Recycling Reminder

As we enter the final stretch of our curbside recycling survey, we'd like to get in one more reminder. Plastic bags and plastic wrap packaging should not be in your recycling cart. Our recycling vendor doesn't accept these, including plastic bags in which you receive your newspaper or the plastic that's wrapped around your multi-packs of bottled water. Stick to recycling the items on our accepted list.

“Recycling” at www.townofcary.org
(919) 469-4090

Take Your Pride Outside

On October 3, take part in our annual Fall Litter Sweep; multiple volunteer shifts are available within the event's 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. span. We'll provide the tools you need to remove litter from our streets, parks, greenways, trails and neighborhoods. Our public works crews will collect the bags for disposal. Pre-registration required; call (919) 469-4301 or email sarah.justice@townofcary.org.

“Fall Litter Sweep” at www.townofcary.org

Imagine Cary

Interested in knowing where we are with our Imagine Cary efforts? On October 1 our Town Council will hold a work session during which they will review progress we've made with the planning process and share future steps. You may remember that last spring we completed the second phase of Imagine Cary—Community Choices. This summer, we worked on the third phase, which involved preparing a draft of the Cary Community Plan guided by policy recommendations approved by our Council at its work sessions on March 3 and 24, 2015. We also compiled policy statements on topics such as the environment, public facilities and services and historic preservation. Our thanks to the hundreds of participants who shared their opinions on the future of housing, transportation, employment, commercial centers, and southwestern and downtown Cary.

Early this winter we'll hold an open house where citizens can review and comment on the draft plan; we'll publicize this meeting as the date is finalized. To view drafts of the Policy Recommendation Report, including full appendices with public input details, visit www.imaginecary.org.

Before You Vote

Tune into Cary TV or our YouTube Channel September 24-October 5 to watch Cary Town Council candidates in our Cary Community Candidate Forum. Early voting in Cary is September 30-October 3; Election Day is October 6.

“Candidate Forum” at www.townofcary.org

Backyard Birds?

To date, avian flu has impacted more than 20 states and over 50 million birds. Affected flocks show few signs of illness until they are within 24 hours of death; no treatment can save them. The greatest risk to flocks begins with the fall movement of migratory waterfowl south from their breeding grounds in Canada. If you've got chickens in your backyard, regardless of the number, to help protect the from avian flu, the NC Department of Agriculture is requiring that you register with NCFarmID. This will allow the Department to provide you with information about how to prevent infection, to keep you updated as the fall migration season approaches and to contact you if there's an outbreak of avian influenza. Registration is free and can be completed online; all data is kept confidential. For more information or to register your flock, visit www.ncagr.gov/nfarmid (choose Backyard Flock) or call (919) 707-3250.

BUD

Dash over to the WakeMed Soccer Park to see some of the nation's best cross county teams at the Great American Cross Country Challenge on October 3 at 8 a.m. “Great American Cross Country Festival” at www.townofcary.org or (919) 856-0464

Celebrate Oktoberfest at Booth Amphitheatre on October 3 from 12-10 p.m. and October 4 from 12-6 p.m. There will be a German band, kids zone, Bavarian food and more. “Oktoberfest” at www.townofcary.org or (919) 469-4601

Catch the Railhawks take on Ottawa Fury on September 26, the Jacksonville Armada on October 10 and Edmonton on October 14. All games are at 7:30 p.m. at WakeMed Soccer Park. “Soccer” at www.townofcary.org

Come see Applause! Cary Youth Theatre’s interpretation of the Hound of the Baskervilles at the Cary Arts Center on October 16-17 at 7:30 p.m. and October 18 at 3 p.m. (919) 469-4069

Sk8 Competition

Come out to our Sk8-Cary Skate Park for our Fall Contest. Watch some of the best athletes on the east coast bike and skate from noon-10 p.m. as follows:
- October 9 is the BMX pre-contest party and session;
- October 10 is the BMX contest;
- October 23 is the skateboard pre-contest;
- October 24 is the party and skate session.

In addition to the fun and excitement, there will be music and food! Regardless of your level, take part in the contest. Pre-contest parties on October 9 and 23 are free to registered competitors. Register at Sk8-Cary or call (919) 380-2970.

New Design

We're updating our website. Take our quick online survey through September 30 to let us know how you use the current site and what might make a new site more useful. We’ll unveil the new site in 2016.

“Website Overhaul” at www.townofcary.org

Howlin’ Good Halloween

Our dreadfully delightful Halloween events are October 22-31 at locations throughout Cary. From frightening films to jaw-dropping jack-o-lanterns and a hair-raising haunted house, find all the details - times, dates, places and fees - on our website.

