

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

fiber optic vision

Google Fiber's announcement that it plans to offer high-speed Internet service in several nearby towns raises questions for many people in Holly Springs.

We'd like you to know that the town has moved ahead of the trend by completing construction of its own state-of-the-art fiber optic network backbone last June.

The Town Council and Information Technology staff recognized years ago that advanced network infrastructure would enable us to provide world-class government services, promote economic development, and ensure that broadband service in town

evolves over time to meet your needs, too.

Before starting the network, we studied the issue extensively. We verified that it made financial sense to install fiber optics to town government buildings and public safety agencies.

State law currently prohibits us from directly offering broadband service to residents. However, the network was designed so that a private company could do that at some point. There's plenty of spare fiber and underground conduit space that could be leased to serve businesses or homes.

We continue seeking ways to increase broadband options for homes and businesses in Holly Springs.

for investment in fiber-to-the-home service.

"We look forward to seeing potential investment by a provider in the Holly Springs community in the future," said Jeff Wilson, our Information Technology director.

"We will continue to seek out opportunities to expand and improve broadband options for our residents and businesses," he said.

For more, see the Information Technology Department section of hollyspringsnc.us.

Google's willingness to commit so heavily in the Triangle shows the area is ripe

February 2015

calendar

Mon., Feb. 2	Youth Baseball/Softball, Adult Soccer Registration Opens Movie, 10am, CC (weekly)
Tues., Feb. 3	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Feb. 4	Arts Festival Begins, CC Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., Feb. 6	Medieval Sword Fighting, 6:30pm, HC (meets weekly) Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Sat., Feb. 7	Arts Festival Ends, CC
Mon., Feb 9	Soccer Intro Registration Begins
Tues., Feb. 10	Discovering Nature, 10am, BL Photo Club, 7pm, BL
Wed., Feb. 11	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., Feb. 12	Mommy & Me Dance Class, 9:30am, CC (meets weekly) S.W. Conservationists, 7pm, BL Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Fri., Feb. 13	60 Seconds or Less, 6pm, BL
Tues., Feb. 17	Puppet Show, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., Feb. 18	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., Feb. 20	Matt Jernigan, 7:30pm, CC
Sat., Feb. 21	Archery 101, 3pm, BL Toddler Exploration, 10am, BL Rt. 55 Jazz, 7:30pm, CC
Mon., Feb. 23	Youth Track Registration Begins Relief Carving, 6pm, BL
Tues., Feb. 24	Relief Carving, 6pm, BL Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Wed., Feb. 25	Utility Bills Due
Thurs., Feb. 26	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL Breakfast for Dinner, 5pm, CC
Sat., Feb. 28	Farmers Market, 10am, CC Taste of India, 11am, CC

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

stop, drop & roll-dead gorgeous

He's undeniably cute. But Cinder, our Fire Department's newest addition, is more than just a pretty face.

"He is a working dog," says Fire Engineer Joe Harasti, safety education officer and Cinder's main handler.

Once trained, Cinder will play a big part in fire safety instruction, especially where children are involved.

He'll learn to demonstrate how to stop, drop and roll; how to crawl low under smoke; and to not re-enter a burning building.

Cinder is an Australian labradoodle, a breed known for intelligence and good temperament. Cinder was donated. We've also had donations for training, food, veterinary care, grooming, etc.

Read much more about Cinder on the Fire Department home page of hollyspringsnc.us.

"He's cute and lovable," said Fire Chief LeRoy Smith. "Cinder will help us take our prevention education to the next level."



Cinder

throwing away for another day

A lot of the stuff we get rid of every day still has some usefulness remaining.

Recycling collection occurs every two weeks on the same day as your weekly garbage service.

Recyclables include glass top cartons, plastic bottles numbered 1-7 on the bottom, telephone books, aluminum foil, food boxes without grease, plastic beverage rings, and corrugated cardboard that has been broken apart.

For the full recycling list, see Garbage & Recycling under the Services tab of our Web site, hollyspringsnc.us. Just above the "List of

what to recycle" link, you'll also find the link for the collection schedule.

Check page 1 of the collection schedule for your service day, and note whether you're on the A route or the B route.

See page 2 for the 2015 schedule with A and B routes alternating weekly.

We appreciate your patience during the recent transition. Call Public Works with questions at (919) 552-5920.

As for yard waste, we're shifting back to the regular weekly service since the holidays and peak leaf collection season are behind us.

For what and when to recycle, see Garbage & Recycling under the Services tab of hollyspringsnc.us.

the right time to go out on a limb

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. If you have trees at the street, we encourage you to prune them for appearance.

To retain clearance for vehicles and also for people on the sidewalk, we suggest having the lowest branches at least 13 feet off the ground. If your tree needs replacing and you are not sure what to replant, call Planning and Zoning at (919) 557-3908 or send an e-mail to hsplanning@hollyspringsnc.us.

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



Check out our pruning guide to assist with Street trees.

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how can we help?

Try our new Holly Springs e-Request service to contact us with non-emergency requests, questions or concerns. It's easy.

The Report a Concern link on the right-hand side of the home page of hollyspringsnc.us takes you to the service. You'll be able to track the status of your request as well.



the
Winter
Market

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Indoor Farmers Market

**SATURDAY
February 28**

10am – Noon
Holly Springs Cultural
Center

www.HSFarmersMarket.com

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

Athletics Registration in February
Registration for youth spring baseball and softball and for adult soccer starts Feb. 2. Intro to soccer registration begins Feb. 9-10. Youth track and field registration starts Feb. 23.
For details on signing up for each sport, see Athletics under the Residents tab of hollyspringsnc.us.

Water Treatment Altered Each March
Here's a heads-up that your water might smell and taste more like chlorine next month.
That's because our water plant and others throughout the state switch to a different treatment throughout March each year. State and federal rules require this balancing of disinfecting processes. Your water will remain safe to drink.

Pre-Budget Hearing March 17
The Town Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on March 17 to hear your priorities for the 2015-2016 town budget while we're early in budget preparation.
The required public hearing will be held in June. But by then, there is little time for major changes to the budget.

Rabies Clinic April 11
In case you were wondering, the next rabies clinic will be Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. until noon in the parking lot behind Town Hall. Vaccinate your dog or cat for \$5 cash.