



BUD Newsletter

Serving our Citizens

March 2016

Buy a Bin

Help reduce waste and grow a greener garden by composting! From April 8-May 8, purchase through our website a compost bin for \$45 from the manufacturer. The ordered bins will be shipped to us, and a staff person will coordinate your pick-up. With your bin you'll receive a guidebook explaining how you can turn kitchen scraps into a rich organic fertilizer.

"Online Compost Bin Sale" at www.townofcary.org (919) 469-4301

Crescent Green Trail Work

We're replacing two pedestrian bridges with concrete boardwalks that run parallel to Crescent Green Drive between Crescent Commons and West Lochmere Drive. Similar to the bridges they are replacing, the boardwalks will be 6 feet wide but will be elevated to minimize flooding. During the work, expected to be completed in the summer of 2016, there won't be a trail detour available.

"Crescent Green" at www.townofcary.org

State of Our Town

In January Mayor Harold Weinbrecht delivered his annual State of the Town address. Highlights included mention of our

- strong economy and job market as indicated by our unemployment rate of below four percent;
- robust financial standing as indicated by the highest ratings from all three bond rating agencies;
- state-of-the-art water and wastewater facilities;
- transportation projects that will help congestion in key areas;
- recent changes to our staff and council leadership; and,
- our ongoing planning process, Imagine Cary, in which we encourage citizen involvement.

If you've not already, watch the address on our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/TownofCaryChannel, or read it online.

"State of the Town" at www.townofcary.org

Talk with Ted

Inspired by the wildly popular Ted Talks, we're hosting our own Ted's Talk. Our Downtown Development Manager, Ted Boyd, will speak to an audience at The Cary Theater. He'll give you an inside look at all things coming to and happening in downtown. Join us April 11 at 6 p.m. for this free event.

"Downtown Development" at www.townofcary.org

Green Cary

Visit www.facebook.com/CaryItGreen and stay up-to-date on all the green goings-on in our town.

Downtown Parking

This spring we'll begin construction of a 27-space public parking lot at 212 East Cedar St. With the ongoing revitalization we're seeing in downtown, our council voted to build the lot. We expect the lot to be completed this summer.

"Downtown Development" at www.townofcary.org (919) 469-4030

Tennis Champs

Our Cary Tennis Park is hosting the USTA Tennis On Campus National Championships from April 14-16. Come out and watch players from 64 colleges and universities nationwide as they compete for the bragging rights of Tennis on Campus National Champion. Match times vary so check the schedule before you come out.

"Cary Tennis Park" at www.townofcary.org (919) 462-2061

Fitch Rating

In January the credit rating agency Fitch affirmed our AAA general obligation bond rating and our AA+ limited obligation refunding bond rating. These top ratings indicate that our financial standing remains strong and ensures that we're getting the lowest possible interest rates when we issue debt, which is ultimately a savings for our citizens.

"Fitch Rating" at www.townofcary.org

ADA Transition Plan

We're working with consultants to develop an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan that will outline future efforts to ensure that our facilities are accessible. To learn more about the Plan and ways to give input, search "ADA Transition Plan" at www.townofcary.org.

(919) 380-2785

Carpenter Park

We're planning the April 23 dedication of our newest park, Carpenter Park, and look forward to seeing you there at 10 a.m.! Park highlights include pickleball courts, a central pond, children's play area, basketball court, terraced lawn, preserved forest, pedestrian trail, picnic shelter and community garden. It's also home to the privately funded memorial for American Eagle Flights 3378 and 3379 that crashed nearby in 1988 and 1994, respectively.

"Carpenter Park" at www.townofcary.org (919) 460-4973

BUD Bits

Cheer on the Cary Invasion basketball team at the Herb Young Community Center on April 2 and 9 at 7 p.m. *"Cary Invasion" at www.townofcary.org*

Join in the Cary Road Race on April 16 at 8:30 a.m. at Koka Booth Amphitheatre. *"Cary Road Race" at www.townofcary.org or (919) 469-4061*

Come out to the Cary Tennis Park for the Cary Spring Junior Open on April 16-17 from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. *"Cary Tennis Park" at www.townofcary.org or (919) 462-2061*

Catch the competition of the ACC Tennis Championships on April 20-24 at our Cary Tennis Park. Match times vary. *"Cary Tennis Park" at www.townofcary.org or (919) 462-2061.*

Spring Litter Sweep

Take your community pride outside! Join your friends and neighbors for our Spruce program Spring Litter Sweep on April 2. You choose your shift and the location where you'll sweep litter from our streets, trails, parks or other public space. We provide the tools and supplies; you provide the muscle. All ages welcome; volunteers under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Since 2009 Spruce volunteers have removed almost 165,000 pounds of litter helping to keep our town clean and green! To register or for information contact sarah.justice@townofcary.org.

