Cool for the Summer!

July is Parks and Recreation Month, and in Cary, we take play seriously, earning us the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2016!

To celebrate, we want to make sure you get out to some of our more than 31 parks, 82 miles of trails and numerous special events this month.

We’ve included a few events we don’t want you to miss. For more information, search keywords in **bold** at www.townofcary.org, where you can also check out our Summer 2018 **Program Guide**.

**Downtown Park**

- **Playtime in the Park**
  - July 26 | 10 a.m.-Noon
  - August 16 | 10 a.m.-Noon
  - Enjoy giant board games, free-play areas and special activities for kids of all ages.

- **Park After Dark**
  - August 8 | 7 p.m.
  - Presenting Lydia Salett Dudley, a jazz pianist and singer from Raleigh/Durham.

- **Baristas and Bakers**
  - August 18 | 8 a.m.-Noon
  - Enjoy unique coffees from local shops and baked goods from local bakeries!

- **Fred G. Bond Metro Park**
  - **Bands, Bites and Boats**
    - August 3 | 6-8 p.m.
    - Join us at the Boathouse for live music from Kaylin Roberson, food from Cousins Maine Lobster and Bond Brothers Beer.

- **S’mores Fun with Mom**
  - August 10 | 7-8:30 p.m.
  - The evening will include a scavenger hunt hike, music and games! Pre-registration required.

- **Koka Booth Amphitheatre**
  - **Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival**
    - July 27 | 6 p.m.
    - July 28 | Noon
    - Your admission buys you a sampling glass so you can enjoy beer and bourbon.

  - **Darci Lynne and Friends Live**
    - August 5 | 6 p.m.
    - Ventriloquist Darci Lynne is the youngest contestant to ever win “America’s Got Talent.”

  For tickets and information for Koka Booth events, visit www.boothamphitheatre.com.

  For even more fun, visit Recreation & Enjoyment at www.townofcary.org!

**Gift Card Scavenger Hunt**

Get out and discover Cary this July!

We’re celebrating National Park and Recreation Month by hiding Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources gift cards in parks and on greenways around Cary.

Keep up with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for clues to the gift card locations throughout the month.

Happy hunting, Cary!
Cary History Minute

The Barnabas Jones Farmstead at Jack Smith Park represents a relatively intact early- to mid-19th century family farm in North Carolina.

The 3.3 acres of land on which the farm currently sits was originally part of 211 acres Barnabas Jones inherited from his father, Martin Jones, around 1859. Martin was the son of Revolutionary War Captain Etheldred Jones, who was granted nearly 8,000 acres in southern Wake County from the State after the war. Upon Captain Jones’ death, the land was divided among Martin and his siblings.

After 1950, the property changed hands a couple times before the Town of Cary purchased it in 2000. Nine structures remain on the property, including the circa 1845 main farmhouse (above).

For more on Cary’s history, search “Historic Preservation” at www.townofcary.org.

Lightning Safety

Spending time outside? Here are a few tips to help you stay safe as summer storms roll in:
- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no safe place outside during a storm.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 911. Get medical help right away.

“Fire Safety Tips” at www.townofcary.org

Cary It Green

Bulky Trash
When it’s time to get rid of that old grill, bring it to the Citizen’s Convenience Center, 313 N. Dixon Ave., for free disposal. We can also pick it up at the curb for a fee; call (919) 469-4090 or request a bulky trash collection at www.townofcary.org/services. Bulky trash includes furniture, mattresses and other broken household items that can’t be compacted in our trucks.

“Garbage Collection” at www.townofcary.org

Water Waste
Singing in the rain is fun, but watering in the rain is a waste. Hold off on watering when rain is in the forecast and let Mother Nature do the work. Remember, all automatic irrigation systems are required to have a functioning rain sensor set to 1/4 inch and “on” or “activated” per your control box.

“Rain Sensor” at www.townofcary.org

Cary Playwrights’ Forum & OdysseyStage Present NC 10x10: A Festival of Ten-Minute Plays
The Cary Theater
July 26 | 7:30 p.m.
July 27 | 7:30 p.m.
July 28 | 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: $10-18
www.caryplaywrightsforum.org

Starlight Concert Series
Page-Walker Arts & History Center
Brymmer | July 27 | 7 p.m.
Jamrock | August 10 | 7 p.m.
“Starlight Concert Series” at www.townofcary.org

Summer Sertoma Series Presents Shana Tucker
Bond Park
August 11 | 7 p.m.
“Sertoma Series” at www.townofcary.org

Cary Youth Voices Auditions for New Singers
August 21 | Call (919) 319-6534 for Audition Time
www.caryyouthvoices.org

BUD Bits

Use Your Leash
Since folks are taking dogs on walks more often now that the weather is nice, it is important to remember that dogs and cats must be on a leash when off their owner’s property per the Town’s ordinance. By doing this, it keeps your pets safe and lets everyone enjoy the outdoors.

“Leash Law” at www.townofcary.org

Maynard Resurfacing
N.C. Department of Transportation plans to resurface most of Maynard Road, as well as part of Chapel Hill Road and Louis Stephens Drive, starting in July. Work will be conducted nights and weekends through winter. More information and updates about the project can be found online or by following @ncdot_triangle.

“Maynard Resurfacing” at www.townofcary.org

Provide Your Budget Input

Citizens and businesses are encouraged to share their budget priorities with the Town at any point in the year, and we’ll share what we hear with Town Council through quarterly reporting. The Town’s budget runs from July 1 through June 30. Let us hear from you!

Email: budgetinput@townofcary.org
Phone: (919) 469-4307
Twitter: @TownofCary with #TOCbudget
Facebook: @TownofCaryNC
Meeting: Public Speaks Out session of any Town Council Meeting

“Budget” at www.townofcary.org