



BUD Newsletter

Serving our Citizens

December 2015

Find Your Way Around Town

This fall, 14 sign installations completed the final phase of the town-wide wayfinding signage project for a total of 29 signs!

You've likely noticed the colorful signage directing you to Koka Booth, WakeMed Soccer Park, Bond Park and other places you and Town visitors may be trying to find. It's all part of our town-wide wayfinding project.

Two elements make up our wayfinding system: downtown Cary system signage and a larger town-wide vehicular wayfinding signage system designed to direct motorists to major Town recreation and cultural facilities as well as the Downtown district.

"Town-wide Wayfinding" at www.townofcary.org

Elected Officials

Congratulations and welcome to our new and returning Cary Town Council members: Mayor Harold Weinbrecht, District B Rep. Don Frantz, District D Rep. Ken George and At-Large Rep. Lori Bush. Each elected official serves four years.

"Cary Town Council" at www.townofcary.org

Award Winner 'Epitomizes' Cary's Hometown Spirit

A hearty hand clap and warm thank you to Anne B. Kratzer, the 2015 recipient of our Town's annual Hometown Spirit Award. For more than 40 years, Kratzer has worked tirelessly to preserve Cary's history for future generations.

The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel was formed with her help, and she then worked to restore, renovate and create the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Since that time, Kratzer spearheaded the preservation of the Page-Walker's smokehouse, created an educational herb garden on the grounds, and oversaw the restoration of the White Plains Cemetery. In honor of her support for Cary, she received an award, and the Town will recognize her on a plaque at Town Hall.

The Hometown Spirit Award is given annually and designed to recognize community-minded citizens who enhance the quality of life in Cary by preserving, promoting and carrying out positive small-town community values and traits.

"Hometown Spirit Award" at www.townofcary.org

Applause! Auditions

Applause! Cary Youth Theatre is hosting auditions for "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing." Auditions (ages 6-12) are January 11-12, 5-8:30 p.m.

No experience is necessary, but pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information, email Rachel Baranski at rachel.baranski@townofcary.org beginning December 30.

"Applause" at www.townofcary.org

New Sister Cities' Sign Unveiling

Did you know that Cary has four Sister Cities? Well, we do - Le Touquet, France; Hsinchu City, Taiwan; County Meath, Ireland; and Markham, Canada.

Join us for the official unveiling of a special new sign on Town Hall Campus, 316 N. Academy St. at 5 p.m., January 14, 2016, to celebrate our Sister Cities' relationships. The sign will have directional arrows with the name of each city, the distance from Cary and each country's flag. The outdoor unveiling will be followed by a reception inside the Town Hall lobby.

While you're there, be sure to enjoy the Cary/Le Touquet, France children's art exhibit, the latest of many Sister Cities' exchanges designed to foster international understanding.

Connecting Cary

In Cary, you've got several ways to connect with your Town government! Friend us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownofCaryNC or find us on our main Twitter page: twitter.com/TownofCary. We love hearing from you!

Conservation Corner

Be ready for unpredictable winter weather. With a bit of planning and preparation, you can avoid major headaches.

Protect your pipes

Turn off all outdoor faucets, and remove attached hoses to help prevent water from freezing and bursting a pipe. Should a pipe burst, turn the water off using your master water shutoff valve, typically located near the water heater, or call (919) 469-4090 to have your meter turned off at the street.

Winterize irrigation systems

Winterize your irrigation system to help prevent water in the pipes from freezing and cracking the lines and spray heads. For information and a video on winterizing search "Irrigation Maintenance" at www.townofcary.org.

Keep FOG out of drains

While cooking this holiday season, never pour Eats, Oils and Grease down the drain. Instead, turn FOG into fuel with the Town's free curbside cooking oil collection program. Once you've collected at least a half-gallon (approximately one, 2-liter soda bottle), call (919) 469-4090 to schedule a free, curbside pick-up. For more, search "Residential FOG" at www.townofcary.org.

Don't rush to flush

Your toilet is not a trash can. Keep trash out of the sewer system and help prevent costly sewer blockages and environmentally damaging overflows. Also, remember, some so-called flushable items can clog the system and cause an overflow. When in doubt, throw it out; don't flush it!

For more information on these and other great conservation tips, call us at (919) 469-4090.

BUD Bits

We're collecting your loose leaves from now through January 26 according to your mailed map and schedule. **"Loose Leaf Collection" at www.townofcary.org.**

Town offices are closed for the upcoming holidays on: December 23-25, January 1 and January 18. **"2015 Holiday Schedule" at www.townofcary.org.**

See the lights shine nightly at Koka Booth for the NC Chinese Lantern Festival through January 3. **"Chinese Lantern Festival" at www.townofcary.org.**

Celebrate and serve during Cary's Dreamfest 2016 honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and service to all. Events are January 15-18, open to the public and free to attend. **"Dreamfest" at www.townofcary.org.**

Holiday, Tree Collections

Garbage, recycling and yard waste collection is altered during the weeks of Christmas and the New Year. For each week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections will be one day early. Our Citizen's Convenience Center will be closed December 25 and January 1.

