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Garbage & Recycling Changes Start January 1!

Changes coming for Southern Pines customers:

Garbage: Standard service will be 1 cart/week; opt in for collection of a 2nd cart. Collection day won't change.

Recycling: The current recycling program will end Dec. 31 as we transition to an opt-in subscription service on Jan. 1. Recycling will be collected for subscribers every other Friday via a Town-provided 95-gallon cart.

Sign up for these subscriptions by Dec. 13 to guarantee service the 1st week of January. Use this QR code or visit sopinesnc.info/Garbage



Monthly Fee for 2nd Garbage Cart Collection (weekly)
\$7.50 - commercial | \$6.00 - residential

Monthly Fee for Recycling (95-gallon cart - max of 2 carts)
\$10/cart - commercial | \$10/home - residential

Questions? Call 910-693-4183

Wed. Jan 1 is a holiday for our collectors. Happy New Year!

- WED customers will be collected Thu. 1/2
- THURS customers will be collected Fri. 1/3
- FRI customers will be collected Sat. 1/4

Each year, around 150 home fires involve Christmas trees. Follow these tips from SPFD:



- Make sure your tree is fresh by checking that the trunk is sticky & branches don't easily snap when bent.
- Shake the tree to check for loose needles. If many needles fall, the tree is dried out.
- Before bringing your tree indoors, make a 1" cut on the bottom of the trunk. Leave it outside in a bucket of water for 12 hours to hydrate.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking exits and is located at least 3 feet from heat vents or other heat sources.
- Check all light strands for broken cords & loose bulbs. Don't connect more than 3 strands together.
- Water your tree daily and always turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Artificial trees should be labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.
- Dried out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in your home.

Holiday Must Do's in Downtown Southern Pines

- Santa & Tree Lighting - Sat. Nov. 30 at 4:30p
- Christmas Parade - Sat. Dec. 7 at 11a
- Carriage Parade - Sat. Dec. 14 at 1p
- First Eve - Tues. Dec. 31, 6-8p

Holiday Shopping and Safety Tips

Stay safe this season with these important tips from the Southern Pines Police Department!

- When walking into stores, be aware of your surroundings. Make eye contact with people around you, not your phone!
- Place ALL valuables and purchases in your trunk or out of view.
- Shop in groups - there is safety in numbers!
- Don't put boxes outside your home that show the contents of recent expensive purchases.
- Track delivery dates for online purchases & collect items as soon as possible to prevent theft.
- Consider having items shipped to your office or to a secure pick-up location.
- If you observe something that looks suspicious, call the Police Department at 910-692-7031.

TOWN COUNCIL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Council meeting schedule has adjusted for November & December. Find meeting agendas at sopinesnc.info/Agendas. Upcoming meetings:

Work Session: Tues. 11/19, 3pm - Police station

Business Meeting: Tues. 12/17, 6pm - E.S. Douglass Community Center

December IN SOUTHERN PINES

#lovewhereyoulive #southernpinesnc
#fortheloveofsopines #southernpinesway



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^Activity requires advance registration.

Questions? Need to register? Call us!

Library 910-692-8235

Parks & Recreation 910-692-2463

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
1	Sun	2:30-3:30p	STEAM Sunday: Gingerbread Builds	SPPL
3	Tue	10:15 and 10:45a	Baby Rhymes (ages birth-2): Dec. 3, 10, & 17	SPPL
4	Wed	10a-12p	Learn and Play (ages birth to 5): Dec. 4, 11, & 18	SPPL
4	Wed	10a	Active Adventures for Little Ones (ages 2-5)^: Dec. 4 & 18	Rec Ctr
4	Wed	11:15a	Homeschool Fun Zone (ages 5-13)^: Dec. 4 & 18	Rec Ctr
4	Wed	3:30p	ATLAS (grades K-2): Dec. 4, 11, & 18	SPPL
5	Thu	3:30p	Little U (ages 3.5-5): Dec. 5, 12, & 19	SPPL
5	Thu	3:30p	Beginner Disney Tumbling (ages 3-10)^	TH
8	Sun	3:00p	Sunday Afternoon Writing Group (adults)	SPPL
13	Fri	6-8p	Parent's Night Out - Christmas Cookie Craze (ages 4-13)^	TH
13	Fri	6p	Supper with Santa (ages 3-12)^	Rec Ctr
14	Sat	All Day	Drop-In Craft	SPPL
14	Sat	9am	Trail Ambassadors - Trail Clean-up at Reservoir Park^	RSVRPK
17	Tue	6p	Town Council Business Meeting	DCC
18	Wed	10a	Santa Paws (all ages)	MDP
21	Sat	10:15a	Saturday Storytime	SPPL
23	Mon	8a	Winter Day Camp (ages 5-12)^: Dec. 23 & 27 and Dec 30 - Jan 3	Rec Ctr
24	Tues	All Day	Town Offices Closed: Dec 24-26	--
30	Mon	9a	Adventures in STEM with LEGO (K-2nd grade)^	TS
30	Mon	1p	STEM Explorations with LEGO (3rd-5th grade)^	TS

The Winter Reading Challenge kicks off at SPPL on **Mon. Dec. 16!** Kids & families are invited to join us for a special **Kickoff Party on Dec. 16 at 4:30pm**, featuring songs, dances, and a performance from the Senior Moments Players. Sign up, read, and do activities until **January 31**. Everyone who participates will be entered to win a prize at the end of the challenge! To get started, visit www.sppl.net, download the Beanstack app, or scan the code at right.



FACILITIES & ADDRESSES

SPPL: So. Pines Public Library | 170 W. Connecticut Ave.

Rec Ctr: Recreation Center | 160 Memorial Park Ct.

RVRPK: Reservoir Park | 300 Reservoir Park Ct

TS: Train Station | 235 NW Broad St.

SPPD: Police Department | 490 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

TH: Train House | 482 E. Connecticut Ave.

DCC: Douglass Community Center | 1185 W. Pennsylvania Ave

MDP: Martin Dog Park | 350 Commerce Ave.



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