

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Coffee with a Cop

JOIN MEMBERS OF THE HOPE MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION!

STARBUCKS
3063 N. MAIN STREET
HOPE MILLS NC 27543

11/29/2023
9:00AM-11:00AM

THANK YOU TO STARBUCKS FOR SPONSORING FREE REGULAR COFFEE FOR EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS THE EVENT!



COFFEE WITH A COP!!!!
The Town's first Coffee with a Cop was held at Starbucks located at 3063 N. Main Street in an effort to directly engage the community. Officers had a great time making signature drinks, serving customers, and getting to know the general public




HOPE MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
PACK THE PATROL CAR

JOIN THE HOPE MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 'PACK THE PATROL CAR'. OFFICERS WILL BE PACKING THEIR PATROL CARS WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND TOYS TO BE DONATED TO THE HOPE MILLS ALMS HOUSE KIDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

WHEN?
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023, 4PM-6PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023, 10AM-2PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, 4PM-6PM

WHERE?
WALMART SUPERCENTER
3030 N. MAIN ST., HOPE MILLS, NC

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Town of Hope Mills and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank for a food distribution at SouthView High School. The drive through event provided members of the community with turkeys, ham, and fresh vegetables.




SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
DRIVE THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION
SOUTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
DECEMBER 9, 2023
9 AM-12 PM
4184 Elk Rd, Hope Mills, NC

* First-come, first-served until food runs out.
* Maximum of 2 households served per vehicle. No walk-ups.

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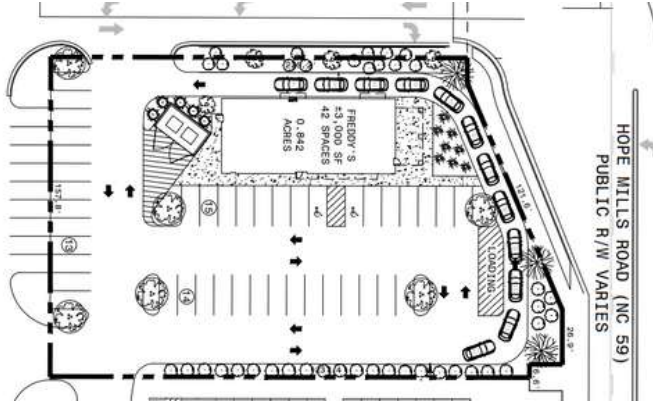


Town Manager's Report Construction Projects Update

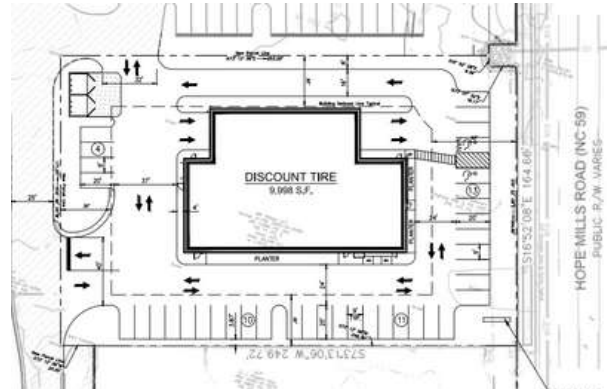
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COMMERCIAL

FREDDIES FROZEN CUSTARD & STEAKBURGERS: The proposed fast food establishment was granted zoning approval and has now received and building permit for construction. The site is located at 2860 Hope Mills Road in the Mill Village Shopping Center.



DISCOUNT TIRE SHOP: The proposed 9,998 square foot tire retail and repair facility was granted zoning approval and has now received and building permit for construction. The site is located at 2880 Hope Mills Road in the Mill Village Shopping Center.



CULVERS: The proposed 4,124 square foot fast food establishment was granted zoning approval and is being reviewed by the Inspections Department for the issuance of a building permit for construction. The site is located at 3320 South Peak Dive in the Millstone Shopping Center.



