

THE TOWN *Manager's* REPORT



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING | OCTOBER 20, 2025

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

Ole Mills Day
VENDORS WANTED
Food, Music and Fun

SCAN ME

Saturday October 25, 2025
11 am - 5 pm
Hope Mills Municipal Park
5766 Rockfish Road
Hope Mills NC 28348

Scan me for Application

Sponsored by
HOPE MILLS NORTH CAROLINA
A PROUD PAST, A BRIGHT FUTURE

All Proceeds Benefit the Hope Mills Police Foundation

THE HOPE MILLS AREA LAND USE PLAN WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!!! A dedicated website has been created by the Cumberland County Planning Department that will remain active for the entire duration of the process. There is also a community survey on the website that we are asking our citizens to participate in to gather feedback in preparation of the Community Kickoff Meeting set for Tuesday October 28, 2025. The kickoff event will take place from 12:00pm - 7:00pm at the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Center located at 5766 Rockfish Road. Stop by at your leisure for interactive activities that will provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts and vision for Hope Mills and the surrounding area. Input from our citizens is vital to the overall success of the plan so we need your involvement. We need your help in shaping the future of Hope Mills!!!

HOPE MILLS AREA LAND USE PLAN
COMMUNITY KICKOFF MEETING
Share your vision for the future of the Hope Mills area!

The Cumberland County Planning Staff has begun the process of updating the *land use plan* for the Hope Mills Area.

The purpose of this open house is to hear from you—residents, business owners, and other local stakeholders.

Stop by at your leisure for interactive activities and to share your thoughts to help shape a shared vision for the future of the Hope Mills Area!

*This will **not** affect the current zoning, property taxes or how your land is currently used.

Tuesday, October 28
Noon - 7 p.m.

Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Center
5766 Rockfish Road
Hope Mills, NC

Early Voting

GENERAL ELECTION

	Board of Elections Office 227 Fountainhead Lane Fayetteville, NC	Citizens Recreation Center 6404 Citiflake Road Fayetteville, NC	Kneatts Recreation Center 352 Denvers Street Fayetteville, NC
October 16 & 17, 2025 Thursday & Friday	08:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.
October 20-24, 2025 Monday - Friday	08:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.
October 27-31, 2025 Monday - Friday	08:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.
November 1, 2025 Last Saturday	08:00 a.m. - 03:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. - 03:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. - 03:00 p.m.

**THE ELECTION IS FOR RESIDENTS OF:
Eastover, Falcon, Fayetteville, Godwin,
Hope Mills, Linden, Spring Lake, Stedman,
Wade**

If you live in the county (not within the city limits of a municipality), you do not vote this time.

OCTOBER EVENTS

- ~~MON 9~~ COFFEE WITH A COP @ STARBUCKS ON MAIN ST. 9:30AM-10:30AM
- ~~TUE 11~~ **CANCELLED** ON MAIN ST. @10AM-2PM
- WED 15 WALK WITH A COP @ HM MUNICIPAL PARK @ 8AM-9AM
- THU 20 SAFETY DAY @ MILLSTONE THEATER @ 11AM-2PM
- FRI 24 TRUNK OR TREAT @ ROCKFISH ELEMENTARY 5:30PM-7:30PM
- OCT 25 OLE MILLS DAY @ HM MUNICIPAL PARK @ 11AM-5PM
- WED 29 WALK WITH A COP @ HM MUNICIPAL PARK @ 3PM-4PM

The Hope Mills Police Department is excited to announce the return of our legendary Bike Patrol Unit!!! Our officers will now be back out in the community on two wheels helping to enhance safety while building stronger connections with our residents.

Law Enforcement Bicycle Association



PHASE 3 OF ELEVATE HOPE MILLS IS NOW UNDERWAY!! The Business Accelerator Program designed for entrepreneurs who are ready to move into sustainable growth has begun. This phase will run for 4 weeks with cohort-based sessions covering:

- Strategic planning
- Financial infrastructure readiness
- Sales and marketing alignment
- Operational compliance.

The program will conclude with a one-day Business Brunch and Roundtable with the North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall.

ELEVATE HOPE MILLS
BUSINESS ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

4-WEEK PROGRAM: OCTOBER 8 - OCTOBER 29, 2025

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 6:00 - 8:30 PM
JOHN HODGES SAFETY CENTER HOPE MILLS NC

- Week 1 (Oct 8): Business Growth Strategy & Model Alignment
- Week 2 (Oct 15): Financial Infrastructure & Funding Readiness
- Week 3 (Oct 22): Marketing, Branding & Visibility
- Week 4 (Oct 29): Systems, Leadership & Sustainability

Special Saturday Experience
Business Brunch & Roundtable with Secretary of State Elaine Marshall
Oct 25 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Weekly in-person training & mentorship
- Business fundamentals & growth strategies
- Access to capital, grants & funding prep
- Networking and personalized guidance

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT



CAMDEN COMMONS

The Camden Commons development is currently underway. The 80 acre commercial site was approved through zoning and is being cleared during this preliminary stage of development. The anchor tenant for this project is a proposed Super Target Retail Store.



