

THE SPRINGS

a newsletter from the town of holly springs, north carolina

ninth fresh start

The Holly Springs Farmers Market reopens Saturday morning, May 2 for a ninth season, reuniting townspeople with locally-grown, farm fresh food and those who provide it.

The market is open Saturday mornings through mid-October from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot across Main Street from Town Hall. It is operated by the town's Department of Planning and Zoning.

Two dozen vendors of produce, meats, coffee and artisanal foods have signed up

for season 9, plus two makers of all-natural bath and body products. More continue to join. Most vendors are within 25 miles of Holly Springs.

This year the market has new coffee roaster, ice cream, and meat and produce vendors in addition to a couple of new bakers with a variety of sweets. Shoppers can take a break under a new hospitality tent and listen to live music.

The market's blue ribbon sponsor this season is GMA Supply.

The Farmers Market has grown over the



Holly Springs Farmers Market opens its ninth season on Saturday, May 2.

years in vendors, products and crowds. Last year, it averaged 800 patrons a week.

Special events during the season include two document shredding opportunities, food truck rodeos on June 27 and Aug. 29, Taste of Holly Springs, Founder's Day, and the season-ending Chili Cook-off.

warming up for the first pitch

North Main Athletic Complex is weeks away from opening.

Watch for periodic one-lane traffic until about mid-May near the new athletic complex.

Work crews will need to close one lane at times to work on road widening.

The Holly Springs Salamanders summer collegiate baseball team opens play May 28.

The complex also has tennis courts and lighted, synthetic turf soccer fields.



The multi-sport stadium with synthetic turf will be used for town Parks and Recreation league play, concerts, and special events in addition to Salamanders baseball.

May 2015

calendar

Fri., May 1	Family Fun Night, 6pm, BL
Sat., May 2	Farmers Market, 8:30am weekly
Sun., May 3	Fishing Basics, 3pm, BL
Mon., May 4	Movie, 10am, CC (weekly)
Tues., May 5	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., May 6	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Thurs., May 7	Medieval Sword Fighting, HC Tai Chi, CC (both weekly, 6:30pm)
Fri., May 8	Family Bingo, 7pm, BL
Sat., May 9	TurtleFest, 1pm, BL
Tues., May 12	Photo Club, 7pm, BL Board of Adjustment, 7pm, TH
Wed., May 13	Garden Club, 7pm, BL
Thurs., May 14	Wildlife Club, 7pm, BL Recreation Board, 7pm, TH
Sat., May 16	Open House, 1pm, CC
Tues., May 19	Puppet Theatre, 11am, CC Town Council, 7pm, TH
Wed., May 20	Senior Bingo, 1pm, BL
Fri., May 22	Outdoor Concert, 6:30pm, CC
Sat., May 23	Catfish Tourney-Pro, BL Archery 101, 3pm, BL
Sun., May 24	Lake Dipping, 3pm, BL
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day—Town Offices Closed
Tues., May 26	Utility Bills Due Planning Board, 7pm, TH
Thurs., May 28	Explore-a-Story, 10am, BL
Fri., May 29	Zoo Bus Trip, 8am, BL
Sat., May 30	Rt. 55 Jazz, 7:30pm, CC
Sun., May 31	Geocaching 101, 3pm, BL
Bass Lake (BL) Hunt Center (HC) Town Hall (TH) Cultural Center (CC) Sugg Farm (SF) Veterans Park (VP)	

saving money & the environment

We are launching about \$200,000 in upgrades this month to the Town's wastewater treatment plant, finalizing some groundbreaking efforts that will:

- Serve the town's wastewater treatment needs for at least the next two decades, and probably a lot longer
- Save the Town more than \$7 million in costs over an alternative plan
- Protect and even improve the water quality of three local water ways
- Eliminate the Town's need to install an underground pipe for nearly two miles through woods and bedrock
- Guarantee the Town's independent future from any reliance on another jurisdiction for wastewater treatment capacity.

These efforts equally address cost, use/benefit and the environment, explains Seann Byrd, our Public Utilities director.

"This is definitely something the community can feel good about," he said.

Upgrades are needed at the plant for the

Town to use its state permit issued in May 2012 to treat and discharge up to 8 million gallons of water per day.

Byrd said a condition of that permit stated that the Town needed to move its discharge downstream by installing a 48-inch underground pipe some two miles through woods and bedrock at a cost of about \$7 million. We recognized that a better solution for cost and the environment was to keep the discharge into Utley Creek on-site, and they set about convincing state officials of this.

The Town received word last month that the state permitting agency concurs with the Town's conclusions and gave the nod for the Town to upgrade its plant and leave its discharge where it is.

"The bottom line," Byrd said, "is what is called a 'triple bottom line:' we are spending a few hundred thousand dollars instead of \$7 million, we are providing the same service to the public and we are protecting the waterways and woods around us."

moving on transit

Four options for a Wake County transit plan will be up for discussion Thursday, May 14 at Holly Springs Cultural Center.

Speakers will explain transit technology types and the choices and tradeoffs for the community.



Transit Meeting
May 14 at 6 p.m.
Holly Springs
Cultural Center

Wake
TRANSIT
300 W. Ballentine St.

Visit waketransit.com for more on the Wake County transit initiative, including other meeting locations.

joining the team

Men's basketball registration for ages 18 and older begins May 4. Games will be played weeknights. Practice begins the week of June 8.

In-person registration for youth tackle football and for cheerleading begins May 18. Online registration starts May 19.

Practice for both starts in early August. For registration details on all three sports, see Athletics in the Parks and Recreation Department section of hollyspringsnc.us.

Bring the whole family to Holly Springs Cultural Center from 1-4 p.m. on **Saturday, May 16** for an open house featuring music, performances, live art demonstrations, and activities for all ages. Meet our new and favorite instructors teaching this summer.

TurtleFest

Saturday, May 9, 2015

1-4 p.m.

Bass Lake Park



Join us for this annual event for celebrating and learning about turtles. Visit lots of interactive exhibits and meet biologists, herpetologists, and wildlife rehabilitators. Make crafts, enter the annual art contest, and play games.

For details, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department section of hollyspringsnc.us. You'll find TurtleFest under Festivals and Events.

holidays

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25

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

Garbage and recycling runs 1 day behind throughout the week

Call Public Works with questions about solid waste collection at (919) 552-5920.

replacing Bass Lake bridge

The Bass Lake Road bridge will close May 11 so that the state Department of Transportation can replace the deteriorating structure. It will remain closed about six months.

Until May 11, preparations for construction will require closing one lane of traffic between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

NCDOT will detour through traffic along Holly Springs Road and Sunset Lake Road throughout the project. N.C. 55 can be an alternate detour for some motorists. However, Bass Lake Road will remain open to local

traffic on either side of the bridge. Drivers still will be able to turn into Bass Lake Park and onto streets such as Salem

The Bass Lake bridge closes for replacement May 11. Traffic will be detoured for about six months

Ridge Road from the Holly Springs side. But Bass Lake Road as a connection to Fuquay-Varina will be lost temporarily.

No more than periodic closures of the trail around Bass Lake are expected. NCDOT says the bridge was built in 1954 and that it is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. Replacement has been planned since at least 2008.