





HOPE MILLS HAPPENINGS

A Proud Past, A Bright Future



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MANAGER'S CORNER

As we move forward into the coming spring, I would like to acknowledge our Board of Commissioners and staff who continue to work diligently on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Hope Mills.

I am overwhelmed with the amount of support that I have received as Interim Town Manager and I want to express my gratitude for the well wishes. One recurring theme that I express to everyone is one of togetherness and that we are all operating as one unit of government. I am honored to be chosen as the current leader of this amazing Town and want our citizens to know that we will change the landscape of Hope Mills for the better, and we are going to do this together.

As projects continue to flock to the growing development landscape of Hope Mills, I would like to leave our Board and our staff with this powerful quote: *"Sometimes we can only find our true direction when we let the winds of change carry us forward...together"*.



MAYOR'S CORNER

Jackie Warner



On March 9, 2023, Hope Mills celebrated our Charter Day with a resolution recognizing 132 years. Hope Mills is growing and changing with our Board planning leading the way. Our annual budget retreat on March 9th was the start to our planning for the upcoming year. Our Capital Improvement Plan has a new name “Community Investment Plan” which signifies our determination to improve quality of life for all Hope Mills citizens. We also met with our NC General Assembly Delegation to provide updates on ways to invest in our Town. Change is happening along Rockfish Road and Golfview Road with tree cutting, houses being removed and clearing—all necessary to prepare for moving utilities and widening the roads to include two roundabouts. According to the North Carolina Department of Transportation this work will be completed by 2025 and will require patience and understanding as we move forward.

April brings our Good Friday Service at First Baptist Church at noon and our Easter Sunrise Service at 7AM at Hope Mills Lake. Both services will be led by Pastors from our Hope Mills Ministerial Association. I encourage everyone to join our Appearance Commission at Golfview Greenway on April 15 for a Community Day with activities for the entire family.

Our annual Town-wide Litter Sweep and Yard Sale is April 22. We are listening to our citizens who are concerned about the amount of littering in our community. We must lead by example—picking up litter and disposing of litter in the proper place. We need everyone to help us make Hope Mills Beautiful—putting waste in its place.

Our Board meetings occur on the first and third Monday of each month beginning at 7PM at Town Hall. Public comments can be made at the beginning of our meeting by signing up. Each person has three minutes to address the Board.

Finally, on March 30th we are partnering with the Child Advocacy Center and Rockfish Elementary School to kick-off April Child Abuse Prevention Month in Hope Mills. We will be planting pinwheels near the fountain at Town Hall to recognize the 809 children that were referred to the Child Advocacy Center last year in Cumberland County. Children first in Hope Mills!

Moving Forward Together as a Team!



MEET OUR INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Chancer F. McLaughlin

On Monday, February 6, 2023, after a brief closed session during their regularly scheduled meeting, the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners appointed Chancer F. McLaughlin as Interim Town Manager.

Mr. McLaughlin is no stranger to the Town of Hope Mills. You may recognize him from Board of Commissioners meetings or community events such as the pre-pandemic Hope MEALS Food Truck Rodeos.



Chancer McLaughlin, a former Project Manager for the City of Greensboro, and Community and Development Planner for the City of Atlanta, GA, has been with the Town since 2015. As Chancer is currently our Interim Town Manager, he still operates as the Planning Director, the Development Services Director, our Economic Development Director, and oversees our Code Enforcement Department. Mr. McLaughlin, a North Carolina native, also serves the overall community of Cumberland County in various capacities as the Vice Chair of Action Pathways through the Town of Hope Mills, The Salvation Army of the Sandhills Regions, 100 Black Men of Cape Fear Region, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. McLaughlin will serve as Interim Town Manager for the Town of Hope Mills until the Board of Commissioners initiate the process to hire a Town Manager.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING MR. MCLAUGHLIN ON HIS APPOINTMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGING HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY!





JOHN W. HODGES PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

Update

The Town of Hope Mills said goodbye to the old fire station on January 23, 2023. The demolition occurred nearly two years after the Town held a groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the construction of the John W. Hodges Public Safety Center following the demolition of the old Police station.



Garner & Brown Architects PA Provided the Following Update on March 20, 2023:

The John W. Hodges Public Safety Center Project is in Phase 3 of construction and is 95% complete. The building is fully occupied and in use.



Work in Progress:

- Items requiring attention are being corrected and progress is being made. There are a few specialty items to be installed such as a prisoner restraint bench and armory gun rack.

Construction:

- Construction of the Fire Apparatus Apron and Fire Department Parking Lot will be next. Construction of the flag pole, sign, and Memorials for Police and Fire will follow.

The project is within the budgeted amount and on schedule. The completion date for the entire project is May 2023. The tentative date for the ribbon cutting has been scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023.



