



Southern Pines Elections

The voters of Southern Pines have selected Taylor Clement for Mayor. Mayor-elect Clement was elected to the Council in 2021 and replaces Carol Haney who did not seek reelection. Councilmember Bill Pate was reelected for another 4 years and the Town welcomes Debra Gray as a new Councilmember to the seat held by Dr. Paul Murphy, who also chose not to seek reelection. The new Council will be sworn in on December 5 at the E.S. Douglass Community Center. We thank Mayor Haney and Dr. Murphy for their years of service to Southern Pines!



SPPD Crime Prevention Tips

- LOCK vehicles no matter where you park and remove your keys from the car. Keep any valuable items and firearms out of plain sight.
- Keep the doors and windows to your homes locked when not at home.
- Try to keep a light on the exterior of your home at night. A timer is a good option.
- Home security cameras are affordable and readily available in stores, online and with professional companies. They are relatively easy to install.
- Identity Theft and Frauds continue. In fact, they were the number 1 statistical increase in crime in 2022 compared to 2021. Self-report to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

The Council is now accepting applications from citizens interested in being appointed to fill Ms. Clement's now vacant Council seat. The appointment is for the remainder of her original term, expiring at the end of 2025. Learn more at sopinesnc.info/council. Applications are due by Friday, December 15th at 4pm.

Deck the Halls with Fire Safety

Follow these tips from SPPD to keep your holidays merry and bright!

- O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you must be watered daily! A dry tree catches fire easily and burns fast, so keep it watered and at least 3 feet from heat sources like fireplaces and heat vents.
- Trying to out-do your neighbor's lights this year? Don't plug more than 3 strings into each other (opt for a power strip instead). Be sure to discard any strings that are worn or broken.
- If you prefer traditional candles over battery-operated menorahs and kinaras, keep flammable items, including curtains and decorations, at least 12 inches from lit candles.
- Never leave lit candles unattended. Place candle holders on a stable surface where they cannot be knocked over.
- Roasting chestnuts over an open fire? Keep items such as wrapping paper, rugs, and decorations at least 3 feet from the flames. Remember to extinguish all embers before going to bed.



SPPL Winter Reading Challenge

It's time for the annual Winter Reading Challenge! Track your books through the Beanstack App or website. Log the books that you read from Dec. 15-Jan. 31 and be entered to win prizes. All ages are encouraged to participate! On December 16 & 17, stop by the Library and hang out in the Cozy Reading Room! Enjoy some hot cocoa and twinkly lights while you get started on your winter reading goal.



Breakfast with Santa

Children 12 & under are invited for fun holiday crafts and games and Breakfast With Santa! Don't forget to bring a camera for pictures with the guy in the red suit.

Saturday, December 16th | 10am-12noon

Cost: \$5 per person (registration is required)
Recreation Center Gym - 160 Memorial Park Ct.

December IN SOUTHERN PINES

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Day	Time	Event	Location
Sat 2	11am	Christmas Parade	Downtown
Sun 3	3pm	Writing Group: special guest Teri M. Brown (adults)	SPPL
Tue 5	6-7pm	Town Council Agenda Meeting	DCC
Wed 6	11am-noon	Fire Safety (age 18 & up)	DCC
Wed 6	3:30pm	ATLAS: Dinosaurs! (grades K-5)	SPPL
Wed 6	5:30-7pm	Baking for Kids (ages 10-18)	SPFS2
Fri 8	3-8pm	Adults 55+ Highlander's Christmas Lights^	Rec Ctr
Sat 9	11am	Wrap Party! Gift Wrap Exchange (adults)	SPPL
Sun 10	2:30-3:30pm	STEAM Sunday: Lego Challenge (grades K-5)	SPPL
Tue 12	6-7pm	Town Council Business Meeting	DCC
Tue 12	4-5pm or 5-6pm	Kids Rock (ages 6-12)^	TH
Tue 12	6:15-7:15pm	Teens Rock (ages 13-17)^	TH
Fri 15	All Day	Winter Reading Challenge Begins!	SPPL
Fri 15	4pm	Applications for vacant Council seat due	--
Sat 16	All Day	Cozy Reading Room	SPPL
Mon 25	All Day	Christmas Holiday Observance - Town Offices Closed	--
Tue 26	All Day	Christmas Holiday Observance - Town Offices Closed	--
Sun 31	6pm	First Eve	Downtown



FACILITIES & ADDRESSES

DCC: E.S. Douglass Community Ctr | 1185 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
 Mem Park & Rec Center | 160 Memorial Park Ct.
 SPPL: So. Pines Public Library | 170 W. Connecticut Ave.
 TH: Train House | 482 E. Connecticut Ave.
 SPFS2: Fire Station 2 | 7850 NC Hwy 22

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Calendar



Parks & Rec
registration



Library
Catalog &
Programs



Parks & Rec
Program
Guide



<http://www.southernpines.net>

^Activity requires advance registration.
 Questions? Need to register? Call us!
 Library 910-692-8235
 Parks & Recreation 910-692-2463

