



# BUD

## Newsletter

Serving our Citizens

January 2016

## Class of 2016, School's In

Get an innovative, hands-on, behind-the-scenes look at Town government - our decision-making processes and the people and facilities that provide the services you use every day.

Applications for the Town of Cary School of Government class of 2016 will be accepted through February 5. Sessions are scheduled from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday evenings from March 2 through April 13, plus two Saturday morning sessions on March 19 and April 2.

Offered since 2003, our School of Government course is another way Cary leaders hope to increase understanding of how and when you can get involved in helping to govern our Town. The course grew from our Council's desire to create a citizen's college that it hoped would help spur even greater community involvement. Sound like something you'd be interested in? Apply online today!

**"School of Government"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
(919) 469-4006

## Cary's 2015 Employee of the Year 'All-Star' Kelly Spainhour

Known for her commitment to both water quality and team success, South Cary Water Reclamation Facility Laboratory Supervisor Kelly Spainhour has been named the Town of Cary's Employee of the Year. Kelly has been employed with our Town for 27 years and was chosen from among 20 nominees from our Town's 1,200 employees. As Employee of the Year, she receives a plaque, \$700, and was recognized by our Cary Town Council at their December 10 meeting.

Kelly was praised for her professionalism, exceptional service to our Town and willingness to help others. One noted example was when she volunteered to assist lab staff at our Western Wake Regional Water Reclamation Facility when the plant was starting up, and lab certifications were being completed. Earlier this year, Kelly was recognized by the NC American Water Works Association and NC Water Environment Federation as the recipient of the Wastewater Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award. Congratulations and thank you, Kelly!

## Batter Up! Baseball/Softball

Hey batter, batter! Swing batter, batter! Hit a home run when you sign up for Youth Baseball (5-18) and Softball (8-18).

Registration is February 1-21. Birth certificates are required for 5-year-old participants.

Registration cost is \$50 (Cary residents), \$75 (nonresidents).

**"Youth Sports"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
(919) 469-4062

## She's Daddy's Little Girl

Treat your special girl, aged 4 to 12, to a night of music, dancing and fun!

Cary's annual Daddy-Daughter Dance is Friday & Saturday, February 5 & 6 from 6-9 p.m. at the Cary Senior Center. Each couple will receive a 5x7 photo memento. Light refreshments will be served. Photography begins at 5 p.m.; dance begins at 6 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are limited.

To register multiple children, you must register in person at a Town of Cary facility.

**"Daddy Daughter Dance"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
(919) 462-3970

## Connecting Cary

In Cary, there are several ways to connect with your Town government! Friend us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TownofCaryNC](http://www.facebook.com/TownofCaryNC) or follow us on our main Twitter page: [twitter.com/TownofCary](http://twitter.com/TownofCary).

We love hearing from you!

## Recycling Resolutions

This year, resolve to recycle every item that's collected in our Cary Recycles program.

Follow these tips when recycling just a few of the many items accepted in your cart or at our Citizen's Convenience Center, 313 N. Dixon Ave.

### Cardboard boxes

Boxes should always be broken down or flattened. It's okay to recycle the packing paper, but be sure to remove excess tape, Styrofoam and bubble wrap. If you have more cardboard than will fit in your cart, call (919) 469-4090 to schedule a free cardboard collection.

### Shredded paper

Contain your shredded paper in a clear plastic bag tied shut, so it can be correctly recycled. Shredded paper is the only item that should ever be bagged.

### Electronics and Appliances

Dispose of electronics or refrigerators, washers and other white goods properly by taking them to our Citizen's Convenience Center to be recycled or call us at (919) 469-4090 to schedule curbside pickup; fees may apply. Always secure or remove doors on refrigerators and freezers. If your item is in working condition, consider donating it to a charity for reuse.

### Cary It Green

In 2016, Cary It Green! Check out our Web page or your recycling calendar for a full list of accepted items, and friend us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CaryItGreen](http://www.facebook.com/CaryItGreen).

**"Recycling"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

## BUD Bits

Get your game on! The Cary Invasion Basketball season begins January 30 with games most Saturdays through April; game start time is 7 p.m. at Herbert C. Young Community Center. **"Invasion Basketball"** at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

Registration is ongoing for 2016 Winter/Spring recreation, exercise, art and dance classes and more. For more information, (919) 469-4062. **"Program Guide"** at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

Don't let a high water bill sneak up on you this year. Set a leak alert. **"Aquastar"** at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

Let 2016 be the year you participate in our Town's governing processes; come to a Council meeting. Agendas are posted before each meeting; live-stream and recorded video are also available for each session. **"Agendas"** at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

## Bubbie Knows Best

You won't even need to cross the street to find a poignant love story wrapped in laughter at The Cary's "Crossing Delancey." Presented by Cary Players and the Town of Cary, it's the romantic comedy about the lives of Isabel (Izzy), a young, single woman who works in a Lower East Side Manhattan bookstore, and her sharp-witted Yiddish grandmother "Bubbie."

