

best meet the needs of those most closely associated with the long-term impacts of the projects. Look for ads in the local newspaper about upcoming input sessions, or check your mail for a letter directly from the Town.

Groups of citizens may volunteer to stencil storm drains in the Town of Cary. Storm drain stenciling is part of an effort to increase public awareness that what goes into storm drains eventually ends up in our rivers, not in a wastewater treatment facility. Cary has about 13,000 storm drains which empty into either the Neuse or Cape Fear watersheds. Small groups of volunteers attend a brief training session and then, using stenciling kits provided by the Town, spray-paint drains with a “Flows to the Neuse River” or “Flows to the Cape Fear River” message. **Telephone: 469-4030**

E-Participation

As citizens of North Carolina’s Technology Town, Cary citizens enjoy wide access to their government electronically. With over 85% of citizens having access to the Internet at home or at work in 2000, the Town’s #1 communication tool is its award-winning website—www.townofcary.org. From answers to hundreds of frequently asked questions to the latest news to a growing list of online governmental services, townofcary.org is where to go to get and give ideas and information concerning the Cary community. Information is also available to citizens on the Town’s Government Access Channel (cable channel 11), which cablecasts hours of local government programming each week including meetings of the Town Council, the Wake County Commissioners, and the Wake County School Board. Important news and information on Town programs, services, and issues are also carried on the channel as well as an increasing number of interactive opportunities.

Volunteer to Serve

Citizens may apply to serve on one of several standing Council-appointed boards and commissions (see townofcary.org for a complete, current list). The Town Clerk recruits to fill vacancies each fall with appointments being made by Town Council in December or January. Most board seats are for three-year terms. In addition to the standing boards, the Town often has a number of special committees and task forces working on specific, current issues. Appointments to these special groups are made as needed and advertised on the Town’s website and in the local newspaper. Terms of service for these groups vary. **Telephone: 469-4011**

In addition to Council boards, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department recruits large numbers of volunteers to participate in many areas including coaching athletic teams, trail workdays, park cleanup, maintenance or enhancement projects, docents at Page-Walker Arts and History Center, and helping out with Applause! Cary Youth Theater. The Athletic Committee, Greenway Advisory Committee, and Cultural Arts Advisory Committee serve as advisory bodies to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Board. **Telephone: 469-4061**

Finally, citizens may be interested in the Block Leader Program, a special grassroots communications effort by the Town to educate citizens about conservation and the environment. These volunteers are resources for their micro communities, providing information and materials to help residents become more conscientious about their water use and recycling practices. To become better informed, Block

Leaders are invited to attend Town-sponsored workshops on topics such as recycling, soil preparation, landscaping with native plants, designing rainwater collection systems, and maintaining and scheduling automatic irrigation systems. In addition, special tours of the Cary/Apex Water Treatment Facility and North Cary Water Reclamation Facility are scheduled for them throughout the spring and summer. There is no enforcement arm to the Block Leader Program. **Telephone: 469-4090**



Administration includes the Town Manager's Office, Budget, and Public Information. The Town Manager is responsible for implementing the policies set forth by the Town Council and exercises management responsibility over all operational departments. Through management of the operational departments, the Manager's Office ensures the advancement of the philosophies and policies of the Town Council and that all local, state and federal laws and regulations are met. Budget directs and manages the planning, development, and execution of the Town's annual operating budget, annual capital improvements budget, and long-range capital improvement plan. The Public Information Officer manages all aspects of external and internal communications, including developing and executing the Town's annual Comprehensive Communications Plan as well as overseeing the Town's government access channel and website content. **Telephone: 469-4007**

Engineering provides leadership for controlled infrastructure development within the Town of Cary and is responsible for the planning, design, and construction of capital improvements projects including street improvements, right of way acquisitions, storm water and utility system improvements, and utility plant expansions. Engineering provides design services, oversees public construction projects, and enforces stormwater management ordinances. **Telephone: 469-4030**

