

# HOPE MILLS HAPPENINGS

A Proud Past....A Bright Future



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## MANAGER'S CORNER

Happy New Year! 2020 was quite a year of change and adapting, though so many positives occurred in the Town of Hope Mills and we couldn't be prouder. A number of those will be highlighted in this issue. Let's keep up the holiday spirit into the new year - promoting positivity, loving thy neighbor and continuing to move our Town forward. Town staff will continue their dedicated efforts to provide the best service possible to residents in 2021.





## STATE OF THE TOWN *2020-2021*

In a covid year, Town staff were able to come together to execute numerous projects above and beyond the day-to-day operations. Here is a snapshot of those accomplishments:

### **Golfview Greenway Driveway & Parking Lot**

The driveway and parking lot at Golfview Greenway were completed in July 2020 to include signage and ADA parking spaces



### **Thomas Campbell Oakman Memorial Chapel**

New roof and steeple repair along with timed lights and HVAC installed





# STATE OF THE TOWN 2020-2021

## S. Main Street Sidewalks

New Repairs on both sides of S. Main Street between Lakeview and E. & W. Patterson Street

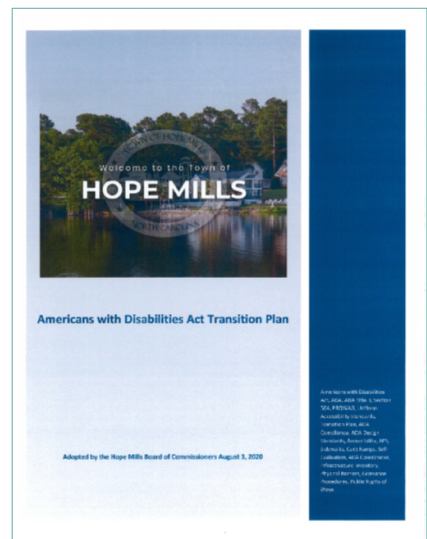


## ADA Transition Plan

After work with Stewart, Inc., the Board of Commissioners adopted Public Works ADA Transition Plan on August 3, 2020

## Veterans Memorial Monument

Cleaning and repairs to the monuments were completed in September 2020. Plans to replace the fence are in the works





# STATE OF THE TOWN

2020-2021

## Heritage Park Pumphouse

Pumphouse cleaning, repair and installation of fencing



## Street Patching & Crack Sealing

Updated Street Survey prioritized streets which the Town began patching and crack sealing

Town cost: ~\$8,000

Engineers estimate: > \$26,000

Approximately \$18,000 savings utilizing work force assets

CRACK SEAL			
78	Sorell	Cul de sac	to Thoroughbred 627
81	Jockey Whip	Citation	to Thoroughbred 804
81	Bunkers Bay	Thoroughbred	to Seabiscuit 795
81	Citation	Bunkers Bay	to Jockey Whip 1,575
82	Jockey Whip	Thoroughbred	to Seabiscuit 798
82	Jockey Whip	Seabiscuit	to Rough Rider 885
82	Rough Rider	Kellic	to Bunkers Bay 1,188
82	Homo Stretch	Back Bridge	to High Steaks 1,125
82	Rough Rider	Goldensrod	to Kellic 1,032
81	Ridgeway	Cul de sac	to Sagamore 588
81	Idyl	Cul de sac	to Rosemeade
82	Rosemeade	Gist	to Horspur
83	Chillingworth	Gist	to Bloomsbury
82	Beechwood	Renewal	to Catalpa
82	Hidingham	Hick Hill	to Donagel 885
86	Hick Hill	Hidingham	to Cul de sac 3,425
83	Balkensie	Cul de sac	to Bryson 1,264
83	Balkensie	Bryson	to Dominique 1,688
82	Spreading Birch	Hunting Path	to Tawhe 687
82	William Boucher	Roy C Stallings	to Edwin Weaver 2,465
83	Edward Mayner	Jefferson Davis	to Cul de sac 923
83	Roy C Stallings	Jefferson Davis	to Cul de sac 1,402
82	Clown	Cul de sac	to Rockfish 688
82	Trevino	Masters	to Floyd
82	Higgate	Archer	to Haege
83	Archer	Holborn	to Circle

