

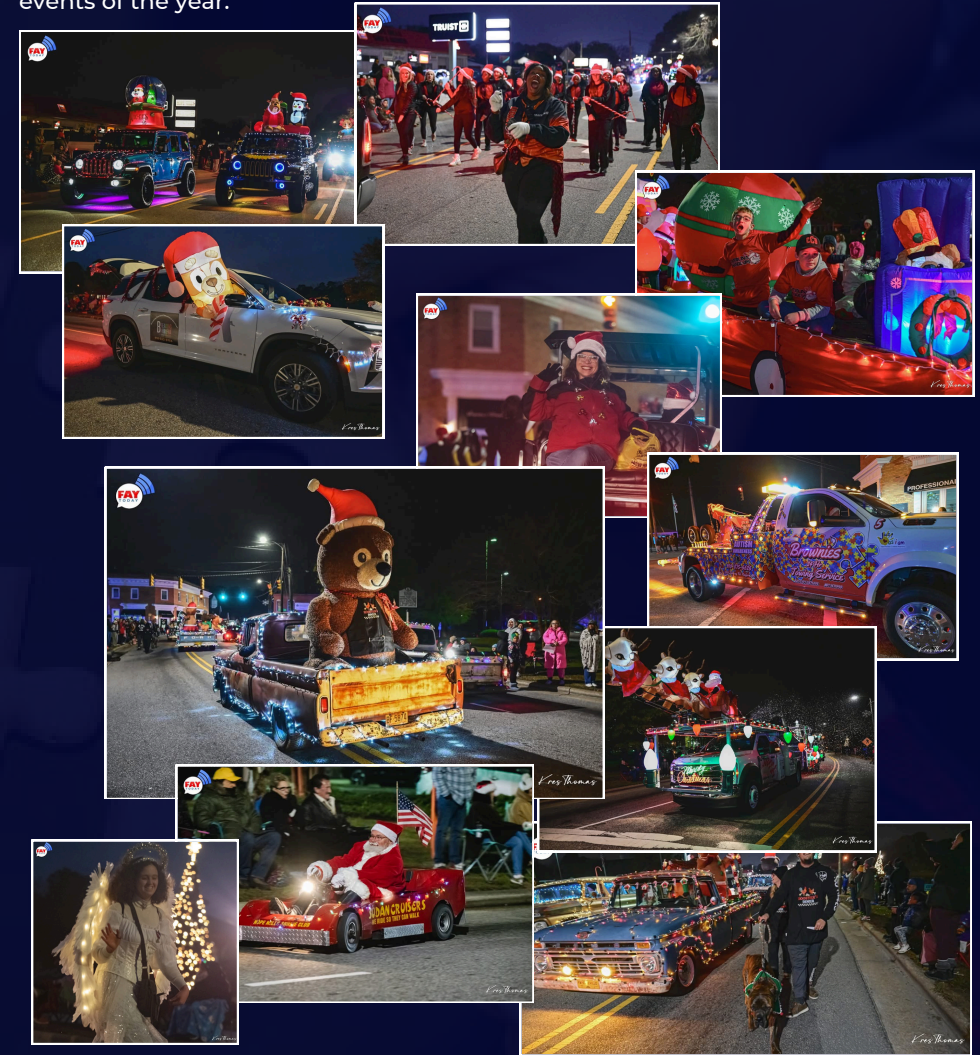
# THE TOWN *Manager's* REPORT



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING | DECEMBER 15, 2025

## THE COMMUNITY CORNER *Year In Review*

With roughly 185 entries, the Town of Hope Mills held its biggest Christmas Parade in history on December 6, 2025. The decision by the Parks and Recreation Department to transition to night parades has elevated this to one of the premier events of the year.



The Town of Hope Mills held its 2025 Inauguration swearing in a new Board of Commissioners to begin a new chapter in governance. We look forward to what the future has in store with new leadership and a collective vision for Hope Mills.