JOHN W. HODGES PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

Update

Municipal Parking Lot Expansion

The Municipal Parking Lot Expansion Project for Town Hall and Parks & Recreation began on November 8, 2022, and opened to the public in March 2023. The expansion of the parking lot created nearly 70 additional parking spaces to accommodate residents, visitors and Town staff.



Landscaping is the final step of the parking lot project. Landscaping materials have been ordered and will be placed soon.



For those visiting Town Hall - The visitor (Short-term) parking lot is open at the front of Town Hall between the Public Safety Center and entrance to Town Hall, located off of L A Priest Street and Rockfish Road. The Municipal Parking Lot located at the rear is available for Town Hall overflow parking.



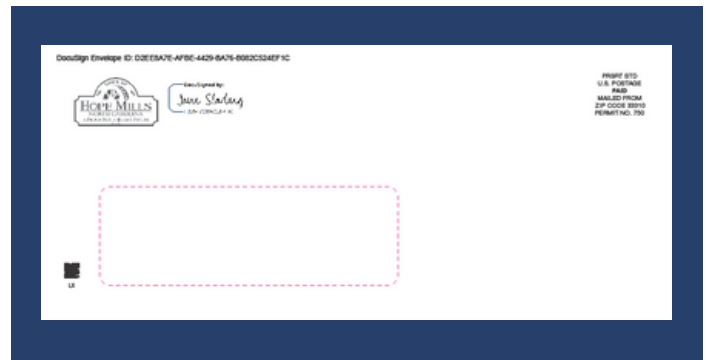
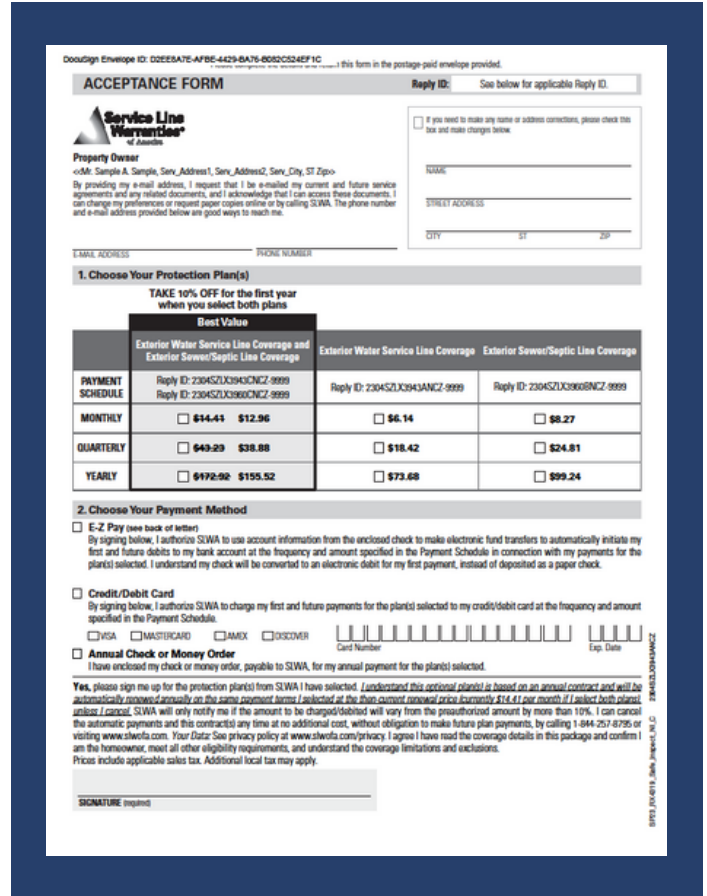
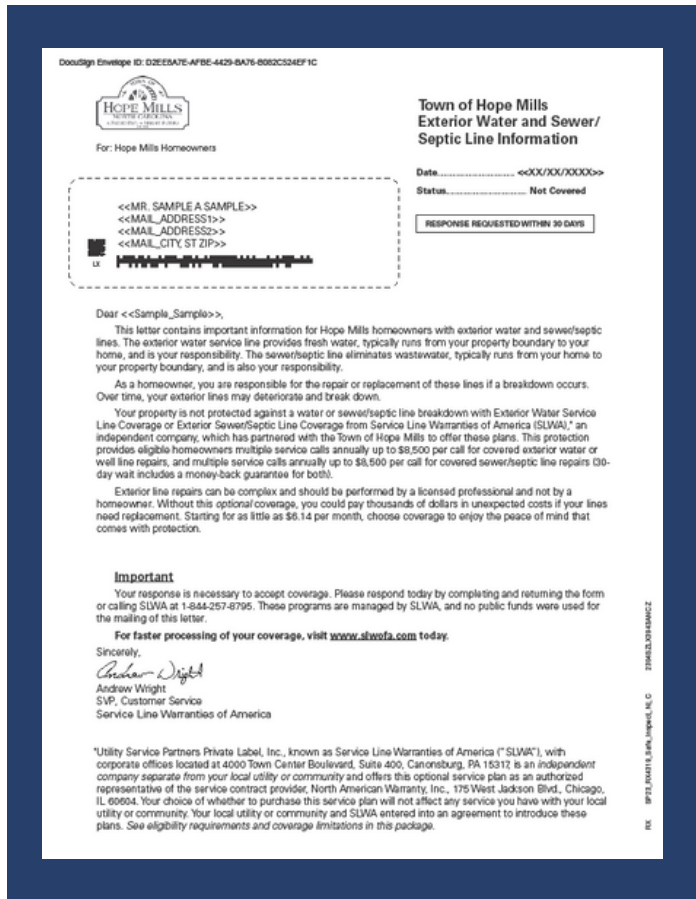
For those visiting Parks & Recreation - You may now park in the Municipal Parking Lot. Overflow parking is still located off of Park Blvd near the basketball courts.



SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES OF AMERICA Information

We have shared information on this company before and wanted to provide an update for those that are new to the area or did not see this information.

The images below are samples of the documents that have been mailed to Hope Mills homeowners since 2020 and will be circulating again this spring. A press release was first published in June 2020 notifying Hope Mills homeowners that the Town had partnered with Service Line Warranties of America based on guidance from the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Since that time, numerous mailers have circulated featuring the Town logo. Please note, it is a legitimate program, but the service is offered by an outside vendor.



If you have questions regarding this optional service, please contact the company, not the Town of Hope Mills at 1-844-257-8795.



PARKS & RECREATION

Playground Construction Update



As the weather warms up, we understand your excitement for our new playground/splashpad at Hope Mills Municipal Park (we are too!). It is our goal to open the playground/splashpad as soon as possible; **HOWEVER, WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The playground/splashpad area is **STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION**. The equipment, in its current state, is not secure for public use and is unsafe. There are fences blocking off the area, as well as, a multitude of signs informing the public that the playground/splashpad site is a **CLOSED CONSTRUCTION SITE** and that entrance to the area is grounds for trespassing (this area includes the smaller playground, the larger playground and the splashpad).

Unauthorized public use of the equipment prior to completion has caused damage to the structural integrity of the playground, thus resulting in a later opening – late spring/early summer. Continued use of the playground before it is open for public use will only result in further delays. Again, we cannot stress this enough – **THE PLAYGROUND IN ITS CURRENT STATE IS UNSAFE FOR PUBLIC USE** and entering the construction site is **TRESPASSING**.

We are so excited for the new additions to the park, and we want to open these features as soon as possible. Please remain off of the equipment so we may do that. While we repair damages/vandalism and finish construction on the Municipal Park playground/splashpad, we encourage you to check out the playground at Hope Mills Lake behind Big T's!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

Hope Mills Community Day

Presented by

Hope Mills Appearance Commission

- Saturday, April 15, 2023
- Golfview Greenway, 3644 Golfview Road
 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a nice spring day outside!
 Various demonstrations throughout the day.
 Food trucks, vendors. For more information,
 please contact Tina at tyossett@gmail.com



Trucks 'N Stuff

- Saturday, May 6, 2023
 - Golfview Greenway, 3644 Golfview Road
 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- *11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. is Sensory Hour. Limited honking & noises for those sensitive to sound*

NEW THIS YEAR! Trucks 'N Stuff is a fun way for kids to learn more about big trucks/vehicles and what they do! This event will be free to attend and open to the public. Kids can climb on big trucks, sit in the driver's seat, honk horns and explore the inner workings of these vehicles.



Family Fun Day

Presented by

Hope Mills Prime Movers Committee

- Saturday, May 13, 2023
- Golfview Greenway, 3644 Golfview Road
 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Featuring kids zone, lawn games, petting zoo, face painting, vendors, food trucks, beer garden and music by PB Productions.





PARKS & RECREATION

Spring Cleanup Events

Spring Litter Sweep

- Saturday, April 22, 2023
 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Meet at Hope Mills Recreation Center at 9:00 a.m.
- Town-Wide
- No cost. Volunteers needed
- Vests, gloves, pickers and trash bags provided.
- All supplies (except trash bags) must be returned to Recreation Center by 1:00 p.m.
- Groups and/or individuals welcome!
- Must be 18 years old to register a minor

Community Yard Sale

- Saturday, April 22, 2023
- Town-wide
- Your own yard
- Cost: \$5 (includes Yard Sale Permit fee)
 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- A virtual map will be provided

When you register, the advertising for your sale is DONE. Parks & Rec. staff will take care of everything through their social media sites, add your address on our Virtual Yard Sale Map and provide a 18" x 24" yard sign!