Finance administers the financial affairs of the Town including cash management, accounting, debt administration, payroll, utility billing and collection, accounts payable and receivable, risk management, and purchasing and provides financial customer service to utility customers, taxpayers, other Town departments, employees, and vendors. The Finance Department produces the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which includes general information about the Town, financial statements and the independent auditor's report, as well as statistical information. Thanks to prudent financial decision-making and action by the entire team of Council and staff, the Town of Cary in 1998 achieved a AAA credit rating, the best possible rating for a local government! **Telephone: 469-4380**

Fire trains firefighters to protect the community from the adverse effects of disasters and emergencies, enforces fire code ordinances, and provides public education in fire prevention and safety. The Cary Fire Department received national accreditation from Commission on Fire Accreditation International in 1999. To achieve accreditation, every aspect of Cary's fire program was evaluated including governance and administration, assessment and planning, goals and objectives, financial resources, programs, physical resources, human resources, and training and competency. **Telephone: 469-4056**

Human Resources develops and promotes model personnel and safety programs and practices designed to attract, develop and retain a well-qualified and diverse work force for Town government. Responsibilities include advising management on recruitment and hiring, classification and pay, employee relations, performance reviews, equal employment opportunities, employee training and development, benefits administration, and employee safety. *Telephone: 469-4070*

Inspections & Permits is responsible for building, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing code inspections, enforcing minimum housing standards, maintaining records, reviewing construction plans and issuing permits for building construction, and street addressing. *Telephone: 469-4340*

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources enhances the quality of life for the citizens of Cary by planning and providing a variety of enjoyable and cost effective recreation, sports, environmental, historical, and cultural arts programs and services. PRCR acquires, develops, beautifies, conserves, and maintains a system of parks, greenways, and recreation facilities to assure quality leisure opportunities for all Cary residents *Telephone: 469-4061*

Planning is responsible for both long-range and current planning activities. Long-range planning staff prepares and implements growth management policies; land use, transportation, and housing plans; and intergovernmental planning efforts. They also collect and analyze demographic data and prepare and maintain maps. Staff in the current planning area handles rezonings and planned unit developments (PUDs), review of development plans, annexations, sign and temporary use permits, zoning enforcement, and site inspections. This department also provides technical assistance to boards and commissions. *Telephone: 469-4082*

Police protect the life and property of the citizens of Cary through enforcement and prevention efforts that include animal control, youth services, school resource officers, police service centers, neighborhood watch programs, and the Citizens Police Academy. As one of the nation's most progressive law enforcement agencies, the Cary Police Department was nationally accredited in 1992 through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Cary is one of approximately 550 police departments across the country to receive this prestigious award. *Telephone: 469-4022*

Public Works & Utilities is responsible for providing an adequate and safe water supply to citizens of the towns of Cary and Apex, performing system maintenance on water and wastewater lines and instrumentation and equipment, water conservation, reclaimed water, and wastewater treatment and monitoring programs, and long-range utility planning. The Department is also responsible for maintenance and repair of town buildings, grounds, and streets, garbage and trash removal and disposal for residential and commercial customers, recycling pickup for residential customers, and fleet maintenance for all Town vehicles and equipment. *Telephone: 469-4090*

Technology Services supports the Council and staff of the Town of Cary in the management and use of information technology to provide better and more cost effective services to the citizens of Cary. *Telephone: 460-4900*

The **Town Clerk** is responsible for giving notice of Town Council meetings, preparing the Council agenda and recording Council proceedings, serving as custodian of all permanent Town records, keeping the Town Seal, attesting all Town documents, updating the Town's Code of Ordinances, and keeping records of appointments and terms of the various Boards and Commissions. **Telephone: 469-4011**

The **Town Attorney** is the legal advisor for Town Council and staff. The Town Attorney does not provide legal services for any outside citizens, groups, or businesses. **Telephone: 469-4008**



Cary is located in central Wake County adjacent to North Carolina's famous Research Triangle Park. Bound on the north and east by Raleigh, on the north and west by Research Triangle Park and Morrisville, on the south by Apex, and on the west by the rural Jordan Lake area, Cary is one of the state's fastest growing towns with a 2000 population of over 96,000. Cary is the seventh largest city in North Carolina.

Cary Town Hall and many of the Town administrative offices are located in the heart of downtown Cary—located on North Academy Street between Chatham Street and Chapel Hill Road. There you'll find Administration, Engineering, Finance, Inspections and Permits, Planning, Police, and Technology Services, as well as the Page-Walker Arts and History Center and the Cary Community Center



Square Miles: 43

Street Miles: 463.31

Maintained by the Town 320.28 miles

Maintained by NC Department of Transportation: 93.09 miles

Private streets: 49.94 miles

Population: 96,217

White: 84.6%

Asian: 7%

Black: 5.3%

Other: 3.1%

Median Age: 33.4 years

Education: 66.3% of Cary adults hold a college or graduate degree

Number of Parks: 16

Total Park Acreage: 1,008

Miles of Greenway: 10.5

Largest Employer: SAS Institute
No. of Town Employees: 930
Median Price of New Single Family House: \$280,000
Percentage of Households with Income over \$50,000: 71.9%
Percentage of Households with Income over \$30,000: 90.6%
Percentage of Households with 1-2 children: 38.2%
Percentage of Households with 3 or more children: 9.7%
Percentage of residents living in Cary five years or less: 42.3%
Percentage of residents living in Cary over 10 years: 35.4%



Cary began in 1750 as a settlement called Bradford's Ordinary. About 100 years later, the construction of the North Carolina Railroad between New Bern and Hillsborough placed Bradford's Ordinary on a major transportation route. Soon after, Allison Francis Page, a Wake County farmer and lumberman, bought 300 acres of land nearby and established a sawmill, general store, inn and post office. He called his development Cary, after Samuel Fenton Cary, an Ohio prohibitionist whom Page admired.

In 1868, Page built a hotel to serve railroad passengers coming through Cary. Page sold the hotel to J. R. Walker in 1884; meals and rooms were available to travelers until 1916. Today, the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, located on Town Hall Campus, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Seaboard Railroad began in this area about the time of the Civil War. By 1868, the Seaboard and the North Carolina railroads had formed a junction in Cary, and three years later, on April 6, 1871, the Town of Cary was incorporated.

In the late 1800s, a prestigious, private boarding school was started in Cary and later became the first public high school in North Carolina. The school was located on the site currently occupied by Cary Elementary School in the heart of Cary's downtown.

With the development of Research Triangle Park in the 1960s, Cary experienced the beginning of the high-quality development that still characterizes the Town today. Home to the largest, privately-held software company in the world—SAS Institute—Cary has attracted other key, world-class businesses including Cotton Inc., John Deere, IBM, MCI, Siemens, American Airlines, Lucent Technologies, Oxford University Press, Lord Corporation, and Austin Foods.



To meet the needs of the Town and requests of the citizens of Cary, Council has directed the undertaking of many important projects. Projects as diverse as road widenings, the addition of new sidewalks, new parks and recreation facilities including parks, a soccer complex, and a tennis center, and expansion of the town hall campus are all targeted to enhance the quality of life for Cary residents.

Major roadway projects over the next few years include the widening of Davis Drive and SE Maynard Road, realignment and widening of Walnut Street, and construction of Louis Stephens Drive.

A major expansion of the Cary/Apex Water Treatment Plant is expected to be complete in 2001. As part of overall water system improvements, three new storage tanks will also be built and a western pressure zone will be created. Some residents may have to make minor modifications in their plumbing systems to accommodate changes in pressure that result from the creation of a new pressure zone.

The Town's reclaimed water project, when fully implemented, will offset demands for potable water use as well as reduce discharge to the Neuse River Basin and recycle a valuable resource. Reclaimed water has received advanced secondary treatment after flowing out of a water reclamation facility and meets water quality requirements as defined by the North Carolina rules. It is then reused for non potable purposes, primarily irrigation. Construction of the Reclaimed Water Project for both the North and South Water Reclamation Facilities is expected to be complete in 2002.

Because of lack of space, some departments—Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, Human Resources, and part of Inspections and Permits—have been moved to temporary quarters in nearby buildings. Other departments are “making do” with the current offices. The Town Hall Expansion project, expected to be completed by the end of 2003, includes a new office building, council chambers, and additional parking. The current buildings will be expanded and renovated. During the approximately three years of construction, the locations of some offices will change—perhaps more than once—and your patience and understanding is appreciated. Town staff eagerly anticipates the new facilities and the ability they will afford to provide more superior service to the citizens of Cary.

