Goin’ Round and Round

In July 2013 we unveiled roundabouts at our two downtown entrances. The roundabouts, bookended Chatham Street, improve street safety and traffic flow. We also added sidewalks and crosswalks at each roundabout location to increase pedestrian safety. If roundabout driving etiquette makes your head spin, we’ve got these tips to help you safely navigate our roundabouts:

• Slow down as you approach the roundabout; look for pedestrians before you get to the circle.
• Always turn right, not left, when entering the roundabout.
• Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout.
• Once in the roundabout, you have the right of way.
• Use your turn signal when exiting the roundabout.
• Be cautious; look for unexpected vehicles, pedestrians or bicycles.

“Roundabouts” at www.townofcary.org

Bells, Whistles and Big Red Trucks

We’re breaking ground on the relocation of Fire Station 2 on December 2 at 3 p.m. and you’re invited! Come to 601 E. Chatham Street to view design boards for the new station, meet the firefighters who serve the area and share refreshments. Originally built for one truck and four firefighters, today Station 2 houses more than double these resources (two trucks and 27 firefighters). The station is in disrepair, with walls, floors, foundation and ramps in poor condition. Our new station is expected to be complete in the winter of 2016. Funding for this project was approved by Cary voters in 2012 as part of the Community Investment Bonds Referendum.

“Fire Station 2” at www.townofcary.org

Happy Holidays, Safe Holidays

Because the possibility of being a victim of theft increases at the holidays, it’s important that we take steps to protect ourselves and our property.

We’ve put together these tips to help you banish the humbug from your holidays:

• Lock your car doors, trunk or cargo area when shopping.
• When purchasing big ticket items (computers, tablets, televisions), take those items home before shopping or stopping elsewhere.
• Carry your cash and credit cards in your front pockets or the inside pocket of your coat, and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
• Keep exterior home doors locked at all times.
• Display those holiday gifts away from windows or doors where they can be seen.
• When you go out for the evening, turn on a few lights so your home looks occupied.
• Break down boxes from your new TV or computer, and put them in your rolling recycling cart.
• Write down the serial numbers of valuables and store them in a safe place in case of a robbery.

“Crime Prevention” at www.townofcary.org | (919) 469-4324

Dish and Dine

Our Senior Center is hosting a potluck holiday lunch December 12. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift for the exchange. Stay for the entertainment. The event is free but register by December 5.

“Cary Senior Center” at www.townofcary.org | (919) 469-4081

Rent a Venue

With the holidays right around the corner, now is the time to be thinking about the perfect spot for your get-togethers and parties. This year, why not rent one of our Town venues? With space to host anywhere from 12 to 250 people, our indoor and outdoor options are ideal for any number of events. Spaces for rent include: our community centers; our cultural arts centers; our performing arts centers; and the Cary Senior Center. Our venues are perfect year round. Consider renting one for your office team build, wedding, graduation, family reunion or other special event.

“Rentals and Reservations” at www.townofcary.org

Join us for a traditional Latin celebration on December 5 at the Herb Young Community Center. We’ll have a potluck dinner with foods from Latin American countries followed by the lighting the Arbolito de la Esperanza. (919) 460-4965

Come to our Jewish Cultural Festival at the Cary Arts Center on December 22 from 4:30-9:30 p.m. The event kicks off with the lighting of a nine-foot menorah. The Festival is free, but bring a hat or gloves to donate to area shelters.

“Jewish Cultural Festival” at www.townofcary.org.
Heart of the Holidays

Heart of the Holidays returns to downtown on December 6. Santa’s Workshop at Herb Young Community Center welcomes young ones for crafts and a visit with Santa. Kids can also drop letters to Santa in his mailbox on Town Hall campus. Visit Page-Walker Arts & History Center for an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas with carolers and carriage rides. Stroll Academy Street to see the Gifting Tree Project and Gingerbread House Competition. Stop by the Ole Time Winter Festival for activities, food, entertainment and holiday shopping. Stay for the popular Cary Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and unveiling of Cary’s indoor Community Christmas Tree at Town Hall at 6 p.m.

