

# HOPE MILLS HAPPENINGS

A Proud Past...A Bright Future



## A Time for Giving Thanks

Each year we are known for our Tree Lighting at the Lake, the Christmas Parade, and Breakfast with Santa. We welcome you to the Town of Hope Mills during the Holidays and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



MERRY

Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- Keep live trees away from heat sources.
- Keep live trees well hydrated.
- If you buy an artificial tree make sure it is labeled "fire resistant".
- Replace any holiday lights with frayed wires, broken sockets, or loose connections.
- Turn off all holiday lights before you go to bed or when leaving the house to avoid a short that could potentially start an electrical fire.
- Poinsettias are poisonous when eaten, keep them out of reach of children and pets.



## MAYOR'S *Corner*

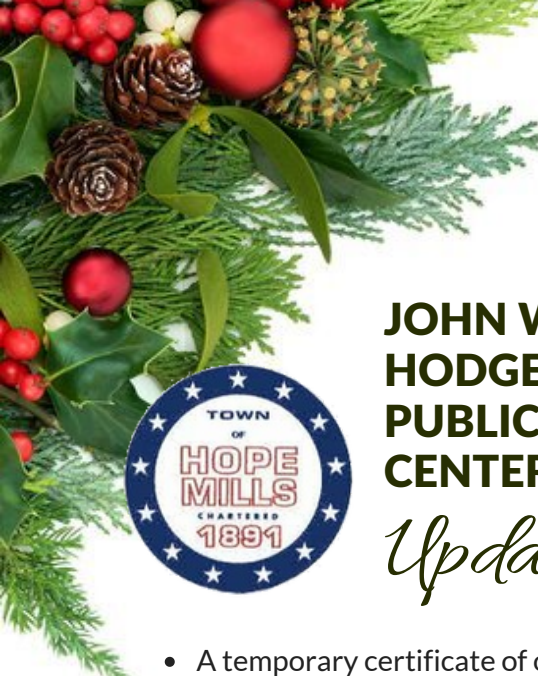
As this year, 2022, comes to an end we have much to be thankful for in Hope Mills. We have experienced tremendous growth in population with new housing developments along with commercial development to include small businesses and industrial growth. Our Board has studied, reviewed and improved our Town Ordinances; we have partnered with FTCC and Southview High School to offer trade classes for our citizens, our budget was balanced with no tax increase, our Public Safety Building, our Chapel with new restroom facilities along with park improvements such as splashpad and all-inclusive playground are becoming reality- from our meetings with North Carolina Department of Transportation - a new traffic plan for Main Street with the change from Highway 59 and rerouting some vehicles to Highway 162 and I-295, and a plan to avoid our Veterans Memorial Park with the widening of Rockfish Road. We are listening, we are planning- Hope Mills is moving forward meeting challenges with unity, teamwork and consideration of all Hope Mills.

As we move forward, our small town is blessed with many churches that collectively provide so much for our community. Our community Thanksgiving service held at Hope Mills Church of God on November 20th was well attended - along with a program provided by our Pastors Coalition. We are unique that each church regardless of denomination comes together as one to unify our community during special holidays and in times of need. So as we celebrate Christmas in Hope Mills with opportunities to come together as one, lets be thankful for the "hope" we have that our small town will continue to be the place where peace, unity, and love abounds for all who live and work here.

As you take a break at the lake or take part in Christmas festivities, please remember our Town staff, Police Department and Fire Department - many who will work during this special season to support the special events and to keep us safe.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours...

Mayor Jackie Warner



# JOHN W. HODGES PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

## *Update*

- A temporary certificate of occupancy for the John W. Hodges Public Safety Center was issued during the week of Thanksgiving. Although there are still numerous punch list items to complete, the Police Department and Fire Department have begun to move.
  - Once the Hope Mills Police Department has completed their move and are fully operational at the new Public Safety Facility, the temporary Police station on S. Main Street will be occupied by North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE).
- The existing fire station is scheduled for demolition upon moving out. Phase III of the Public Safety Center project includes the demolition of the existing fire station, fire department parking & bay access, landscaping, and the parking lot expansion for Hope Mills Town Hall/Parks & Recreation Center.
- The completion date for the entire project is May 2023.
- A grand opening for the public will be announced shortly.





# JOHN W. HODGES PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

## *Update Continued*



- The municipal parking lot project for Town Hall and Parks & Recreation began on November 8th. The expansion of the parking lot will create nearly 70 additional parking spaces to accommodate residents, visitors and Town staff.
- Completion is projected for March 2023, depending on weather.
- Those visiting the Recreation Center may still access the building from the side entry. Follow the signage and arrows.
- Parking for the Recreation Center is located near the basketball courts (accessed from Park Blvd).





