

# HOPE MILLS HAPPENINGS

A Proud Past....A Bright Future



## 9/11 Remembrance

August is here and we are more than halfway through 2022! As the 21st anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on America nears, in the words of the Town's September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance Proclamation, let us not forget those lost and injured on 9/11, and the many who gave themselves in service to their communities and to this country in the aftermath of the attacks. September 11, 2001 will never, and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans. The Town of Hope Mills recognizes September 11th as a Voluntary Day of Service and Remembrance, and calls upon all citizens and organizations to consider joining in this observance and to engage in activities in tribute, solemn remembrance and charitable service. Remember to be kind to one another as we navigate through difficult times.

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## **MAYOR'S** *Corner*

It is time to catch up on the growth our Town is experiencing so let me share a few of our major projects that are in the works:

Our Thomas Campbell Oakman Memorial Chapel will be ready for special events when the restrooms that are being built are complete. This is a section of Heritage Park which is also moving forward soon.

Our combined Police and Fire Public Safety Building is on time and expected to be completed in the fall. Our parking area will increase along with additional parking to be developed directly behind the current municipal parking lot behind Town Hall and the Parks & Recreation building.

The Splash pad and all-inclusive playground should start soon with the renovated basketball court nearly complete.

There have been questions about Rockfish Road improvements as we are seeing some activity now. The utilities right-of-ways are getting cleared to move the utility lines, however, the actual road widening will not begin until June 2023. Other road improvements will be happening as new businesses and housing developments are being built in many areas of our Town.

Our Board is working on an overlay district so that the types of development can be regulated to ensure we do not become saturated with many of the same types of businesses. Strategically planning for our Town's future growth - we need community input on what types of businesses, recreation and restaurants would be good for Hope Mills - we would love to hear from citizens!

We are excited to have our committees active and involved in our Town's events. We are also proud to say we are "Team Hope Mills" as our Town Manager, staff, Board of Commissioners, and Police and Fire Department volunteers will participate in the United Way of Cumberland County Meal Packing event on August 25. Our team is working to move Hope Mills Forward - we are better together!

Mayor Jackie Warner



# JOHN W. HODGES PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

*Update*



Garner & Brown Architects PA provided the following update:

- The building is still on schedule and within the budgeted amount. The builders project the building to be ready for occupancy by mid-September to early October.
- The sewer line as-builts will be turned in during the week of August 15th which will allow for the connection to PWC water and sewer.
- The building has working air conditioning and thermostats being placed. The finishing touches in progress include: various flooring materials, painting, plumbing fixtures and light fixtures.
- The existing Fire Station will be demolished in November.





# STATE OF THE TOWN

2021-2022

At the August 1st regular Board of Commissioners meeting the State of the Town presentation was reviewed. This presentation was a mere snapshot of the numerous projects Town staff has executed.



## STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022

# HOPE MILLS

The mission of the Town of Hope Mills is to provide exceptional public services in a fiscally responsible manner to meet and exceed the needs of our residents, visitors and business community, while inspiring community spirit and enhancing the unique quality and character that is Hope Mills.

### Our Mission

Provide an exceptional level of service and remain fiscally responsible.

### Our Vision

Inspiring community spirit and enhancing the unique quality and character of the Town.

### Our Goals

Meet the needs of our residents, visitors and business community.



## STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: PLANNING AND ZONING

#### *Voluntary Annexation*

The Town of Hope Mills continues to experience a record number of voluntary annexation petitions. Between the period of June 2021 and July 2022 there have been a total of 10 voluntary annexations for commercial and residential development.

- o 1000+ proposed single family residential development.
- o Multifamily development.
- o 20 acres of industrial development.
- o Commercial Development.

**Total square footage of annexed property: 397 acres.**



### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: PLANNING AND ZONING

#### *Subdivisions*

The Town of Hope Mills has recently completed the second phase of an existing subdivision and has construction in 4 additional separate residential communities. These are all subdivisions that are within Town limits and separate from recent annexations.

- o Valley End 2 (completion)
- o Preserve at Lake Upchurch Phase 3
- o Sheffield Farms Phase 5
- o Sweetwater Phase 1
- o Georgetown Estates Phase 3





## STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: PLANNING AND ZONING

#### *Commercial Development*

The level of commercial and retail development continues to rise in Hope Mills. From fitness to service oriented businesses, the commercial interest in Hope Mills remains solid.

