Serving our Citizens

October 2014

# Let's Talk About **Our Future**

Join us in November as we continue our discussion about the future of Cary!

As part of Imagine Cary, our multi-year effort to update the Comprehensive Plan, you're invited to community workshops on November 5 at the Herb Young Community Center and November 6 at the Bond Park Community Center where we'll talk about transportation and our downtown.

Imagine Cary is our most ambitious planning effort to date and is an opportunity for everyone who cares about the Town to assess our community today, understand choices for the future and suggest policies to match the vision. If you aren't already involved but would like to be, there are plenty of options for you to participate.

www.imaginecary.org I (919) 469-4082

## Participate in our Budget **Process**

We're beginning the planning process for our 2016 Fiscal Year budget, which identifies services and projects to be undertaken from July

2015 to June 2016. Each year we ask you to share with us the priorities you think should be included in the next budget.

This year, we're asking for your input throughout October. We call this Budget Public Input month, and, in the past, it took place in February. We've made this change so that we receive your suggestions well before our departments begin to prepare their budget requests.

There are several ways for you to register your comments about budget priorities. You can participate in the discussion at the Town Council's public budget hearing on Oc- ceive one free ride. If you dotober 30 at 6:30 p.m. Or, you can share your thoughts with us through email, voicemail, Facebook, or Twitter.

"Budget Development" at www.townofcary.org

# **Holiday Collections**

Our offices will close November 11 for Veteran's Day, but solid waste, yard waste and yellow week recycling will be collected as normal that week. During the week of November 23, we'll adjust our collection schedule due to Thanksgiving. Collection for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday customers, including

yellow week recycling customers, will be one day early as follows: Tuesday's collection will be on Monday, November 24; Wednesday's collection will be on Tuesday, November 25; and Thursday's collection will be on Wednesday, November 26. Friday customers will have their materials collected as regularly scheduled. Our offices will close November 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holi-

day, and the Citizen's Convenience Center will close November 27.

"Holiday Collection" at www.townofcary.org I (919) 469-4090

# Support the **C-Tran Food Drive**



Ride C-Tran's fixed routes for free from November 10–15 during our

second annual food drive. Bring one non-perishable or canned food item to any bus and renate two or more items, you'll receive a voucher to ride the fixed route system for the day.

Your donated items will be taken to Dorcas Ministries Food Pantry in Cary to help meet the démand for food assistance during the holiday season. Riders are encouraged to donate canned meat, tuna, soups, fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, uncooked pas-ta, dry cereal and boxed rice.

C-Tran, our affordable, reliable transportation service, operates six fixed routes Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., and connects to Triangle Transit.

"Fixed Route Service" at www.townofcary.org | (919) 469 4086



Halloween events Howlin' Our Good 23-31. Don't miss the spooktacu-"Halloween" at www.townofcary.org October fun.

Remember that your toilet is not a trash can. Keep trash out of the sewer system to help prevent costly sewer blockages and environmentally damaging overflows. (919) 469-4090

When changing motor oil, drain it into a clean plastic container with a screw top lid; label it "Used Motor Oil;" and call us to request a free pickup. If your vehicle is leaking fluids you could be harming the environment. Contain the leak with rags or cat litter; sweep up and safely dispose of the waste material. (919) 469-4090

Please periodically trim trees, bushes, plants, grass and remove obstructions like mulch that may be covering your water meter.

# **Update on Architectural** Design Standards



Our Architectural Building Design Standards, which were adopted in 2005, have resulted in the creation of high-quality buildings within our community. The Standards have helped us create a community that is attractive and inviting

Soon we will begin the process of updating these Standards, and we're interested in hear-

ing your feedback. If you would like to know more about the process or about participating, email Ricky.Barker@townofcary.org.

"Community Appearance Manual" at www.townofcary.org I (919) 469-4085

### **Loose Leaf Collection**

We're collecting loose leaves from your street twice before Christmas at no charge. You can find out when we'll be in your neighborhood by reviewing the map and schedule we mailed in early October or by searching "Leaf Collection" at our website.