PLANET FITNESS

Planet Fitness is coming to Hope Mills!!! The new fitness center will be located at 3333 N. Main Street in the Hope Mills Crossing Shopping Center. Staff is working closely with the Hope Mills Chamber to schedule an official ribbon cutting.



HABIT BURGER AND GRILL

The new Habit Burger is currently under construction in the Traemoor Village Shopping Center. Adjacent to the newly opened Chipotle, the contractors are working towards the final certificate of occupancy. Once received, staff will coordinate with the Hope Mills Chamber for a ribbon cutting.



CARIBOU COFFEE

Staff is currently coordinating with the management at Caribou Coffee to schedule an official ribbon cutting. The new facility is located in the Traemoor Village Shopping Center at 5837 Lakewood Drive.



DIRTBAG PLAZA

Individual retail shops at Dirtbag Plaza are beginning to open. Jersey Mikes Subs is now open for business at the new shopping center adjacent to the existing Dirtbag Ales development. The new Jersey Mikes is located at 5541 Corporation Drive.



THE HIVE OF HOPE MILLS

Construction is well underway for the Hive of Hope Mills Community Center/Food Truck Park. A one of its kind facility, the event space will offer spaces for up to 7 food trucks, a covered stage, and spaces for mercantile markets and farmers.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT



VALLEY END PHASE 3

Phase 3 of the Valley End residential community is complete. This 51+ residential lot phase was recently completed with price points ranging \$320,000 to \$340,00.



PEMBROKE

The new Pembroke Subdivision is currently under construction for 77+ single family residential structures. The subdivision is located off of Blackbridge Road and will connect to the existing Blackbridge Village and Steeplechase communities with price points ranging from \$299,000 to \$379,000.



THE ONE APARTMENTS

Construction of this 300+ unit multi-family (apartments) development is well underway. Located along the southern side of Elk Road, completion is expected to conclude in late 2026.



SWEET WATER

Construction of the final phases of the Sweetwater single family residential community is close to completion. The 75+ residential development is located along the northern side of Elk Road with price points ranging from \$280,000 to \$340,000.

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

GOLFVIEW ROAD AND ROCKFISH ROAD CONSTRUCTION



ROCKFISH AND GOLFVIEW ROADS

Construction of the widening of both Golfview and Rockfish Roads are well underway. Staff is routinely coordinating with Fred Smith Company who is the general contractor on the project for updates on road closures needed for construction activities. The final product will significantly reduce traffic congestion around the Hope Mills Government Complex with the installation of 4 new lanes of traffic with medians. The project also calls for the construction of round-a-bouts at the intersections of Rockfish and Golfview Roads as well as Rockfish and Park Boulevard. Staff is also coordinating with NCDOT officials and the general contractor for the installation of sculptures in the round-a-bouts and underground utilities to enhance the aesthetical value of the overall project.

The \$33,000,000+ project is at 11% completion.

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PARKS & RECREATION

Summer & Fall e v e n t s

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS: SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE CATERING & EVENTS

FALL SOCIAL

FOOD LIVE MUSIC GAMES

FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC

OCTOBER 18, 2025

HOPE MILLS LAKE GAZEBO

1:00PM - 4:00PM

TACO BAR CATERED BY SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE CATERING

\$20.00 PER TICKET FOR FOOD! MUST SHOW TICKET TO REDEEM FOOD

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ROCKFISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOPE MILLS ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

24 OCTOBER | 5:30 - 7:30PM

OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST

LOCATION: ROCKFISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
5763 ROCKFISH RD. HOPE MILLS, NC 28348

TRUNK REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPTEMBER 1ST

CONTACT US:
 (910) 426-4109
 MMERENESS@TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM
 WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM

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HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS: SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE CATERING & EVENTS

55+ Thanksgiving LUNCHEON

THANKSGIVING THEMED GAMES
THANKSGIVING FUN | MUSIC
FOOD | FELLOWSHIP

21 NOV 2025

12:00PM - 2:00PM

Location: Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Center Community Room 910-426-4109

Cost: \$20.00

Hope Mills Residents Early Bird Special: 50% Off Up Until 09/15/2025

Letters from Santa!

The gang at Hope Mills Parks & Rec have the connections. We know the man, Kris Kringle, Saint Nick, Santa Claus. We want to make sure your child's letter makes it to the North Pole & will help make sure Santa not only reads your letter but also responds!