When it's time to take down the greenery, place Christmas trees, wreaths and garland at the curb for weekly yard waste collection, or drop them off at the Citizen's Convenience Center, 313 N. Dixon Ave. Remember to remove all artificial foliage and decorations (tinsel, wire and other items that are not a part of the tree).

While Town offices are closed on January 18 in observance of MLK Jr. Day, trash, yard waste and yellow week recycling will be collected as regularly scheduled.

"Holiday Collection" at
www.townofcary.org

Day of Service

The MLK Jr. Day of Service is a great way to give back to our community and honor Dr. King! Spend the day with us January 18 doing a variety of hands-on tasks to help maintain and beautify the area around the Middle Creek Community Center.

Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty! Coordinated by the Town of Cary Spruce program, register by calling (919) 469-4301 or emailing sarah.justice@townofcary.org. All ages welcome; an adult must accompany those 15 and younger.

"Dreamfest" at
www.townofcary.org

An Arts Tribute

In celebration of Dr. King's birthday, join us for "An Arts Tribute to Martin" on January 16 at The Cary Theater. Enjoy selections by accomplished soprano Gail Jackson and a special performance by The Gifted Arts Inc., a nonprofit organization that aims to bridge the opportunity gap and build confidence in youth. Then, stay for Disney's "Selma, Lord, Selma" at 9 p.m.

"Dreamfest" at
www.townofcary.org

Hot Tips: Holiday Safety



The holiday season has arrived! No matter how you choose to celebrate, fire safety should always be a part of your festivities.

Fresh cut trees should be watered often and monitored for dryness. While Christmas tree fires are uncommon, when they do occur, they are often catastrophic. Consider removing your tree within two weeks after the holiday and setting it out for solid waste to pick up after you've removed all the decorations.

Candles used in celebration should never be left burning unattended and never used on a Christmas tree. Keep all decorations at least 3 feet from any heat source. And when it comes to cooking, make sure you watch what you heat! Happy Holidays!

Three Kings Day

Celebrate Three Kings Day, and the end of the Christmas season, Saturday, January 9, 1-4 p.m. at the Town Hall Campus, 316 N. Academy St.

Also the day many Hispanic children receive their presents, the event will include dancing, music, Hispanic foods and a colorful parade featuring members of different Hispanic cultures. Presented by the Town of Cary and Diamante Inc.

"Three Kings Day" at
www.townofcary.org

Diversity Summit

Commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "dream" at the International Diversity Summit, January 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cary Arts Center.

Hosted by Martin Luther King III and Dr. Christine King Ferris, the sister of the late Dr. King, this summit offers a day of dedication, communication, and, most of all, inspiration. The event will include leaders from across our community, religious organizations and major corporations for panel discussions on cultural awareness and sensitivity and the need for diversity in the workplace, church and the community.

"Dreamfest" at
www.townofcary.org

Dinner & Music

The Cary Senior Center and Marvelous Music Mainstage Series promises an unforgettable evening for seniors! First, a catered meal served by the Cary Teen Council, followed by "Forbidden Broadway" on January 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cary Arts Center. Tickets are \$32; register by January 8. The event is for seniors 55 and older.

"Forbidden Broadway" at
www.townofcary.org

Covered Tennis Courts Anyone?

Come out to Green Hope Elementary School's Gymnasium on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 6:30-8 p.m., and learn more about the Cary Tennis Park Expansion project. Ask questions and see the latest project details.

"Facility Expansion" at
www.townofcary.org

Cultural Connection

Black Irish & Town of Cary present Shade (January 8-9, 7 p.m., January 10, 3 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

MLK Jr. Dreamfest: An Arts Tribute to Martin (January 16, 7 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

MLK Jr. Dreamfest: Selma (January 17, 2 p.m., The Cary Theater). (919) 462-2051.

Marvelous Music Family Series: Anatoly Larkin (January 23, 3 p.m., Cary Arts Center). (919) 462-2055.

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

Trivia Matters!

You may have played trivia before but never like this! Your family team will answer different trivia questions ranging from music, television, sports, history and more! Prizes will be awarded each round, including Best Team Spirit award!

Small snacks will be provided during the event. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required for each family member attending. Join us for the fun at the Bond Park Community Center, January 22, 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person.

"Family Trivia" at
www.townofcary.org

Winter Wonderland

Get ready to go snow tubing in Bond Park on Friday and Saturday, January 8-9! We will blow snow on the park's popular sledding slope for you to enjoy. Pre-registration is required; snow tubes will be provided.

There are single-rider tubing sessions for ages 5 and older. There is also a parent-child tubing session for children ages 5 and under on Friday. Cost for all rides is \$20.

"Winter Wonderland" at
www.townofcary.org
(919) 462-3970