RESIDENTIAL

THE ONE: The proposed 360 unit apartment complex is currently under construction. The site is located at 3680 Elk Road.

VALLEY END 1: PHASE 3: Infrastructure related construction has begun on the latest phase of the Part 1 of the existing Valley End subdivision located off of Andalusian Drive.

PROVIDENCE SUBDIVISION: Civil plans for the 379 single family residential/275 unit townhouse development are under review by the Hope Mills Public Works Department. The site is located at 703 Sandhill Road

PRESERVE AT LAKE UPCHURCH: Streets in the current phase of construction are being inspected by the Stormwater and Public Works Departments for Street Acceptance into the Town of Hope Mills.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES "CITY SUMMIT 2023: ATLANTA, GA

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 2023 National League of Cities "City Summit" Conference was held from November 16-18 at the Georgia World Congress and the Omni Hotel Conference Centers in Atlanta, Georgia. The overall benefits of the conference provided leaders with the opportunity to connect with other local leaders and peers across the United States. The "City Summit" is considered by many to be the most comprehensive municipal conference of the year that provides a consortium of local elected officials, municipal leaders, experts and industry leaders gathering to share expertise and knowledge that ultimately benefit your city or municipality. From policy experts to industry professionals there were a vast number of avenues to expand your knowledge and your network coordinating with individuals facing similar issues in their respective municipalities. One of the most important aspects of the conference however, was gaining access to a significant amount of resources from the local, state, and federal level that can be utilized to increase the viability of your municipal activities.

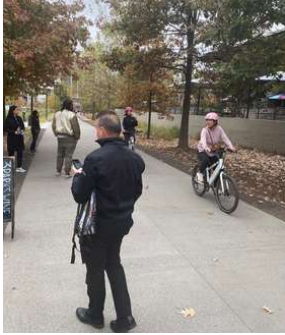
From leadership training to workshops that provide you with the latest information to assist in informing you about the decisions that you make that directly impact your city, the conference was groundbreaking. In each session or training, leaders were provided with access to solutions to common but more importantly complexed problems that were shared by many. With over 4,000 attendees ranging from mayors, elected official, city managers, and legislators, the ability to increase the efficiency of how your municipality operates was unlimited. There were also breakout sessions held that allowed you to engage industry experts to guide you in efforts to identify initiatives tied to federal funding, community & economic development, infrastructure, local authority and intergovernmental relations, municipal finance, public safety and justice reform, race and equity, and civic engagement.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE: TOURS

During the conference there were tours provided to participants that supplied a deeper hands on experience on specific areas of interest. These tours provided first hand knowledge about how a program actually works and what specific aspects have to be engaged for it to properly operate. Two of the most impactful tours that I attended are below:

ATLANTA BELTLINE: Considered to be the most comprehensive revitalization effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and serves as a catalyst for making an urban area a more global beacon for equitable, inclusive, and sustainable life. The success of the Atlanta Beltline is that the City of Atlanta was able to build a more equitable and inclusive Atlanta by delivering transformative public infrastructure that enhances mobility, fosters culture, and improves connections to economic opportunity. The Beltline is a 33-mile network of multi-use trails that create a new public realm by offering a pedestrian-friendly environment that promotes walking, jogging, biking, and affordable housing. Many of the benefits of the beltline are directly tied to workforce housing, transit, greenspace, trails, and historic preservation. Overall the Beltline has created up to 50,000 permanent and 48,000 construction jobs generating close to \$10,000 in economic development and investment.

Hope Mills Connection, Goals, and Objectives:

While a project as dynamic as the Atlanta Beltline may not fit the size and scope of a town the size of Hope Mills, many of the aspects tied to pedestrian connectivity can be studied and emulated. Staff plans to identify sources of federal and state infrastructure funding to explore the possibility of a greenway within the limits of Hope Mills that would ultimately connect the Hope Mills Golf Course to the Town Hall Complex, Hope Mills Lake, and Heritage Park.



