



The BUZZ



The Official monthly Newsletter
of the Town of Holly Ridge

April showers bring May flowers

and exciting events across Holly Ridge!



Festival • Bulk Pickup • Yard Debris Pickup Info Inside

Town Updates

Holly Ridge Master Park Plan

Exciting progress continues on the future of Holly Ridge Municipal Park! Town staff have been working closely with our project vendor to refine and finalize the park's design, and we are getting closer than ever to seeing the vision come together.

Interested in learning more about the Holly Ridge Park Master Plan? Stay connected by visiting the Town's website, where you can download a PDF copy of the Parks, Trails & Open Spaces Master Plan to explore the vision for future recreation and green spaces in Holly Ridge.



Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Town Council approved the updated Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan at the March 9, 2026, meeting, ensuring the Town remains eligible for FEMA mitigation and disaster assistance programs.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local governments to maintain a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan to qualify for certain disaster recovery and mitigation funding. The Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies potential natural and technological hazards that could impact communities in the region and outlines strategies to reduce risks to life and property. The Town of Holly Ridge participated in this regional planning effort alongside state and regional emergency management partners.

Spring cleaning often leaves behind piles of yard debris and unwanted items. Don't let them sit—take advantage of these upcoming pickup dates to clear things out. A cleaner yard is the perfect way to welcome spring!

Spring Debris Pickup

Scheduled for the week of May 4 – May 8
Residents may place yard debris at the curb before this week for collection.

Bulk Pickup (Provided by GFL)

Scheduled for the week of May 18 – May 22
Bulk items should be placed at the curb before your scheduled collection day this week.



Scan to view flyers & more Info!

Note: Each event listed above has a separate flyer with pickup dates organized by zone. Please check the appropriate flyer to find your scheduled pickup date.

Please ensure items are placed neatly at the curb and do not block sidewalks, roadways, or storm drains. Check the zones below to find your scheduled day



Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Pete Parnian

As a proud member of Bee City USA, our community is committed to protecting pollinators and promoting healthy habitats for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects. Being a Bee City means we actively support sustainable landscaping practices, native plantings, and educational outreach that help pollinators thrive. These small but mighty creatures play a vital role in our ecosystem, supporting local agriculture, backyard gardens, and the natural beauty that makes our area so special.

Our Bee Festival this year is a celebration of that commitment. It's time for families, neighbors, and local businesses to come together to learn about pollinator conservation, enjoy hands-on activities, and discover simple ways to make a difference — whether by planting native flowers, reducing pesticide use, or creating pollinator-friendly spaces at home. By working together, we can ensure a healthier environment, a stronger food system, and a vibrant community for generations to come.

Mayor's Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

KNOW YOUR ORDINANCES

Have a neighborhood concern but not sure who to contact?

If you're dealing with situations like:

- Overgrown grass or excessive trash
- Outdoor storage of furniture, car parts, or debris
- Unmaintained or green pools
- Abandoned or wrecked vehicles on private property
- Construction without permits
- Possible home-based business concerns (noise, odors, traffic)
- RVs being used for overnight stays on residential property
- Vacant or unsafe homes
- General property maintenance issues that may attract pests

Contact Code Enforcement:

910.329.7081 ext. 221
ldavenport@hollyridgenc.gov

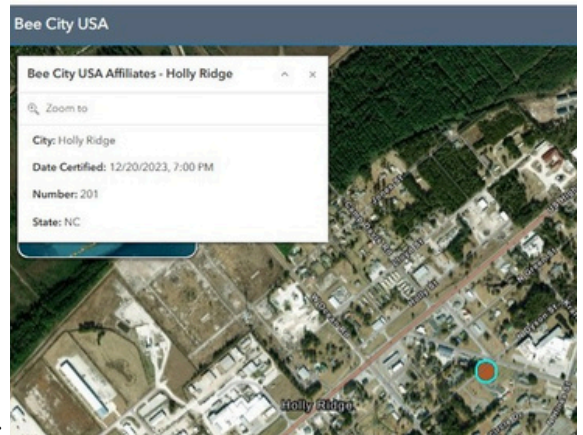
Code Enforcement helps maintain the safety, appearance, and quality of life in our community. If you're unsure whether your concern applies, don't hesitate to reach out—they're here to help!

