We’re inviting you to come out to honor America’s birthday at our annual Independence Day Celebration – a jam-packed two days of revelry for the entire family on July 3-4. Those ages 55 or older are invited to the annual Ice Cream Social at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3 at the Cary Senior Center for tasty ice cream treats and entertainment provided by the Bond Park Community Center day camp. Be sure to reserve your seat by June 25.

To commemorate the upcoming 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I, the Cary Town Band’s 31st annual Independence Eve Celebration musically recalls many of the wonderful tunes written during that war. The performance starts at 6:30 p.m. on July 3 at the Cary Arts Center with a preshow performance by Applause! Cary Youth Theatre. Festivities begin bright and early on July 4 at the Independence Day Olde Time Celebration at Bond Park. Registration for the fishing tournament begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Boathouse, parade preparations start at 9:30 a.m. in the Kiwanis Shelter with the Parade in the Park starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be family contests including donut eating, lake side Olympics, seed spitting and more starting at 11 a.m. at the Boathouse and on the spillway.

Finish up your day with the 4th of July Celebration at Koka Booth Amphitheatre with patriotic performances and of course the fireworks finale. Gates open at 3 p.m. with kids’ activities, corn hole contests and more until 7 p.m. The Cary Town Band will perform at 5:45 p.m. and the NC Symphony takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Special reserved seating is available to purchase at the box office or online. Fireworks will immediately follow the concert.

“Independence Day” at www.townofcary.org

On Vacation? Give Your Home a Break, Too

Going away on summer vacation? Here are a few home efficiency tips to keep your vacation worry free:

1. Turn your air conditioner to 85 degrees to save on your electricity bill. Unplug small kitchen appliances and tech like computers, televisions and sound systems. Make sure your smoke detectors are all working with fresh batteries.
2. If you choose to turn off water while away, check your pool pump to make sure it runs while you’re gone. If you’ll be gone for a long time, ask someone to check on it periodically. Give a friend or neighbor contact details or services you use, such as your regular gardener or plumber, to get in touch easily if anything comes up.

Set your water heater to vacation mode to save on your heating bill. Be sure automated irrigation systems have an active rain sensor set to 1/4 inch. If you have a pool, check your pool pump to make sure it runs while you’re gone. Give your friend or neighbor contact details or services you use, such as your regular gardener or plumber, to get in touch easily if anything comes up.

“Sustainability” at www.townofcary.org

Quality On Tap

We’re committed to providing drinking water that meets or exceeds state and federal regulatory standards. Our recently published Water Quality Report confirms this. Your drinking water is safe and high-quality. You’ll find the Report online (waterreport.townofcary.org), where you’re able to view the results of over 50,000 drinking water quality tests completed in 2017. In addition to the test results, you’ll find other important information on your drinking water. For a hard copy, call us at (919) 469-4090.

“Water Treatment” at www.townofcary.org
Construction is now underway on the 30,000-square-foot Cary Regional Library and associated 600-space parking deck at the corner of Walnut Street and Kildaire Farm Road. Early construction work will include grading and clearing with some removal of trees and vegetation. Both the library and parking deck are expected to be complete by the end of 2019.

The new Wake County library is being developed in partnership with the county, who will manage the design and construction of both the library and the parking deck; the deck will serve library patrons and visitors to downtown Cary including the Cary Arts Center, Downtown Park and other nearby venues. The total cost of the project is $23.7 million, of which the Town’s portion is expected to be $13 million.

The Town-owned parking lot on Walker Street will be closed for the entirety of construction. Cary and Wake County will host a groundbreaking celebration on June 27 at the adjacent Downtown Park.

“Downtown Library” at www.townofcary.org

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**Groundbreaking Celebration for New Library**

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**Don’t Get Lost in the Transition**

Have you signed up for real-time notifications through ReadyWake? If you signed up prior to spring 2017, you need to do so again.

Recently, Wake County moved its reverse 911 technology from a proprietary system to the Everbridge platform, a national solution commonly used by government and public safety agencies. All self-subscriptions were lost in the process of migrating from one system to the other.

By registering for this service, the Town will be able to notify you via your preferred means of contact—phone, text and email—when there is an imminent threat to life, health and property. Examples include, but are not limited to, hazmat situations, urgent information related to police, fire or public health and urgent utility information like boil water notices.

To sign-up, visit www.ReadyWake.com. ReadyWake is a service available to all residents, business owners, and workers in Wake County, including Cary residents in Wake and Chatham counties, as well as utility customers in Morrisville, RTP-Wake County, and RDU Airport.

“Ready Cary” at www.townofcary.org

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**Summer Means Ice Cream & Construction Cones**

The warmer weather has arrived and you may have noticed many construction projects are underway around Town. Among them, improvements to the bridge on NW Cary Parkway over Black Creek began this spring! Work will require a roadway detour and greenway detour in the area. The project is expected to be complete in fall 2018.

Also, the Town of Cary and CSX Transportation will permanently close the at-grade railroad crossing at Carpenter Fire Station Road, east of N.C. 55 in early summer. This closure is part of the Town’s Carpenter Fire Station Road Realignment and Grade Separation Project and in support of a private development.

“Projects” at www.townofcary.org

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**Cultural Connection**

**Park After Dark**
Downtown Park
June 27 & July 11
7 p.m.

**Playtime in the Park**
Downtown Park
June 28
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Movies by Moonlight**
Booth Amphitheatre
June 29 | July 13
July 20

**Bands, Bites & Boats**
Bond Park
Boathouse
July 6 | 6-8 p.m.

**Sertoma Series**
Bond Park’s Sertoma Amphitheatre
July 14 | 7 p.m.

**Garden Open House**
Carpenter Park
July 21
9-11 a.m.

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**Bud Bits**

**Girls Night S’mores Party**
Bond Park
June 29
7-8:30 p.m.

**Cary Summer Championship Junior Tennis Tournament**
Cary Tennis Park
July 7 & 8

**Rocket Day**
Bond Park
July 15

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**Cary It Green**

**Take Mondays Off**

When it comes to Mondays, automated irrigation and sprinklers should always be on break. Make sure they’re not running and note that there’s no time off for handheld devices and drip irrigation; these can be used any day as needed.

“Irrigation” at www.townofcary.org

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**Holiday Shuffle**

During the week of July 2, garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection for Wednesday and Thursday households will move one day later; Wednesday’s collection is Thursday, July 5. Thursday’s collection is Friday, July 6. Our Citizen’s Convenience Center will be open on July 4 from 8 a.m. -6 p.m.

“Garbage Collection” at www.townofcary.org

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