Generational and cultural clashes erupt when Bubbie hires a matchmaker and pressures Izzy to meet Sam the Pickle Man. Written by Susan Sandler; directed by Bruce Ackerman.

Performances are February 12-13 & 19-20 at 7:30 p.m. and February 14 & 21 at 3 p.m. at The Cary Theater.

**"Crossing Delancey"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
(919) 462-2051

## Applause! Youth Theater

Judy Blume's "Tale of a Fourth Grade Nothing" comes to life February 26-27, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, February 28, 3 p.m. at the Cary Arts Center.

Your youngster will recognize Peter Hatcher and his little brother, Fudge, as they get into mischief and best pal escapades. "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" is a humorous look at family life and the troubles that can only be caused by a younger sibling. Story by Judy Blume; adaptation by Bruce Mason. Get your tickets early as this is sure to sell out fast.

**"Applause"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
(919) 462-2055

## Reagin Returns to Page-Walker

Brian Reagin, violinist and Concertmaster of the North Carolina Symphony, returns as a favorite to the Friends of Page-Walker Concert Series on February 21. Reagin, who captivates audiences with his brilliant performances, will treat concertgoers to a classical repertoire on his Lorenzo and Tomasso Carcassi violin made in Florence, Italy in 1763.

Don't miss this one - it sells out every year! The performance will take place at 4 p.m. at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

**"Brian Reagin"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

## African-American Genealogy

Hear African-American history come alive Saturday, February 6, from 2-4 p.m. at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

John Farnsworth will share information about how the Family Search Organization is working with the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society and the California African American Museum to help index four million freed slave records into a searchable online format available for genealogists.

**"Freedmen's Bureau"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
(919) 460-4963

## Survey Says

We all know Cary is a great place to live, work and enjoy. But did you know that it's your input that helps make our Town better and stronger year after year? It's true.

So, if you get the call from us to take Cary's biennial Citizen Satisfaction Survey, please take time to complete it. Just a few minutes of your day goes a long way - from your ideas and thoughts to your Town Council's ears and decision making.

That's right! Your Town Council uses the results from your responses to the survey to be sure that Cary remains the kind of town you want to live in.

**"Surveys and Research"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

## @ The Cary

**Most Likely to Succeed**  
Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

**Soul Boys of the Western World**  
Jan. 28, 9:30 p.m.  
Jan. 30, 7 p.m.

**All Things Must Pass: The Rise and Fall of Tower Records**  
Jan. 29, 7 p.m.  
Jan. 31, 2 p.m.

**Pink Floyd: The Wall**  
Jan. 29, 9 p.m.

For more information/tickets, visit [thecarytheater.com](http://thecarytheater.com) or call (919) 462-2051.

## Cultural Connection

**Cary Town Band: For All the Seasons** (February 19, 7:30 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

**Marvelous Music Mainstage Series: Presidio Brass presents Sounds of the Cinema** (February 20, 7:30 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

Visit [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
and Twitter @TOC\_Fun for more

## Summer Signup

When school's out, consider School's Out! summer camps. We offer mini, half-day and full-day camps for kids of all ages.

Registration opens February 4 for Cary residents and February 18 for all others. Hard copies of the School's Out! camp guide are at Town staffed facilities or public libraries in Cary, or view the guide online beginning January 25. Scholarships are available for qualified participants.

## Backwater Valve Needed?

Our Town's sewer lines can become blocked due to grease buildup in the pipes or debris such as rags, paper towels and diapers that become trapped in the pipes and create a blockage.

Wastewater is then stopped by the blockage and, with gravity, it flows backward toward the first possible outlet. Most often, that's a manhole; however, sometimes the most available outlet is a fixture in a home or business.

The North Carolina Building Code requires you to have a backwater valve if your plumbing fixtures are below the top of the first, upstream manhole on your street.

To find out if your property has a backwater valve or requires one, you can refer to your home or business's plumbing plans, or you can ask the builder. A professional plumber or contractor can also tell you whether you need a backwater valve.

**"Backwater Valve"**  
at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

## Hot Tips: Prevent Child Burns



A cup of coffee, a pot of soup, a hot bath or the warmth given off by a fire in the fireplace - all are comfort items during the long days of winter. Everyday items such as these, which adults can safely manage, send over 60,000 children nationwide under the age of 5 to the emergency room each year for treatment of injuries due to fire or burns.

This winter, take steps to protect your little ones. Use the back burners on the stove and keep all handles turned away from the stove's edge. Avoid placing hot drinks near table or counter edges where small hands can easily grab them. Check your water heater to make sure its thermostat is set at 120 degrees or lower. And, finally, install a sturdy screen or safety gate around your fireplace.

In case you didn't know: Your Cary Fire Department conducts public education presentations and attends community events. To schedule a presentation for a fire truck to visit your school, to request fire department staff attend your event or for more fire prevention and safety tips, contact us at (919) 460-4958. Tell 'em Sparky sent you!