Recent Commercial Development:

- o 2 Starbucks (standalone)
- o Fit 4 Life Fitness Center
- o TJ Robinson Life Center
- o Popeyes
- o Dirty Whiskey Distillery
- o 2nd Jersey Mikes
- o 2nd Taco Bell
- o Barbara Ann's Chicken
- o Mavis Tires



### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: PLANNING AND ZONING

#### *Industrial Development*

Liberty Point Industrial Park is a 77+ acre development that consists of 3 separate proposed industrial operations. Building #1 recently opened with the United States Postal Service (USPS) as its lead tenant. Buildings #2 & #3 are currently being permitted for construction. When completed, Liberty Point will consist with over 40 million square feet of industrial development.

The Town has also recently annexed a 30+ acre industrial development in this area as well.





# STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: INSPECTIONS & PERMITTING

### Zoning Application and Fee Schedule

In January of 2022, the Town of Hope Mills officially began conducting their own direct planning and zoning practices related to fees, application intake, and zoning processing. Prior to this change, all of the revenues from application fees or intake and processing went to Cumberland County due to the Interlocal Agreement. The Town also increased the fee schedule related to zoning permit fees in January as well.

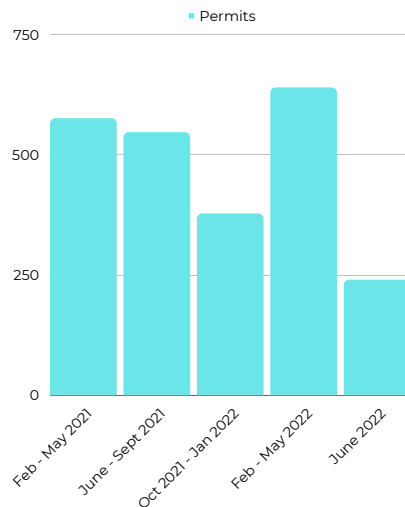
| Prior To Separation from County<br>(October 2021 - December 2021)                    | After Separation from County<br>(January 2022)                       |
|--|--|
| Zoning Permits Issued = 39 Permits<br>Revenues Generated = \$2,175                   | Zoning Permits Issued = 173 Permits<br>Revenues Generated = \$40,075 |
| Revenues Application/ Intake (funds that mostly previously went to County) = \$2,225 | Revenues Application/ Intake = \$50,160                              |
| Average Funds Generated = \$13,20<br>(6 month period)                                | Average Funds Generated = \$90,235<br>(6 month period)               |

## INSPECTIONS & PERMITTING DEPARTMENT

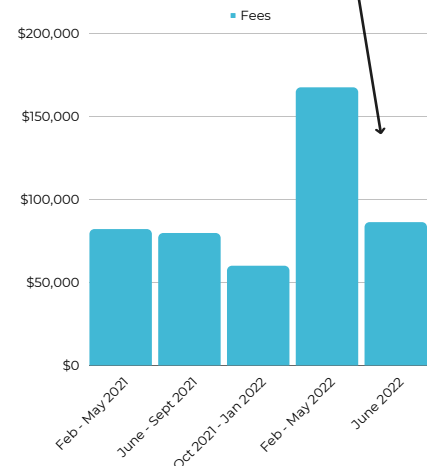
In October 2021, Inspections moved to online permitting and caught a calculation issue. The issue, that has since been corrected, missed countless fees previously.

After the installation of the new software, the period of October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 brought in the highest numbers the Department has ever seen. \$313,994.30 in fees collected.

June 2022 was the busiest Permit Issuance and Fee Collection month in Town history with 240 permits issued and nearly \$90,000 in fees collected.



Just the month of June 2022 alone!!