“Heart of the Holidays” at www.townofcary.org

Holiday Collections

We’re altering garbage, recycling and yard waste collections during the weeks of Christmas and New Year’s. From December 24-26, we’ll be collecting all garbage, yard waste, and yellow week recycling for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday customers one day early. Tuesday’s collection will be December 22; Wednesday’s collection will be December 23; Thursday’s collection will be December 24; and Friday’s collection will remain unchanged. On January 1, we’ll be collecting garbage, yard waste, and blue week recycling for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday customers one day early. Tuesday’s collection will be December 29; Wednesday’s collection will be December 30; Thursday’s collection will be December 31; and Friday’s collection will remain unchanged, January 2, 2015. Our Citizen’s Convenience Center will close December 25 and January 1.

“Holiday Collection” at www.townofcary.org

What Say You?

Come to Fire Station 8 on December 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and weigh in on plans for Panther Creek Greenway and the second phase of Mills Park. We’re presenting updated designs and project information for the development of additional acreage of our park.

We’ll also talk about the phase of Panther Creek Greenway that will link the Cameron Pond and Cary Park Lake Developments to the Mills Park schools. Panther Creek Greenway will ultimately extend from Highway 55 to the American Tobacco Trail. Mills Park Phase 2 and Panther Creek Greenway are funded by the voter-approved 2012 Cary Community Investment Bonds.

“Cary Community Investment Bonds” at www.townofcary.org

Hot Tips: Keep the falls out of fall

From gutters that need to be cleaned of leaves to holiday decorations to be hung, there are plenty of opportunities for us to drag out our ladders this fall. Before you climb, remember these tips to help keep you safe:

• Use your ladder only on dry, level ground.
• Have someone hold the ladder when you are working from it.
• Maintain at least three points of contact with the ladder when you are climbing.
• Keep your torso centered between the rails, and never reach out. Rather, dismount the ladder and reposition it.
• Avoid working from the top three rungs of extension ladders.
• Avoid working from the top step or above on step ladders.

“Fire Safety Tips” at www.townofcary.org

Catch a Classic

Take in a seasonal classic at The Cary Theater from November 30 through December 2. We’ll be showing holiday selections that will have you laughing, believing in magic, reminiscing about holidays past and belting out tunes. “It Happened One Night” kicks off the series.

Additional films in the lineup include “Miracle on 34th Street”, “The Muppets Christmas Carol”, “Scrooged”, “Elf”, “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation” and “The Polar Express”.

We know you won’t want to miss our White Christmas Movie Sing-A-Long on December 20, so we’ve scheduled two showings: one at 2 p.m. and another at 7 p.m.

http://thecary.townofcary.org | (919) 462-2051

Improving Streets

We’re beginning work to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety on Walnut Street at the US 1/64 overpass. Our Walnut Street Pedestrian and Traffic Improvements Project will involve bridge widening at Walnut Street, new sidewalks, signal-controlled crosswalks, and ramp widening to accommodate an additional turn lane.

As we start the project, you’ll see lane closures along US 1/64, Crossroads Boulevard, Walnut Street and Buck Jones Road. Not to worry, our businesses and residents along Walnut Street near the work area will continue to have access throughout the work. For more information, contact Bob Shultes, bob.shultes@townofcary.org or (919) 380-4104.

Funding for this project was approved by Cary voters in 2012 as part of the Community Investment Bonds Referendum.

“Walnut Street Traffic and Pedestrian Improvements at US 1/64 Overpass” at www.townofcary.org

Cultural Connection

3rd Annual Downtown Urban Open Disc Golf Tournament & Youth Exhibition

November 29, 9 a.m., & November 30, 8:30 a.m., Herb Young Community Center, (919) 380-2781

6x String Presents Jonathan Byrd and The Pick-up Cowboys with Special Guest Corin Raymond

December 5, 8 p.m., The Cary Theater, (919) 462.2055

Concerts at Page-Walker Arts & History Center

December 15, 4 p.m., Page-Walker Arts & History Center, (919) 460-4963

Marvelous Music Family Series: Cary Ballet presents A Mini Very Cary Christmas

December 20, 10 a.m., Cary Arts Center, (919) 462-2055

Visit www.townofcary.org and Twitter @TOC_Fun for more

Championship Community

For the fourth time in championship history, the 2014 NCAA Men’s College Cup - NCAA Division I soccer final four - returns to the WakeMed Soccer Park. Come out for one or both semifinal games on December 12 and the championship game on December 14.

The NCAA Men’s College Cup represents the culmination of months of men’s NCAA Soccer action. The winner of the tournament is crowned the 2014 Men’s NCAA Division 1 National Champion.

“NCAA Championship City” at www.townofcary.org