



# Town of Holly Springs

## Town Council Meeting Agenda Form

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<b>Agenda Item #:</b>	<b>6a</b>
<b>Attachment #:</b>	<b>1a</b>

Meeting Date: | Aug.7, 2018 |

**Agenda Placement: Special Recognitions**

(Special Recognitions (awards, proclamations), Requests & Communications (reports, information presentations), Public Hearings, Consent Agenda, Unfinished Business, New Business, Closed Session or Agenda Addition)

Subject Title: | Farmers Market Week Proclamation |

Presenter Name(s): | Gina Clapp for Jessica Stygles |

**SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Town of Holly Springs Department of Planning & Zoning operates and manages the Holly Springs Farmers Market and is celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> Season. The farmers market began in 2007 with a handful of vendors hoping to draw residents to downtown Holly Springs—and has grown into vibrant community event, with an average of around 800 customers each week. At our information tent we frequently talk with customers who tell us that they've just moved to Holly Springs and want to learn more about events and activities around Town—so even the newest of residents are coming downtown on Saturday mornings!

The week of Aug. 5 – 11, 2018 is National Farmers Market Week as designated by the United States Department of Agriculture. In support of Farmers Market Week, the staff of the Department of Planning & Zoning encourages all residents to come out to The Farmers Market to try the delicious, fresh produce and artisanal foods available from local farmers and small businesses each Saturday morning. On Saturday, Aug. 11 the Farmers Market will be celebrating this week-long event with customer appreciation drawings and special giveaways. We invite everyone to come to the market and see why it's the place to be on Saturday mornings!!

**Total Number of Motions:** | 0

**Action(s) requested or suggested motion(s):**

| none |

**Staff Review**

Are there exhibits for this agenda item? | no |

List them in order they should appear in packet: | n/a |

Department head initials and comments, if applicable: | gmc |

Finance director initials and comments, if applicable: | |

Town attorney initials and comments, if applicable: | |

Town manager initials and / or comments: | dw by jp |

Town clerk initials: | jp |

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*A Proclamation By The Mayor*

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## In Recognition of National Farmers Market Week

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**WHEREAS**, farmers markets are important outlets for agricultural producers nationwide, providing them with increased opportunities to meet consumer demand for a variety of fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthful products sold directly from the farm; and

**WHEREAS**, farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support the sustainability of family farms and preserve farmland and open space adding to our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, farmers markets allow consumers access to locally produced, farm-fresh food and the opportunity to personally interact with producers to learn about their products and to know exactly where their food comes from and how it was grown or produced; and

**WHEREAS**, purchasing products at a farmers market is environmentally sound as the average distance food travels from farm to plate in the United States is increasing and buying locally drastically reduces “food miles” saving fossil fuels; most products at farmers markets do not have packaging; and most local farmers use sustainable, humane or organic methods; and

**WHEREAS**, Holly Springs Farmers Market provides opportunities for citizens to gather, build community, contribute to the economic and social vitality of Holly Springs, create a positive social experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recognizes the myriad of benefits of farmers markets for producers and consumers and is fully committed to supporting farmers markets’ continued success and to further awareness of farmers markets’ contribution to American life, Sonny Perdue, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has proclaimed the week of Aug. 5 - 11, 2018 as National Farmers Market Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, to further encourage residents of Holly Springs to enjoy Holly Springs Farmers Market managed by the Town of Holly Springs Department of Planning & Zoning since 2007, I, Mayor Dick Sears, do hereby proclaim the week of Aug. 5 - 11, 2018 as

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in the Town of Holly Springs, and I urge all citizens to find farm fresh goodness at Holly Springs Farmers Market located in the Holly Springs Village District every Saturday May - October and at The Winter Farmers Market located in the Holly Springs Cultural Center on the third Saturday from November to April.

*Presented this 7th day of August 2018*

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Holly Springs, North Carolina to be affixed this, the 7th day of August 2018.

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Dick Sears, Mayor