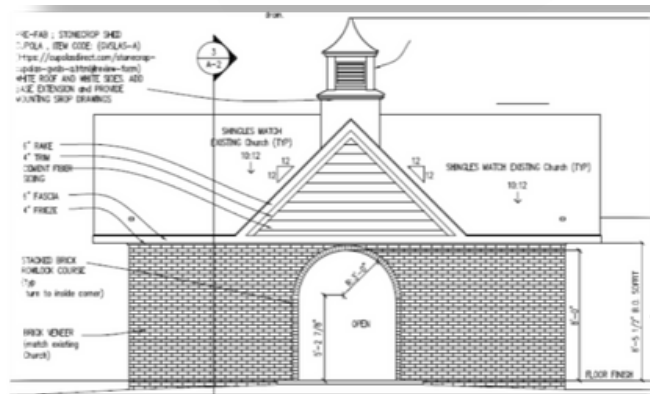


# STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022



## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT *Heritage Park Phase I Development*

- Permit drawings for Phase I Construction have been submitted for approval. Construction to begin in the fall.
- Contract for the design-build of restroom has been approved.
- DWQ grant for stormwater management requesting \$200k has been submitted.



## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT *Thomas Campbell Oakman Memorial Chapel*

- Construction has begun on the chapel stand alone restroom and ADA improvements.
- Parking lot paving and stormwater improvements will be completed in fall 2022.





Friends of Hope Mills Library Park



Rain Garden at Hope Mills Lake

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT *Park Improvements & Enhancements*



Crepe Myrtle Plantings & Thomas  
Campbell Oakman Memorial Chapel

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT *Park Improvements & Enhancements*

- The Town has received over \$8,000 in grants from the Cumberland County Arts Council for public art projects.
- The Cumberland County Arts Council has committed to \$5,000 in grant funding for art and cultural events for FY 2022-2023.





**STATE OF THE TOWN**  
2021-2022

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
*Municipal Park Improvements*



Municipal Park Splashpad Design-Build

Design Build Contracts for the splashpad and the Inclusive Playground were approved by the Board of Commissioners. Installation to begin in early fall.



Inclusive Playground Design-Build

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**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
*Park Improvements & Enhancements*



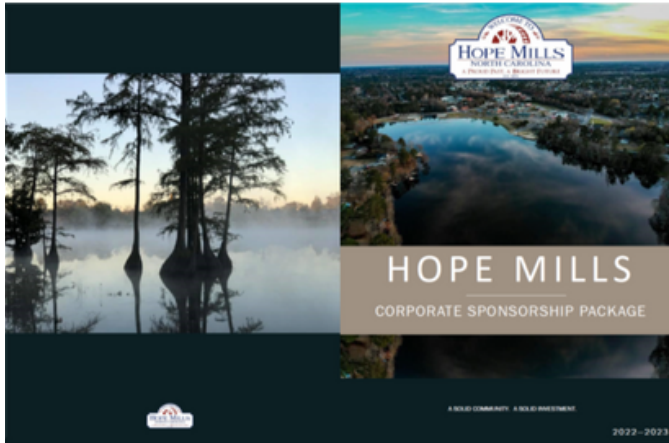
Construction for the Municipal Park Basketball Court improvement has begun and will be completed by Summer 2022.





# STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT Hope Mills Corporate Sponsorship Catalogue



Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Special Events & Programs staff completed the Corporate Sponsorship Catalogue in Spring 2022 and have already secured over \$12,000 in sponsorships.

**SUPPORT OUR PARKS**  
The information outlines all opportunities for your brand name, logo and/or message within a City of Hope Mills Parks.

**COMMEMORATIVE TREE PROGRAM**  
Donations are gratefully accepted by the Parks and Recreation Department for the continuous beautification of our parks, golf courses, and city facilities.  
Trees are an integral part of our natural life, because of the cooling that they can create, habitat for wildlife, the economic value they bring to the community, and the special beauty they provide. They also are the planting of a tree in a park area to mark a special occasion such as a birth or marriage or to commemorate the life of a friend or relative with a lasting memorial.  
A donation of \$500.00 or more will be used to purchase a tree for planting in a park or on the golf course. Donations will be recognized by an engraved plaque at the planting tree location with a message containing the tree's name and the name of the commemorative special event.

**MEMORIAL PARK BENCH PROGRAM**  
A memorial park bench within one of our beautiful parks is a wonderful way to honor your loved ones and something for all park visitors to enjoy for many years to come. Your generous contribution supports Hope Mills Parks & Recreation while also honoring the past and our history, a lasting memory. We will work with you to choose your park or natural area location, identify the park's name and the date of installation, and craft a special engraved plaque message.  
Benches may be purchased by businesses, groups, or individuals in honor of a friend or individual as a memorial to the person. The fee for each bench, including purchase, delivery, installation and commemorative memorial plaque is \$3,000. Inflation applicable upon request.  
\*Living Benches may be purchased for Hope Mills Lake Park Club. Make other inflation applicable upon request.

