



Town Manager's Report

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING | JANUARY 6, 2025

COMMUNITY CORNER



MANAGER'S *Message*

I would first like to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year and I hope that the recent holidays were

prosperous for you and your families. Serving as your Town Manager continues to be an honor and a privilege. As we enter into the 2025 year my goal is to build on the momentum of last year which was one of our most successful years to date. Often times when we reflect on the past, it helps us to recognize the lessons learned and acknowledge our experiences to be more prepared as we move forward focusing on the year ahead. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our Town employees, our elected officials, and volunteers for their dedication and service to our community. As we push forward beginning our budget process, below are some important milestones to remember:

- **January 7, 2025:** Department Head Budget Priorities Meeting
- **Strategic Plan Start**
- **February 2025:** Cumberland County Legislative Budget Priorities Meeting
- **Hope Mills Budget Workshop**

So while we look ahead, I look forward to all of the new and exciting opportunities that lie before us and I remain steadfast in my commitment to the growth of our town. As always, our doors are open and we look forward to seeing you in the office soon, feel free to email me at: cmclaughlin@townofhopemills.com.

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION
SPRING ATHLETICS REGISTRATION
 Coed Tee-Ball, Baseball, Softball, Instructional Soccer, Indoor Soccer

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION
 5766 Rockfish Road
 Hope Mills, NC 28348

Spring Athletics Registration is open from 1/1/25 - 2/28/25

Have questions? Contact our Athletic Coordinator Christal
 910-474-6989
 CHRONICLE@TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO

www.townofhopemills.com



Hope Mills Police Department held another "Breakfast with Badges" community event at Eggs Up Grill in the Traemoor Village Shopping Center.

Major kudos to the Hope Mills Parks & Recreation and Fire Departments who volunteered for our Santas and Sirens Christmas endeavor. They also visited the Harmony at Hope Mills Retirement Community.





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TOWN OF HOPE MILLS MUNICIPAL PROJECTS UPDATE

TOWN OF HOPE MILLS GRANTS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

North Carolina League of Municipalities Technical Assistance Grant Program:

The North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) designated their ARP funding to support local municipalities with their grant readiness. Due to the historic amount of funding available at the federal and state levels, they assessed and identified grant services as a priority for community growth. NCLM contracted with Witt O'Brien's (WOB) to provide Technical Assistance (TA) in three key areas: Grant Identification, Grant Pursuance, and Grant Management. The following is an update on recent grants submitted through this program:

BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) GRANT: This program aims to shift the focus of federal spending away from reactive disaster spending and refocus it toward research supported and proactive investment in community resilience.

East Patterson Street Embankment: The Town of Hope Mills has submitted a Letter of Intent through the BRIC Grant program to repair the eroding embankment due to periods of high turbulent waters caused by high intensity, prolonged rain events and floods. The grant funding is also needed to replace previous failing embankment repairs affected by the same water events with current nature based methodologies to promote long term stabilization. In 2022, the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund from the general assembly awarded Hope Mills with a \$2.5 Million dollar grant for this project. With the total cost estimated at \$4,775,000, the request through this grant is to fill the **\$2,275,000** funding gap.

STRENGTHENING OUR DEFENDERS GRANT: This grant which is administered by the Gary Sinise Foundation and is tied to the foundation's First Responder Outreach program which is geared towards providing help to critical funding for emergency relief, training, and essential equipment to ensure that our emergency services personnel perform to the best of their abilities. Through this program, our Police Department is requesting 30 Uniform Style Enhanced Multi-Threat Vest Level IIIA+ body armor vests that are desperately needed. Typically officers must fund their own vests or share a vest that is not properly fitted, nor are identifiable by a name badge. With the current inventory of body armor, this grant will ensure that the full police department is provided with adequate protection. Our Fire Department requesting a ResuceONE, Connector Boat, TOTALmodularSYSTEM through this program which will provide our Swift Water Rescue and Underwater Rescue trained fire fighters with essential equipment to bring the countywide rescue team to fully functional levels. The grant request for this submittal is **\$95,708.80**



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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

UPCOMING PROJECT LETTINGS:

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-3422

Project Description: SR 1003 (Camden Road) From Fayetteville outer loop to NC 59 (Hope Mills Road)

Project Cost: \$45,475,000

LET Date: 3/19/2024

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

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