



Town of Holly Ridge

Mayor's Message

OCTOBER 28TH, 2024



As your mayor I try on a weekly basis to keep you informed on behalf of the Town Council and Town Manager regarding town matters. I welcome your recommendations and suggestions regarding this process.

1. For those who do not know - Early voting has started in the Sneads Ferry Library building, and voting on Election Day will be at the Holly Ridge Community Center on November 5.
2. As I mentioned previously, a lot is happening with our developer and commercial partners as our Town grows residentially and commercially. We will inform you as soon as possible about future projects.
3. We had a great working session with the Town Council. Our objective was to complete strategic planning and define and develop a vision, mission, goals, and time-based action plans to achieve our objectives. The Town Council, Town Manager, and I are working together to finalize this and present it to the citizens, maybe in a Town Hall meeting or by other means as soon as finalized to get feedback.
4. The four towns of Holly Ridge, Surf City, Topsail Beach, and North Topsail Beach are working together to select a vendor to provide our Garbage and Recycling services. The Town Managers are working as a team to publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for several vendors. By combining forces, they define criteria for better and more economical service to our citizens.
5. We continue to look for volunteers to join our Branding/Marketing Committee as well as the Political Connection Committee; these are posted on the Town's webpage. We appreciate those who have already volunteered and joined. The Political Connection Committee is not a political action committee; no town funds will be spent on candidates. We cherish and seek more involvement from the community with experience to help us as we go forward and support our residential and commercial growth.
6. As a part of our effort to seek funding, we continue to seek grants from various public sources. However, we have limited staff. We are seeking volunteers from our community to help us with grant application writing. Please be on the lookout for that announcement. It is critical to our town, and we appreciate anyone with any proposal development and grant writing background who can help us, give advice, and support our needs.
7. In support of one of our developer partners, we want to announce the grand opening of the Evolve residential complex on November 2 at 10 a.m. There will be food trucks and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event list is [HERE](#). As I have announced, a shopping center will be in front of the apartment complex on Highway 17.
8. Several events are going on during the next couple of months. All are posted to the Town's web page, but here is a summary:
 - a. Beginning Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – Holly Ridge Senior Club hosted by the Town of Holly Ridge Parks and Recreation Department beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the

- Community Center.
- b. Thursday, October 31, 2024 – Town of Holly Ridge Trick or Treating Hours beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. Police Officers will be on Patrol Passing out Candy!
 - c. Friday, November 1, 2024 – Kids Night Out hosted by the Town of Holly Ridge Parks and Recreation Department beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center. The parks and Recreation staff are doing a bang-up job.
 - d. Monday, November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day Ceremony at the Liberty Fountain Park beginning at 11:00 a.m.
 - e. Friday, November 15, 2024 – Teen Night hosted by the Town of Holly Ridge Parks and Recreation Department beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.
 - f. Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – Family Game Night hosted by the Town of Holly Ridge Parks and Recreation Department beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center. It is a Free Event.
 - g. Every Monday Through December 16, 2024 – The New Toddler Time Program begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center. It is a Free Event.
 - h. Thursday, November 28, 2024 & Friday, November 29, 2024 – Administrative Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving.
9. Thanks again to those who stopped by during office hours to discuss their questions and concerns. I will continue office hours on Tuesday and Thursday this week from 1 to 4 to meet with the citizens. I welcome your visit and chat. You are always welcome to email or call me.
 10. We need your help with designing the Municipal Park! The Town of Holly Ridge along with our consultant WithersRavenel will be hosting Public Input Sessions on November 7th, 2024 & January 13th, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Please attend and have your voice heard by letting us know what facilities, programs, and amenities you want! The Municipal Park Master Plan will guide improvements for today and into the future!
 11. Mark your calendars for the November 12th Town Council Meeting. The ONWASA CEO Mr. Franky Howard and Onslow County Commissioner and chairman of ONWASA Board, Mr. Royce Bennett will give a special presentation. Additionally, the Jacksonville Economic Development Organization will make a presentation regarding Phase III of the Camp Davis Industrial Park development. As always, this is a public meeting.

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