To stay informed about these and other Town projects, visit the Town's website, www.townofcary.org, regularly.



As with all of its work, the Town of Cary prides itself on using the most progressive, comprehensive, and effective practices in developing and implementing the annual budget. A yearlong process tied directly to the Town Council's annual goals and initiatives, Cary's budget development begins with each department submitting prioritized budget requests to the Budget Director. After reviewing the initial department budget requests, the Town Manager, Assistant Manager and budget staff meet with

departments to thoroughly examine all requests. Emphasis is placed on maintaining a strong financial position, enhancing service levels in targeted operations, identifying opportunities for further efficiencies in the organization, reducing costs, and ensuring that we look forward and plan for future needs. Streamlined budget narratives submitted by the departments focus on program objectives and performance measures, with quantitative and qualitative performance indicators included to measure progress toward program objectives. After deliberations by the panel, work sessions with Council, and a public hearing, Town Council adopts the Budget each year on or before June 30th according to State law. Cary's budget includes its Annual Operating Budget, the Annual Capital Improvements Budget, and its 10-year Capital Improvements Plan.



24-Hour Town Hall

With the help of a touch-tone phone, citizens may get answers to questions about Town of Cary services at any time by using Cary's 24-Hour Town hall service. Dial 319-4500 to access an automated system of over 250 prerecorded messages. You can choose up to four messages in one call. The same messages are available on TDD by dialing *319-4505*.

Accident Reports

Call Police Records at *469-4021* to get a copy of an accident report.

Adult Sports Leagues

Adult sports organized by Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources include basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis and road races. There are opportunities for individual or group participation through leagues, tournaments, and events. For more information please see the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Program Brochure. *Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061*

Affordable Housing

The Affordable Housing Plan, adopted by the Town Council on May 11, 2000, is a chapter in the Town's Comprehensive Plan that provides long-term guidance to future land use and development decisions. The Plan includes strategies and initiatives to achieve a higher proportion of housing accessible to Town employees such as police officers and firefighters, as well as teachers, service workers, and others who seek affordable housing in Cary (*See also Housing Resources*). *Planning, 469-4082*

Alternate Day Watering

To reduce peak demand and conserve an important natural resource, Cary utility customers water their landscape three days a week. Customers with odd numbered addresses (addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) may water their grass, shrubs, trees, gardens, etc. only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Customers with even numbered addresses (addresses ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, 0) may water their landscapes only on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. No one waters on Mondays to allow recharging of the system and preventive maintenance. This policy, adopted in April 2000, applies to all means of watering

outdoors—hand watering, automatic irrigation systems, hoses and sprinklers. The alternate day watering schedule does not apply to any type of washing, such as car washing or power washing driveways and houses. Applications for watering exceptions are available between May 1 and September 1 for customers who are planting warm-season grasses (Zoysia, Bermuda, St. Augustine, Centipede). Exceptions for fescue grass are available in late fall. Restrictions further limiting the alternate day plan may be added as necessary to curb demand during extremely hot, dry periods. ***Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090***

Amphitheater

See Sertoma Amphitheater, Regency Amphitheater

Animals, Dead

See Solid Waste Disposal

Animals, Rules

See Pets

Applause! Cary Youth Theater

Children and teens from 6 to 16 may audition for Applause! Cary Youth Theater productions which take place each spring and fall. A series of performance and audition classes are offered throughout the year. Please see the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Program Brochure for class information.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061

Appliance Disposal

See Solid Waste Collection

Backwater Valve

The North Carolina Building Code requires a backwater valve to be installed if the plumbing fixtures are below the top of the first, upstream manhole on the street. A properly operating backwater valve allows flow to go only in one direction, thus preventing wastewater from entering your building during regular sewer system maintenance or inadvertent sewer system backups. To find out if you have or need a backwater valve, check your plumbing plans or consult with your builder or professional plumber. If sewage backs up into your home, the cost to repair damages and clean up may be high, and towns cannot be held liable for damages when a backwater valve has not been installed by a property owner.

