



## Slow & Steady

We want to thank you for your ongoing work to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Because of your efforts, Cary continues to have the lowest infection rate in Wake County. Wearing masks, washing hands, and staying six feet apart are proving to be the keys to keeping our community healthy. And now, with vaccines available, we can further protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our neighbors and friends. Again, thank you for doing your part!

As we continue a slow and steady reopening of Town-staffed facilities, we are keeping the health and safety of our citizens, staff, and program participants at the forefront of our minds. Due to thoughtful planning and in accordance with the recommendations of local and state health officials, school-age kids are now enjoying full-day camps at our community centers; athletes young and older are playing ball again on Town baseball and softball fields; friends and family are gathering at our picnic shelters; and outdoor in-person programs are bringing people and nature together. **Hope is in the air!**

And, following state guidelines, we can now safely bring you some of your favorite annual events! While they make look a little different due to COVID-19 safety protocols, their goal of bringing people together remains the same. We hope you will join us to celebrate the arts, nature, and food in a safe and fun way! **See the right column for details about upcoming events.**

We will continue to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and we remain committed to your wellbeing. In return, we hope you will make time to laugh, learn, and play with us!

## We Are Cary - 150 Years Later

Celebrate Cary's sesquicentennial year through a community art project led by internationally known artist Jan-Ru Wan. **We Are Cary - 150 Years Later** demonstrates the resilience of our community during this unique time. Though 2020 forced the project to change shape, our inspiration remained the same -- the people of Cary are what make it special. Make **Carpenter Park Community Garden** your first stop on this special outdoor exhibit tour. Stay tuned for more tour dates and locations throughout the year.

Visit [www.Cary150.org](http://www.Cary150.org) for more birthday fun!



## Spring Daze Arts Market

Join us as we celebrate local artists at the Spring Daze Arts Market the first four Saturdays in May from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 100 W. Chatham Street. Each weekend will feature a line up of North Carolina-based artists. While you're there, be sure to discover everything Downtown Cary has to offer. [www.townofcary.org/springdaze](http://www.townofcary.org/springdaze)



## National Trails Day

Join us in celebrating National Trails Day on June 5! Cary has well over 80 miles of greenways and trails that are connected to a 300-mile regional greenway network. Bike, walk, run, stroll, and rollerblade your way into summer! [www.townofcary.org/greenways](http://www.townofcary.org/greenways)

## A Taste of Pimento Cheese

Join us June 4-13 as we team up with Cary restaurants to highlight the southern delicacy of pimento cheese. Each of the participating restaurants will feature a unique pimento cheese dish, along with other exciting activities. Don't miss it! [www.townofcary.org/cheese](http://www.townofcary.org/cheese)

## Hard Hats Needed!

Construction is starting at the Downtown Park! What was once a vision is now becoming a reality. See details at [www.townofcary.org/downtownpark](http://www.townofcary.org/downtownpark).



And, stay in the know! Sign up to receive updates at [www.townofcary.org/email](http://www.townofcary.org/email) (select "Downtown Park").

# Cary It Green

## To Water or Not To Water?

Overwatering causes 75% of turf problems. Before watering, run a simple test to see if your lawn is thirsty or not. Walk across your lawn and if the grass springs back, it doesn't need to be watered. Or, push a screwdriver into the soil. If it goes in easily, that's another sign that the soil has sufficient water to nourish your grass.



## Grasscycling

Grass clippings have great nutrients for your lawn, not our waterways. Let them lay where they fall, and never blow them down the storm drain where they can clog a pipe leading to the creek or harm aquatic life by overloading nutrients in the waterways.

## Disposal Do's

- ▶ **Furniture:** If it can't be reused, safely dispose of an old couch or other piece of furniture at our Citizen's Convenience Center. Or, request a bulky item pickup by dialing 3-1-1 inside Town limits or (919) 469-4000 outside Cary, or online at [services.townofcary.org](http://services.townofcary.org). Fee may apply.
- ▶ **Cardboard:** Flatten and cut to fit in your recycling cart. Remove tape and other packaging such as air pillows and foam. Can't fit it all? Request free excess cardboard collection by dialing 3-1-1 inside Town limits or (919) 469-4000 outside Cary, or online at [services.townofcary.org](http://services.townofcary.org).

Search more items for disposal options using the Waste Wizard feature in Cary Collects at [www.townofcary.org/collects](http://www.townofcary.org/collects).

## Town of Cary Animal Services

The Cary Police Department employs civilian Animal Services Officers who are responsible for investigating animal cruelty cases, reports of rabid animals, nuisance wild animals, and animal bites. The officers also enforce the leash law and Town ordinances regulating dogs, cats, and other animals. Read about Cary's leash law and tethering ordinance below.

### Leash Law

One way to prevent your animal from biting a person or another animal is to obey the leash law. The Town of Cary requires that all **dogs and cats** be on a leash or lead if they are not on the owner's property. The leash law also protects animals from injury.

### Tethering

Under Town ordinance, you may not leave a dog tethered (chained to a stationary object) without remaining outside to supervise your dog. Alternatives to tethering include bringing the dog into your home, fencing in your yard, or constructing a pen. For a dog weighing less than 20 pounds, the pen may be no smaller than 100 square feet. A dog weighing 20 pounds or more is required to have an enclosure no smaller than 200 square feet.

Always be sure to provide your pet with clean water, food and proper shelter. Proper shelter is defined as having at least three solid sides, a roof and a floor with bedding. The shelter must be ventilated and have sufficient room for an animal to move about freely and lie down comfortably.

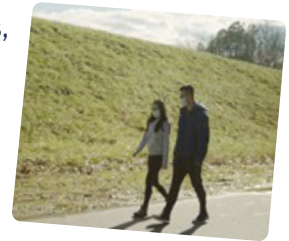
For more information, visit [www.townofcary.org/animalservices](http://www.townofcary.org/animalservices) or call Animal Services at (919) 319-4517.

## Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Programs, Facilities

While most Town facilities remain closed, some Cary Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources (PRCR) facilities are open with COVID-19 safety measures in place, and limited in-person programming is being offered alongside our virtual programs. Find up-to-date information about current offerings on [www.mycary.org](http://www.mycary.org).

And, visit [www.townofcary.org/facilities](http://www.townofcary.org/facilities) to view the operating status of individual PRCR facilities.

Remember, all parks, greenways, courts, and fields remain open. Don't forget your mask when you visit!



## Fall Youth Baseball & Softball Registration



June 21-July 11

Baseball: age 9-17, age as of 4/30/21

Softball: age 9-18, age as of 1/1/21

Fee: \$60 (Cary resident), \$85 (Non-resident)

Age 9-12 registration by zone!

Visit [www.townofcary.org/youthsports](http://www.townofcary.org/youthsports) for more details. **Play ball!**

## 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](http://www.townofcary.org/budget)

**Email:** [budgetinput@townofcary.org](mailto:budgetinput@townofcary.org)

**Phone:** (919) 469-4307

**Twitter:** @TownofCary with #TOCbudget

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/TownofCaryNC](https://facebook.com/TownofCaryNC)

**Public Speaks Out:** Speak out at a Budget Public Hearing on May 27 or June 10 during a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting.