




# BUD Newsletter

Serving our Citizens

September 2014

## Operation Medicine Drop

 Properly dispose of prescription, over-the-counter and expired medications at our Operation Medicine Drop, part of the National Take Back Initiative, September 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Law enforcement officers will help you properly dispose of medications in a safe and secure way at the following locations:

- Fire Station #3- 1807 Kildaire Farm Road
  - Fire Station #8- 408 Mills Park Drive
  - Bond Park Senior Center- 120 Maury Odell Place
  - Christ the King Lutheran Church- 600 Walnut Street
- "Operation Medicine Drop" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) | (919) 460-4917*

## Cary Diwali Returns



Diwali, Festival of Lights, is a Hindu holiday marking the victory of good over evil. On October 18 at 11 a.m., head out to Booth Amphitheatre as the Cary Diwali celebration dazzles crowds with colorful cultural dance, music and theater. There's also a bazaar for ethnic Indian crafts, cuisine and art.

Experience thousands of years of Indian culture in a modern, festive setting with fun for the entire family. Cary Diwali is free and wraps up with a fireworks finale! *"Diwali" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) | (919) 460-4963*

### BUD Bits

Applications for a 45-Day Watering Exemption Permit to help you establish lawns from seed or sod are available year-round. *"Watering Exemption" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) | (919) 469-4090*

If you experience a sewer system backup or observe a clean out or sewer manhole overflowing, please call Public Works Customer Service. *"Sewer" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) | (919) 469-4090*

Register now for Winter Youth Basketball for fun, sportsmanship and participation for kids ages 9-18 October 6-26 Fee: \$50 (Cary Residents), \$75 (Non Residents). *"Youth Athletics" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)*

## September is Try Transit Month



September is Regional Try Transit Month! That means it's a great time to check out C-Tran, our affordable, reliable transit service. C-Tran operates fixed routes Monday through Saturday 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Six fixed routes take you to Cary's popular dining and entertainment destinations: Crossroads, Cary Towne Center, the Maynard Loop and downtown Cary. One-way tickets start at just \$1.25! *"C-Tran" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) | (919) 485-RIDE*

## View and Pay Cary Utility Bills with DigiPay

In an effort to increase government effectiveness and efficiency, we've unveiled a unified, online utility bill presentation and payment system, DigiPay.

In addition to viewing monthly utility statements and making single or reoccurring payments, DigiPay gives you the ability to access Aquastar, the web tool to view hourly, daily, weekly and monthly water consumption data. There is no fee to enroll, view bills or complete online transactions.

Upon enrollment, while paperless billing is not a requirement, you'll have the ability to opt-out of paper bills. *"Utility Billing Online" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) | (919) 469-4050*



Each year in our state more than 2,400 pedestrians and 960 bicyclists are hit by cars. We're happy to once again partner with the Watch for Me NC campaign, run by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to reduce the number of pedestrians and bicyclists hit and hurt in crashes with vehicles.

The Watch for Me NC program involves two key elements: 1) safety and educational messages directed toward drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists; and 2) enforcement efforts by police to crack down on some of the violations of traffic safety laws.

Learn more about the program at [www.watchformenc.org](http://www.watchformenc.org). Remember: Same Roads, Same Rights, Same Responsibilities.

*"Traffic Safety" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) | (919) 469-4050*

## Fall Litter Sweep



Take your community pride outside on October 4 as part of our annual Fall Litter Sweep. We'll mobilize throughout the entire community to remove litter from our streets, parks, greenways, trails and neighborhoods!

Volunteers are given all the tools needed for a day of safe and fun beautification. Town crews will collect the final bags for proper disposal. To register for one of the multiple shifts available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., please call (919) 469-4301 or email [sarah.justice@townofcary.org](mailto:sarah.justice@townofcary.org). *"Spruce" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)*

## PRCR Advisory Board



Our Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department is seeking members for the Athletics Committee, Greenways Committee and Cultural Arts Committee. These three committees serve as advisory bodies to the Town as part of the PRCR Advisory Board. Members attend monthly meetings and select special events. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on October 3.

*"Citizen Advisory Committee" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) | (919) 469-4061*

## Howlin' Good Halloween



Here in the Town of Scary, there's more Halloween fun than you can shake a bone at!

**Reel-ly Scary Cary Film Series** on October 23-25 at 9 p.m. at Booth Amphitheatre. Bring a blanket to sit on the lawn and watch some spooky movies – if you dare! Come early to take a walk along the Spooktacular Haunted Trail at the Amphitheatre. Tickets required.

**Creative Costume Dance Party** on October 25 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Cary Arts Center. Just like the name says, wear your best costume and dance to your favorite tunes! Free.

