

THE TOWN *Manager's* REPORT



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING | FEBRUARY 16, 2026

THE *Community* CORNER "Leadership is rooted in faith and revealed through service"

On January 13, 2026 someone vandalized a portion of the basketball court at Hope Mills Municipal Park. With a total cost of repair at \$14,000, renovation is estimated to take 30 days. Staff is projecting an April reopening.



The Hope Mills Police Foundation invited everyone "out to dinner" through a fundraiser with Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q". A wonderful evening with great company.



HOPE MILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WOMEN
MEAN BUSINESS
Educate. Advocate. Empower.

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

Pre-K students from C. Wayne Collier Elementary School made a visit to our First Responders. They were treated to a tour of the John W. Hodges Public Safety Center to engage with our Fire and Police Departments. Positive interactions between children and first responders build trust and reduce fear in emergencies.



Early Bird Tickets on sale NOW!!

The Hope Mills Chamber of Commerce is welcoming sponsors to partner with them for their 2026 "Women Mean Business" Seminar!! Sponsorship opportunities offer community impact, brand visibility and networking possibilities with women leaders, decision makers, and entrepreneurs.

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Economic DEVELOPMENT: GREATER FAYETTEVILLE BUSINESS JOURNAL

GREATER FAYETTEVILLE BUSINESS JOURNAL

With a renewed focus on economic development and small business growth, the Town is strengthening our relationship with the Greater Fayetteville Business Journal. We are anchoring that commitment to collaboration by investing in

Calling Current and Aspiring Businesses and Industries...

- Contracting opportunities
- Amazing quality of life
- Small business development
- Major residential development underway
- Streamlined permitting approvals
- Proximity to I-295 and I-95
- Partnerships w local colleges
- Major roadway improvements
- Growing population
- Skilled labor force

THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

advertising in the upcoming 2026 Book on Business, reinforcing one clear message... HOPE MILLS IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!!!!! The Hope Mills ad focuses on a call to current and aspiring industries willing to establish or relocate to our area.

In addition, the Town will be a corporate sponsor for the 2026 Power Breakfast Series.



Find out more about how to do business with us



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FAST (FAYETTEVILLE AREA SYSTEM OF TRANSIT): FACILITY *Feasibility* STUDY

THE STUDY

The Town of Hope Mills has participated in collaborative regional transportation efforts with the City of Fayetteville's FAST (Fayetteville Area System of Transit), the Town of Spring Lake, the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO), and Cumberland County. In April of 2025, the City of Fayetteville authorized a Facility Feasibility Study to analyze the potential expansion of transit services.

The Facility Site Suitability Analysis for a secondary operations and maintenance facility identified a need for a centralized hub, a dedicated transfer facility, potential park-and-ride locations, and enhanced customer service.



FAYETTEVILLE Project Purpose

- Facility Feasibility Study authorized by Fayetteville City Council April 2025
- Supports potential expansion of service identified in the FAST Transit Development Plan (adopted August 2022).

STEP 01: REBUILD SERVICE 2023 - 2024 (Complete)

STEP 02: IMPROVE SERVICE 2025 - 2030 (Complete)

STEP 03: EXPAND SERVICE 2031 - 2032

FAYETTEVILLE Facility Site Suitability Analysis

Future Conditions

Secondary Operations and Maintenance Facility.

- Centralized hub
- Dedicated transfer facility
- Park-and-ride location
- Enhanced customer service

FAST evaluated and identified potential areas and facility needs that can accommodate existing and future operational requirements.

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Project Objectives

- 01 Analyze regional commuting and traffic patterns for various trip purposes across all travel modes.
- 02 Prepare draft recommendations for express services that support regionalism.
- 03 Evaluate the need for a potential secondary facility to support regional express services.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

For stakeholder engagement, 3 meetings were held over the past 5 months to gather the input necessary to complete the draft study recommendations.

The workshops focused on identifying the needs and demands for regional express service, defining key characteristics of a potential secondary transit center, and presenting the draft results of the study for review and feedback.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The three primary objectives focused on analyzing regional traffic patterns across all travel models, developing recommendations for regional express services, and evaluating the need for a potential secondary facility to support those expanded services.

The Town of Hope Mills citizens who do not have vehicular transportation have a need for linked transit services that provide access to employment, healthcare, and educational opportunities.

Stakeholder Engagement

Workshop #	Overall project completion	Purpose	Date
Workshop #1	20%	Identify needs and demand for regional express service.	September 10th
Workshop #2	35%	Identify needs and characteristics of a potential secondary transit center.	October 22nd
Workshop #3	80%	Presentation of the draft results of the feasibility study.	January 29th

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FAYETTEVILLE Draft Recommendations for Regional Express Service

Alternative 1 | Route Overview

- Provides hourly service between Hope Mills and west Fayetteville
- Begins at Hope Mills Walmart (park-and-ride)
- Integrates with the FAST fixed-route network at the potential secondary transit hub in west Fayetteville
 - Transfer Opportunities: Routes 7, 10, 17, 18, and X1
- Connects to all transfer hubs

Alternative 1: Express Route Connecting Hope Mills and West Fayetteville

FAST Facility Feasibility Study

West Fayetteville Zone
Area for Potential Secondary Facility
Park and Ride
Route
Stops
Existing Routes
7
10
17
18
X1

Transfer Opportunities
West Fayetteville Transit Center

FAST

HOPE MILLS REGIONAL EXPRESS SERVICES

Alternative 1

- Hourly service from Hope Mills to West Fayetteville.
- Route begins at Hope Mills Walmart (Hope Mills Road).
- Potential park-and-ride service (Hope Mills Walmart)
- Route ends at the potential secondary transit hub in west Fayetteville.
- Transfer linkage: Routes 7, 10, 17, and 18
- Connects to all transfer hubs.

