Recycling Done Right

This month we kicked off our curbside recycling survey in an effort to reduce contamination of our recycled materials. If your cart contained unacceptable items or materials that were not properly prepared, you may have received a handing note on it. If you did, be sure to read it and check your cart as we may have also left non-recyclables that should go to the landfill. Garden hoses, plastic bags, and pizza boxes are common contaminants that should never be put in your recycling cart.

For more, including a list of accepted items, search “Recycling” at www.townofcary.org or call (919) 469-4090.

Lazy Daze on the Move

As we mark the 39th year of one of our most successful and loved events - Lazy Daze Arts and Crafts Festival - there will be one big change to the Festival in August. This year, because Lazy Daze’s traditional home is under construction due to the Academy Street Improvement Project, the Festival moves to a temporary location: Town Hall Campus. Join us there on August 22 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Our opening ceremonies begin at 8:45 a.m. and include the Town Crier, the Jerry Miller awards are at noon. You’ll also see many of the Festival’s traditional elements: arts and crafts, cultural groups, two main stages with on-going entertainment, a children’s area in the courtyard between our main Town Hall buildings, and the beer garden with entertainment in the Page-Walker garden. This year, we’ve added a stage at the intersection of Academy and Chatham Streets where food trucks will gather.

As with previous years, the easiest way to get to Lazy Daze is to take a free C-Tran shuttle bus from Cary Towne Center or Green Hope High School. Buses depart starting at 8:30 a.m. The last buses leave the festival at 5:30 p.m.

“Lazy Daze” at www.townofcary.org
(919) 319-4560

Moonlit Movies

Movies by Moonlight continues at the Booth Amphitheatre; we’re showing “Dead Poet’s Society” on August 6, “Brave” on August 15, and “Guardians of the Galaxy” on August 21. Movies start at 8:30 p.m.; gates open at 7 p.m. for picnic goers. Children under 12 are free; all others are $5 per person.

www.boothamphitheatre.com

Chowdown!

Join us on July 26 along Chatham Street in downtown Cary for our food truck rodeo, Chatham Street Chowdown! Twenty food trucks and a beer and wine garden will line the street from 5-9:30 p.m. Enjoy music from local performers throughout the evening.

“Chatham Street Chowdown” at www.townofcary.org.

Beer, Bourbon and BBQ

The Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival returns to Koka Booth Amphitheatre on July 31 at 6 p.m. and August 1 at noon. Enjoy a day of beer sippin’, bourbon tastin’, music listenin’, cigar smokin’, and barbeque eatin’. Your admission buys you a sampling glass so you can enjoy an all-you-care-to-taste sample of beer and bourbon.

www.boothamphitheatre.com
(919) 462-2025

Swimming Pool Safety

With summer heating up and pools opening up, we’ve got a few reminders about poolside safety. In our town, all residential pools must be surrounded by a fence. For additional safety, consider installing an alarm that is activated when movement is detected in the water. Make sure at least one person in your family is properly trained and certified to do CPR.

When at the pool, use the buddy system and go with a friend, neighbor or family member. Before you get in the water, be sure to locate floatation devices, life-saver rings and a working telephone in case you have to call 911. You can find more helpful tips at www.poolsafety.gov.

“Swimming Pools” at www.townofcary.org

When You Mow

When you mow, be sure to blow grass clippings back onto the lawn and not into the street where they can end up in our storm drains that flow directly to streams and ponds. The nutrients in grass clippings can cause algae blooms that hurt aquatic life and the quality of our water.

“Stormwater Education” at www.townofcary.org

Youth Hoops

Our fall youth basketball registration for the September-November 2015 season for ages 5-8 (as of October 15, 2015) is July 13-26 for both Cary residents and non residents who are returning to the same age group from the 2014 fall season. For those ages 5-8 who did not play the prior season - residents and non residents alike - registration is July 27-August 2. Fees are $50 for residents and $75 for non-residents. Visit our website for complete details, including registration forms.

“Youth Athletics” at www.townofcary.org
Entertaining Summer

We've got a great line-up of summer entertainment at Booth Amphitheatre. Christina Perri and Colbie Caillat co-headline "The Girls Night Out, Boys Can Come Too tour on August 5; Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion - The America the Beautiful 2015" tour stops in on August 9; Culture Club rocks the block on August 11 and Peter Frampton & Cheap Trick perform on August 12. Rounding out the season is Grammy-nominated comedian Jim Gaffigan on August 14. Gate and and show times vary.

www.boothamphitheatre.com | (919) 462-2025

Going Door-to-Door

You just sat down for a family dinner, settled in for a quiet evening at home or are running a bath for the kids before their bedtime, and the doorbell rings. You stop what you're doing to answer only to see a door-to-door salesman. Sound familiar? You should know that, with few exceptions, in our town we require a permit for selling door-to-door and that permit must be displayed at all times while the person is selling. In addition, door-to-door selling is allowed from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. during eastern standard time and until 6 p.m. during eastern daylight time.