\$2.00 per letter

Scan Here for More Information

Manager Messages:
 (910) 426-4109
 MMERENESS@TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM
 WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION CENTER WITH MID-CAROLINA REGIONAL COUNCIL

8-WEEK COURSE
OCTOBER 27th - DECEMBER 19th 2025
MONDAYS 8:45AM - 9:45AM
FRIDAYS 9:00AM - 10:00AM

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

COME JOIN US TODAY

FREE!

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION CENTER
LARGE ACTIVITY ROOM
850-426-4109

JOIN OUR NEW 8 WEEK BEGINNER TAI CHI & FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS 18+ AND GO TO IMPROVE BALANCE, FLEXIBILITY, AND CONFIDENCE THROUGH GENTLE, MINDFUL MOVEMENTS IN A FUN, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

MID-CAROLINA REGIONAL COUNCIL
HEALING MARKIE WOLDRUP
WWW.MIDCAROLINACOUNCIL.COM

Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Center Presents:

55+ STRONG ON THE MAT

FLOOR FITNESS FOR EVERY BODY EVERY MONDAY

11:00AM - 12:00PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MAT

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM 910-426-4109

COST (PER MONTH)
HOPE MILLS RESIDENTS: \$0.00
NON-RESIDENTS: \$5.00

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

For More Information Contact Instructor: Rosa Caymona-Barros mindfitness12431@gmail.com

Town of Hope Mills

CHRISTMAS PARADE of Lights

presented by A CLEANER HOME IS A HEALTHIER HOME BOO-STRINGS

Saturday, December 6th | 5:00pm

CONTACT US:
 Manager Messages:
 (910) 426-4109
 MMERENESS@TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM
 WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM

Parade Route:
 Rockfish Elementary to Hope Mills Middle School

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

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HOPE MILLS CHAMBER OF

Commerce



CHAMBER BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Business Breakfast
Open to the public!
The fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am!
Harmony at Hope Mills
Family Serving Families
7051 Rockfish Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306

Join the Hope Mills Chamber every fourth Tuesday at Harmony at Hope Mills. Breakfast begins at 8:30am. The next business breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday October 28, 2025.

2025 HOPE MILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **Chili COOK OFF**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH 12PM - 4PM DIRTBAG ALES
THINK YOUR Chili HAS WHAT IT TAKES?!?
ENTER THE CONTEST & LET THE CROWD DECIDE!
Chamber Members: \$35
Non-Members: \$45
THERE ARE 7 VENDOR SPOTS AVAILABLE!!!!
Bring your Business to one of the largest crowds in the area!!!
DIRTBAG ALES!!
Chamber Members \$50
Non-Members \$100
Sponsors Needed!!!
4 Opportunities for your Business/Organization
Gold - \$1,000
Silver \$500
Bronze- \$250
Yard Sign- \$50
For more information: Website: hopemillschamber.org Email: hmacc@hopemillschamber.org

NO YOU HANG UP
PINK SCREAM
Cake & Sip
SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH 12:40 FORT BRAGG RD 2PM TO 4PM
\$48
Ashley's Bakery

EMOTIONAL WELLNESS PRESENTS
HOLLYWOOD GLAM GALA
"WIDOWS EMOTIONAL JOURNALS"
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
JOHN ELI LUTHERAN RECREATION CENTER, 4111 ETC COMPLEX
Walk with Purpose, Shine with Glam as we bring awareness to Emotional Wellness and the Widow and Widower community!
TICKETS AVAILABLE @ EVENTBRITE
\$40
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: www.hopemillschamber.org

WFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
CORPORAL RODOLFO P. HERNANDEZ VFW POST 476
P.O. BOX 48429 CUMBERLAND, NC 28531-8429
Monthly Luncheon
November Host
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 11:30AM
Open to the public!
3928 DOC BENNETT RD. FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28306
HOPE MILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TUESDAYS @ WING CO & HOPE MILLS
DJ BINGO 7pm-9pm
FREE ENTRY + CASH PRIZES
FOOD SPECIALS DRINK SPECIALS
\$2 chicken tacos grilled or crispy w/ lettuce + cheese
\$2 PBR bottle
\$2 Busch Light Tall Boy
\$4 house margarita OTR (flavors available)

PUTT-PUTT FUN CENTER
PUTT-PUTT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2025
\$15 ENTRY FEE
HOLE SPONSORS \$120!
REGISTER ONLINE - \$10 REGISTER AT THE DOOR - \$15
OCT. 26TH SUNDAY 4 - 7PM
PUTT-PUTT FUN CENTER 3311 FOOTBRIDGE LANE FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28303
PRIZE FOR LOWEST SCORE PER AGE GROUP!
UNDER 12 12-15 15+
SCORECARDS MUST BE IN BY 7:30PM!
For more information, call 910-424-PUTT

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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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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:

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 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