Inspections & Permits, 469-4340

Ballfield Rental

Ballfield reservations and rentals may be made in person at the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources office at 111 James Jackson Avenue. Reservations may be made starting at 8:00 AM Monday for that week. Fields are available for rental from March through October. ***Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061***

Boards & Commissions

The Town Council appoints the members to eight citizen boards and commissions. These bodies advise the Council on various issues in the community. The Appearance Commission serves as an advisory body on matters pertaining to community appearance and provides leadership in improving the visual appearance of Cary. Projects may include landscaping, tree plantings, sign ordinances and clean-up campaigns. The Economic Policy Commission defines strategies and mechanisms for Cary to achieve a 60/40 residential/commercial tax base split and establishes economic development standards against which proposed development may be reviewed. The Information Services Advisory Board advises the Town Council on information technology and communications matters as they relate to the Cary citizenry, offers input and guidance on the development and implementation of efficient and effective communications tools and programs to disseminate information and to receive input from the public. The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board advises the Town Council in the planning and implementing of the Town's parks and greenway system as well as the programs conducted as part of the parks, recreation and cultural resources system. The Planning & Zoning Board advises the Town Council on land use, zoning and development issues. The Sister Cities Commission strives to further global understanding and to encourage and assist sister city relationships between the Town of Cary and its citizens and cities throughout the world. The Utility Board of Adjustment approves or denies requests for adjustments to billed water, sewer, reconnection, late payment penalty and/or meter testing fee based upon a determination that Town policies were correctly or incorrectly applied. The Zoning Board of Adjustment hears and decides appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, permit, decision, determination or refusal made by the planning inspector or other administrative officials in the carrying out or enforcement of any provision of the zoning ordinance.
Town's Clerk, 469-4011

Boat Rental

Bond Park provides pedal boats, fishing boats, canoes and sailboats for rent. For fees and the boathouse schedule, use the automated service at 469-4100. *Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061*

Bond Park

Fred G. Bond Metro Park, a 310-acre facility, is the largest municipal park in Wake County. The park's design offers opportunities for both passive and active recreation while preserving the environment and integrating all facilities into natural settings. The park features a 42-acre lake for fishing and boating as well as picnic shelters, athletic fields, an amphitheater, trails, a large playground, and the D.A.R.E. Ropes Course. The park's Compost Education Center includes a self-guided trail which demonstrates how to compost, the environmental and economic benefits of composting, and how to use the finished compost. Also located at Bond Park are the Cary Senior Center and the Bond Park Community Center.
Bond Park, 469-4100; Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources, 469-4061

Bond Rating—AAA

In 1998, The Town of Cary was given two AAA ratings from New York credit rating agencies, Fitch and Moody's. Having a AAA credit rating saves Cary and its citizens hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest when Town borrows money for large capital projects. *Finance, 469-4380*

Building Permits

Building permits are required to erect, enlarge, alter, remove, demolish, or repair a structure in the Town of Cary. This includes everything from certain storage sheds, decks and garages to commercial construction, signs and additions to existing structures.

Building Permits for small projects can be obtained using the **SPOT (Small Project One-hour Turnaround)** Program. Applicants that come in between 8 AM and 11 AM with all required information (plot plan, building plans, contractor info, etc.) may receive their permits within one hour. If there are any problems with the plans or paperwork, staff will work with the applicant to resolve the problem on the spot. Decks, porches, storage buildings, attic or basement conversions, and additions of under 500 square feet are all eligible for SPOT permitting

Electrical permits are required for the installation of new electrical service equipment, existing service relocation, and service increases, as well as interior and exterior fixed appliances and equipment connections.

Mechanical permits are required for the replacement, repair or alteration of mechanical systems in structures including gas lines, logs, lights, grills, and propane tanks and associated piping for flammable liquids, heating, air conditioning, cooling and ventilation systems.

Plumbing permits are required for all plumbing work including water service, drains, water mains, sewage disposal systems, irrigation systems, and related fixtures and appliances.

