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Newsletter

Serving our Citizens

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Don't Trash Our Recycling

Keep our recycling free of trash. Excess garbage should never be included in your Town-issued recycling cart. Instead, request an extra garbage cart or schedule an extra collection by calling (919) 469-4090; fee may apply. If you can't wait for your curbside pickup, take your trash to the Citizen's Convenience Center.

"Recycling" at www.townofcary.org

Know Your Days ...

You'll need to know your irrigation days to get through the summer haze. We use alternate day schedules; if you're thinking about watering, do so as needed on any of your three days. Odd numbered street addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; even number addresses can water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. You can water with a hand-held hose or drip irrigation any day of the week.

Need to establish or reseed your lawn? Apply online for a Watering Exemption Permit.

"Water Conservation" at www.townofcary.org

BUD Bits

The RailHawks take on Minnesota United FC on June 6 and play again on June 16 to determine the US Open Cup winner. Games are at the WakeMed Soccer Park at 7:30 p.m. *"Sports Tournaments" at www.townofcary.org.*

On June 13-14, we're hosting the 2015 North American Caribbean Regional Stevens Rugby Tournament at the WakeMed Soccer Park. *"Rugby" at www.townofcary.org.*

The Cary Senior Center hosts its Annual Yard Sale on June 28 from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Drop off your donations on June 18-19. *"Annual Yard Sale" at www.townofcary.org.*

USA Baseball Tournament of Stars is June 23-28 at the USA Baseball National Training Complex. *"Sports Tournaments" at www.townofcary.org.*

Practice Proper Petiquette

When it comes to pets, it's important that their owners remember a few rules that will help us all get along.

- Leash them. In our town, dogs and cats must be leashed when outside of their owner's property; if you choose not to do so, you risk a \$250 fine.
- Vaccinate. Cats and dogs four months and older must be vaccinated against rabies and display a pet ID tag that we issue. Purchase your Pet ID tag at any of our community centers for a one-time fee.
- Scoop the poop! It's neighborly to pick up your pet's waste, and it's required by our ordinances. Not only is it unsightly and stinky, it can also transmit diseases, harm the environment and negatively impact water quality.
- Banish the barking. Did you know it's against our ordinances for a dog to bark continuously for 15 minutes in any 30-minute period? At the start of each spring, our Animal Control officers receive numerous barking complaints. Be respectful of your neighbors and keep the barking to a minimum. One way to do this is to refrain from leaving your dog outside unattended. Think about installing a doggie door so your pet can come and go as it pleases.
- Tether no more. Our ordinance prohibits unattended tethering of dogs in our Town. Don't leave your dog tethered if you're not outside and supervising it. Alternatives to tethering are to bring the dog into your home, fence in your yard, or construct a pen.

If you have questions or concerns about animals in our community, call our Animal Control officers at (919) 319-4517.

"Pets" or "Dog Days" at www.townofcary.org

Catch a Flick

Movies by Moonlight returns to the Booth Amphitheatre this month. Children under 12 are free; all others are \$5 per person.

www.boothamphitheatre.com

See You On The Trail

Celebrate National Trails Day on June 6 at 9:30 a.m. with a guided walk on one of our newest greenways! Grab your walking shoes and meet members of the Greenway Committee and Cary Teen Council at the Speight Branch and Macedonia Lake Greenways.

If you prefer working to walking, gather your yard tools and help with trail improvements at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve from 9:30 a.m.-noon also on June 6. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The Friends of Hemlock Bluffs will provide lunch for registered volunteers.

"National Trails Day" at www.townofcary.org

Systems Upgrade

This spring, we'll begin upgrading our 10-year old Advanced Traffic Management Signal System (ATMS), which encompasses 27 traffic cameras, over 100 miles of fiber optic cable and 189 state-of-the-art traffic signal controllers. Our ATMS helps us fine tune signal timing, react to traffic incidents more efficiently, and maneuver cameras to better identify traffic issues, all of which help improve the flow of traffic and increase safety.

In the project's first phase, we'll test the traffic signals and closed circuit television cameras along NC 55. You shouldn't notice any changes as you travel through this area. Later this summer, we'll deploy the complete system.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$2.9 million. Funding for this project was approved by Cary voters as part of the 2012 Community Investment Bonds Referendum.

"Traffic Signal System Upgrade" at www.townofcary.org

FY16 Budget

Town Manager Ben Shivar makes his FY2016 budget recommendations on May 5. Go to the Town's website or drop by Town Hall to review it. We encourage our citizens to let us know what they think. You can share your thoughts at our June 11 Town Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Cary Town Hall.

By law, Town Council must adopt a balanced budget by June 30. The recommended budget will be effective July 1.

"Budget Development" at www.townofcary.org | (919) 462-3911

Share the Road



May is National Bike Month, a good time to highlight how best to safely share the road with two-wheeled friends. Picture this. You're driving down the road and you come upon a group of bicyclists riding in single file to the right of the travel lane. You slow to a crawl. You can't pass them safely. Your patience wears thin. What to do?

