

Dedication, Extra Effort Recognized with Cary's Employee of the Year Award

Dedication to Cary citizens, the Imagine Cary Community Plan and extra effort everyday is just part of what earned two Town of Cary staff members the Employee of the Year Award. With a work ethic and commitment to providing high-level thinking and top quality work that is second to none, senior planner Mary Beerman has led the Town's effort to achieve community objectives, and ultimately improve the Town. As a mentor to his fellow Emergency Communications Officers, Charles Massey has assured the quality of calls while fostering the growth of his colleagues. As Employee of the Year, Beerman and Massey receive a plaque, \$2,000, and were recognized by the Cary Town Council at the December 14 Town Council meeting.

In her nomination, staff described Beerman as "the consummate team player, continually giving everything



she has to the organization and its citizens because she cares about Cary and is passionate about serving and helping others, not because she is seeking any credit or recognition." Beerman has been with the Town of Cary for nearly a decade and more recently has been working on the review, documentation and presentation of the Fenton preliminary development plan and rezoning request. Fenton is

a mixed use development in the Eastern Cary Gateway Special Planning Area.

In his nomination, staff described Massey as a "mentor who helps his colleagues grow professionally." For much of the year, Massey maintained the quality assurance for the Communication Center's fire and medical calls, an immense and time-consuming task. This was one of the main reasons

Massey, who has been with the Town for six years, was honored as the 2017 North Carolina National Emergency Number Association Communications Supervisor of the Year.

"The dedication and passion for their work displayed by both Mary Beerman and Charles Massey epitomize why I am so proud to work with the great staff here at the Town of Cary," said Town Manager Sean R. Stegall.

Employee of the Year nominees— 11 total— were also recognized along with 40 staff members for reaching service milestones of 20, 25 and 30 years of service. The luncheon occurred on the heels of an employee reception in November honoring all Employee of the Year nominees as well as 140 staff members who reached service milestones of five, 10, and 15 years.

Employee of the Year at www.townofcary.org

Play Ball! Registration to Open for Youth Baseball & Softball

The Town of Cary youth sports programs provide a fun learning and growing experience. Registration for youth baseball (age 5-17) and softball (age 8-18) runs from January 29-February 18. Birth certificates are required for all 5 year olds. The cost

is \$50 for Cary residents and \$75 for non-residents. Reminder postcards will be mailed to last year's participants.

Youth Sports at www.townofcary.org

Keep Learning, Have Fun with School's Out Courses

Scroll through our 2018 School's Out program guide online, or grab a copy at libraries in town, the Cary Chamber of Commerce or our staffed facilities!

You'll find tons of fun-filled camps from June-August. Registration begins on February 5 for residents and February 19 for others.

Program Guide at www.townofcary.org.



Keep Warm, Don't Burn this Winter

During the long days of winter, a cup of coffee, a pot of soup or the warmth given off by the fireplace can be comfort items. Everyday these items that adults can safely manage send more than 60,000 children nationwide under the age of five to the emergency room. 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 a table or a counter's edge where small hands can easily grab them. Check your water heater and make sure it is set at 120 degrees or less. And finally, install a sturdy screen or safety gate around your fireplace. For more scald and burn prevention tips, call Captain Scott Benninghoff, Community Risk Coordinator, at (919) 460-4958.

Fire Safety at
www.townofcary.org

Be Ready in Cary with ReadyWake

In times of emergencies, the Town of Cary understands the importance of timely and accurate communication. Residents, workers and business owners in both the Wake and Chatham County portions of Cary are encouraged to visit www.ReadyWake.com to elect to receive real-time notifications from Cary Town government.

By registering with ReadyWake, the Town will be able to notify you via your preferred means of contact—phone, text and email—when there is an imminent threat to life, health and property. Examples include but are not limited to: hazmat situations, urgent information related to police, fire or public health and urgent utility information like boil water notices.

www.townofcary.org/readycary

Don't Miss Out: Cary's Calendar is Full of Fun

The Town offers a diverse array of programs, classes and events for all ages and interests. Be sure to check the calendar at www.townofcary.org and sign up for email and text alerts. In the meantime, be sure to put some of these great events on your calendar.

Sister Cities Association of Cary, in partnership with the Town of Cary, invites you to the first annual **Cary Meet Yourself** multinational roundtable on January 28 at the Cary Senior Center. The free event, which is open to all, will celebrate our community's unique customs, foods, arts and innovative programs.

You are cordially invited to **One Sweet Night** at Cary's annual Daddy-Daughter Dance on February 2 and 3 at the Cary Senior Center. This is your chance to show your little girl how special she is to you. Treat her to a night of music, dancing and fun; memories she will have for a lifetime. Search "Daddy Daughter Dance" at www.townofcary.org or call (919) 462-3970.

Mark your calendars for our fourth annual **Share and Care** at the Herb Young Community Center on February 16. If you're an individual with disabilities or a care provider, our free event is a wonderful opportunity to drop-in and visit with dozens of service providers in one convenient location. Registration is encouraged but not required. Service animals are permitted. Register at classweb.townofcary.org using



Course Code 111597. For more, search "Share and Care" at www.townofcary.org.

Join us for **Mardi Gras, Masks and Murder** on February 23 at the Cary Senior Center and discover who did it! As guests, you will play a mixed group of characters who have been invited to a Mardi Gras masquerade. Enjoy an elegant event with hor d'oeuvres, drinks and mystery. Costumes are encouraged! For more,

search "Mardi Gras, Masks, and Murder" at www.townofcary.org or call (919) 469-4081.

Applause! Cary Youth Theatre presents Scraps! The Ragtime Girl of Oz by V. Glasgow Koste, inspired by L. Frank Baum, February 23-25 at the Cary Arts Center. Made of a patchwork quilt brought to life, Scraps intends to go her own way until she happens onto an adventure that broadens her understanding of herself and the world around. Tickets on sale now through www.etix.com and in person at The Cary Theatre and the Cary Arts Center.

Cary It Green

Recycling Resolutions

First, keep it loose. Always place items straight in your recycling cart, loose, never bagged. This will help with resolution number two, keep plastic bags out. These can't be recycled in our program and jam up the sorting machinery, making it difficult for correct items to be recycled. And number three, when in doubt, throw it out. If it is not on the accepted list of our Cary recycles program, please don't put it in your cart. Find the list on the back of your 2018 recycling calendar and online at www.townofcary.org/recycling.

So Many Deliveries, So Much Cardboard!

Flatten and/or cut boxes to fit in your recycling cart with the lid closed. Avoid cramming it in so all recyclables can empty into our trucks. If you have more boxes than will fit in your cart, drop it off at the Citizen's Convenience Center, 313 N. Dixon Ave. or call (919) 469-4090 to schedule a free cardboard collection.



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Cultural Connection

Marvelous Music Series presents Lucia Micarelli
Cary Arts Center
January 26 | 7:30 p.m.

Winter Wonderland
Bond Park
January 26-27
Registration Required

Cary Players present Almost, Maine
Cary Arts Center
February 2-3 & 8-10
7:30 p.m.
February 11 | 3 p.m.

Marvelous Music Series presents Ten Strings And A Goat Skin
Cary Arts Center
February 16 | 7:30 p.m.

The Friends of Page-Walker Concert Series presents Brian Reagin
Page-Walker Arts & History Center
February 18 | 4-6 p.m.

Enloe Music Outreach Club
Cary Senior Center
February 24 | 3-4:30 p.m.



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