TRANSVERSE CRACK REPAIR			
43	Unaka	Rosemeade	to Cul de sac
43	Lacosta	Cul de sac	to Masters
44	Playe	Gilliam	to Cul de sac
66	Playe	Gilliam	to Hanover
45	Dunrobin	Culloden	to Altan
48	Dickers	Woodspring	to Bowen
49	Dickers	Woodspring	to Bensley
51	Dickers	Thomton	to Branel
52	Dickers	Branel	to Woodspring
65	Dickers	Streeter	to Colorado
66	Dickers	Colorado	to Park
66	Dickers	Park	to Thomton
66	Dickers	Bowen	to Bensley
49	Tory Hill	Freedom	to Millbridge
49	Bettan Woods	Cherry Blossom	to Applegate
50	Bettan Woods	Sommer	to Hackberry
50	Bettan Woods	Oak Haven	to Dead End
51	Bettan Woods	Birchbrook	to Rustic Ridge
57	Bettan Woods	Leonard	to Oak Haven
63	Bettan Woods	Hackberry	to Rustic Ridge
64	Bettan Woods	Rustic Ridge	to Cherry Blossom
65	Bettan Woods	Rustic Ridge	to Sommer
65	Bettan Woods	Applegate	to Penimtan
69	Bettan Woods	Penimtan	to Leonard
57	Oak	Legion	to Lake Forest



# STATE OF THE TOWN

2020-2021

## Johnson Street Sidewalk Project

Johnson Street Sidewalk Grant project is still in process. After delays due to COVID, NCDOT has re-energized the project



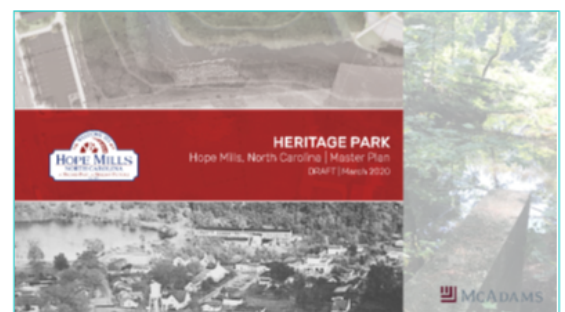
## Water Tank

Repainted by PWC contractor. Negotiated inclusion of Town logo



## Heritage Park Master Plan

The Town received a PARTF Grant in the amount of \$300,00





# STATE OF THE TOWN

2020-2021

## Gary Dove Building Renovations

Renovations to the Gary Dove Building included installation of new flooring in the community room



New Lights



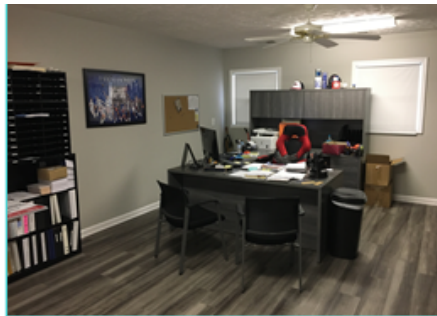
New Shades



Roof, Gutters, Exterior Doors



Interior Activity Room



Main Office Complete

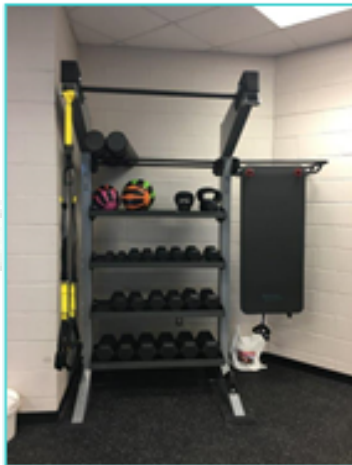




# STATE OF THE TOWN

2020-2021

## Parks & Recreation Fitness Room Upgrade





# STATE OF THE TOWN 2020-2021



## Summer Camp/ Soccer/ Virtual Learning

The Town was awarded a Virtual Learning Center Grant from Cumberland County in the amount of \$22,596.

Parks & Recreation introduced the most recreational programs ever to be offered simultaneously for all age groups.

Increase in revenue for Parks & Recreation Department for 2020 Summer Camp and soccer sign-ups (in the midst of the pandemic when most businesses and recreational centers were shut down) with a net profit of \$7,350.



