

THE TOWN *Manager's* REPORT



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING | MARCH 2, 2026

THE *Community* CORNER "We are the ones we have been waiting for..."



The Hope Mills Police Department has some of the best School Resource Officers around.

Do you want to participate in our Spring Community Yard Sale?!?!? Register your yard sale for only \$5 and you will be added to the town wide yard sale virtual map!!!! Event is set for Saturday April 25, 2026 and/or Sunday April 26, 2026 from 9:00am - 1:00pm

Our Spring Litter Sweep is here!!! Volunteers are needed for this town-wide event. Registration is open until April 17, 2026. Event takes place on Saturday April 18, 2026. Help us keep our town clean!!!

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Our Hope Mills Fire Department held a Hands-Only CPR Training in the Parks & Recreation Center. They Chief and Fire Marshall were also guest speakers at the Kiwanis Club of Hope Mills monthly meeting. The Kiwanis Club President presented the Town with a \$500 donation in support of outstanding service.



Our School Resource Officer continue to make a huge impact in our Hope Mills Schools. They recently engaged students on the importance of reporting bad behaviors and not communicating threats. Dreams 4 All Foundation, Off Road Outreach, and Veterans Services of Carolina partnered to donate 25 mattresses to our police officers in support of our Police Department.



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BOARDS AND *Committees* "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve"

TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Hope Mills community offers numerous opportunities for citizens to volunteer and serve. Through our various boards and committees, meaningful and impactful initiatives are carried out to address the needs of our residents and enhance our overall quality of life. From preserving our rich history to celebrating our diversity and the many contributions that shape our culture, these committees serve as the glue that brings our community together.

BOARDS

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PURPOSE: The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial board responsible for ruling on appeals, variances, and special uses in the Town of Hope Mills.

REQUESTS: Typical requests range from Special Use Permits for Day Care Centers to relief from setback and parking regulations.

MEETINGS: Hearings are scheduled on a case by case basis.

LOCATION: Town Hall

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

PURPOSE: The primary goal of the Historic Commission is to govern the Hope Mills Historic related ordinances while preserving the rich history and heritage of the Town.

MEETINGS:
2nd Wednesday of the month

LOCATION: Thomas Oakman Chapel

HOPE MILLS PRIME MOVERS

PURPOSE: The Prime Movers was established to bridge the gap between the Millennials of the Hope Mills area through engagement and community based events.

MEETINGS:
1st Thursday of the month

LOCATION: VFW Post 10630



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BOARDS AND *Committees* "The best leaders are servants at heart"

TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: This committee's role is to work closely with the Town's Parks & Recreation Department while seeking to recommend and plan programs of recreational activities and events.

MEETINGS:

4th Monday of the month

LOCATION: Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Center

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: The role of this committee is to provide recommendations on programs, policies, and practices designed to assist veterans while acting as a central clearing house for information,

MEETINGS:

4th Thursday of the month

LOCATION: VFW Post 10630

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: This committee provides representation for citizens of Hope Mills by promoting, encouraging, and increasing support for artistic and cultural assets while working to integrate arts and culture into community life.

MEETINGS:

2nd Thursday of the month

LOCATION: VFW Post 10630

HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: Charged with engaging non-profit providers, faith based organizations, advocates, social service providers, and other agencies to bring awareness and curate solutions to homelessness in Hope Mills.

MEETINGS:

2nd Tuesday of the month

LOCATION: VFW Post 10630



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BOARDS AND *Committees* "Only a life lived for others is worth living"

TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: This committee's purpose is to promote and stimulate the development of all economic sectors within the Town of Hope Mills while identifying capital investment and employment opportunities through the solicitation of new businesses and through industry expansion.

MEETINGS:
Quarterly

LOCATION: John W. Hodges
Public Safety Center

Any inquiries regarding vacancies or applications to become a member of any of our committees should be directed to our Town Clerk.

APPEARANCE COMMISSION

PURPOSE: Established by ordinance, this is a 7 member commission that seeks to enhance and improve the visual quality and aesthetical value of the Town of Hope Mills.

MEETINGS:
4th Tuesday of the month

LOCATION: VFW Post 10630



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Our Staff STAFF SPOTLIGHT: *Drew Holland*



DREW HOLLAND

A native of the Fuquay-Varina and Holly Springs area of southern Wake County, he spent his childhood moving across the country as the son of an Air Force serviceman. He finished high school in Fuquay-Varina before going on to earn his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Campbell University in May 1991. While in college, he began working with the accounting firm of Dennis Duke, PA, CPA in Fuquay-Varina. In 1995, he joined the finance department at RBL&W Advertising Agency in Raleigh, North Carolina. He began his career in local government in November 1997 with the Town of Holly Springs as Finance Operations Manager and was promoted to Finance Director in 1999.

