



# BUD

## Newsletter

Serving our Citizens

May 2013



### Yard Waste Reminder

Just finished a day of landscaping? Yard waste—like grass clippings, brush, leaves and limbs—is collected on your regular garbage collection day and should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. in reusable containers, paper bags or securely tied bundles that weigh under 40 pounds.

Branches and limbs placed at the curb should be no longer than 4 feet or larger than 4 inches in diameter. Yard waste piles should not exceed 240 cubic feet (8 feet long by 5 feet wide by 6 feet deep). Unfortunately, yard waste in plastic bags or mixed with soil and rock cannot be collected.

Can't wait for your curbside pickup? Yard waste is also accepted at our Citizens Convenience Center, 313 N. Dixon Avenue. For more, search "Yard Waste" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) or call (919) 469-4090.

### We're Recruiting

We're looking for citizens to fill vacancies on Town Council's Economic Development Committee and six boards and commissions.

Serve on these boards, and perform a community service using your skills and interests to make a difference. Members will be selected from within Cary's corporate limits and, in some instances, from Cary's ETJ.

Search "Boards and Commissions" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) for a description and application. Applications must be received by June 30. Questions? Call (919) 319-4508.

### Area Conversations Focus on Your Backyard

We know you care about Cary, especially when it comes to what's happening in your own backyard. So make plans

to attend an upcoming Area Conversation as part of our Imagine Cary comprehensive community plan efforts.

In the month of June, we'll host four Area Conversations—central, northern, southern and western—where we'll focus on the key topics of that geographic section of Cary. We'll talk about the specific area's vision for the future, including its character



development, and identify strengths and opportunities related to its physical conditions.

Information gathered at the Area Conversations will be merged with feedback from the May 2 Summit on the Future and used to create the Cary Community Plan, a document that will guide the long-range vision of Cary over the next 20-30 years.

For the date and location of the Area Conversation closest to you, visit [www.imaginecary.org](http://www.imaginecary.org) or call (919) 469-4082.



### Be an AquaStar!

This summer, "Beat the Peak" of high water consumption by pledging to be an AquaStar.

- Pledge online your commitment to waterwise habits. Receive a free t-shirt (while supplies last).
- Play "Don't Drown the Ground" at our website. Save ladybugs from an overwatered yard, and earn free water-saving tools/tips.
- Log on to the AquaStar Web Portal. The portal securely shows how many gallons of water you've used, right down to the exact hour of every day.

Search "Beat the Peak" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) and call (919) 469-4090 to join us in being water conscious.

### Fall Youth Sports Registration



Registration forms are available June 3 for youth baseball (ages 8-16) and softball (ages 8-17) leagues, with registration opening June 17. Practices begin in August, and games start in September.

For more, search "Youth Athletics" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

### Dog Days at Bond Park



Bring Fido and come out for a furry, fun-filled day on June 1. We'll have a Frisbee Disc Competition, Dog Wash, and dozens of pet-friendly vendors, including adoption agencies.

Animal Control will host a Rabies Vaccine/Microchipping clinic for dogs and cats. Microchips are \$10 and Rabies Vaccines are \$5; cash only, please.

For more, search "Dog Days" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

### BUD Bits

Before you travel with kids in tow, stop by Fire Station #2 on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for a free child safety seat inspection by our Police Department.

Tickets are on sale now for the NCAA DII Baseball Championship, May 25-June 1. For teams and game/promotions schedule, search "NTC" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

We've received a Government Innovation Grant Award (IGa) for our VIP Planner project, an online tool that helps citizens navigate our planning processes. We plan to use the funds to enhance VIP for small businesses..

The Senior Center will accept donations June 13-14 for its annual yard sale on June 15. All proceeds support the Cary Senior Center and resident senior clubs.

Town offices will close May 27, but solid waste, yard waste and recycling will be collected as regularly scheduled the week of May 26-June 1.



## Practice Proper Petiquette

We care about our four-legged friends and want to help keep pets and their owners safe.

All domesticated animals are required to be leashed when outside of their individual owner's property; failure to be responsible could result in a fine up to \$250.

Additionally, cats and dogs four months of age and older need to be vaccinated and must display a Town-issued Pet ID tag. Pet ID tags can be obtained at any community center for a one-time fee ranging from \$5-\$50.