What Is Bee City USA and Why It Matters

When most people hear the word "bee," they think of the familiar honeybee. But the United States is home to more than 3,600 species of native bees, including bumble bees, mason bees, leafcutter bees, and many others. These native bees are especially important because they evolved alongside native plants and are often the most effective pollinators for them.

Pollinators help plants reproduce, support wildlife, and are responsible for about one out of every three bites of food we eat. Unfortunately, pollinator populations are declining worldwide. Bee City USA encourages communities like ours to support pollinators by creating healthier habitats—planting native flowers, providing nesting spaces, reducing pesticide use, and hosting educational events. While the program focuses on native bees, these efforts also benefit butterflies, moths, and other important pollinators.

That's why the Town of Holly Ridge became a Bee City USA affiliate.



April 2026

*Community Center
 **Town Hall Council Chambers
 ***Holly Ridge Park

<p>Earth Day reminds us that even small actions can make a big difference. From protecting our waterways to keeping our parks clean and planting native trees, Holly Ridge residents play an important role in caring for the place we call home. This April, we invite our community to celebrate Earth Day by taking simple steps that help keep Holly Ridge beautiful for generations to come.</p>		1	2	3	4	
		Barre Flow Yoga 9am*	Pickleball* 9a-12p	Town Admin Offices CLOSED		
			Friends of The Park Committee Meeting* 4pm	Good Friday		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
HAPPY EASTER	Town Admin Offices CLOSED NORMAL Garbage & Recycling pick up NO Toddler Time Today*	Pickleball* 9a-12p	Barre Flow Yoga 9am*	Pickleball* 9a-12p		Miss Queen Bee Festival Pageant* 5 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Toddler Time 10a-12p*	Pickleball 9a-12p* Town Council meeting* 6:30pm	Barre Flow Yoga 9am*	Pickleball 9a-12pm* ONWASA Board of Directors Meeting 6pm* Bee City USA committee meeting* 4pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Toddler Time 10a-12p*	Pickleball 9a-12p* Planning Board meeting 6pm**	Barre Flow Yoga 9am* Earth Day	Pickleball* 9a-12p Council Quarterly Work Session 2pm	Family Painting with Artsy Goat 6pm*	3 rd Annual Holly Ridge Bee Festival 10a - 3p 
26	27	28	29	30		
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Community Bulletin Board

♻️ Weekly Recycling Reminder

One of the easiest ways to make a difference is by recycling properly.

Curbside Recycling Accepted Items:

- Cardboard (flattened)
- Paper (Newspapers, magazines, office paper)
- Glass bottles and Jars

Please place recyclable items loosely in your recycling container — do not bag recyclables.



Notary Services

Town Hall Hours
M-F: 8 AM - 4 PM

Appointments are encouraged

\$10.00 Cash

Beware of Scammers!

The Town will NEVER request vendor payments via Facebook, Venmo, Zelle, Cash App, or PayPal (friends & family).

Call 910-388-6275 to verify before paying



Looking for classes and events around town?

Visit HollyRidgeRecDesk.com and click on **Programs** to see what the Parks & Recreation team has planned just for you!

That sweet Bee Festival feeling!
April 25th



**Missed Garbage or recycling pickup?
Damaged or broken cart (s)?**

Contact GFL at
252-339-0290

Questions?
Ideas? Concerns?

Stop by during the Mayor's Business Hours
Tues & Thurs | 1-4 PM



Retro Reads From the Collection of Mildred Hines

NAME PERSONNEL FOR BEACH CAMP

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Will House Permanent Army Staff**

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HOLLY RIDGE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Lavish Hair & Spa is a full-service AVEDA concept salon dedicated to delivering elevated beauty experiences. We offer AVEDA customizable color, precision cutting, formal styling, and premium hair extensions, creating looks that are tailored and effortlessly beautiful.

Our spa menu features results-driven skincare services, including but not limited to, customized facials, eyelash extensions, chemical peels, and microneedling. We believe healthy skin is the foundation of confidence.

Founded in Hampstead in 2016, we now proudly serve the Holly Ridge community. From our friendly front desk team to our curated women and children's clothing boutique, every detail is designed with you in mind. We can't wait to welcome you to Lavish.

To make an appointment, please call (910)803-2303 or scan our QR code.