## JOHN W. HODGES PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

*Update Continued*

- Short-term visitor parking is now open at Town Hall. The parking entrance is located at the front of Town Hall off of L A Priest Street and Rockfish Road. Once the Public Safety Facility is complete and operational, visitors may enter through that same entrance to access the Police and Fire Departments.





## PARKS & RECREATION *Christmas Events*

### Christmas at the Lake

- Friday, December 2, 2022
- Hope Mills Lake
- Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m.
- Food Trucks, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Santa & Mrs. Claus

Bring your chairs, blankets and cozy up while listening to Christmas music and enjoying hot chocolate and desserts.

Photo opportunities with Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

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EST. 1899

# Christmas at the LAKE

Friday | December 2, 2022  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Food Trucks  
Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Santa & Mrs. Claus

In conjunction with  
**The Appearance  
Commission**

Hope Mills Parks and Recreation  
 @Hopemills\_parksandrec

[www.townofhopemills.com](http://www.townofhopemills.com)

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# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

HOT BREAKFAST - CATERED BY GRANDSON'S  
PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS WITH SANTA FOR PURCHASE

**\$10.00**  
PER PERSON

**RECREATION CENTER**  
SATURDAY | DECEMBER 3, 2022  
ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM](http://WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM) | 910-426-4109

### Breakfast with Santa

- Saturday, December 3, 2022
- Recreation Center
- Cost: \$10/person (both adults & children)
- Two Time Slots:
  - 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
  - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Hot Breakfast catered by Grandson's to include pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage.
- Professional Photographer, and of course SANTA!
- Photos will be available for purchase

Limited spots are available. Online advanced registration required.



# PARKS & RECREATION

## *Christmas Events*

### **Paws & Claus Pet Pics**

- Saturday, December 3, 2022
- Hope Mills Lake
- Time: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.





NEW THIS YEAR!! Grab your fur babies and bring 'em down to Hope Mills Lake for Paws and Claus Pet Pics!

A professional photographer will be available to take photos of your pets with Santa.

\*Pictures will be available for purchase.



### **Goodie Bags to include:**

-  Christmas dog toy
-  Treats
-  Christmas bandana
-  Doggy poo bags & dispenser



## PARKS & RECREATION

### *Christmas Events*

#### Christmas Parade

- Saturday, December 3, 2022
- Hope Mills Lake
- Time: 5:00 p.m.

The parade begins on Rockfish Road at Rockfish Elementary School and travels east to the intersection of Rockfish Road and N. Main Street to the intersection of N. Main Street and Cameron Road and turns left on Cameron Road and ends at Hope Mills Middle School.

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TOWN OF HOPE MILLS PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS PARADE

DEC 3, 2022  
5:00PM

## REGISTRATION ONLINE

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS - [WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM](http://WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM)

CHRISTMAS LIGHT DECORATIONS ENCOURAGED!

REG OPENS OCT. 17

LETTERS FROM Santa

REGISTRATION:  
OCT 17 - DEC 11 2022

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#### Letters from Santa

Head over to Hope Mills Parks & Recreation and put your child's letter to Santa in Santa's Red Drop Box located outside of the Recreation Center. Make sure to include your return address, and Santa will respond to your child. The mail box will be active from Monday, November 15 – Sunday December 12.

**Parents must register online, and child MUST place their letter to Santa in Santa's RED Dropbox outside of the Hope Mills Recreation Center no later than December 13. If online registration is received, but no letter is placed in Drop Box, registration will not be accepted.**

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE & HOLIDAY CLOSURES

### *Mark Your Calendars*

- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, December 5, 2022** at 7:00 p.m., Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall. This is the only Board of Commissioners meeting for the month of December due to the Christmas holiday.
- Town Offices will be closed in observance of **Christmas on Friday, December 23, 2022, Monday, December 26, 2022, and Tuesday, December 27, 2022. Waste Management solid waste collection and yard waste collection will be on a one-day delay.** Waste Management recycling service will not be delayed.
- Town Offices will be closed in Observance of **New Year's Day** on Monday, January 2, 2023. **Yard Waste collection will be on a one-day delay.**
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, January 9, 2023** at 7:00 p.m., Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall. This meeting has been moved due to the holiday.
- Town Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on **Monday, January 16, 2023. Yard Waste collection will be on a one-day delay.** Waste Management solid waste collection will not be delayed.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, January 23, 2023** at 7:00 p.m., Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall.

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