Summer Camp Staff



**HOPE MILLS PARKS AND RECREATION**

### VIRTUAL LEARNING

**E-learning**

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL CLASSROOM AT THE PARKS & REC CENTER (LOCATED IN THE LEADING SPINDLE HALL)

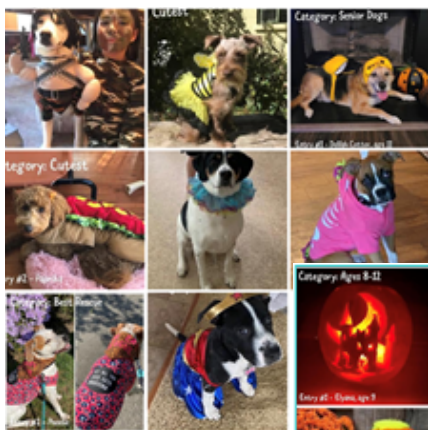
DATES: MON, SEP 28 - FRI, DEC 18, 2020  
 TIMES: MON - FRI, 9 AM - 4 PM  
 AGES: 5-12  
 COST: \$400 (ONCE/WEEKLY) \$200 (ONCE/MONTHLY)  
 ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY. FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT DEBRA SACKER @ 910-208-4322



# STATE OF THE TOWN 2020-2021

## Parks & Recreation Pandemic Events

Parks & Recreation have continued to come up with innovative ways to carry on holiday traditions and other fun events during a pandemic



**HELLO, MY PRETTY!**

**HALLOWEEN GRAB BAG!**

Drive through the Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Parking Lot where Town Staff will be in their Halloween Costumes and grab a spooky goodie bag, treat with candy, and treat for your little one! Limited number of bags, first come first serve basis while supplies last!

**FRI, OCT. 30 • 9 AM - 1 PM**

No Cost! For more information, please visit [www.townofhopemills.com](http://www.townofhopemills.com)

**HALLOWEEN IN HOPE MILLS**

4 EVENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN IF YOU DARE!

- HALLOWEEN GRAB BAG
- LET'S GET GLOWING! PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION
- HALLOWEEN HOWL! VIRTUAL DOG SHOW
- KEEPING UP WITH THE BONES'S SKELETON DISPLAY IN MUNICIPAL PARK

SEE FLYERS BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS!

THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS PRESENTS

### Porch Parade!

We are asking the Residents & Businesses of Hope Mills to decorate their Porches, Front Yards and Storefronts to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Place all your porch decorations with the best red, white and blue display of colors on the 1<sup>st</sup> registration and awarding location on Hope Mills, or grab a table from your store, the purpose of decorating is to be fun and creative and bring a smile to your friends and neighbors.

**BEST DECORATED PORCH AND STOREFRONT WINS!**

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY!  
MONEY TO REGISTER: \$200.00, NON-REF. IN ADV.

**June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>**

HOPE MILLS PARKS AND RECREATION  
MUNICIPAL PARK  
HOPE MILLS, NC 28040



**IT'S CHRISTMAS... IN HOPE MILLS!**

PICTURES WITH SANTA  
Nov. 23 - 8 am - 11 am  
Nov. 24 - 10 am - 12 pm  
Nov. 25 - 10 am - 12 pm  
Nov. 26 - 10 am - 12 pm

LETTER FROM SANTA  
Nov. 23 - 10 am - 12 pm  
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HOPE MILLS PARKS AND RECREATION

## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

TO HONOR THE BRAVE

**WED, NOVEMBER 11 | 3 PM**  
**HOPE MILLS VETERANS MEMORIAL**

In keeping with North Carolina tradition, the public is encouraged to bring their own American flag to the ceremony. The memorial is located at the intersection of the Town of Hope Mills, County of Anson, and State Road 100. For more information, please visit [www.townofhopemills.com](http://www.townofhopemills.com)



**LETTERS FROM SANTA!**

NOV 23 - DEC 13

At Hope Mills Parks & Recreation have the connection know the man, Kris Kringle, St. Nick, Santa Claus, want to make sure your child's letter makes it to the top, and will help make sure Santa not only reads your letter, but there'll make sure Santa responds. Letters will be sent the week of Dec. 14. Parents must write, and child MUST place their letter to Santa in a red envelope at the Hope Mills Rec. Center no later than 11:59 PM. If online registration is received, but no letter is dropped, registration will not be accepted. Please visit [www.townofhopemills.com](http://www.townofhopemills.com)



**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HOPE MILLS TWINKLE TRAIL!**

DEC. 4 - JAN. 4

Put on your toboggan and wrap those scarves tight as you take a magical stroll down the Twinkle Trail. With over 100,000 and 12,000 lights, this is sure to get Hope Mills in the holiday spirit! We've had Santa here even be on the Twinkle Trail from time to time!

Cost: Free!

