



Continued Vision for Downtown Park

Construction of the next phase of the Downtown Park will soon be underway! Over the next several months, the canopy will begin to change and transform as we introduce over 400 shade, evergreen, and ornamental trees spanning over 30 different native species. Additionally, other green storm water landscaping will emerge to enhance environmental preservation.

Other exciting amenities in the design include active performance places, farmers market spaces, public art installations, botanical gardens showcasing native plants, food and beverage facilities, a children's nature play area, a dog park, a pond, and an elevated sky walk. In addition, the Downtown Park will serve as an activity hub for programming such as art exhibitions, arts and crafts classes, performances and concerts, fitness classes, book clubs, story time programs, and movies.

We are excited to give you a front row seat to watch the park spring to life. We have remained firmly committed to crafting the park that you asked for and, while we build it, we hope you see how great this public space will be now and for decades to come!

To sign up for email and text alerts about the Downtown Park, visit www.townofcary.org/email and select "Downtown Park". And, be sure to follow us on social media get the latest news!



www.townofcary.org/downtownpark

Congrats in Order to Cary Fire Dept!

The Cary Fire Department has been awarded its fifth consecutive accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The announcement follows a

comprehensive voluntary process that includes self-assessment and independent review of the department's service delivery and internal performance. Through accreditation, fire and emergency service organizations examine past, current, and future service levels and performance and compare them to industry best practices.

Originally accredited in 1999, the Cary Fire Department is one of about 250 fire/rescue agencies in the world to achieve accredited status.

The Cary Fire Department is comprised of 239 full-time employees with a fleet of 29 primary and reserve vehicles available to respond as needed.

Congratulations and thank you for your service!



How Cary Came to Be

From trains to technology, the area where Cary stands today was originally inhabited by Tuscarora Native Americans. Through the visionary leadership of people such as Allison "Frank" Page and others, our town has grown from a bustling railroad stop between Raleigh and Durham to a diverse, connected community of over 170,000 residents. The decisions of our past and current leaders have created the foundation for Cary to be a nationally recognized community for its quality of life.

To view Cary's full history, check out our timeline as part of the Cary's 150th Anniversary at www.cary150.org/past/#timeline.

Cary It Green

Go Green this Spring!

April showers bring May flowers, but backyard composting and rainwater harvesting will make your garden grow! During the month of April, you can purchase your own backyard compost bin or rain barrel at below wholesale cost through our on-line sale. All purchased units will be shipped to the Town for distribution. Don't delay! Get yours today! Visit www.townofcary.org/binsales for more.



Every Day is Earth Day in April!

Join us for an exciting series of programs related to Earth Day! From giveaways to virtual classes, we will have a month of opportunities designed to make it fun and easy for you to go green. For a complete list of offerings, visit www.townofcary.org/earthday.

Spring Cleaning & Your Household Hazardous Waste

Keep household hazardous waste (HHW) such as old paint, pesticides, and other toxic, corrosive, or flammable products out of our garbage and recycling carts, storm drains, and streams. Wake County citizens can dispose of HHW at the South Wake HHW Collection Center, 6130 Old Smithfield Road; Chatham County citizens can take advantage of county collection events. www.townofcary.org/collects

FOG Into Fuel

Turn fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into fuel by recycling them into biofuel. After cooking, save your cooled, skimmed FOG in a plastic screw-top food container. Once you've collected a minimum one-half gallon, schedule a free curbside pickup by calling 311 or visit services.townofcary.org. And for more, visit www.townofcary.org/fog.

REMINDER: Our annual temporary suspension of ammonia in our water treatment process continues through April 26. If you use water for kidney dialysis, fish aquariums, and other chlorine-sensitive uses, be aware that from March 1 to April 26, the water may contain chlorine only or a mixture of chlorine and ammonia. For more, visit www.townofcary.org/waterchange.

Downtown Parking Survey

As Cary continues to grow and develop, we recognize the importance of providing sufficient parking for Downtown Cary businesses and visitors. We aim to ensure parking is designed and managed in a way that supports both existing and future development and is considerate of those who live in and near Downtown.

So, we want your input! Please take a moment to answer questions about your parking experience in Downtown Cary on a typical day, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, here: <https://www.publicinput.com/Y8106>

Thank you for your time and response as we work to develop a comprehensive long-term plan for providing well-designed and strategically-located parking in Downtown Cary.



Programs & Events

Visit www.mycary.org to browse and register for a wide variety of virtual programs!

Highlights

Join us for virtual Easter fun for the whole family! Visit www.townofcary.org/easter to see what kind of egg-citing surprises Peter Cottontail has in store this year!

Join us for Trivia

Tuesdays! Every Tuesday in April, test your skills

on a variety of topics. No registration is required and the fun starts at 7:30 p.m. Top players each month win prizes. For details, visit www.townofcary.org/trivia.



Theme Nights for April

- 4/6: April Fools
- 4/13: Death & Taxes
- 4/20: Earth Day
- 4/27: Anything Goes

Mask Up Cary!

As part of the Mask Up Cary initiative, we've put signs around Town reminding everyone to #MaskUp! Be sure to look up, down, and all around for these friendly reminders. www.townofcary.org/maskup



Share With Us!

Citizens and businesses are encouraged to share their budget priorities with Cary at any point in the year, and we'll share what we hear with Town Council through quarterly reporting. Cary's budget runs from July 1 through June 30. Let us hear from you! www.townofcary.org/budget

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Public Speaks Out: Speak out at a Town Council meeting.