**HOPE MILLS MARKETING SNAPSHOT**

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|           |          |         |
| FACEBOOK  | CIVICREC | WEBSITE |
| FOLLOWERS | LIKES    | VISITS  |
| 9,700+    | 8,400+   | 3,500+  |

For more information, please contact our Special Events Team by phone at (704) 426-4000 or [SpecialEvents@townofhopemills.com](mailto:SpecialEvents@townofhopemills.com)

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT Summer Camp/Youth Programming

Summer Camp at Hope Mills Parks & Recreation continues to grow and improve. Revenues have increased by a net of 15%. Staff continues to enhance Summer Camp and Youth Programming with more classes and specialty camps to include martial arts, arts classes, and character book reading.



Character Book Reading



Specialty Warrior Camp



Specialty Art Camp



## STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT *Special Event Programming - Christmas Festival of Lights*



The return of the Town's Christmas Festival was celebrated with a large turnout of Hope Mills and Cumberland County residents. The Festival of Lights was also well attended.



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### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT *Special Event Programming - 4th of July Festival*

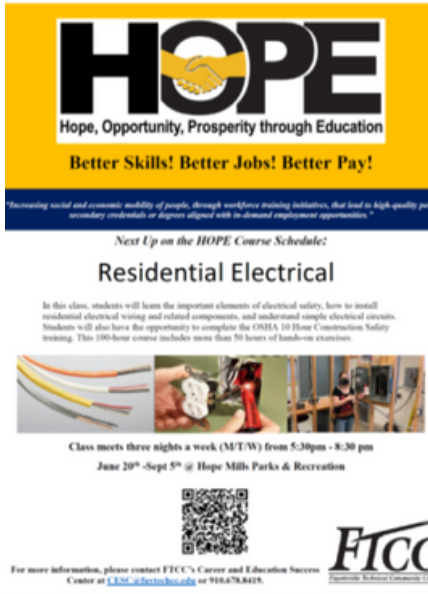
The Town continues to provide a 4th of July Festival that rivals those of larger cities. This year saw record numbers of spectators, participants, and vendors.





**STATE OF THE TOWN**  
2021-2022

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
*Programs & Partnerships*



FTCC Trade Skills Academy



Contract Instructors



Contract Entertainment Professionals

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
*Additional Partnerships*

**Mid-Carolina Area Agency on Aging** - Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention (Jan 2022)

**Mid-Carolina Senior Games** - Host Pickleball & Basketball Shooting events (May 2022)

**Care Access**

- o Understanding Your Risk of Developing Alzheimer’s Disease workshop (Feb 2022)
- o Info. table & Door Prizes for Independence Day Luncheon (Jun 2022)
- o Info. & Healthy Snacks for 55+ (July 2022)

**LIFE St. Joseph of the Pines**

- o 55+ BINGO (March-May 2022) & (Sept-Nov 2022)

**First Bank** - Water & Healthy Snacks for 55+ (June 2022)

**NC Wildlife Resource Commission** - Family Fishing Day (June 2022)

**Cumulus Media** - Bites, Boos & Brews (Oct 2022)

**Rockfish Elementary School** - Trunk R Treat (Oct 2021) & (Oct 2022)





# STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Hope Mills Youth Softball Excels



By Kasey Ivey, Programs & Communications Coordinator, Hope Mills Parks & Recreation  
Hope Mills has a love for community and the ball field. While baseball has been something Hope Mills has come to be known for, the softball leagues have also become highly regarded. In the spring of 2007, Hope Mills Parks & Recreation (HMPR) began franchising softball through Dixie Softball Inc. for ages 7 through 15. Prior to franchising, HMPR softball teams played in mixed leagues with a neighboring recreation department, but since 2007, the independent Hope Mills leagues have flourished. Fast forward through a lot of hard work and dedication to 2014 with the first State Championship win for the 10U Angels. From then on, State Championships were achieved by the 8U Darlings in 2016, 10U Angels and 12U Ponytails in 2019, and by the 12U Ponytails in 2021. The 12U Ponytails went on to win the 2021 World Series! In true to the extensive trophy case, the Dixie Softball Tournament we hosted in 2021 was the largest district tournament in North Carolina. HMPR swept all four age groups of the 2021 District 6 tournament to advance to the NC Dixie Softball Inc. State Tournament. And lastly, Athletic Supervisor Stephen Kevinger was named Dixie Softball Inc. NC District Director of the Year for 2021.



