



# Town Manager's Report

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING | JUNE 20, 2023

## AROUND TOWN

### Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings:

#### Popeyes

2935 Town Center Drive, Fayetteville, NC (Traemoor in Town limits)

- June 29, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

#### The Confidence Complex/Family Martial Arts Academy

700 Hope Mills Road

- July 14, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

#### Starbucks

2941 Town Center Drive

Fayetteville, NC (Traemoor in Town limits)

- July 19, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

### Small Business Economic Assistance:

The Cumberland County ARP Committee approved a recommendation from County staff to revise the County's Small Business Economic Assistance Policy in light of the US Treasury's Final Rule on the American Rescue Plan, which was released in April 2022 and included modifications with implications for the County's Small Business Economic Assistance Program, including revised eligibility criteria, updated funding allocation guidelines, and revised reporting requirements. The recommended policy revision streamlines program requirements to make it less restrictive on small businesses seeking to apply for assistance.

Along with the Policy Revision, the Committee approved a recommendation to reopen the application period for the Small Business Economic Assistance Program from July 1 to July 31, 2023, to allow additional small businesses to apply for assistance. Additionally, the Committee approved a request to grant County Management the authority to amend existing contracts with small businesses up to the \$50,000 maximum allowed under the program based on the revised policy's eligibility requirements. The approved items will be moved to the June 19, 2023, County Board of Commissioners meeting for consideration by the full Board.

**National Night Out:** The Hope Mills Police Department will participate in the nations annual National Night Out community event on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. While they are in the beginning planning phases, our Police Department has determined the event will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and feature food trucks, military presence and activities for children.

## HOPE MILLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Hope Mills Historic Preservation Committee met with Town staff on June 7, 2023, to work on inventorying the historic items that the committee has in their possession. The overall goal of this noble endeavor is to identify which items can ultimately be displayed in the Thomas Campbell Oakman Memorial Chapel and any other government offices that the committee selects.



**Hurricane Preparedness:** Hurricane Season began on June 1 and runs through November 30th. Each year we typically place Storm Preparation Guides in Town buildings and provide information in our quarterly newsletter. We are currently working on revamping our Storm Preparation Guide that was created in 2018 and is always posted to our website. You can locate it on the bottom of the homepage.

**Municipal Park Splashpad & Inclusive Playground:** The playground and splashpad are at 85% completion. KLS Civil Contracting Group is currently staking out the location of the sanitary sewer line. They have submitted cut sheets for construction material and equipment for approval.

- HMPCR is currently scheduling and coordinating the installation of the ADA walks with the utility installation.

## PARKS & RECREATION

**Program Fees:** The new fee schedule for FY 23-24 will be implemented July 1, 2023. In preparation for the changes in fees, all 55+ instructors have been notified, and fees will be reflected in online registration through CivicRec. A fee of \$3 per class will be assessed for each non-resident of Hope Mills, and will go into effect when August class registration opens in late July.

**Summer Camp (June 12-August 4):** The week of June 12th included visits from the following partners: 4-H, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Methodist University's Women's Head Soccer Coach, Cumberland County Health Department, and Hope Mills Stormwater Department. Water day, which consists of outdoor water inflatables, is being sponsored by HM Stormwater Department.

- No summer camp will be held on June 19, July 3 and July 4th in observance of Federal Holidays.

**Athletic Programming:** HMPCR has two teams in the district 11 baseball tournaments. Games will be played at Tart Park in Dunn, NC on July 17-19, 2023. 12U: HMPCR play "O"Zone option which advances the teams to state tournament play in Anston County on July 7-13, 2023.

## PARKS & RECREATION

### Independence Day Celebrations:

**55+ Independence Day Luncheon:** Thursday, June 29, 2023, Hope Mills Parks & Recreation

- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 1, 2023, Hope Mills Municipal Park.

- Parade - 4:00 p.m.
- Celebration - 5:00 p.m.
  - Music Paige King Johnson & Krispee Biscuits.
  - Entertainment - 2 stilt walkers from Imagine Circus.
  - 15/20 food trucks registered
- Fireworks - 9:00 p.m.



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