



Town of Holly Ridge

Mayor's Message

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2024



I will use this area for the weekly Mayor's update to update citizens of Holly Ridge with pertinent information. It has been a busy week getting on board and taking over the ongoing activities. As we go forward, I will continue to provide information.

1. Last week, I attended a meeting attended by mayors across North Carolina sponsored by the NC League of Municipalities. It was an excellent opportunity to network and learn from other mayors. It is interesting to find that all towns of our size face similar challenges. The top list of issues includes managing smart growth, managing infrastructure, communicating with citizens, parks, and recreation, getting government funding, and collaborating with other towns. Interestingly, we have initiatives in the most challenging areas, and more on this as we move forward.
2. I have set up office hours every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-5 PM. This is an opportunity to stop by and discuss your concerns and for you to better understand our initiative. There have been quite a few social media comments. These discussions are much better done in person; social media is not the best forum to communicate some issues to the citizens. I am happy to set up time outside working hours for those who cannot make it these hours.
3. Along with the grand council we have, we are working on the town management objectives and a time-based vision of our goals and the Mayor's roles and responsibilities. We continue to share this with the public through working sessions to get your thoughts and feedback.
4. Due to my departure as a councilman, we have an opening, and we look forward to citizens volunteering to join the council and fill the open slot. Please get involved.
5. I plan to meet with the citizens in town hall in late October. More details to come on this.
6. We have our next council meeting on October 16. As always, we invite all citizens to attend and better understand the town management activities and operations. We look forward to your participation.
7. You can reach me via email pparnian.hollyridge@gmail.com

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