

## Budget Update



We'd like to thank all of you who participated in February's Budget Input Month. We received record amounts of comments, all of which are captured at "Budget Development" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

The Town Manager's Recommended FY2014 budget, effective July 1, is being developed. It will be presented at the regular Town Council meeting May 9 and posted to our website by May 10.

You're invited to comment on the recommended budget at the May 23 and June 13 Town Council meetings at 6:30 p.m. at Cary Town Hall. By law, Town Council must adopt a balanced budget by June 30, 2013.

### Spring Daze Arts & Crafts Festival

April 27 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Local Arts \* Crafts  
Earth Day Celebration

"Spring Daze" at  
[www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

[www.facebook.com/  
CaryArtDaze](http://www.facebook.com/CaryArtDaze)



## Signs Are in Full Bloom

If your spring cleaning to-do list has yielded stacks of unwanted but usable items, you might be considering a yard sale. Before you start posting signs and welcoming your neighbors, please take a moment to review Cary's sign rules. In order to keep our neighborhoods neat and attractive, we've set some guidelines on quantities of signs, sign locations, and sign sizes.

- *Two sign maximum.* One sign is allowed on the lot where the yard sale is located and an additional sign can be located on a different private property with the owner's permission (except public common

areas).

- *No trees, please.* Never put signs on light poles, trees, traffic signals, medians, street corners or in ditches or intersections (public rights-of-way).

- *Less is more.* The size limit for signs is 4 square feet in area per side and 42 inches in height.

- *Wait until Friday.* Signs can only be displayed on the weekend. Put them out on Friday after 5 p.m. and remove them by 8 a.m. on Monday.

To read our sign ordinance or learn more about yard signs in Cary, visit [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org). If you have questions, call (919) 469-4082.

## Cary Community Plan: Your Voice Shapes Our Future



We've launched an unprecedented, multi-year effort to prepare a new community plan. Imagine Cary is an opportunity for everyone who cares about your Town to assess our community today, understand the choices for the future and create policies to match that vision.

Join us May 2 for the Summit on the Future, the big community kick-off meeting for Imagine Cary.

We've lined up a nationally recognized guest speaker and well-respected scholar in urban plan-

ning to lead the interactive and engaging event.

The event is free but seating is limited. Reserve your spot at [www.imaginecary.org](http://www.imaginecary.org) and please share your passion for Cary to help us reach our community's potential.

Can't make the Summit? Stay updated on the Cary Community Plan and see other upcoming engagement activities at [www.imaginecary.org](http://www.imaginecary.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ImagineCary](http://www.facebook.com/ImagineCary).



## Herb is the Word at Town Hall Campus

Bring your love of plants and gardening to the fourth annual Herbfest on May 4.

Learn all you need to know about starting your own herb garden. Stroll through booths featuring a wide variety of herbs, perennials, native plants and garden-themed crafts. There will be kid-friendly crafts, too.

The free event is rain or shine.

For more, call (919) 460-4963 or search "Herbfest" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

### BUD Bits

Town offices will close for Memorial Day (May 27), but curbside solid waste, yard waste and recycling will be collected as normally scheduled. Get the holiday collection schedule at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org). The Citizen's Convenience Center will be open on May 27 from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Booth Amphitheatre kicks off its 2013 season this month! Check out [www.boothamphitheatre.com](http://www.boothamphitheatre.com) for a list of upcoming concerts and festivals.

Interested in real-time Town news? Follow us on Twitter @TownofCary.

## It's That Time of the Year...



Healthy outdoor water conservation starts with a check-up! Before irrigation season starts, inspect your system for leaks. A broken spray head can waste up to 20 gallons per minute. Be sure your automatic irriga-

tion system has a rain sensor installed and set for ¼-inch in accordance with our Rain Sensor Ordinance, and never be wasteful and water during a rainfall.

For more irrigation tips, search "Water Conservation" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

## Cultural Connection

**Triangle Wind Ensemble: Resplendent Spring** (Apr. 28, 3 p.m., Cary Arts Center). For tickets and more, (919) 469-4069.

**Marvelous Music Mainstage Series: The Water Coolers** (May 4, 7:30 p.m., Cary Arts Center). For tickets and more, (919) 469-4069.

**Spring Sertoma Series: Cary Town Band's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** (May 10, 7:30 p.m., Sertoma Amphitheatre in Bond Park). Free. (919) 469-4069.

