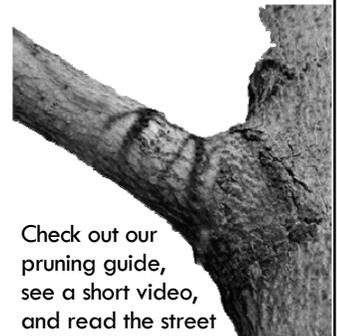
February is prime time to prune your street trees and other plants while they are dormant.

If your neighborhood has street trees, they were originally installed by the builder or developer. We encourage those with trees at the street to prune them to keep them looking nice.

To retain clearance for vehicles on the street and people on the sidewalk, we recommend having the lowest branches at least 13 feet above the ground.

If your tree needs replacing and you are not sure what to replant, call our Department of Planning and Zoning at (919) 557-3908 or send an e-mail to hsplanning@hollyspringsnc.us.

We will guide you through the process of maintaining street trees properly.



Check out our pruning guide, see a short video, and read the street tree policy. Just click the Residents Info tab in the Planning & Zoning Department section of hollyspringsnc.us.