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NATIONAL LEAUGE OF CITIES CONFERENCE: TOURS continued

AGLANTA TOUR: The AgLanta tour was an urban agriculture mobile workshop that showcased the City of Atlanta's urban agriculture initiative. The purpose and goal of the program is to create and more equitable and inclusive access to food systems primarily in areas considered to be food deserts. With a goal of ensuring that 85% of Atlanta residents are within 0.5 miles of affordable and fresh food, the initiative consists of a variety of different programs. On the tour participants were taken to the Urban Food Forest at Browns Mills which is the country's largest community food forest and edible city park. Once a defunct site of a development that never came to fruition, the forest was converted into a series of community gardens and raised beds creating a new ecosystem of available fresh fruits and vegetables in a low income area.

The program also has an interactive digital mobile phone app that provides a Fresh Food Access Map that allows users to search for local fresh food access points that include farmers markets, farm stands, farms, grocery stores, and neighborhood markets. Some of the additional programs that the AgLanta Initiative operates are:

- *Grows-A-Lot:* Invites entrepreneurs, non-profits, and residents to apply for a 5-year renewable license to adopt a vacant, city owned property to start a new urban garden.
- *AgLanta Grown:* local food promotion program that syncs the collective efforts of consumers in Atlanta's local food system developing a trusted brand for the local agricultural economy. The program also helps to build a coalition of producers, consumers, and advocates to stimulate the local food economy increasing revenue for farmers

TRULY LIVING WELL CENTER FOR NATURAL URBAN AGRICULTURE: Initiative has programs that provide agriculture training, nutrition, education, and job creation. They have a goal of growing better communities by connecting people with the land through education and a demonstration of economic success in urban agriculture. Many of their programs are marketing directly to people who otherwise couldn't afford to purchase their goods. They also highlighted partnerships with local restaurants who provide them with food waste that is ultimately utilized for composting while providing training opportunities to the homeless.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE: SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

The conference also consisted of information provided tied to the Small Cities Program which is open to municipalities from member cities with populations of 50,000 or less. Small cities make up roughly 80% of the National League of Cities membership. Within the program is the Small Cities Council (SCC) which have objectives of:

- being recognized as a voice and advocate of small cities
- serving as a resource for municipal officials from small cities
- connecting small cities to key NLC advocacy and policy development efforts.

Below is a breakdown of some of the sessions held tied to the Small Cities Program:

North Carolina Downtown Development Association (NCDDA)

Proven Social & Economic Impact of the Arts

Proven Health Impact of the Arts

Exploring Rural and Suburban Mobility Options

Revitalizing Main Street: Transforming Downtown Spaces

Strengthening the Municipal Workforce and Promoting City Innovation

Expanding Economic Mobility through the Municipal Workforce

Approaches to City Innovation which is based on 4 central pillars:

- People Centered Innovation:
 - a. Innovate around problems, not easily available solutions.
 - b. Prioritize inclusive engagement.
 - c. Ensure transparency about data privacy.
- Strategy and Governance
 - a. Develop an innovation strategy that aligns with city vision and values.
 - b. Structure innovation for impact and outcomes.
 - c. Pursue creative funding sources.
 - d. Define success and communicate it effectively.
- Culture and Mindset
 - a. Engage all city staff members in innovation efforts.
 - b. Incorporate design-thinking in innovation projects.
 - c. Utilize data to make informed decisions.
- Innovation Eco-System
 - a. Revive existing community spaces to create physical space for innovation.
 - b. Develop community based expertise by forming partnerships.
 - c. Meaningfully engage and empower residents.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE: GENERAL WORK SESSIONS

During the conference there were also work sessions that provided a wealth of knowledge and information tied to grant programs and guidance in areas related to civic engagement, and leveraging federal investments.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

As the Town of Hope Mills has received and utilized millions of dollars in ARPA funds, these sessions provided information on how local governments in tier 1 cities are implementing the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). The session also provided a local government ARPA Investment Tracker and information on the obligation of ARPA funds in terms of an order placed for property and services, entering into contracts, subawards, and similar transactions that require payment. Money doesn't have to be spent right now but does need to be obligated no later than December 31, 2024. Guidance on the proper ways to obligate your SLFRF funds was also provided recommending that cities contact their state league or NLC representative. Examples were also provided on how other municipalities utilized their funds for transportation.