In July 2014, he became Finance Director for the City of Dunn, and in January 2016, he accepted the position of Finance Director for the Town of Hope Mills. During his tenure in Hope Mills, he has streamlined the budget process, launched the Community Investment Plan (CIP), implemented new financial software, and led the town to earn the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since 2019—among many other accomplishments over the past decade.

He currently resides on a 42-acre farm in southern Wake County with his wife. They have two married daughters—one in Raleigh and one in New York City—and are excited to welcome their first grandson in early June.

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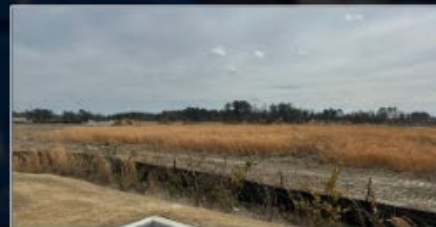
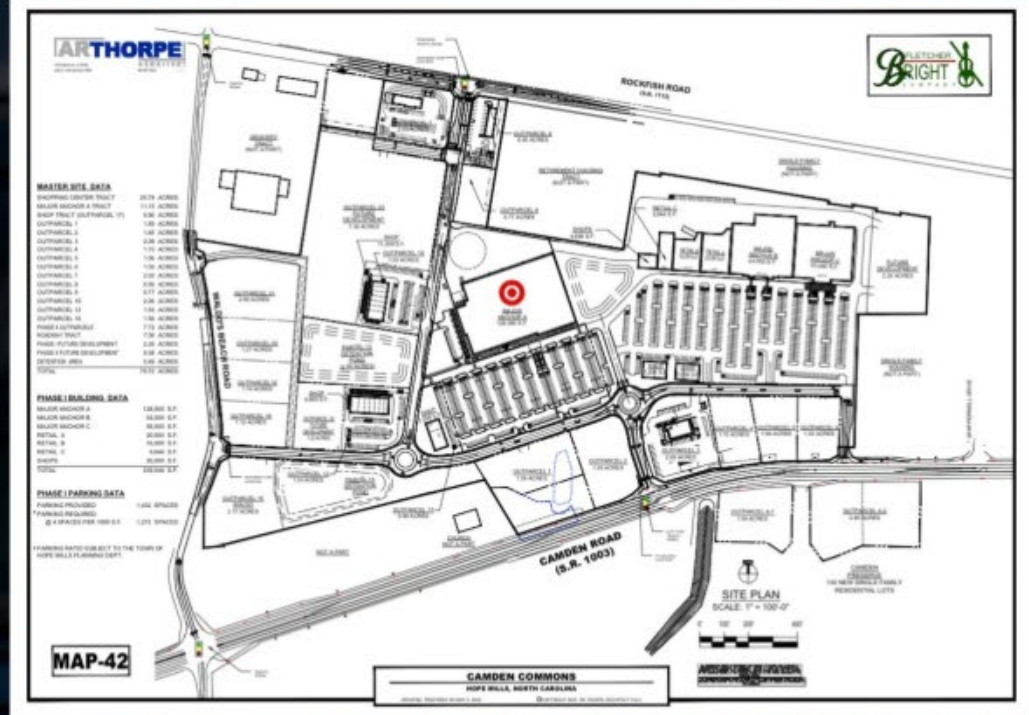


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COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT: *Camden Commons*



Camden Commons is 80+/- acre commercial development located at the intersections of Waldos Beach Road and Rockfish Road with access off of Rockfish Road, Camden Road, and Waldo's Beach. The anchor tenant for the development is Target who is proposing over 335,000 square feet of retail space in Phase 1 alone. As what is by far the largest commercial development in the history of Hope Mills, this development is poised to bring much needed commercial and retail uses to our region. In addition to Target, there are over 26 additional commercial outparcels that will be developed.

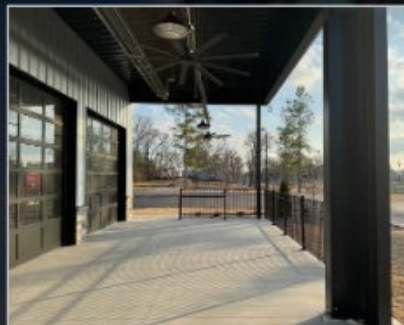


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COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT: *The Hive of Hope Mills*



THE HIVE OF HOPE MILLS

The Hive of Hope Mills is an amazing, family focused destination perfect for both business and social gatherings. From literacy and education programs to partnerships like Kwirkz supporting our special needs community, The Hive is intentionally designed to bring people together. The space features: mercantile and farmers market areas, a commissary kitchen, an event center for meetings, spaces for 7 food trucks with underground electrical lines, a covered outdoor stage for live music, and two fire pit areas for entertaining.