Resources for Our Seniors

DON'T FORGET

Monday - Friday Daily Activities

- 8:00-5:00 Social Hour
- 8:00-5:00 Computers
- 8:00-5:00 Bikes/Treadmills
- 8:00-5:00 Billiards, Puzzles, Dominoes, Cards and other Games



****Limited space available for fitness classes!****

More Than Hearing Aids

101 Free hearing test session & information on products & services available.
Call 910-251-5702.

Legal Aid of NC

Federally funded non-profit providing FREE legal assistance/advice.

Senior Legal Helpline:
1-877-579-7562

Need Hearing Aids?

Need assistance applying for equipment through NC DSDHH Equipment Distribution Service? Call 1-800-205-9915 for appt.

AARP Driver Safety Course

For more information call 910-455-2747.

United Way 211-2-1-1
Non-Emergent Help Line. Just dial 211.

Fall Foliage in Vermont

Date of Trip: October 4th- 9th, 2026 - 6 Days/5 Nights Package

Price- \$1299.00 per person – Double Occupancy Rate

Call 910-455-2747 for more information.



Senior Centers near you

- Jacksonville 2024 Richlands Hwy 910-989-3006
- Belgrade 482 Springhill Rd, Maysville 910-743-0800
- Richlands 106 E. Franck St, Richlands 910-324-1357
- 242 Sneads Ferry Rd, Sneads Ferry 910-741-0670

Did you know Lunch is offered Monday- Friday (9 am-1 pm) at no cost to you?
Make your reservation for lunch no later than Noon the day before by calling the site nearest to you.

Plant Native, Support Pollinators

Native plants require less water and provide valuable habitat for birds and pollinators. This spring, consider adding native flowers, shrubs, or trees to your yard. Native plants are naturally adapted to coastal North Carolina's climate, making them easier to maintain while helping strengthen our local ecosystem.

Native Plants for Eastern North Carolina

Native Flowers (Pollinator-Friendly)

- Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)
- Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)
- Coreopsis (Tickseed) (Coreopsis lanceolata) – NC state wildflower
- Blanket Flower (Gaillardia pulchella)
- Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) – supports monarch butterflies
- Scarlet Bee Balm (Monarda didyma)
- Goldenrod (Solidago spp.)
- Blazing Star (Liatris spicata)

Native Trees

- Live Oak (Quercus virginiana)
- Southern Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora)
- Red Maple (Acer rubrum)
- River Birch (Betula nigra)
- Bald Cypress (Taxodium distichum) – excellent for drainage areas
- Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis)
- Longleaf Pine (Pinus palustris) – historically native to coastal NC

Native Shrubs

- Wax Myrtle (Morella cerifera) – salt tolerant
- Virginia Sweetspire (Itea virginica)
- Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) – great for wetter areas
- Oakleaf Hydrangea (Hydrangea quercifolia)
- Yaupon Holly (Ilex vomitoria)
- American Beautyberry (Callicarpa americana)
- Dwarf Palmetto (Sabal minor)

Why Plant Native? Native plants require less fertilizer and water, support birds, bees, and butterflies, are adapted to local weather and soil conditions, and help reduce stormwater runoff.

Parks and Recreation Programs

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

HOLLY RIDGE SUMMER CAMP 2026

Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:30pm | Ages 6-12 K-5

\$200 PER WEEK
\$20 SIBLING DISCOUNT

Week 1: June 15 - June 19 Flip-n-Fly Jungle Rapids	Week 6: July 20 - July 24 Battlehouse Laser Tag Kinston Planetarium
Week 2: June 22 - June 26 Aquarium - Pine Knoll Shores High Tides & Good Vibes	Week 7: July 27 - July 31 Ecological Marine Adventures TBD
Week 3: June 29 - July 2 Sturgeon City MacDaddies/ Golfin Dolphin	Week 8: August 3 - August 7 Jungle Rapids Flip-n-Fly
Week 4: July 6 - July 10 Funky Fins @ Morris Landing Medieval Times	Week 9: August 10 - August 14 Wonderworks High Tides & Good Vibes
Week 5: July 13 - July 17 Lion's Water Adventure Roller City	Field trips are included at no extra cost and may be subject to change. *No camp on Friday, July 3rd

Holly Ridge Community Center
Questions? Contact jbrogden@hollyridgenc.gov

FAMILY PAINTING PARTY

Paint a buzzing hive with your very own family of bees!