For more information please visit [www.townofhopemills.com](http://www.townofhopemills.com)

**CHRISTMAS IN HOPE MILLS**

<b>LETTERS FROM SANTA</b> NOV. 23 (THU) DEC. 13	<b>FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS</b> DEC. 4 (THU) 5 - 8 PM	<b>OUR TOWN TREE</b> DEC. 4 (THU) JAN. 4	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HOPE MILLS TWINKLE TRAIL</b> DEC. 4 (THU) JAN. 4	<b>PICTURES WITH SANTA &amp; BOXED BREAKFAST</b> DEC. 5 (FRI) 8 - 11 AM	<b>LIGHT UP HOPE MILLS</b> DEC. 14 (THU) JAN. 4	<b>TREES OF HOPE</b> DEC. 14 (THU) JAN. 4
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FOR MORE INFO, ON THESE CHRISTMAS EVENTS, SEE FLYERS BELOW AND VISIT [WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM](http://WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM)



# STATE OF THE TOWN

2020-2021

## Economic Development New Businesses



New Biscuitville



New Chick-Fil-A



New Circle K



Smithfield's future Rebuild



Dollar General Site



Proposed Mill Village Site



The Diner by Chef Glenn



Liberty Point Industrial Site



Future HWY 55 Traemoor Village



Dirty Whisky (Dirtbag Ales Expansion)



Murphy USA Site Rebuild

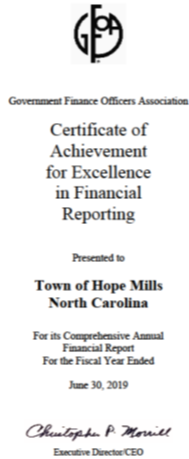


# STATE OF THE TOWN

2020-2021

## CAFR Certificate

The Town of Hope Mills first Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the Town for its June 30, 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

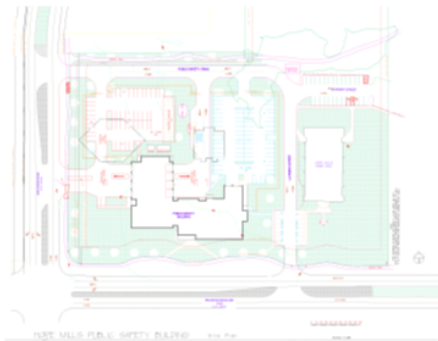
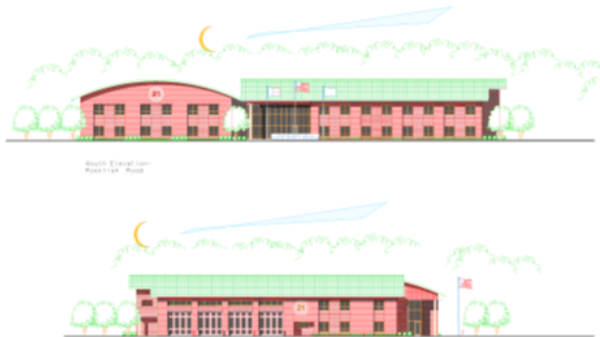


## John W. Hodges Public Safety Center

Project is underway with the groundbreaking and construction to begin this month and estimated completion in December 2022

## Temporary Police Station

The new home for the Town of Hope Mills Police Department at 3800 South Main Street in order to facilitate the construction of the John W. Hodges Public Safety Building. Modifications included ADA accessibility and installation of a fiber line





## EMPLOYEE

# Spotlight

### ADOPT-A-FAMILY COORDINATORS

**Laticia Black, Human Resource Director**

**Clara Hines, Code Enforcement Officer**



It's become a tradition during the holiday season for the employees of Town Hall and all other Town personnel to join together to grant the wishes of our yearly 'Adopt-A-Family'. It brings staff great joy to have the ability to provide for a family in need and brighten the faces of the children involved. As Code Enforcement Officer Clara Hines says, "its what the true meaning and spirit of Christmas is all about": Giving unto others.

This year was especially fruitful as the Town of Hope Mills adopted two families, with children ranging from 20 months to 17 years in age; with a total of six children. Human Resource Director Laticia Black typically reaches out to Cumberland County Schools in conjunction with DSS to identify a family in need and with the help of Ms. Hines this year, we were able to adopt two families; one through the Salvation Army and the other through 'Adopt-A-Family'. The parents are also given the opportunity to fill out a wish list; this year that included two mothers. Town staff is provided with the wish lists which include the name, age, clothing and shoe sizes of the children, as well as specific wish list toys and other items. Though it is optional for staff to purchase any items or donate to the cause, Ms. Black and Ms. Hines see an outpour of support that continues to grow each year.

