



BUD Newsletter

Serving our Citizens

March 2014

Road Project Continues



We continue to be in the design phase of the Green Level West Road Widening Project from NC 540 to NC 55. Join us April 8th for a public information workshop at Cary Fire Station 8, located at 408 Mills Park Drive, anytime from 4:30 -7:30 p.m. to review the preferred preliminary design alternate.

The project will provide additional capacity for Cary commuters, improve pedestrian connectivity, and improve bicycle mobility for experienced users. It was supported by 70% of Cary voters as part of the 2012 Community Investment Bonds.

"Street Projects" and "Community Investment Bonds" at www.townofcary.org

Only Rain Down the Drain



There are over 15,000 catch basins in Cary which flow to lakes and streams in the Neuse and Cape Fear River Basins. Earn volunteer hours by placing decals on storm drains in Cary and help spread the message about keeping our water clean.

"Storm Drains" at www.townofcary.org / (919)469-4038

Open Gov't Is Good Gov't



As part of our strong and ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, we join the nation March 16-22 in celebrating Sunshine Week – a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

It's in our Statement of Values and it's practiced every day. Public records and open meetings policy, law, and expectations are shared with all new employees and reinforced during numerous training sessions throughout the year. The sun doesn't just shine on one day or in one week in March; it shines every day as we focus on serving our citizens.

We've implemented a number of measures to constantly foster accessibility and transparency, including media surveys, live streaming Town Council meetings, our vast online information resources and our extensive internal education efforts, among others.

Additionally, you can see all current public hearing notices and legal advertising on our new Public Notices Portal, accessible from our homepage.

Sunshine Week provides a great opportunity for us to make sure you know that here at the Town of Cary, we are strongly committed to maintaining a culture of openness and transparency.

"Sunshine Week" at www.townofcary.org

Spring English Tea



A good friend is like a cup of tea: it makes life richer, warmer and more beautiful! From 2-4 p.m. on April 15, join your lovely friends and the Cary Senior Center staff for a tasty afternoon of relaxation and joy! Our teas are not to be missed! Open to Cary residents 55 and up.

"Cary Senior Center" at www.townofcary.org / (919) 469-4081

BUD Bits

Save the date! Scope out local artists at our annual Spring Daze Arts & Crafts Festival at Bond Park on April 26. We'll also celebrate Earth Day. *"Spring Daze" at www.townofcary.org*

Kids Together Playground at Marla Dorrel Park will be closed from March 3 to April 17 for renovation. *"Kids Together Playground Renovation" at www.townofcary.org*

In observance of Good Friday, Town offices will close April 18. Trash, yard waste and yellow week recycling will be collected as scheduled during that holiday week, April 14 – 18. *"Holiday Collection" at www.townofcary.org / (919) 469-4090*

Don't forget to log in to Aquastar this month as part of our Fix A Leak campaign. Set water usage text or email alerts to help manage your consumption. *"Aquastar" at www.townofcary.org*

K9 Unit

Welcomes New Member



There's a new dog in town! Our stellar K9 Program welcomes a new K9 officer, Chase, a brindle German Shepherd from Holland. He joins longtime K9 Officer Seth Everett.

Chase was selected as the sixth canine to serve our Town following the untimely passing of K9 Enzo last year. During his career, Enzo met over 3,000 children and their parents during special community events. He is sorely missed.

Our K9 Unit formed in 2005 and consists of three K9 teams. Cary police use K9 teams to track lost persons or fleeing suspects, search for discarded or hidden evidence or contraband, detect illegal drugs, search buildings and help protect officers.

Cary's K9 team is available for public appearances and demonstrations as well.

"K9 Program" at www.townofcary.org



New Tipline

Know of a crime in Cary? Report it anonymously to Cary Crime Stoppers new tip line: (919) 460-4636.

Over the last decade, Cary Crime Stoppers paid out over \$27,000 to tipsters that resulted in arrests or indictments in over 60 instances ranging from misdemeanor vandalism to murder.