### Athletic Programming

Athletic Programming in Hope Mills Parks & Recreation has grown over 30%. This is a reflection of the top tier, award winning athletic youth programming offered by the Town.



## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Community Services - Transportation



The Town is in the early stages of partnering with Fayetteville - Cumberland County and FAMPO to offer public transportation to Hope Mills citizens.





# STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022



## ARPA FUNDS

- The Town received a total of \$5,051,036 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.
- Use of these funds is highlighted in the Police and Parks & Recreation slides.

### Public Safety:

Police      \$375,000 Fustus Real Time Crime Center (3 yrs.)  
               \$125,000 Rekor License Plate Reader (5 yrs.)  
               \$586,000 Radios

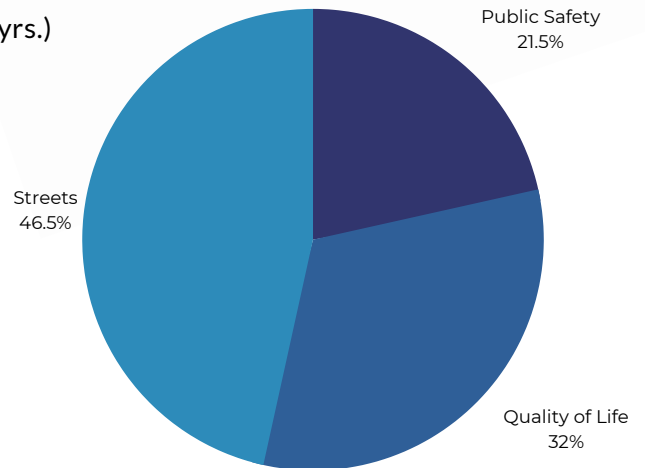
### Quality of Life:

Parks & Rec.    \$47,000 Chapel Parking Lot  
                     \$62,000 Basketball Court  
                     \$105,000 Splash Pad water/sewer  
                     \$1,400,000 Ballfields at Golfview property

### Infrastructure:

Streets      \$2,351,036 Street Improvement Project

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 \$5,051,036 Total Funds  
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## STATE FUNDS

- The Town received a total of \$4,680,000 in state allocated funds to be used on wish list projects that required significant funding.
- Two projects that required significant funds and were long overdue included repairing the retaining wall on East Patterson Street and continuing work on the area behind the Episcopal Church, and roadway improvements to Woodland Hills neighborhood.

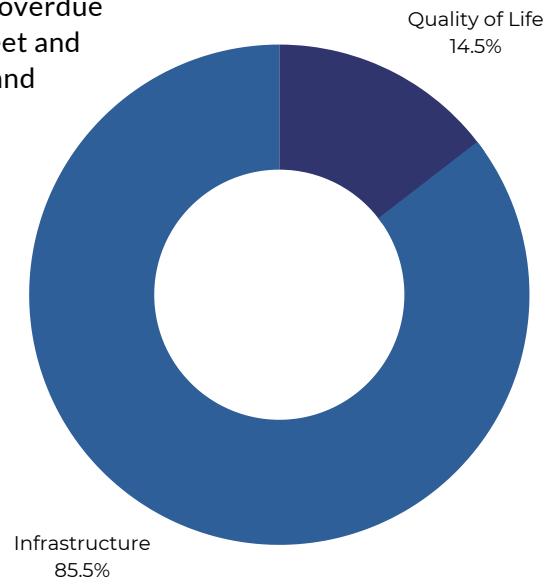
### Quality of Life:

Parks & Rec.    \$680,000 Outdoor Park Improvements  
                     (\$340,000 All-inclusive Playground)  
                     (\$340,000 Municipal Splashpad)

### Infrastructure:

\$2,500,000 East Patterson Street  
 \$650,000 Woodland Hills  
 \$500,000 Creek Bed Clearing  
 \$350,000 Stormwater Improvements

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## STATE OF THE TOWN 2021-2022

# HOPE MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Enterprise  
FLEET MANAGEMENT

**Filled Long-time Vacant Positions**

Fully staffed.  
Overdue promotions completed.  
Crime Analyst hired.