As a special thank you, the first 35 yard sale registrants in the TOHM corporate limits that register will receive a FREE 18' X 24' Yard Sale sign. Online advanced registration required.

2023

SPRING CLEAN - UP EVENTS

SPRING LITTER SWEEP SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023 9:00AM - 1:00PM TOWN-WIDE *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED* - VESTS, GLOVES, PICKERS, TRASH BAGS PROVIDED - MEET AT HM RECREATION CENTER @ 9 AM - MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO REGISTER A MINOR - REGISTRATION REQUIRED - REGISTER UNTIL APRIL 20 FREE	COMMUNITY YARD SALE SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023 9:00AM - 1:00PM TOWN-WIDE YOUR OWN YARD! - RAIN OR SHINE - ADDRESS ON VIRTUAL MAP & YARD SIGN PROVIDED - REGISTRATION REQUIRED - REGISTER UNTIL APRIL 20 \$5
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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS PLEASE VISIT WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION

SPRING TOWN WIDE Yard SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
9AM - 1PM

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL: 910-426-4109

Registration is open until April 20th for both events. For more information and to register visit our website.



STORMWATER

Spring Cleanup Events



Household Hazardous Waste & Shred Event

Saturday, April 29, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hope Mills Municipal Parking Lot, 5770 Rockfish Road

Town of Hope Mills residents only (located within our municipal limits). No contractors.

Household Hazardous Waste

WHAT TO BRING:

From your Workbench:

- Adhesives, glues, resins, hobby supplies, art supplies, latex, oil paints, stains, thinners and paint strippers.

From Your Garage:

- Car batteries, dry cell batteries, engine degreasers, brake fluids, transmission fluids, waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline).

From Your Yard:

- Insecticides, weed killers, poisons, pesticides, propane cylinders, swimming pool chemicals, wood preservatives.

From Your Home:

- Aerosol cans, cleaners, spot removers, computers, electronic equipment, hearing aid (button-style) batteries, Ni-cad batteries, photo chemicals, chemistry sets.



WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives, infectious and biological waste, syringes, radioactive waste, unknown compressed gas cylinders.

TO ENSURE SAFETY:

- Never mix chemicals
- Never smoke while handling hazardous materials
- Do not place waste in plastic garbage bags
- Tighten caps and lids leaving material in original labeled containers
- Sort and pack paint, pesticides and household cleaners separately
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper

Shred Event

Bring up to 5 boxes per resident. Paper products only, though paper clips, staples, binders, etc. are okay. No shredding will be done on site.





Registration begins April 1st. For more information and to register visit our website.

PARKS & RECREATION

Specialty Summer Camps

Camp Musart

- Two Age Groups! Same Week!
- \$135 per camper
- Monday, June 5 - Friday, June 9, 2023
 - Ages 7-9: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 - Ages 10-12: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Gary Dove Memorial Building Brower Park, 5763 Rockfish Road.



Soccer & More Camp

- Ages 6-11
- \$95 Per Camper
- 3 Weeks to Choose From:
 - June 12-16, 2023
 - June 26-30, 2023
 - July 24-28, 2023
- 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Brower Park, 5763 Rockfish Road
 - Indoor-Outdoor



Warrior Spirit Karate Camp

- Ages 7-12
- \$225 per camper
- Two Full Weeks!
 - July 10 - 14, 2023 & July 17-21, 2023
 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Gary Dove Memorial Building Brower Park, 5763 Rockfish Road



Shining Stars Creative Arts Camp

- Ages 7-14
- \$100 per camper
- Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4, 2023
 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Gary Dove Memorial Building Brower Park, 5763 Rockfish Road





UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE & HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Mark Your Calendars

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

**Unless otherwise noted, all Board of Commissioners Regular Meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Luther Board Meeting Room #120, located at Hope Mills Town Hall, 5770, Rockfish Road, Hope Mills, NC. please refer to our website, www.townofhopemills.com for additional meeting notices.

Monday, April 3, 2023

Monday, April 17, 2023

Monday, May 1, 2023

Monday, June 5, 2023

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 (Moved due to holiday)

Monday, July 17, 2023 (First July meeting canceled due to holiday)

HOLIDAY CLOSURES - ALL TOWN GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED

**To include Police Administration/Records offices. If you have an emergency, dial 911.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

Waste Management solid waste collection will not be delayed.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023

Yard Waste Collection will be on a one-day delay.

Waste Management solid waste collection will not be delayed.

Juneteenth, Monday, June 19, 2023

Yard Waste Collection will be on a one-day delay.

Waste Management solid waste collection will not be delayed.

Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Tuesday Yard Waste Collection will be on a one-day delay.

Waste Management solid waste collection will be on a one-day delay.