On the first day of collection in your area, place loose leaves at the curb by 7 a.m., out of the street and away from storm drains. If you miss the collection, we'll continue to pick up leaves with your weekly yard waste collection that are left curbside in reusable containers or brown paper bags. "Leaf Collection" at www.townofcary.org

#### We've Named New Park



Our future community park at 9725 Penny Road now has an official name – Jack Smith Park - thanks to a unanimous vote by the Cary Town Council at their regular meeting on Thursday, September 11. Our Town Council's action marks Jack Smith's 25th year of service to our community,

making him the longest serving Council member on record as well as having been in office longer than any mayor in Cary's history. Once completed, the Jack Smith Park will include our first spray ground, a major children's playarea, our second dog park, a climbing rock, picnic shelters, paved and unpaved trails and an open lawn area. The park will also be home to public art pieces by North Carolina folk artist Vollis Simpson and sculptor William Moore.

Funding for this project was approved by voters in 2012 as part of our Community Investment Bonds referendum.

"Jack Smith Park" at www.townofcary.org | (919) 469-4061

#### Reuse Rodeo



Give a second life to your gently used household items at Cary's 4th Annual Reuse Rodeo on Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Garmon Operations Center. It's easy to get rid of your stuff the "green way" at this one-stop-drop donation event. Our volun-

teers can sort your donations for the participating local charities and provide you with tax-deductible receipts. So round up your used toys, clothes, housewares, computers and televisions that are 10 years old or newer, building materials and much more!

"Reuse Rodeo" at www.townofcary.org I (919) 469-4090



# Hot Tips: Heat Your Home Safely

As the weather cools, we'll all start turning up the heat. Because heating systems can start fires if not used and maintained properly, we have tips to help keep you safe.

- baseboard heaters often move objects that have fallen on top or nearby.
- Never leave portable heaters unattended, as they heat up rapidly and can easily ignite items close by.
- If you are using a fireplace or wood stove heat your home, keep the door screen shut to protect your home from sparks.
- Have your chimney inspected and serviced before each heating season.
- Regularly change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

"Fire Safety Tips" at www.townofcarv.org

# Get a Jump on Your Holiday Shopping



Beat the rush and take advantage of our lovely shopping event where you'll find one of a kind

holiday gifts made exclusively by our creative friends and neighbors ages 50+! Visit our Annual Holiday Arts & Craft Fair at the Cary Senior Center on November 15 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Cary Teen Council will be selling refreshments, so it's a great time to stroll and snack while finding that perfect gift or decoration made with love and care! "Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair" at www.townofcary.org

### Shred It



ica Recycles Day with our free paper shred event on November 15. Bring up to three

boxes of confidential papers to the Garmon Operations Center from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for on-site destruction and recycling. You'll need to show proof of Cary residency, and no commercial interests please.

If you miss the shredding event, you can leave your shredded papers in a clear plastic bag that is tied closed at the curb on your regularly scheduled recycling day.

"Recycling" at www.townofcary.org I (919) 469-4090

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and Twitter @TOC\_Fun for more

### Take a Tour



Have you ever wondered how wafrom Jordan Lake becomes your

award-winning tap water? Are you curious about what happens once you flush? You can get answers to these questions and more by touring our water and wastewater facilities anytime throughout the year.

"Tours" at www.townofcary.org

# Cultural Connection

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 Emper-or's New Clothes (Oct. 25, 3 p.m, Cary Arts Cen-(919)462-2055. ter).

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Six String Presents David LaMotte featuring Stephen Claybrook (Nov. 1, 8 p.m., The Cary Theater). (919) 462-2051.

Marvelous Music Mainstage Series: Spencers: Theatre of Illusion (Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

8 p.m., The Cary Theater). (919) 462-2051.

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