Additional canvas - \$10

\$40 PER FAMILY - INCLUDES 2 CANVASES

APRIL 24TH 6:00 PM CLASS INCLUDES ALL SUPPLIES AND STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTION
Pre-registration required

Holly Ridge Community Center | 404 Sound Road

REGISTER NOW: hollyridge.reckdesk.com | FOR MORE INFORMATION: jbrogden@hollyridgenc.gov

BARRE FLOW

with Judi

WEDNESDAYS
March 18th - May 6th
9AM - 10AM

Holly Ridge Community Center
404 Sound Rd | Holly Ridge

\$5 resident | \$6 non-resident

8 Week Session - Full Session Discounts Offered
hollyridge.recdesk.com
*Pre registration is encouraged but not required

MISS QUEEN BEE

APRIL 11, 2026

Calendar at a Glance

- April 1, 2026- Teen Spring Break Trip
- April 2, 2026- Friends of the park meeting- 4 p- Community Center
- April 3, 2026- Administrative Offices CLOSED
- April 6, 2026 - Administrative Offices CLOSED
- April 8, 2026 - Spring Senior Trip- 2 pm-11:30 pm
- April 14, 2026 - Regular Town Council Meeting- 6:30 p- Community Center
- April 16, 2026 -ONWASA Meeting- 6 p- Jacksonville City Hall
- April 16, 2026 -Bee City USA Meeting- 6 p- Community Center
- April 21, 2026 -Planning Board Meeting- 6 p- Town Hall Council Chambers
- April 23, 2026 -Council Quarterly Work Session- 2 pm- Town Hall Council Chambers
- April 24, 2026- Family Painting with Artsy Goat- 6 pm- Community Center
- April 25, 2026- Bee Festival: 10 am - 3 pm, Sound Road in front of Police Station
- April 28, 2026- Board of Adjustment Meeting- 6 pm- Town Hall Council Chambers



Quick Contacts

- Town Hall – 910-329-7081
- Garbage & Recycling Enrollment – Ext. 228
- Code Enforcement – Ext. 221
- Police (non-emergency) – 910-329-4076-Ext. 207
- Fire Department (non-emergency)– 910-329-5101
- Website: hollyridgenc.gov
- Follow us on Facebook: at Town of Holly Ridge, NC
- Follow us on YouTube: @TownofHollyRidgeNC
- Parks & Recreation: 910-388-6275



Sign Up for the Sunshine List

Stay connected with Town of Holly Ridge news, events, and important updates by joining our Sunshine List. Receive email notifications-delivered straight to your inbox.

To sign up, visit hollyridgenc.org and click on Sunshine List under the Community tab or use the QR Code.



Reserve one of our Town’s Facilities!

Holly Ridge Facilities:

- Community Center
- Holly Ridge Ballfield
- Multipurpose Field
- Municipal Park Pavilions



Create your account and veiw available spaces, make reservations, and pay rental feesCreate your account and veiw available spaces, make reservations, and pay rental fees

Scan the QR code to visit our Rec Desk website !



Holly Ridge, NC
BEE FESTIVAL
APRIL 25TH, 2026

**THE 3RD ANNUAL
BEE FESTIVAL IS HERE!**

APRIL 25, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**VENDORS | KID ZONE | FOOD TRUCKS
BEER GARDEN | ENTERTAINMENT**

COME SEE WHAT THE BUZZ IS ABOUT!

**SOUND ROAD - HOLLY RIDGE, NC
IN FRONT OF THE POLICE STATION**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT 910-388-6275



2026 BEE FESTIVAL GUIDE



FESTIVAL LINE-UP

10:00 AM - FESTIVAL BEGINS

DJ - ALL DAY

10:30 AM - BMX STUNT SHOW

11:00 AM - BEER GARDEN OPENS

12:30 PM - BMX STUNT SHOW

2:00 PM - RAFFLE

2:30 PM - BMX STUNT SHOW

3:00 PM - FESTIVAL ENDS

Don't forget to stop by the Town tent and grab a **FREE reusable child safety bracelet!**

Quick, easy peace of mind for your family while you enjoy the event.

**While supplies last!*



Flexible

Easy to write on

Reusable

