Serving our Citizens

May 2016

# Swap Spots

Have you made an online purchase and need a safe place to pick it up? Or are you looking for a place to make legal exchanges?

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Try our Swap Spots! You'll find them behind our Police Department near the ATM. They're marked with blue and green signs and are available 24/7. While there's video monitoring, a police officer doesn't watch each exchange or facilitate the transaction.

Whether you use the Swap Spots or exchange elsewhere, we've got a few safety tips. Always tell someone where you're going and how long you'll be gone. Consider bringing a friend with you. Have your cell phone turned on and on you. Exchange during daylight and in public places, like shopping center parking lots or community centers.

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One final option is to use the
Police Department lobby as a
safe place to exchange items
weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

"Swap Spots" at www.townofcary.org

#### Honor our Vets

Join us to honor our veterans from all wars on May 30 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at our Veterans Freedom Park.

"Veterans Freedom Park" at www.townofcary.org

# Summer Fur

Check out our program guide to discover and register for summer events, classes and camps.

"Program Guide"at www.townofcary.org (919) 469-4061

BUD Bits Celebrate our 8th year hosting the NCAA Division II Baseball Championships from May 28-June 4 at our USA Baseball National Training Center. "USA Baseball" at www.townofcary.org.

Rally for the Southern Closed Boys and Girls 12s Championships from June 11-13 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and June 14 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m, all at our Cary Tennis Park. "Cary Tennis Park" at www.townofcary.org.

Stargaze at the Major League Baseball's Tournament of Stars on June 21-26 at our USA Baseball National Training Center. Game times vary. "USA Baseball" at www.townofcary.org.

# Downtown Streetscape Project Update

As you travel throughout downtown, perhaps you've noticed that the Kildaire Farm Road and Walnut Street intersection was partially reopened this spring allowing us to remove the Byrum Street detour. Later this month, we'll open completely this intersection and allow two-way traffic along Kildaire Farm Road and Dry Avenue from Walnut Street to Facility Avenue.

As we wrap up the work on the south end of Academy Street, we'll begin working in the intersection of Chatham and Academy Streets. As a result of this work, we'll need to reverse the traffic flow on Academy Street; traffic will head northbound with access to Waldo Street. Nightly Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. and all day Saturdays, we'll close the intersection of Academy and Chatham Streets to traffic and set up a detour; each weekday morning and Sunday at 7 a.m. we'll re-open the intersection to traffic.

Much of the underground work related to the project has been completed including new water, sewer and drainage lines. Overhead utilities along Kildaire Farm Road and adjacent to the downtown park have also been buried. In the upcoming months, we'll continue rebuilding the street to include new curb, sidewalks, brick pavers, trees and street furniture. We look forward to unveiling and celebrating our signature street later this year.

Do remember, while we work to improve our downtown, our events, festivals and other entertainment continue there and our businesses are open. Dine in, shop and enjoy downtown Cary!

"Academy Street Improvements Project" at www.townofcary.org (919) 469-4030

# Waterways elp keep our water and clear! When s

Clean

Help keep our waterways clean and clear! When spring cleaning, don't dump oil, paint or other household hazardous waste down the sink or storm drain. Instead, take them to a Wake County hazardous waste facility near you.

"Hazardous Waste" at www.townofocary.org (919) 469-4090

### We Need You!

We're looking for community minded citizens to serve on our Economic Development Committee and seven council volunteer boards and commissions! You'll need to live within our corporate limits or, in some instances, in our extraterritorial jurisdiction.

You'll find complete details and an application on our website by searching "Boards and Commissions". We're accepting applications through June 30. Call us with questions at (919) 319-4508.

# Summer Fun Cooking Out?

When you're cooking out, remember that plastic plates, cups and utensils are not accepted for recycling. So next time you host the neighborhood barbecue, consider reusable dishware and recycle all that you can. Take a look at our accepted list at www.townofcary. org and call us with questions.

We appreciate your efforts to recycle correctly at the curb - efforts that have helped us reduce waste for 25 years.

"Recycling" at www.townofcary.org (919) 469-4090

# Got Yard Waste?

Do you have a landscaper who tends to your lawn and garden? If you do, remember that contractors can't use our Citizen's Convenience Center for yard waste disposal. They'll need to prepare properly any yard waste for weekly curbside pickup or take it to a facility that accepts contractor waste.

"Yard Waste" at www.townofcary.org (919) 460-4090

#### **Beat the Peak**

With summer temps right around the corner, let's talk about our Alternate Day Watering Ordinance. Under the ordinance, even addresses can water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays; odd addresses can water Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. If you use drip irrigation or hand watering, you can do so any day of the week. If you water with reclaimed, well or pond water, you're exempt from the alternate day watering schedule.

"Alternate Day Watering" at www.townofcary.org

## **Symphonic** Sounds

Pack your picnic and head for the North Carolina Summerfest Series. The season kicks off on May 28 at 7:30 p.m. with Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony and a "Play with the Pros" during which citizen musicians play selections by Wagner and Smetana.