**Spring Sertoma Series: Jeff Little Trio, cosponsored by PineCone** (May 11, 6 p.m., Sertoma Amphitheatre in Bond Park). Free. (919) 469-4069.

**Applause! Cary Youth Theatre: Sing Down the Moon** (May 17-19, Cary Arts Center). For tickets and more, (919) 469-4069.

**Spring Sertoma Series: SAS Show-choir, VocalMotion, with Audio Kudzu** (May 18, 3 p.m., Sertoma Amphitheatre in Bond Park). Free. (919) 469-4069.

## Non-Profits Receive Annual Lazy Daze Grants



We are proud to have recently awarded 31 local non-profit organizations with \$37,000 in grants, thanks to a successful 2012 Lazy Daze Festival. With this year's grants, we've returned over \$500,000 to the Cary community through the program in its 32-year history.

To be considered for future grants, qualifying organizations must be Cary-based with a federal tax

ID number and detail an upcoming project or initiative earmarked for funding. Priority is given to grant applicants with a cultural arts focus or that support the Town of Cary's downtown initiatives.

Applications are received in the fall following Lazy Daze and are awarded in the winter.

Check out this year's recipients and the projects they identified in their grant application by searching "Lazy Daze Grants" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org). For more application information, call (919) 462-3864.

## Be Safe on Your Bike

Our Traffic Safety Team is hosting a free motorcycle safety presentation on April 26 that includes a personal assessment of your riding skills on the open roads by qualified BikeSafe Assessors.

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m., participants will split time in a classroom discussing motorcycle driving safety tips and riding a total of 120 miles in multi-environmental conditions.

To participate, you must first register at [www.bikesafenc.com](http://www.bikesafenc.com).



On the day of, be sure to bring your properly registered street-legal motorcycle, legal helmet and eye protection along with current driver's license with motorcycle endorsement or motorcycle learner's permit and proof of insurance.

Can't make it April 26? We're proud to offer monthly BikeSafe NC presentations.

To learn more and register for any local safety presentations, visit [www.bikesafenc.com](http://www.bikesafenc.com).

## May Focuses on Safety

May is International Building Safety Month, and our Inspections & Permits Department has planned activities to expand your awareness of the importance of a safe environment and the critical roles of code officials.

We'll have educational displays at Town Hall and workshops at local home improvement stores all month long.

For details, call (919) 469-4043 or search "Building Safety Month" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).



## Downtown Streets the Scene for May Entertainment

The streets of downtown Cary will come alive again this season with the return of the Downtown Performers Series, Ritmo Latino and Wheels on Academy.

In May, be sure to pack a picnic and sit back and relax in the fresh air as the best local performers entertain you. Scheduled performances include the Magnolia Klezmer Band on May 3 and the Polka Plus Band on May 24. All performances are held at the corner of Kildaire Farm Road and Academy Street across from the Cary Arts Center.

On May 11, we'll host for Ritmo Latino, a free family festival that

showcases Latino culture, at the Downtown Performance Green. In addition to Latino food, be sure to participate in free dance lessons.

Our second annual car show, Wheels on Academy, is set for May 18. Rain or shine, enjoy the nostalgia of yesteryear as you marvel at classic cars brought back to life. All types of classic roadsters will be on display. Own one of these road beauties? Registration is open through May 3. In addition to classic cars, we'll have a Touch the Truck area, Art Car Alley, and an entertainment stage.

For more, check out our calendar at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

## The Code for Fun



On the go and looking for fun in Cary? Use any barcode/QR code reader app to scan

this QR code and access our current calendar of public meetings and events.

This same calendar is accessible at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

## FIRE PREVENTION:

### PRACTICE YOUR HOME ESCAPE PLAN



Take advantage of spring's seasonable temps; make a home escape plan and execute a fire drill.

To create the home escape plan, draw a map of each level of the house and mark all doors and windows. Identify two ways out of every room, if possible. Discuss the plan with everyone in your

household. Once outside, designate a meeting place like a tree, light pole or mailbox.

During a fire drill, push the smoke alarm button. Practice getting low, closing the door as you leave a room, and crawling out of the home quickly. To end the drill, have everyone meet at your outside meeting place.

## HHW Collection

We're joining Wake County to host our Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection May 18 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bring common household hazards as well as anything with a cord or plug to the Garmon Operations Center for proper disposal and recycling.

Search "HHW" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) for a list accepted or call (919) 469-4090.