**Advances in Technology**

Facial Recognition,  
License Plate Readers,  
Drone and Investigative Software.

**Fleet Additions**

Enterprise Leasing agreement enabled Dept. to obtain more vehicles at one time. Low cost repairs and return on investment.

**Agreements with Local Agencies**

17, additional 3 in the works. Sharing of manpower, equipment and other resources.

**Joint Task Force**

Collaboration with Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces & Homeland Security. Share in asset forfeiture allow for purchase of needed equipment.



## HOPE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT *Full Service Fire Contracts*

Full-Service Fire Contracts were adopted for service to outlying Town boundary areas to serve current and future growth requirements for ISO.



# PARKS & RECREATION

## Programs

### 55+ Bingo

- Ages: 55+
- No cost
- Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Fall Dates:
  - Friday, September 9th
  - Friday, October 14th
  - Friday, November 18th

Come play the timeless favorite BINGO at the Hope Mills Recreation Center! Join a representative from LIFE at St. Joseph of the Pines for a fun-filled hour of BINGO, fellowship and prizes. There is no cost, however online advanced registration is required prior to each date. For more information and to register visit: [www.townofhopemills.com](http://www.townofhopemills.com)



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Presented By:  
**SJP LIFE**  
at ST. JOSEPH of the PINES

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## ULTIMATE Workout

**4 Upcoming Sessions!**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays:  
Aug. 2 - 25, 2022  
Sept. 6 - 29, 2022  
Oct. 4 - 27, 2022  
Nov. 1 - 29, 2022 \*no class 11/24

**Ages: 18+**  
**Cost: \$50 per session**  
*8 classes per session*  
**Time: 5:30-6:30 pm**

Woo's Ultimate Elite Fitness is a total body workout for any fitness level! Certified Fitness Instructor, Ruby "WOOWOO" Murray will use a variety of exercises and equipment to bring you a fun, challenging yet achievable group fitness experience. Classes may consist of step, kickboxing, strength training or circuits; however, modifications will be given when needed for different levels. Please bring water and a mat. Online advanced registration is recommended.



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**PARKS & RECREATION**

*Events*

# FALL CLEAN UP EVENTS

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
A PROUD PAST, A BRIGHT FUTURE  
EST. 1991

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
17  
9AM-1PM**

|                                    |  |             |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>COMMUNITY<br/>YARD<br/>SALE</b> | <b>TOWN-WIDE</b> YOUR OWN YARD!<br>RAIN OR SHINE<br>ADDRESS ON VIRTUAL MAP & YARD SIGN PROVIDED<br>REGISTRATION REQUIRED - REGISTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13   | <b>\$5</b>  |
| <b>FALL<br/>LITTER<br/>SWEEP</b>   | <b>TOWN-WIDE</b> *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*<br>VESTS, GLOVES, PICKERS, TRASH BAGS PROVIDED<br>MEET AT HM RECREATION CENTER @ 9 AM<br>MUST BE 18 YRS. OLD TO REGISTER A MINOR<br>REGISTRATION REQUIRED - REGISTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13 | <b>FREE</b> |

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ABOVE EVENTS  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM](http://WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM)**

It's about that time again! Registration is now open for the Fall Town-Wide Community Yard Sale and Litter Sweep events. For additional information and to register visit our website [www.townofhopemills.com](http://www.townofhopemills.com), and follow Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Facebook page [facebook.com/HopeMillsParksandRec](https://facebook.com/HopeMillsParksandRec) for updates. Registration is open until September 13.



## UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE & HOLIDAY CLOSURES

### *Mark Your Calendars*

- Town Offices will be closed in observance of **Labor Day on Monday, September 5, 2022**. The first regular Board of Commissioners meeting for September is canceled due to Labor Day. **Yard Waste collection will be on a one-day delay**. Trash service will not be delayed.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, September 19, 2022** at 7:00 p.m., Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, October 3, 2022** at 7:00 p.m., Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, October 17, 2022** at 7:00 p.m., Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, November 7, 2022** at 7:00 p.m., Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall. There will not be a second Board meeting in November due to the holiday.
- Town offices will be closed in observance of **Veteran's Day on Friday, November 11, 2022**. There will be no delays in garbage, recycling or yard waste collection.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW ADDITIONAL  
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