As a true community center, The Hive has so much to offer Hope Mills. Big T's will serve as the featured food partner, and the Town of Hope Mills has officially announced that the 2026 Juneteenth Liberty and Legacy event will take place right here. Located directly adjacent to Hope Mills Municipal Park, The Hive is positioned to enhance and anchor the park experience with expanded food options, entertainment, and gathering space.

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Heritage Park PHASE 2: A CONTINUED FOCUS ON OUR HISTORY



HERITAGE PARK PHASE 2 FUNDING

With the success of Phase 1 of Heritage Park, the Town is well underway in our efforts to complete this historic park. In our pursuit of alternative funding, the following grants have been awarded and/or submitted for funding:

GRANTS AWARDED	TOTAL
Parks and Rec Trust Fund (PARTF)	\$500,000
Cumberland County Comm. Fndtn	\$21,772
GRANTS SUBMITTED	TOTAL
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$519,105

As we enter into our budget season, it is imperative that we reduce our reliance on the general fund as much as possible. Our goal is to continue to increase your quality of life while being creative in finding methods to fund it.



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THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS *Parks and Recreation*

Feb. 1st 12:00pm

Food Truck Registration

Event Details:
Date: 2/27/26
Time: 5pm - 9pm

Scan Here to Register

limited registration spots available!

www.townofhopemills.com

TRUCKS 'N STUFF

TOUCH - HONK - EXPLORE

May 2, 2026
10am-1pm

Golfview Greenway
3625 Golfview Drive
Hope Mills, NC 28348

FREE ADMISSION

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

**BIG TRUCKS | EMERGENCY VEHICLES
CONSTRUCTION APPARATUS | MILITARY VEHICLES & MORE!**

Have you ever wanted to climb into the cab of a fire truck or pull the lever on a recycling truck or sit in a police car? - well this is your chance. At this year's Trucks 'N Stuff event we will have an array of big trucks, emergency vehicles, heavy machinery and more to explore up close and in person!

Do you have a big vehicle/truck/apparatus?
Would you like to participate?
SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION CENTER WITH NAMI PRESENTS:

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

NAMI in partnership with Mid-Carolina Regional Center presents this **FREE** Older Adult Mental Health First Aid course!

For More Information
Contact Instructor:
Lisa DeCandia
Home Services Coordinator
910-323-4191 ext. 35
ldecandia@mccog.org

MARCH 24, 2026 8:30AM-5:00PM
MAY 5, 2026 8:30AM-5:00PM

Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Center
Small Activity Room
910-426-4100

2026 SPRING SPORTS OFFERED

- TEE-BALL
- BASEBALL
- SOFTBALL
- INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER
- INDOOR SOCCER
- WRESTLING

www.townofhopemills.com

SPRING ATHLETICS REGISTRATION

Now Open!

COACHES NEEDED

BASEBALL
SOFTBALL
INDOOR SOCCER

HOPE MILLS YOUTH BASEBALL ASSESSMENTS

POWER PARK - MARCH 1-4

6U ASSESSMENTS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 8:00PM - 9:00PM

10U/12U ASSESSMENTS
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

14U/16U ASSESSMENTS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 8:00PM - 9:00 PM

FOR NEW PLAYERS & NEW TO PLAYER PITCH

SOFTBALL SKILLS CAMPS

\$50.00

Cotton Tail TRAIL

MARCH 28TH

WE BUILT CONFIDENCE, REP BY REP.

COME FIBER UP, STAY FOR THE CONCEPT!

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THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS *Parks and Recreation*



BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATION

The renovation to correct the damage to our Basketball Court is well underway. Parks and Recreation staff is coordinating with celebrity barber Vic Blends on the reconstruction that is projecting a spring reopening.

Staff is also working with authorities to track the court case tied to the vandalism and will provide updates as the case progresses forward.



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HOPE MILLS *Chamber of Commerce*

CONTINUING-EDUCATION

3D BrandingSM

CRAFTING AN AUTHENTIC BUSINESS IDENTITY

Define. Develop. Display
(IDENTITY, CONSISTENCY, CREATIVITY.)

4 WEEK BRANDING WORKSHOP

📅 March 5 📅 March 19
📅 March 12 📅 March 26

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: HOPE MILLS PARKS & REC

CHAMBER MEMBER: \$75 | NON-MEMBERS: \$100

HOPE MILLS | TIFFANY HAYWOOD | *TH*

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UnLOCKING UNAPOLOGETIC LEADERSHIP POWER

An Empowering Networking Event for Women

Inspiring Speakers **Powerful Connections** **Empowerment & Networking**

Date: March 19
Time: 9am - 1pm
Location: Gates Four Golf and Country Club

CONFIDENCE + COURAGE + SUCCESS

Early Bird Tickets on sale NOW!!

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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 multi-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 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