**Cary's Great Pumpkin Carve** on October 25 from 2-8 p.m. at the Downtown Performance Green, across from the Cary Arts Center. Carve your

work of pumpkin art at one of the free carving stations! Ribbons and prizes will be awarded in a host of fun categories. Free, with the opportunity to purchase pumpkins.

**Tricks & Treats Halloween Bash** on October 25 from 5-7 p.m. for ages 3-8 at Herbert C. Young Community Center. Come join the family-friendly fun with carnival games, not-so-scary stories and a lot of other fun activities!

**Herbert's Haunted House** on October 25 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Herbert C. Young Community Center. The Cary Teen Council will take you on this all new spooky walk through their house of horrors! All ages are welcome, but parental discretion is advised. Tickets required.

**Haunted Twilight Tour of Downtown Cary** on October 25 at 6 p.m. for ages 13 & up at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Hear spooky

legends and tales of yesteryear, guaranteed to send a chill up your spine with ghosts and apparitions from the past presented by Cary Players! Tickets required.

**Safe-N-Sane Halloween Celebration** on October 31 from 6-8 p.m. at Cary Towne Center. Regardless of the weather, dress in your coolest costume, and join us for some indoor Halloween fun! Trick-or-treat around the mall, and enjoy story-telling, sing-a-longs, a magic show, a costume parade, costume contest and more!

Remember, in Cary, we don't regulate if or when your neighborhood hosts Trick-or-Treat. Citizens should contact their HOA or neighborhood leaders for Trick-or-Treating information.

"Halloween Events" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

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## Compost Giveaway Workshops



Missed our spring composting events?

Then gear up now for one of our free Compost Giveaway Workshops on October 23 and 24. Workshop participants receive three free bags of organic compost, two instructional guidebooks about growing gardens and making compost and thirty minutes of instruction with a compost expert. Participants must register via EZ-REG. All workshops take place at the Compost Education Center in Bond Park and are open to Cary residents only.

"Compost Solutions" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

## Fall Athletics in Cary



Fall isn't just for football. In Cary, check out some of this season's athletic activities.

At 8 a.m. on October 4, the Great American Cross Country Festival returns to WakeMed Soccer Park. This year is Cary's ninth hosting of the country's top cross country showcase.

Then, watch the best action-sports athletes in the area compete for the Sk8 Cary Fall Contest Series Title. The skateboarding competition is October 11; the BMX competition is October 25. Both days start at 8 a.m. and will provide a full day of X-Games intensity.

"Sports Events" and "Sk8 Cary" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

## Cultural Connection

**Seven O'clock Rock Series: Swing Night with The Gregg Gelb Swing Band** (Oct. 3, 7 p.m., intersection of Academy Street & Chatham Street). Free. (919) 469-4061.

**Fall Sertoma Series: Triangle Brass Band** (Oct. 5, 3 p.m., Sertoma Amphitheater in Bond Park). Free. (919) 469-4069.

**Downtown Performers Series: The Red Vibes** (Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Downtown Cary Performance Green). (919) 469-4061.

**Marvelous Music Mainstage Series: Paragon Ragtime Orchestra with silent film** (Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

**Fall Sertoma Series: Brass at Bond** (Oct. 12, 1 p.m., Sertoma Amphitheater in Bond Park). Free. (919) 469-4069.

**Applause! Cary Youth Theatre presents Around the World in 80 Days** (Oct. 17-18, 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 19, 2 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

**Marvelous Music Family Series: Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel** (Oct. 25, 10 a.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

**Marvelous Music Family Series: The Emperor's New Clothes** (Oct. 25, 3 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

Visit [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) and Twitter @TOC\_Fun

for more

## Hot Tips: Smoke Alarms Save Lives



National Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11. This is a great time to test whether your smoke alarm will work in an emergency. Emergencies happen without warning, and a properly working smoke alarm can provide you and your family with valuable time to escape a fire.

Test your smoke alarm every month, and change the batteries at least once a year. If your alarm chirps to indicate a low battery, be sure to replace your battery as soon as possible. Most smoke alarms have a 10 year working life. When it's time to replace your smoke alarm, consider one with a 10 year, non-replaceable lithium battery. That way, you won't have to remember to replace the battery on a regular basis.

Keep your smoke alarms free of dust by periodically dusting or vacuuming them per manufacturer's instructions. For the most protection, place smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area and on every floor including basements. Never disable your alarm or intentionally remove the battery.

"Fire Safety Education" at [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

## www.townofcary.org - Have Your Say



It's time to update the Town's website. But before we get to work, we want to make sure we address the things that matter most to you! Take a moment to give us feedback on our project goals. The goals will serve as our foundation for moving forward as well as our gauge for success.

[www.caryhaveyoursay.com](http://www.caryhaveyoursay.com)