Inspections & Permits, 469-4340

Bulk Reclaimed Water

In 1999, the Town began diverting treated wastewater from the Neuse River Basin and, instead, making it available free of charge for use by contractors and landscape companies for irrigation, dust control, and other non-potable uses. Cary's Bulk Reclaimed Water (BRW) project at the North Cary Water Reclamation Facility was the first of its kind in North Carolina and was authorized by the Town Council in 1996. The BRW program began at the South Cary Water Reclamation Facility in 2000. These projects are designed to reduce the amount of wastewater going into streams and rivers while also reducing the amount of unnecessary commercial use of drinking water. The Town could give away as much as 100,000 gallons per day per plant of BRW. The bulk reclaimed water projects are forerunners to the larger, comprehensive piped reclaimed water system that is being designed for and around both the South and North Water Reclamation Facilities to be launched over the next several years.

North Cary Water Reclamation Facility, 677-0850

Burning, Outdoor

Any outdoor burning requires a permit issued by the Cary Fire Department Risk Management Division.
Fire, 469-4057

Calendar of Events

A calendar of monthly events is located on the Town's website. Weekly events are also on the website under NEWS as well as advertised in the local newspaper, *The Cary News*. A complete listing of

special events offered through Cary Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources is available by calling 469-4061. **Administration, 469-4001**

Camp, Summer

Summer Day camps provide opportunities for youth to participate in activities in a supervised environment.

- Art Camps, 469-4069
- Athletic Camps, 469-4062
- Safety Town, 460-4965
- Stevens Nature Center Mini-Camps, 387-5980
- Summer Day Camps, 462-3970
- Teen Adventure Camps, 469-4061
- Teen Video Project, 460-4963

Parks, Recreation, Cultural Resources, 469-4061

Christmas Tree Collection

See Solid Waste Collection

Citizen Convenience Center

Located at 313 N. Dixon Ave. in downtown Cary, the Citizen Convenience Center is open Monday to Wednesday from 8 AM to 5 PM, Thursday and Friday from 8 AM to 8 PM, Saturdays and Holidays from 8 AM to 6 PM, and Sundays from 1 PM to 6 PM. It is closed on New Year's Day. Cary citizens who pay a solid waste fee may dispose of bulky trash, yard waste, and appliances (fee applies) at this site. Newspapers, glossy magazines, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, brown, green and clear glass bottles and jars, #1, 2, 5, and 7 plastic bottles, and plastic flower pots may be dropped off to be recycled. Household garbage may be taken to this site during holiday weeks only. (*See also Solid Waste Collection.*) **Public Works and Utilities, 469-4090**

Citizen Police Academy

This multi-week evening program offers an opportunity for the general public to see first hand the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement personnel. Attendees interact with police officers, telecommunicators, records clerks, and animal control officers. The program does not train citizens to become police officers. Rather, the program helps attendees better understand the law enforcement profession. Training for the Academy is provided entirely by Police Department personnel.

Police, 469-4324

Citizen Satisfaction Survey

In order to gauge its effectiveness in achieving its mission to promote and support a high quality of life for its citizens, the Town of Cary must accurately measure citizen satisfaction with and confidence in the local government. To accomplish this assessment, the Town undertakes a biennial citizen survey as part of its comprehensive assessment of citizen opinion. Respondents to this survey rated Cary "Overall as a Place to Live" above average to excellent 95% and 92% of the time on the 1998 and 2000 surveys respectively. **Public Information, 460-4951**

Community Centers

Recreation Programs are offered at the Bond Park Community Center, Cary Community Center and Cary Senior Center. Programs include fitness and exercise, dance, self defense, and other recreational opportunities. The Bond Park Community Center and the Cary Senior Center are located in Bond Park, 801 High House Road. The Cary Community Center is located at 404 N. Academy Street in downtown Cary. ***Bond Park Community Center, 462-3970; Cary Community Center, 460-4965; Cary Senior Center, 469-4081; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061***

Community Watch

Community Watch was developed nationally several decades ago to allow neighborhoods to work together to help reduce crime. Participants act as the “eyes and ears” of the police and report suspicious activity when they see it. In 1997, the Cary Police established the Cary Community Watch Association to help keep all Community Watch groups in contact with one another. The association consists of members who are involved in leadership of a current community watch, getting ready to begin a Community Watch, or who just want information on keeping Cary a safe community to live and work. ***Police, 469-4324***