Civic Engagement

Sessions were held providing guidance on how to engage your community through service and volunteering as well as innovative collaborations between cities and universities. Information was also provided on how to grow community adoption of your engagement technology and transforming city resident experiences.

Community and Economic Development

Information providing on how to enable adults without degrees to achieve economic mobility, building a skilled workforce for the future, taking advantage of leveraged federal investments in infrastructure. Guidance on navigating grants tied to clean energy and advanced manufacturing was provided with information on how to attract the diverse and skilled workforce to build America's next generation economy.

Hope Mills Connection, Goals, and Objectives:

Information provided at these work sessions will be cultivated through new committees such as the Arts and Culture Committee as well as the Economic Development Committee.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE: RESOURCES

One of the most impactful and useful aspects of this conference was the access and guidance to a significant amount of resources to municipalities such as Hope Mills. Below is a list of federal and state grant programs provided during work sessions that we can utilize as we move forward with the progression of Hope Mills:

NCL's Federal Advocacy Update: a bi-weekly newsletter that provides analysis and updates on critical federal issues directly impacting cities and ways to take action through notices of funding opportunities for municipal projects.

Ready to Build Program: guidance on how to utilize funding from four federal programs:

- a. **Bipartisan infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act** (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)). 5 year comprehensive federal investment in transportation, water, broadband, energy investing 12 trillion into Americas infrastructure.
- b. **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)**- program provides \$369 billion in tax credits and additional funding for zero emissions vehicles and technologies, building efficiency and resilience, and reduction of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- c. **Annual Congressional Appropriations.** NLC tracks the appropriation process in a federal budget tracker. Guidance in provided by nLC.
- d. **APRA and SLFRF** – Guidance on how to navigate through the process of the obligation of funds.

NLC also has a Federal Advocacy Team of professionals with experience ranging from:

- Grassroots advocacy
- Energy Environment and natural resources (EENR)
- Finance, Administration, & Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR)
- Transportation and Infrastructure Services (TIS)
- Human Development (HD)
- Public Safety and Crime Prevention (PSCP)
- Information, Technology, and Communications (ITC)
- Community & Economic Development (CED)
- Federal Advocacy Legislative Specialists and Coordinator



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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE: RESOURCES continued

THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE HUB (LIH): a national program that connects cities and towns with resources and expertise they need to access federal infrastructure funding. Launched in 2022, the hub has delivered technical assistance and actionable guidance to hundreds of cities from all 50 states working to solve issues related to transportation, broadband, energy efficiency, resilience, and workforce projects.

• **Grant Bootcamps:** the LIH offers technical assistance through grant bootcamps to small and mid-sized cities helping them develop competitive applications for federal funding. Bootcamps feature coaching sessions, one-on-one sessions with subject matter experts, and peer-to-peer learning. Also provides tools including templates, workbooks, and example submissions. The 3-month bootcamps are designed to support cities with populations fewer than 150,000 residents offering assistance around navigating the grant application process.

NEXT SET OF BOOTCAMPS BEGIN FEBRUARY 2024!!!!

Upcoming Bootcamps:

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program
- Climate Pollution Reduction Program (CPRG)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): funding to prevent roadway fatalities. Funding for sidewalks, improvements to existing roadways.
- Charging and Fuel Infrastructure Grants: Community and Corridor (CFI)
- Clean Energy tax Credits (Inflation Reduction Act – Elective Pay)
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)