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THE COMMUNITY CORNER

*Year In Review*

Throughout the year, the Town of Hope Mills has facilitated, aided in, and participated in a significant amount of community service based endeavors. Events that have made an impact in the lives of our citizens while providing opportunities for them to commune together while also being linked to services and resources vital to our community. Below is a list of the many activities conducted that increased the level of civil engagement for the Town of Hope Mills.

- Breakfast with Badges at Eggs Up Grill
- Coffee with a Cop at Cumberland Coffee Roasters
- Mid Carolina Senior Citizen Games
- Hope Mills Chamber Luncheons
- Hope Mills Chamber Breakfast Series
- Human Trafficking 5K Walk w Methodist College
- Opening Day Baseball
- Hope Mills Cotton Tail Trail
- Spring Community Yard Sale
- Spring Litter Sweep
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
- "Shred It" event
- Hope Mills Fishing Derby
- One People Reggae & Arts Festival
- Trucks n Stuff Event
- Pickleball Open Play
- Ed Herring Park Public Input Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Women Mean Business Seminar
- Police Foundation Smithfields Fundraiser
- Police Foundation Zaxby's Fundraiser
- Police Foundation Ole Mill Days Celebration
- Police Foundation Ball
- Juneteeth Liberty and Legacy Celebration
- Hope Mills Parks and Rec "I Am Me" event
- Heritage Park opened as a rental space
- Hope Mills Police Torch Run for Special Olympics
- Groundbreaking Ceremony for The Hive at Hope Mills
- Ed Herring Park Cookout
- Community Easter Picnic
- 2025 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
- Hope Mills Chamber Easter Egg Hunt
- Hope Mills Police Department Bike Rodeo
- Hope Mills first State of the Town
- Mayor's "Lets Talk It Out" Town Hall Series
- First Responders Appreciation Day
- Self Serve Kayak Rentals at Hope Mills Lake
- Hope Mills Independence Day Parade
- Hope Mills Independence Day Celebration
- Zeta Phi Beta Gun Violence Awareness Walk
- Hope Mills First Responders Day
- VFW Post 10630 Memorial Day Ceremony
- Hope Mills Prime Movers Ties and Tiaras Event
- Elevate Hope Mills Community Resource Fair
- National Night Out
- Chamber Night with the Hope Mills Rockfish
- 911 Tribute Ceremony
- Hope Mills IOU All Stars Top 4 in World Series
- United Way Meal Packing Event
- First Responders Back to School at C Wayne Collier
- Continued staffing School Resource Officer Program
- Hope Mills Trunk or Treat
- Hope Mills Chamber Chili Cookoff
- Hope Mills Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Hope Mills Chamber Chili Cookoff
- Fall Litter Sweep
- Lowe's Public Safety Day
- Hope Mills Police Bicycle Program
- Elevate Hope Mills Sec. of State Roundtable
- Hope Mills Christmas Parade
- Breakfast with Santa
- Public Works Toiletry Closet
- Letters from Santa
- Elevate Hope Mills Graduation
- Hope Mills Kiwanis BBQ Plate Sale
- Board of Commissioners Inauguration
- Vic Blends Thanksgiving Giveback
- VFW Post 10630 Veterans Day Ceremony
- Hope Mills Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon

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## MUNICIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Year In Review*

The Town of Hope Mills has accomplished a great deal over the past year with projects that have impacted our community while addressing the needs of our citizens. In addition, other regional projects have also impacted our town in a way that has contributed to the constant elevation of our quality of life. From enhancements to municipal buildings to infrastructure improvements, below is a list of capital and municipal based projects completed this calendar year:

**MUNICIPAL:** The following projects were completed by the Town and have aided in directly addressing issues in our community as efforts to continue to progress our region are ongoing:

- Hope Mills Municipal Grant Program
- Woodland Hills Stormwater Project
- Jack White Bike Path Sign Replacement
- Legislative Delegation Priorities Dinner
- \$17,000,000+ request to State Legislature
- \$23,000,000+ request to Federal Government
- \$699,000 FAMPO sidewalk allocation Cameron Rd
- Fountain Lane property acquisition
- Hope Mills Lake Park redesign
- Reid's Journey Liberty Swing
- 27 sep Town roads repaired asphalt rejuvenation
- Front lobby improvements: ADA compliance
- Sidewalks both sides of Camden Rd at no cost
- 4 Year Staggered Terms
- Zoning Ordinance Amendment
- Subdivision Ordinance Amendment
- Town Hall Board Room Improvements
- Creation of Manager's Moment
- Elevate Hope Mills Financial Empowerment Series
- Elevate Hope Mills Roundtable with Secretary of State
- VIEWPOINT: Across America Video 29,000 views
- \$500,000 PARTF Grant award for Heritage Park Ph2
- Hope Mills Area Land Use Plan Update
- Hope Mills Park Basketball Reconstruction: Vic Blends
- Hope Mills Complex Master Plan Study Completed
- Operation Vapor Trail: HIDTA Award
- Over 20 License Plate Readers installed through town
- Establishment of a Horse Mounted Unit
- Hope Mills Strategic Plan Completion
- Hope Mills Municipal Trail section redesign
- Hope Mills Lake Multi-Use Path completion
- Town Hall front lobby security improvements
- Safe Streets for all grant awarded
- Over 1,400 hours of Fire Department training
- Reinstatement of car seat install program
- Crisis Track Disaster Management program
- Medicine drop at Public Safety Center

**TOWN AND REGIONAL PROJECTS:** The following projects were completed by the Town and have aided in directly addressing issues in our community as efforts to continue to progress our region:

- Frito Lay Industrial Warehouse
- Valley End Phase 3
- Pembroke Residential (under construction)
- Sheffield Farms Residential (under construction)
- Sweetwater Residential (completed)
- Dollar Tree
- Rockfish Road Widening (under construction)
- Golfview Road Widening (under construction)
- Camden Road Widening (under construction)
- Interstate 295 opened
- Fisher Road Widening (allocated)
- The One Apartments (under construction)
- The Reserve Apts at Traemoor (phase 1 complete)
- Dirtbag Plaza Retail Complex
- WaWa's Travel Center
- Rollease Acmeda Industrial Complex
- Estates at Georgetown Residential (under construction)
- Caribou Coffee
- Chipotle
- Habit Burger
- Planet Fitness
- Jersey Mikes
- Tropical Smoothie
- Target (Camden Commons)
- The Hive at Hope Mills
- Eagle Cove Subdivision
- Providence Subdivision

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## DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

*Year In Review*

Our staff is the backbone and foundation that we stand on as it relates to governance in the Town of Hope Mills Municipality. The collective level of expertise and knowledge of our staff is unmatched throughout this region which allows us to set the standard of quality development, professionalism, and efficiency. Below is a snapshot of each departments activities and accomplishments:

### INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

- 1,739 permits issued by Permitting Dept.
- \$563,265 collected in permitting fees
- Estimated value of improvements: \$42,961,234
- 3,271 total inspections completed
- Total number of trips for inspections: 2,568 trips
- 131 Certificates of Occupancy issued with an estimated value of \$70,378,029

### PLANNING AND ZONING

- Complete Zoning Ordinance rewrite
- Complete Subdivision Ordinance rewrite
- Reactivation of Hope Mills Historic Preservation Commission
- Update of Historic Preservation Ordinance
- 41 total acres annexed into Town limits
- Site plan approval for Target
- 11 separate properties rezoned for development
- 8 development review approvals for residential and commercial uses

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Town Hall Security and ADA upgrades
- Sidewalk installation behind Public Safety Center
- 72,000 square yards of asphalt rejuvenation
- Completion of multi-use path a Hope Mills
- West Hampton infrastructure improvements
- \$1.5 million Woodland Hills street rehab
- Awarded Safe Streets for All Grant
- Awarded FAMPO Grant for Cameron Rd sidewalks

### STORMWATER DEPARTMENT

- Statewide Permit was renewed in January 25'
- Crisis Track program created with Cumberland County Emergency management
- 2 tons per month of debris (street sweeping)
- Replacement of 931 feet of storm (Woodland)
- Stormwater piped lined (1,510 feet Woodland)
- Falls Drive stormwater repair
- Bridget Street stormwater repair
- Batesburg Drive catch basis repair
- 3.5 miles stream walk for Big Rockfish Creek

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area award for case of the year in NC for Operation Vapor Trail
- Medicine drop program facilitated
- 129 total community events facilitated
- Hosted 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SW Violent Crime Conference
- Civil disturbance training facilitated
- 20 License Plate Readers installed in key areas
- FUSUS Camera Program implemented
- Shop with a cop and National Night Out continues

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Responded to 1,942 incidents
- Over 1,000 calls through Rescue and EMS
- Average turnout time of 1 minute 13 seconds
- Over 1,489 hours of department training
- Hosted 115 events reaching 17,379 young children, 19,979 school children, 16831 adults, and 121 seniors
- 740,851 total personnel hours dedicated to events

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- 20% average increase in participation and revenues this quarter (in some cases 50%)
- Programming fee revenues this quarter (child programming, open gym, and gym rentals) - \$20,210
- Summer camp revenues: \$46,340
- Recreation center rental revenues this quarter: \$27,800
- Adult programming revenues this quarter: \$22,417
- Youth Athletics (baseball, softball, indoor soccer, cheerleading, wrestling, and basketball) \$116,255 in revenues
- TOTAL REVENUES THIS QUARTER: \$245,626

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## NCDOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The following construction projects are being completed by NCDOT and will have an effect on the Town of Hope Mills. The contract number, state transportation improvement program (STIP) number, project description, and estimated completion date as well as project let dates are listed below:

### ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Contract#: C204043

STIP#: U-2519AA, U-2519AB

Project Description: Fayetteville Outer Loop construct new freeway from I-95 in Robeson County to South of SR 1003 (Camden Road) in Cumberland County.

Project Cost: \$129,749,000

Estimated Completion Date: 7/1/2025 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IS AT 93%

Project ID#: HL-0036

Project Description: NC 59 (North Main Street) Replace existing sidewalk and construct new sidewalk along NC 59 (North Main Street).

Project Cost: \$449,000

LET Date: 3/15/2024

PROJECT ID#: U-3422A

Project Description: SR 1003 (Camden Road) From Fayetteville outer loop to just west of SR 1112 (Rockfish Road)

Project Cost: \$420,241,370

LET Date: Project was advertised and let 12/17/2024

STATUS: 16%

PROJECT ID#: U-3422B

Route and Limits: SR 1003 (Camden Road), b/w west of SR 1112 (Rockfish Road) and SR 1596 (North Main Street)

Project Description: Widen to multi-lanes

Project Cost: \$55,000,000

LET Date: 12/2025

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**PROJECT ID#:** U-4709

**Project Description:** SR 1112 (Rockfish Road) from SR 1115 (Golfview Road) to NC59 (North Main Street) and SR 1115 (Golfview Road) from SR 1112 (Rockfish Road) to NC 59 (North Main Street). Widen to mutli-lanes.

**Project Cost:** \$33,031,000

**LET Date:** 6/18/2024 Contractor has been selected: Fred Smith Co.

**STATUS:** 11%

**PROJECT ID#:** U-6073

**Project Description:** SR 1107 (Fisher Road) from SR 1104 (Strickland Bridge Road) to NC162 (Bingham Drive). Widen 2.1 miles of Fisher Road to four lane divided with a 19.5 foot median, a 5 foot sidewalk on the westbound side, and a 10 foot multiuse path on the eastbound side. A roundabout is also proposed at the McKinnon Farm intersection. Feedback can be provided at [www.ncdot.publicinput.com](http://www.ncdot.publicinput.com) through November 8, 2024.

**Project Cost:** \$65,000,000

**Award for Construction Date:** 2028

## NCDOT DIVISION 6 FUTURE CORRIDOR PROJECTS

**PROJECT ID#:** BL-0130

**Route and Limits:** SR 1131 (Cameron Road), b/w Hope Mills Middle School to NC 59 (South Main Street) in Hope Mills.

**Project Description:** Sidewalk construction

**Project Cost:** \$574,000

**LET Date:** FY 2027