Other concerts include Gershwin & Jazz with Joey Alexander on June 3, Classics Under the Stars on June 4, John Williams Festival I and II on June 10-11 and the Beethoven Festivals I and II on June 16-17. Children 12 and younger are free on the lawn.

> Summerfest at www.townofcary.org (919) 462-2025

#### **Public Art**

Weigh in on the proposed art for our future downtown parking deck during the public speaks out session of our Public Art Advisory Board meeting on June 15 at 6:15 p.m.

"Public Art Advisory Board" at www.townofcary.org

Enjoy our annual En Plein Air to our Booth Amphitheatre Art Auction & Gala on June 10 from 6-9 p.m. at the Cary Arts Center. You'll find light fare, a cash bar and the opportunity to bid on local artists' original works depicting the sights, natural beauty and landmarks of our downtown, parks and greenways. A percentage of the proceeds goes to our Relief for Recreation Scholarship Fund.

> "En Plein Air" at www.townofcary.org or (919) 469-4069

#### Yard Sale

Shop our Senior Center's Annual Yard Sale on June 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You'll find thousands of great items from antiques to new at rock-bottom prices! Proceeds support our Cary Senior Center and its many senior clubs that participate in this event. Drop donations June 16-17.

> "Annual Yard Sale" at www.townofcary.org (919) 469-4081

# Laughing **Along**

Bust a gut with comedians Scott Novotny and Jamie Utley on June 25 at 8 p.m. at The Cary Theater.

For over 30 years Novotny's had audiences in stitches. In addition to stand-up comedy, he's written for "Saturday Night Live" and opened for such notables as Weird Al Yankowic and Jay Leno.

Jamie Utley's toured on the Monsters of Comedy with Ralphie May and Jim Breuer, starred on Laughs on FOX, and appeared on The Bob and Tom Show and Fridays with Jim Breuer. He tickles audiences with the twists and turns of daily life; his subjects include dysfunctional families and relationships, single parenting, sober living and male bonding.

www.thecarytheater.com or (919) 462-2051

## Holiday Collection

While our offices are closed May 30, we'll pick up your solid and yard waste and recycling as scheduled. Our Citizen's Convenience Center, 313 N. Dixon Ave., will also be open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. that day.

> "Holiday Schedule" at www.townofcary.org

# Keep It Clean

We're talking about your meter box! While we no longer need to visit your water meter monthly to read it, from time to time we need to get to it for maintenance or if there's a water emergency. You can help us with this by periodically trimming trees, bushes, plants, grass and removing objects that are covering the meter such as mulch.

And while we're talking about access, if you need to get to the meter box, do know that meter lids house the radio and transmitter that have wires connected to the meter. If you remove that lid, be careful not to pull the wires loose.

(919) 469-4090

# **Cultural Connection**

Live at Lunch Concert featuring Peter Lamb & Mark Wells (May 26, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ivey Ellington House). (919) 462-3864

Carolina ny's Summerfest 2016: Play with the Pros (May 28, 7:30 p.m., Koka Booth Amphitheatre) (919) 462-2025

Wind Ensemble Triangle presents: Rhapsody in Red, White & Blue An American Celebration (May 29, 7 p.m., Koka Booth Amphitheatre). (919) 462-2025

Hob Nob Jazz Series presents Yolanda Rabun (June 1, 5:30 p.m., Koka Booth Amphithe-atre Map) (919) 462-2025

Starlight Concert Series featuring Craicdown (June 10, 7 p.m. Page-Walker Arts & History Center Gar-460-4963 (919)dens).

Sertoma Summer Series featuring The Honey Dewdrops (June 11, 6 p.m., Sertoma Amphitheatre ). (919) 319-4560

Starlight Concert Series features Celebration of Bluegrass (June 24, 6 p.m. Page-Walker Arts & History Center Gardens). (919) 460-4963

Visit www.townofcary.org and Twitter @TOC\_Fun for more

### **Pet Clinic**

A rabies vaccine and microchip are great ways to keep our pets safe. To help you with that, on June 4 from 9 a.m.noon bring your cat or dog to see us at Bond Park's Field 6 where we'll be hosting a Rabies Vaccine and Microchipping Clinic as part of our Dog Days of June. Remember to leash your pet; it's required. The microchips are \$15 each and rabies vaccine is \$5 per pet; we're accepting cash only.

> "Dog Days" at www.townofcary.org (919) 319-4517

# Hot Tips: Planning for Pets



Many of us who have pets think of them as family. Yet when it comes to emergency planning, we forget to make provisions for or to include them.

We've got a few tips when emergency planning for pets. In case of fire, don't ever go back in for your pet once you're outside. Do tell firefighters as they arrive on scene that your pet is inside. When you practice home fire drills, make sure your pets participate. That way in an actual fire, they may be less likely to hide. Leave leashes near the door for emergency responders. Since pets can't call 911, consider a monitored home fire alarm system.

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Because pets are rarely allowed in shelters, create an emergency pet plan and kit that includes identifying tags, shot records, food and any medicines they need. Talk with your veterinarian to see if they offer shelter services.

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