If you hear a knock at the door and open to someone who doesn’t appear to be following our ordinances, call our Police Department’s non-emergency number, (919) 469-4012, to report it.

“Door-to-Door Solicitation” at www.townofcary.org

Wise Watering

As the summer heat descends upon us and you’re trying to keep your lawn lush, we’ve got some tips to help you water wisely:

• Irrigate in the early morning or late evening.
• Aim your sprinklers and spray heads at your lawn and landscaping and not at your house.
• Schedule a free check-up of your automatic irrigation system’s effectiveness. Call (919) 380-2147 or schedule online.

If you water with a sprinkler or automatic irrigation system, follow our alternate day watering schedule all year long. This means that you can water on any of your three watering days; odd-numbered addresses can water Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, while even-numbered addresses can water Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. You can use drip irrigation and water by hand (with cans, wands, hand-held hoses) any day of the week.

“Beat the Peak” or “Alternate Day Watering” at www.townofcary.org

PD Accreditation

As our police department gears up to go through its assessment process, you’re invited to participate in a public meeting hosted by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), a national accrediting agency.

The meeting is on July 28 at 6 p.m. in Cary Town Council Chambers; you’re encouraged to comment on any aspect of our police department. If you can’t attend the meeting, call us at (919) 380-2129 on July 28 from 2-4 p.m. or send an email to kathleen.sanfratello@townofcary.org to share comments; the email should be dated no later than 11:59 p.m. on July 28, 2015. The reassessment is part of a voluntary process that allows our police department to continue its accreditation with the national organization. Our police department has been accredited since 1992; it has also earned CALEA’s Accreditation with Excellence award, which recognizes our PD’s use of accreditation to enhance public safety service delivery.

“Police Accreditation” at www.townofcary.org | (919) 462-3813

Academy Street Improving

When driving through our downtown, you may have noticed changes. In June we began work on the Academy Street Improving Project, which resulted in the following street closures:

• Academy Street from Kildaire Farm Road to Park Street is closed to northbound traffic;
• Dry Avenue’s westbound lane is closed between Facility Avenue and Academy Street;
• Walnut Street is closed at Kildaire Farm Road; if you’re traveling south on Kildaire Farm Road you won’t be able to access Walnut Street and if you are heading west on Walnut Street to Kildaire Farm Road, follow the signed detour at Walker Street;

Because these closures are expected to continue through the fall of 2015, we’ve put in place a signed detour that redirects Academy Street traffic to Walker Street and Harrison Street; two-way traffic on Academy Street continues north of Park Street. Let’s also talk about what’s open. All businesses on Academy Street remain open during construction. The southbound lane of Academy Street from Park Street is open, as is the eastbound lane on Dry Avenue and Kildaire Farm Road through the Academy Street intersection.

This project is part of our strategy to revitalize downtown Cary. The work will add to the beauty of our South Academy Street, and help position the downtown area as the cultural center of our town and the place for activities that support our downtown businesses. Upon completion you’ll notice improved pedestrian access in the area; the enhancement and preservation of the Downtown Cary Historic District; and a future downtown park, which will be built streetside.

Hot Tips: Be Wise with the Heat Index on the Rise!

Each summer high temperatures and humidity combine to raise the heat index to dangerous levels; when this happens, your body’s way to cool down - sweating - becomes ineffective. Don’t be a victim to heat related injuries this year. Instead, consider making a few small changes to your daily routine:

• Stay hydrated. Don’t wait until you’re thirsty to drink.
• Plan to exercise or do other strenuous outdoor activities in the morning before the heat index rises.
• If you must work outside, plan frequent breaks and get out of the sun whenever possible.
• Stay informed of local weather forecasts for excessive heat warnings, air quality warnings, and high UV indices.
• Finally, don’t forget your pets. Bring them indoors if possible and make sure outdoor pets have fresh water and shade.

“Fire Safety” at www.townofcary.org

Cultural Connection

Six String presents Claire Holley (July 25, 8 p.m., The Cary Theater). (919) 462-2051.

Six String presents The Bluegrass Experience (August 7, 8 p.m., The Cary Theater). (919) 462-2051.

Philharmonic Association & International Ballet Academy: Cary's Young Talent (August 8, 2 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-4069.

Summer Sertoma Series: Songs of the Fall (August 8, 6 p.m., Sertoma Amphitheater in Bond Park). (919) 462-4069.

Philharmonic Association: Summer Session Concerts (August 10, 6 & 7 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-4069.

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