Take a deep breath and count to 10; the situation will likely be resolved. How? The cyclists, already aware of you will either: move further to the right allowing you to pass safely; make a turn at the next intersection and be out of your way; or the oncoming lane will clear for you to safely go around them. And if you were thinking that honking would help, don't. Doing so will startle the cyclists and possibly cause an accident.

A little patience by cyclists and motorists goes a long way towards keeping our Town a 'Bicycle Friendly Community'! And as you plan your ride, remember our Bike & Hike app that features the Town's greenway trails and bike routes; download it for free from the Apple and Google Play stores (search: BikeHikeCary).

"Bike Safety" at www.townofcary.org

To Market, To Market

Visit the Cary Downtown Farmers Market at the Ivey-Ellington House, 135 West Chatham St. Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. You'll find a variety of local produce, meats, eggs, fresh cut flowers and fresh butter, locally brewed beer, locally roasted coffee, fresh baked goods, and handmade local crafts.

This year the Market will have a food table where local chefs will host demos and tastings. There will be live entertainment and a kids' table with crafts and activities for the youngest market goers.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Market's upcoming special events: Salsa Showdown on May 30; Third Annual Honeymoon on June 27; Third Annual Family Picnic on August 1; and the Chili Cook-Off on October 3.

www.caryfarmersmarket.com

FEMA Flood Maps

The North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program on behalf of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released draft revised floodplain maps for Wake County. View these maps online at the Flood Risk Information System website: <http://fris.nc.gov/fris/>. Later this year, FEMA representatives will hold a public meeting where you can meet with officials and ask questions. Once we know the date, time and location of this meeting, we'll notify our property owners who are within a FEMA floodplain. In the interim, contact Dan Clinton, (919) 380-2773 or dan.clinton@townofcary.org for more information.

"Floodplains" at www.townofcary.org

Hot Tips: Grilling Safety



Let the grilling season begin! We've got a few tips to help you turn up the heat safely. Keep your grill away from your home and combustible materials. Always open the grill lid before lighting it. If the flame goes out unexpectedly, turn off the grill and gas; wait at least 15 minutes before trying to relight as doing so will ensure that any built-up gas has had time to dissipate. Give your grill a good cleaning between uses as accumulated fats and grease can catch fire. If you cook with charcoal, let the coals cool completely before removing them and dispose of them in a metal container.

"Fire Safety" at www.townofcary.org

Thank a Public Works Employee

May 17-23 is National Public Works Week and this year's theme is "Community Begins Here." In keeping with the theme this month we're singing the praises of our behind-the-scenes heroes - our public works employees.

Love our well-maintained parks? Wonder who makes your trash and recycling disappear each week? Appreciate a smooth drive to the grocery store? Gleeful that you were able to drive safely to work, school or other on plowed roads after snowy weather? All these things add to Cary's high quality of life, and all are accomplished day in and day out by our hundreds of public works employees.

If you see one of these professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication, please be sure to give a word of thanks!

www.apwa.net



Our Town Council is looking for volunteers for upcoming vacancies on six of our Boards and Commissions and our Economic Development Committee. We'll be recruiting May 1-June 30. While each Board or Committee is unique in its size, meeting schedule and function, all share the same mission: to make Cary a place in which we can be proud to live, work and play. Citizens who serve on these boards and commissions perform a community service using their skills, interests and initiatives to make the difference.

For more information or to apply, visit the Boards & Commissions page on our website where you can download an application. Contact Karen Gray at (919) 319-4508 with questions.

"Board and Commissions" at www.townofcary.org

Cultural Connection

Spring Sertoma Series: Triangle Brass Band (Friday, May 29, 7 p.m. at Sertoma Amphitheater in Bond Park) (919) 469-4069.

Summer Sertoma Series: Old North State Brass (Friday, June 5, 7 p.m. at Sertoma Amphitheater in Bond Park) (919) 469-4069.

Alabama Shakes (Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at Koka Booth Amphitheatre) (919) 462-2025.

Robert Plant and the Sensational Shifters with special guests The Pixies (Monday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at Koka Booth Amphitheatre) (919) 462-2025.

Summer Sertoma Series: Triangle Wind Ensemble's Pops in the Park (Friday, June 12, 7 p.m. at Sertoma Amphitheater in Bond Park) (919) 469-4069.

Summer Sertoma Series: Lynda Dawson & Pattie Hopkins (Saturday, June 13, 6 p.m. at Sertoma Amphitheater in Bond Park) (919) 469-4069.

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

Doggone Good Fun



Join us for our Dog Days on June 6 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fred G. Bond Metro Park. Register onsite at 9:30 a.m. to participate with your canine in the 10 a.m. frisbee disc competition; vacinate or microchip your pet; let the Cary Teen Council wash and dry your dog; and visit with local pet-focused vendors and rescue groups. Don't miss this chance to bring your four-legged friend and meet up with other dog lovers to see what Cary offers our furry friends!

"Dog Days" at www.townofcary.org