“Howlin' Good Halloween” at www.townofcary.org
New FEMA Floodmaps

The North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program (NCFMP) on behalf of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released draft revised floodplain maps for Wake County. If your property is within a FEMA floodplain, we’ll be contacting you by mail. In addition, FEMA representatives are holding a public meeting on October 25 from 4-8 p.m. at the Bond Park Community Center; you’ll be able to meet with FEMA officials and ask questions about how the changes impact you and your property. You can view the Wake County floodplain maps online at the Flood Risk Information System website: http://firis.nc.gov/firis/

The State’s comment period for the Chatham County maps has expired and NCFMP is revising maps based on comments. Final Chatham County floodplain maps are expected in late 2015.

Contact Dan Clinton, (919) 380-2773 or dan.clinton@townofcary.org for more information or with questions.

Maintaining Tryon Road

Our Tryon Road Maintenance Repairs Project has begun. We’re working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to repair curb and gutter, pavement and guardrail. Throughout the project, expected to be completed in late fall 2015, you’ll see changes in traffic patterns from Kildaire Farm Road to Walnut Street; in traffic patterns from Kildaire fall 2015, you’ll see changes expected to be completed in late 2015.

Contact Dan Clinton, (919) 380-2773 or dan.clinton@townofcary.org for more information or with questions.

Cart Safety

Thinking it would be fun to take a golf cart out on our streets for a spin? Before you do, you should know that there are laws that apply to golf carts and their drivers. You must be at least 16 years old and a licensed driver to operate a golf cart. When driving the cart, you’ll need to drive no faster than 20 mph and only on approved streets. While on the street, follow traffic signals and signs. If you’re a passenger, don’t ride in the space in which golf clubs are carried. And never operate a golf cart while impaired or intoxicated.

(919) 469-4012

Protect Your Pet

In our Town, dogs and cats must be on a leash when they are outside their owner’s property. Leashes protect your pet from potential accidents and injury. Whether you and your four-legged friend are walking around in your neighborhood or jogging on our greenways, Fido or Fifi must be on a leash. If you choose not to obey the law, you could be fined up to $250.

Pet owners are also required to pick up their pet’s waste. Pet waste is not only unsightly, stinky and harmful to our environment but it’s quite a pain when you step in it. So scoop when your pet poops!

“Leashes” at www.townofcary.org (919) 319-4517

Play Where You Live

Registration for our winter youth basketball for ages 9-18 (as of October 15, 2015) is October 5-25 for both Cary residents and non-residents. The winter season runs from December through February 2016. You’ll notice one change to our popular youth basketball program. We made the move from Town-wide to zone-based organization of our leagues. With this enhancement, you’ll be able to practice and play more frequently at locations closer to your home.

“Youth Sports” at www.townofcary.org (919) 469-4061

Hot Tips: Hear the Beep Where You Sleep

Did you know most fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when many of us are sleeping? Don’t fall victim to the myth that if you’re a light sleeper you’ll hear a fire alarm in another part of the house or be awoken by the smell of smoke. Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. Fires are fast, hot, dark and deadly, and you can quickly be overwhelmed by smoke.

Having working smoke alarms in your house cuts by half your risk of dying in a fire. You should have a smoke alarm on each floor, outside of sleeping areas and in every bedroom. Early detection and notification affords you and your loved ones the most opportunity to escape a fire.

On October 3 during Fire Prevention week, join our Fire Department from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Park West Village shopping center for a Safety Day celebration. We’ll have our friends from the Morrisville Fire Department there, too.

“CERT” at townofcary.org | (919) 460-4958

Paint the Page

Join the Young Friends of the Page-Walker, a group for ages 14-18, to Paint the Page! Spend the afternoon October 4 from 1-5 p.m. painting, drawing or sketching our historic Page-Walker and its lovely garden. Come to a reception October 11 from 3-5 p.m. at Page-Walker; you can view the works and share refreshments.

“Paint the Page” at www.townofcary.org (919) 460-4963

Permitted Work?

If you’re having work done to your existing home and the work requires permits or inspections, we’ve re-organized our Inspections & Permits Department. As a result, you’ll have fewer visits from our inspectors, which means less disruption.

Through our newly-formed Residential Multi-Trade Division rather than having as many as four code enforcement officials inspect residential projects (one inspector each for building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical), we can, in most cases, send one professional who can inspect in multiple trades. The safety and success of your renovations, additions, remodels, and HVAC / hot water heater change-outs is the focus of this new Division. And, always call us with your permitting questions before beginning any work: (919) 469-4046.

“Inspections and Permits” at www.townofcary.org

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