Out and about with your pet? Be neighborly and remember to pick up pet waste. Not only is it unsightly, but it's harmful to the environment and can impact water quality. Consider using biodegradable bags to be even more Earth-friendly.

Finally, each year at the beginning of spring, our

Animal Control officers field numerous barking complaints. Be respectful to your neighbors and help keep the bark to a minimum. In fact, it's against Town Ordinance when a dog barks for 15 minutes in any 30-minute period.

To reduce the bite of your dog's bark, never leave your dog outside unattended. Consider installing a doggie door so that your pet may come and go as it pleases.

Help contain your puppy chatter by safely introducing your dog to neighbors and friends; a quick pat on the head can sometimes calm the dog and reduce noise.

Make time to play and exercise with your dog, including a trip to our Dog Park located at 2050 NW Maynard Road.

For more, search "Pets" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) and call (919) 319-4517.

## Cultural Connection

Triangle Wind Ensemble presents *An American Celebration* (May 26, 7:30 p.m., Booth Amphitheatre). [www.trianglewind.org](http://www.trianglewind.org).

Seven O'Clock Rock Series: *Swing Night with the NC Revelers Orchestra* (May 31, 7 p.m., downtown Cary). Free. (919) 469-4069.

Sertoma Series: *Erin McDermott in partnership with PineCone* (June 15, 6 p.m., Sertoma Amphitheater in Bond Park). Free. (919) 469-4069.

Downtown Performers Series: *Big Celtic Fun* (June 21, 7 p.m., Downtown Performance Green). Free. (919) 469-4069.

## Your Life Saver

### Oasis

Oasis is a program designed to help those who find themselves in financial hardship with their Town of Cary utility bill. Dorcas Ministries administers the program in partnership with the Town of Cary.

If you need one-time financial assistance, call (919) 469-9861 or search "Oasis" at our website, [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

Want to help? Donations are accepted at (919) 469-4050.



## FIRE PREVENTION: GRILL SAFELY

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer, and no summer is complete without a cookout.

Be sure to keep your grill away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not use a grill on a porch or balcony on any level of a building. Establish a three-foot "kid/pet-free zone" around the grilling area to reduce the chances of burn incidents.

Most importantly, never leave a grill unattended.

## Popular Series Return to Booth Amphitheatre



Cinemaniacs celebrate! The Movies by Moonlight Series will return to Koka Booth Amphitheatre this summer. Enjoy the stars under the stars May-August. Picnics, lounge chairs and blankets welcomed.

The North Carolina Symphony's Summerfest will again make Koka Booth Amphitheatre its summer home. Opening night is May 25, and concerts continue through July.

For tickets, schedules and details, follow the facility on Twitter @BoothAmp and visit [www.boothamphitheatre.com](http://www.boothamphitheatre.com).

## Greenway Connection Grows in Cary



Get from Umstead State Park to Bond Park—seven miles total—by foot and bike thanks to the completion of a segment of the Black Creek Greenway. We'll host a dedication June 1.

As part of the long-term plan, the Black Creek Greenway will connect to the White Oak Creek Greenway that begins at Bond Park and connects to the American Tobacco Trail, the 23-mile long trail that links Durham, Chatham and Wake counties.

We have 60+ miles of paved greenways/multi-use paths. Search "Hike and Bike" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) to map your route.

## Recommended FY14 Budget Online

As of May 10, you can access the Town Manager's Recommended FY14 Budget on our website. Search "budget development" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).



Please take time to review it, and then share your comments at the May 23 and June 13 Budget Public Hearings as part of the regular Town Council meetings. Meetings are held at Cary Town Hall, 316 N. Academy Street, and begin at 6:30 p.m.

By law, Town Council must adopt a balanced budget by June 30.

## Book a Home Safety Assessment

If you've planned a summer vacation, you might be interested in protecting your home without relying solely on alarm systems. Our Crime Prevention Team is available to conduct complementary residential assessments at your home or business.

Once scheduled, a police officer will go on location to identify

physical weaknesses in and around your home or business and offer low-cost suggestions to improve safety and security. These surveys are best conducted during the daylight hours and last about an hour.

Schedule your home safety evaluation by calling (919) 469-4324.

## Be Informed

Public Hearings, meetings and notices are posted in the Classifieds Section of Wednesday's *The Cary News*. You can view these same public hearings, meetings and notices 24/7 on our website under "This Week."

Questions? Call (919) 469-4007.