**WE THANK MS. HINES & MS. BLACK FOR ALL THAT THEY DO AS WELL AS TOWN STAFF THAT PARTICIPATE AND DONATE TO HELP THIS COMMUNITY!**



## SPOTLIGHT

# Hope Mills Prime Movers Committee

The Hope Mills Prime Movers were established in late 2020 by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray and hit the ground running just as fast as they were formed. This Committee is especially unique as it was the first to allow members to serve that reside in our MIA - municipal influence area (not in Town limits but have a Hope Mills postal address) and is open to individuals under the age of 40; ages 18-39. The Prime Movers were formed to focus on improving the quality of life for young adults in Hope Mills, to advise the Town on social matters and potential actions affecting young adults and to provide mentorship & networking opportunities with supporting local agencies and they have certainly been successful in serving their purpose.

The Committee consists of Elizabeth Armstrong, Secretary Monika Cotter, April Mata, Chairman Jerel McGeachy, Vice Chair Wanda Pettijohn, Kenneth Rogers, Nathan Warfel. and Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin serving as Town staff liaison and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray serving as the Board of Commissioners liaison.

In less than three months' time the Prime Movers have:

- Donated a total of 80 bags of groceries to the Hope Mills ALMS House, Fayetteville Technical Community College Main Campus Food Pantry, "We Are One" Thanksgiving Food Drive and Grace Tabernacle Church of Hope Mills during the month of November.
- During the month of December the Prime Movers made contact with Cumberland County Schools to identify families in need and partnered with the Town and local businesses to provide donations and set out collection boxes. They were able to provide over 100 gifts to area children. 15 gifts went to Rockfish Elementary School, 15 gifts went to C Wayne Collier Elementary School, and 125 gifts went to every single child at the local Boys and Girls Club on Cumberland Road.

Chairman Jerel McGeachy wished to emphasize the tremendous amount of help the committee received for the Christmas Toy Drive stating "the event was a huge successful and the biggest reward was knowing there were smiles on kids faces during a pandemic. The smiles on their faces were priceless".

So what's next for the Prime Movers?! - In the month of February they plan to focus on educating the importance of Black History Month, partnering with the Mayor's Youth Leadership Committee to assist high school students by engaging in community involvement through "Making Men" and "Making Women" mentoring groups; open to all grade school age children, to possibly partner with the Boys and Girls Club to write letters to the elderly in nursing homes for Valentine's Day, and to continue efforts in communicating with CSX Corporation to beautify the CSX bridge overpass on Main Street.

**WE THANK THE HOPE MILLS PRIME MOVERS FOR ALL THEY DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY!**



## February is Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2021 is **The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity**. The theme is set each year by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, or ASALH. ASALH was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, but it wasn't until 1976 when President Gerald Ford made Black History Month a national observance.

The precursor to Black History Month, Negro History Week, was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. Mr. Woodson announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week" as it coincided with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

To learn more about Black History month and continue conversations about the historical impact of African Americans in American history year round, please refer to the following resources:

*Association for the Study of African American Life and History:* <http://www.asalh.org/>  
*National Council for Black Studies:* <https://ncbsonline.org/>

The Hope Mills Prime Movers will hold a local initiative as they are partnering with Hope Mills Parks & Recreation to offer a Black History Month Program to include educational signage placed along the walking track at Municipal Park.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
*2021 Meeting Schedule*

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**RESOLUTION NO. R2020-35**

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 143-318.12, G.S. 160A-71, and Code of Ordinance Chapter 2, Section 2-66, Regular Meetings, empower the Board of Commissioners to establish a schedule of regular meetings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hope Mills that the following schedule of regular meetings is hereby adopted for 2021, all meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Bill Luther Meeting Room, 5770 Rockfish Road.

Monday, January 4, 2021

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021** (moved due to holiday)

Monday, February 1, 2021

Monday, February 15, 2021

Monday, March 1, 2021

Monday, March 15, 2021

Monday, April 5, 2021

Monday, April 19, 2021

Monday, May 3, 2021

Monday, May 17, 2021

Monday, June 7, 2021

Monday, June 21, 2021

~~Monday, July 5, 2021~~ (cancelled due to holiday)

Monday, July 19, 2021

Monday, August 2, 2021

Monday, August 16, 2021

**Monday, August 30, 2021** (moved due to holiday)

Monday, September 20, 2021

Monday, October 4, 2021

Monday, October 18, 2021

~~Monday, November 1, 2021~~ (cancelled due to election)

Monday, November 15, 2021

Monday, December 5, 2021

Monday, December 19, 2021

**ADOPTED** the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

*Jackie Warner*

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Jane G. Starling*  
Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMG  
Town Clerk