FAYETTEVILLE Draft Recommendations for Regional Express Service

Alternative 2 | Route Overview

- Provides hourly service between Hope Mills and Cross Creek Mall
- Begins at the Hope Mills Recreation Center
- Integrates with the FAST fixed-route network at Cross Creek Mall
 - Transfer Opportunities: Routes 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, and X1
- Connects to all transfer hubs

Alternative 2: Express Route Connecting Hope Mills and Cross Creek Mall

FAST Facility Feasibility Study

Transfer Opportunities
Cross Creek Mall

FAST

Alternative 2

- Service from Hope Mills to Cross Creek Mall.
- Begins at HM Rec Center
- Connects to all transfer hubs.

FAYETTEVILLE Draft Recommendations for Regional Express Service

Alternative 3 | Route Overview

- Provides hourly service between Hope Mills and the CFV Medical Center
- Option for extension with service to Gray's Creek

Alternative 3: Express Route Connecting Hope Mills and Cape Fear Valley Medical Center

FAST Facility Feasibility Study

Transfer Opportunities
Cape Fear Valley Medical Center

FAST

Alternative 3

- Service from Hope Mills to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center
- Option for extension with service to Gray's Creek.

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THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS *Parks and Recreation*

Registration open!
Feb. 1st
12:00am

Food Truck Registration

Event Details:
Date: 6/27/26
Time: 5pm - 9pm

Scan Here to Register

***limited registration spots available!**

www.TownofHopemills.com

SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2026

Saturday April 18, 2026
9:00AM - 1:00PM
Town-Wide

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- vests, gloves, pickers, trash bags provided
- meet at hm recreation center @ 9 am
- must be 18 yrs. old to register a minor

REGISTRATION REQUIRED REGISTER UNTIL APRIL 17

Scan to Register

For more information on events, please visit www.townofhopemills.com

2026 SPRING COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday April 25, 2026
and/or
Sunday April 26, 2026
9:00AM - 1:00PM

REGISTER YOUR YARD SALE!
REGISTRATION FEE: \$5 (THIS INCLUDES YARD SALE PERMIT FEE)
YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE VIRTUAL MAP
*Must reside in Hope Mills Municipal Town limits to participate.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED REGISTER UNTIL APRIL 23

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2026 SPRING SPORTS OFFERED

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

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TRUCKS 'N STUFF

TOUCH - HONK - EXPLORE

May 2, 2026
10am-1pm
*Heavy Duty Trucks - Tractor, Tractor Trailer, Bulldozers & more.

Golfview Greenway
3625 Golfview Drive
Hope Mills, NC 28348

FREE ADMISSION
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!
***Food Trucks On-site!**

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. We have heavy trucks & stuff, even we will have a size 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

SPRING ATHLETICS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: 2/29/2026

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HOPE MILLS *Chamber of Commerce*

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2026: First Quarter Events

January 2026

- 1/8/2026- Sip & Socialize @ 6:00PM located at Dirty Whisky
- 1/14/2026- Luncheon: Make Money with your Mind @ 11:30AM located at Blissful Alchemists
- 1/15/2026- Cont. Education: Pitch Perfect: Your 10-Second Vision @ 6:00Pm located at Hope Mills Park & Rec
- 1/27/2026: Business Breakfast @ 8:30AM located at Harmony at Hope Mills

February 2026

- 12/3/2026- Relax & Recharge @ 6:00PMM located at Fit4Life
- 2/ (5, 12, 19, 26) 2026- Cont. Education: 3D Branding Workshop @ 5:00Pm located at Hope Mills Park & Rec
- 2/11/2026- Luncheon: Lunch, Learn, and Lead @ 11:30AM located at Hope Mills Parks & Rec
- 2/24/2026: Business Breakfast @ 8:30AM located at Harmony at Hope Mills

March 2026

- 3/5/2026- Climb & Connect @ 6:00PMM located at Triangle Rock
- 3/11/2026- Luncheon: Cluck, Connect, & Win! @ 11:30AM located at Zaxbys
- 3/19/2026- Cont. Education: Booking & Tax Tips @ 6:00Pm located at Hope Mills Park & Rec
- 3/24/2026: Business Breakfast @ 8:30AM located at Harmony at Hope Mills

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POSITIONS OPEN:

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- ✓ Kitchen Crew

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- ✓ High-Energy Team
- ✓ Wings everywhere!

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Come hungry. Leave proud.
Join the crew that brings the heat.

CONTINUING-EDUCATION

3D Branding

CRAFTING AN AUTHENTIC BUSINESS IDENTITY

Define. Develop. Display

(IDENTITY. CONSISTENCY. CREATIVITY.)

4 WEEK BRANDING WORKSHOP

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: HOPE MILLS PARKS & REC
CHAMBER MEMBER: \$75 | NON-MEMBERS: \$100

HOPE MILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | TIFFANY HAYWOOD | *TJH*

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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 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