Contributions to fund Cary Crime Stoppers are tax deductible. Mail donations to: Cary Crime Stoppers, P.O. BOX 1922, Cary, NC 27512-1922.

www.carycrimestoppers.net

Hit The Road



Hit the road with your fellow Caryites at 8:30 a.m. on April 15 for the 36th Annual Cary Road Race. This family event includes a 5K, a 10K and a 1 mile Fun Run. The course is a challenging route over rolling city asphalt streets, around the lake at scenic Koka Booth Amphitheatre, and over the new Symphony Lake Greenway Pedestrian Bridge (currently under construction).

"Cary Road Race" at
www.townofcary.org

Cultural Connection

Cary Youth Ballet: Little Princess Ballet (Mar. 29, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 469-4069.

Cary Town Band: Dancing Around the World (Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m., Cary Senior Center). Free. (919) 469-4061.

Children's Day Festival of Cary (Apr. 19, 11 a.m., Bond Park). (919) 469-4061.

For more fun in Cary, visit
www.townofcary.org

Spring Into Action



while we keep Cary clean and forever green.

Volunteers meet at various sites throughout the day and are given all tools needed for a day of safe and fun beautification, including gloves, vests and trash/recycling bags. Our crews will collect the bags for proper disposal.

"Spruce" at www.townofcary.org | (919) 469-4301

It's an Eggstravaganza in Cary



Easter in Cary couldn't be better! Head out to Bond Park on April 12 for Cary's Eggstravaganza. It all kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with Breakfast with the Bunny. Enjoy a delicious continental breakfast sponsored by the Cary Teen Council.

Then, scour the fields for eggs at the 23rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This free event features morning and afternoon sessions and 3 hunt areas, each for a different age group. After your hunt, join Flow Circus in the Sertoma Amphitheatre for a magic show!

It doesn't end there! From 2-4 p.m. on April 17, the Easter Bunny visits the Cary Senior Center for an egg hunt, entertainment and an Easter bonnet competition!

Then, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., the Egg Hunt continues for kids 12 and under with developmental or physical special needs. Bring your Easter basket, meet the Bunny, and get ready to scout the field for lots of colorful Easter eggs.

"Easter" at www.townofcary.org | (919) 469-4081

Start Up With A Check Up



Check for leaks when turning on your automatic irrigation system.

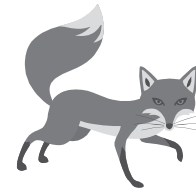
A broken spray head can waste up to 20 gallons per minute! And don't forget to set your controller to follow your Alternate Day Watering Schedule:

- Even address: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday as needed
- Odd address: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday as needed

Watering with hand held hoses or drip irrigation is allowed any day of the week.

"Water Conservation" at
www.townofcary.org

Spring Brings Wildlife Friends



Spring is here, so expect to see wildlife babies in your yard or in public spaces.

Coyotes, Canada geese, foxes, black bears and deer cross roads, nest and feed around homes, make noise, and leave droppings. While these are common occurrences, they may interrupt everyday life.

If you're interested in having wildlife trapped, you should turn to a private pest control agency.

Animal Control will only respond and remove wildlife when they show visible signs of being sick, injured, or pose a legitimate threat to the safety of those around them.

Also, take this time to ensure the animals you do want around—like your dogs and cats—are current on their rabies vaccines and other medical shots.

"Animal Control" at
www.townofcary.org

Watch Cary TV



Watch your Town government at work on Time Warner Cable Channel 11 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99. For a program schedule and clips, click the Cary TV 11 logo on the Town's website.

HOT TIPS:

TIME TO CHECK SMOKE ALARMS



Working smoke alarms are proven to save lives, cutting the risk of dying in a home fire in half. Fire prevention specialists recommend testing smoke alarms at least once a month and replacing the batteries when you adjust your clocks for Daylight Savings this month.

At this time, also dust or vacuum your smoke alarm to ensure it's free of debris that could hinder its ability to detect smoke. Some homes may now use smoke alarms with non-replaceable batteries that are designed to be effective up to 10 years.

Don't forget to still test these at least once a year, and if your alarm chirps a warning that the battery is low, remember you'll need to replace the entire smoke alarm unit.