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# Mount Holly Monitor

City of Mount Holly Monthly Newsletter

## Special points of interest:

- \* April 12th—City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- \* April 19th—City Council Budget Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Training Room
- \* April 26th—City Council Work Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

## Mount Holly Springfest

Kicks off on Saturday, April 24th with Movies at the Park. The movie UP will begin around dusk at Tuck Park.

—Monday, April 26th will be the Annual Golf Tournament. This will be a shotgun start at noon.

—Monday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. is the Spring Choral Concert at the First Baptist Church.

—Tuesday, April 27th is the Senior Dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The menu consists of BBQ, baked beans, slaw and a dessert. We ask that you RSVP for the event at City Hall.

—Wednesday, April 28th is Kidfest, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Tuck Center.

—Friday, April 30th is the Annual Community Dinner. The Dinner will be held in the Grand Hall at the Citizens Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for children & seniors and \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at local banks, Charlie's Drug and David's Detailing.

—Saturday, May 1st is the 5K beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the Annual Spring Festival Street Fair at 11:00 a.m. on Main Street Mount Holly.

## Residents of Mount Holly,

Welcome to your new water bill. We hope that the new format of billing will help to keep our Citizens better informed about things that are going on within our City. With each month's water bill, you will receive a one page newsletter that will be timelier and more informative than our previous quarterly newsletter.

With this new format, **we will no longer send out a second notice.** If you ever need to check on the amount of your bill, give staff a call at (704) 827-3931. We also offer a bank draft service, where your monthly bill can be directly drafted from the account of your choosing. For more information on the bank draft give us a call at the same number.

We hope that you find this new format more helpful and informative. If you have any questions or comments feel free to give any of the staff a call at The Citizens Center at (704) 827-3931. You can also check out the City's customer service site at [www.mtholly.us](http://www.mtholly.us).

Thank You,  
Danny Jackson  
Jamie Guffey  
Co-Interim City Manager's



## City Council

The City Council holds their Regular Monthly Meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Mount Holly Citizens Center located at 400 East Central Avenue. The City Council makes all their major decisions that impact the City at their Regular Meeting. They hold scheduled Public Hearings as well as allow a 3 minute Public Comments Session which provides a time for Citizens to address the Council on any subject they so wish.

The City Council holds their Work Session Meetings on the 4th Monday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Work Session meeting gives the Council an opportunity to discuss in detail issues of the City. The Council rarely takes action on any items of discussion during a work session meeting.

Both the Regular Meeting and the Work Session Meeting are open to the public and the City Council would like to encourage the citizens of Mount Holly to attend.

### City Hall Closings

Friday, April 2nd for Good Friday  
Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day  
Payments can be made 24 hours a day 7 days a week by leaving a check in the drop box located in front of the Police Department. Please do not leave cash in the drop box.

## Upcoming Council Agenda Topics

**April 12th**—Public Hearing on Rezoning at 1000 Marina Village Drive in Riverfront Subdivision

**April 26th**—Discussion of a City Graffiti Ordinance and the City Alarm Ordinance

**June 14th**—Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011



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## News Around the City

### Fire and Rescue

In early May our City will be inspected by the North Carolina Department of Insurance's Office of the State Fire Marshal. This inspection is known as a public protection survey and determines our fire insurance rating classification. The classification rating determines the premiums that both our citizens and businesses pay for property insurance.

Although the Fire & Rescue Department will be the lead department in this inspection, much work will also include other departments within our City. Our City's Utility Department and Planning and Zoning Department will play critical roles. The Fire & Rescue Department's Administrative Division will be working vigorously over this next month to accomplish pre-survey requirements and prepare for this inspection. The on-site inspection process will be taking place on May 10<sup>th</sup> and likely conclude after 5 full days.

Homeowners are currently at their maximum classification rating; however improvements to our rating can drastically improve our ratings for multi-family dwellings and all businesses within our City. Keep in mind that the rating can have a concurrent effect on our City's growth, thus affecting all our citizens as a whole. Over this next month, it is our goal to continue to

provide the best services possible and to improve our rating classification for our citizens.

### Police

The Police Department continues to implement new technology. The Mount Holly Police Department has completed several projects. A whole new radio system, 800 MHz trunking system has been installed. This project required all new walkie talkies along with car radios. This project was funded in partnership with Charlotte/Meck radio communications.

The Department has also installed in-car video camera systems in each patrol vehicle. This gives the officer the ability to video record and audio record each interaction. Along with this project, a laptop computer was installed in each patrol vehicle. The laptop gives the officer instant access to data such as vehicle registration, drivers license, and wanted persons. Additionally, officers have the ability to complete investigative reports in the field, reducing the amount of time spent at the Police Department completing reports. It is our plan to continue implementing technology so that officers will be able to have direct email to their laptops and real time access to our Records Management Software and Computer Aided Dispatch software.

Finally, we have also updated our software and computers in our enhanced 911 center. We installed a more user-friendly system to handle 911 emergency calls. This allows a smoother flow of information

from the caller through the 911 operator to the responding officer. As part of this system we have also updated our voice recorder system for 911 and radio traffic.

These projects are all intended to increase our ability to provide services to the community. The radio system ensures we have communications throughout the city, the cameras and computers in the patrol vehicles provide investigative information to the officers, and the 911 updates give us the most advanced system of responding to 911 emergency calls.

### Parks and Recreation

Mount Holly Fitness Center is looking for new members. The Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. The fee for an in city-limit resident adult is \$40 for 4 months. The fitness center is located at the Tuckaseege Community Center.

The Mount Holly Sole Patrol is a senior activity group that meets at the Tuckaseege Community Center Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. The Sole Patrol is a free program for resident seniors of Mount Holly.

Come on out for some free family entertainment as our Movies in the Park series begins on Saturday April 24. The movie will take place at Tuckaseege Park, the movie will begin at dusk. The featured movie for April 24 will be UP.

Picnic shelters at our parks can be rented for birthday parties, and family picnics. If you need any information about any park and recreation programs call 704-951-3006.

### Streets and Solid Waste

The City's Recycling Program has gotten off to a great start. Since mid January, the City has picked up 113.9 tons of recycling materials. Recycling is picked up every other week on the same day as your regular household rubbish. A yearly calendar of recycling pickups is available by contacting our office or on the city website [www.mtholly.us](http://www.mtholly.us).

### Planning

The spring and summer seasons are upon us now. Citizens please remember that it is a violation of the City of Mount Holly's Code of Laws to not keep your property clean and clear from garbage, rubbish and refuse items. It is also against the Mount Holly Code of Laws to allow uncontrolled growth of weeds, grass or vines, to a height of twelve (12) inches or more within one hundred (100) feet of any residence or business. Any accumulation of animals or vegetable matter that is offensive by virtue of odor or vapors or which is inhabited by rodents, snakes, or vermin of any kind. It is also a violation of the Mount Holly Code of Laws to allow any accumulation of stagnant water causing or threatening to cause inhabitation thereof by mosquito or mosquito larvae.

Just a reminder that the next regular held meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chamber located at 400 East Central Avenue. The agenda will consist of a public hearing for the Marina rezoning in the Riverfront subdivision. This agenda item will also be on the City Council agenda for the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at City Hall.



Please remember to mail in your Census Form!!