"Spruce" at www.townofcary.org

Black Creek Redesign

We've begun work on the redesign of a 2.5-mile section of our Black Creek Greenway that runs from West Dynasty Drive to Old Reedy Creek Road. As one of our more popular greenways, this section has been in use for 25 years and is showing its age.

We'll begin work on the redesign once funding is approved. The work will include upgrades so that the trail meets our current standards and includes better drainage and path alignment, relocated trail sections and elevated bridges to reduce flooding.

"Black Creek Greenway" at www.townofcary.org
(919) 469-4061

Cary TV

Watch your Town government at work on Time Warner Cable Channel 11 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99. Navigate to the Cary TV 11 logo on www.townofcary.org for round-the-clock local programming.

Hot Tips: Safe Disposal



Did you know potting soil can catch fire? It can! Our Fire Department regularly responds to calls about fires caused when smokers thought they had extinguished their smoking materials - cigarettes, cigars and pipes - safely in potting soil.

While we think of potting soil as dirt, it's often other materials such as bark, peat moss or Styrofoam, all of which are flammable. The older and drier the potting soil, the more likely it is to burn. When left in potting soil, smoking materials may smolder for hours before igniting.

Because planters are often on decks or close to homes, the fire can quickly spread and endanger your life, family and neighbors. When it's time to put out your smoking material, be certain to use a non-flammable ashtray or a sand- or water-filled metal container.

"Public Education" at www.townofcary.org
(919) 460-4958

News In Your E-box

We regularly email information on dozens of topics related to your Town government. From downtown revitalization to traffic and safety alerts, fun things to do in town and much more, you can sign-up to receive via email the information that interests you.

To do so, visit www.townofcary.org and click the green envelope for information on how to subscribe to the lists of your choosing.

FOG into Fuel

Turn fats, oils and grease (FOG) into fuel by recycling them. After cooking, save your cooled, skimmed FOG in a plastic screw-top food container. After you've collected one-half gallon, call us at (919) 469-4090 to schedule a free curbside pickup.

"FOG in the home" at www.townofcary.org

Six String Presents

Come out to The Cary on April 9 at 8 p.m. when Brevard College graduate Beth Wood shares the stage with Mary Johnson Rockers and the Spark for an evening of song. Wood's been described as a modern-day troubadour and believer in the power of song, while the Spark's been called the soulful folk-rock darlings of the North Carolina Triangle music scene. One-woman band Wood performs Americana, while Rockers and the Spark, who's been heard on NPR's State of the Things, attracts indie, folk and country fans alike.

www.thecarytheater.com
(919) 462-2051

Connecting Cary

Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/TownofCary. Our other feeds are @TOC_Safety, @TOC_Traffic, @TOC_Fun, @BoothAmp, @TOC_Downtown and @Caryteens.

Cultural Connection

World Voice Day (March 29, 7 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055

Marvelous Music Mainstage Series: Billy McGuigan's Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience (April 1, 7:30 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055

Cary Town Band: Playing with the Band II (April 8, 7:30 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 469-4069

Triangle Wind Ensemble: Poetry in Motion (April 9, 7:30 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055

Marvelous Music Family Series: The Wizard of Oz presented in partnership with Cary Players (April 15-16 and 22-23 at 7:30 p.m and April 17, 23 and 24 at 3 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055

Visit www.townofcary.org and Twitter @TOC_Fun for more

Door to Cary

Drop by the Cary Arts Center on April 15 at 6 p.m. to hear about our community art project, Your Door to Cary. Through the project we'll collaborate with a local artist to give new life to the original locker doors that were removed from the former Old Cary Elementary school building when we made it our Arts Center.

We'll unveil plans for the community art sessions that will be scheduled later this spring and share how you can get involved with the project. We anticipate the exhibit being displayed this summer.

"Your Door to Cary" at www.townofcary.org
(919) 469-4069

Holiday Schedule

Our offices are closed March 25; garbage, recycling and yard waste will be collected as regularly scheduled.

"Holiday Collection" at www.townofcary.org