Compost Education Center

To learn more about composting vegetative debris, visit the Compost Education Center in Bond Park. A self-guided trail demonstrates how to compost, the environmental and economic benefits of composting, and how to use the resulting product to enrich and improve soil. ***Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090***

Concerts

The NC Symphony’s Summerfest Concert Series is held annually at Regency Park. For additional Summerfest Concert information, call the NC Symphony at 733-2750. The Page-Walker Arts & History Center hosts the Friends of the Page-Walker Concert Series and the Starlight Concert Series. Various concerts are held throughout the year at Bond Park’s Sertoma Amphitheater. Schedules of upcoming events are available by calling the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department. In the fall and spring, the Cary Town Band performs at the bandstand located at Walnut Street and Cary Towne Boulevard. For information, call Jim Hammerle at 467-7336. The Cary Concert Singers (466-8532) provide performances throughout the year. ***Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061***

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of Cary, Inc., a non-profit organization, involves the community, the media, and law enforcement in the fight against crime. Crime Stoppers works with the Cary Police Department but is not part of it or of the Town government. Most of the information received by Crime Stoppers is by telephone and all calls to Crime Stoppers are kept in complete confidence. When a call is received, it is logged with the date and time along with a brief summary of the caller’s information. Callers are given a confidential code number that is used for identification in subsequent transactions.

Citizens who supply information leading to an arrest and indictment are eligible for a reward of up to \$2500. At the time of the initial phone call, the caller is given instructions on when to call back to check on the case. When the caller does call back, if the information they provided resulted in an arrest

and indictment, the caller will be given information on how to collect the reward and still remain anonymous. To report information about a crime, call 226-CRIME. *Police, 469-4017*

Direct Draft for Utility Bills

To have your utility bill drafted from your bank account, complete a Bank Draft Authorization Form and return it with a voided check or deposit slip to PO Box 8049, Cary, NC 27512-8049. The amount of your utility bill will automatically be drafted on the due date. Online utility billing services will be available in 2001 at www.townofcary.org. *Finance, 469-4050*

Disabilities, People With

See Transportation Services

Driveways

When replacing an existing driveway or adding another residential driveway, a permit is required for the work being done in the public right-of-way and may be obtained from the Inspections & Permits Department. *Inspections & Permits, 469-4340*

Easements

An easement is a legal interest in property for a specific purpose, such as giving a company access to run a telephone line underground. Utility easements that are dedicated to the Town of Cary cover water and/or sanitary sewer lines and are typically twenty feet wide. Once the easement is granted, the property owner still maintains the easement area just like the rest of the yard. Small and medium shrubs, ground covers, or grasses may be planted within an easement. Small trees (under 30 feet in height at maturity) may be planted a minimum of 10 feet from the centerline of the closest pipe within the easement or 10 feet from the center of the easement. Large trees shall not be placed within any Town utility easement because of the damage that can be caused by their roots. Fences and landscaping improvements installed within the easement areas are subject to the Town's use of the easement and may be removed should the Town need access to the particular easement for maintenance or repair of the utility line. Town crews will make reasonable efforts to avoid the damage or destruction of plantings within an easement during the course of servicing. In the event that plantings are damaged or destroyed during servicing, the Town will not be liable for the damage or destruction of plantings, fences or temporary structures. *Engineering, 469-4037*

Elections

In North Carolina, the elections process is the legal responsibility of county government, and here in Wake County, these duties fall to the Wake County Board of Elections. Most of the information provided here, therefore, is compiled and maintained by Wake County Board of Elections (BOE). Registered voters are assigned to one of several dozen voting precincts established by the BOE to serve Cary. Since precinct assignment is based on current residential street address, it's important for voters to notify the BOE immediately upon changing residences in order to be eligible to vote in upcoming elections. *Town Clerk, 469-4011*

Electronic Mailing List Service

The Town of Cary maintains electronic mailing lists on a variety of topics including news, planning and zoning activities, telecommunications issues, and transportation issues. Anyone wishing to subscribe to one or more lists may sign up online at www.townofcary.org. *Public Information, 460-4951*

Email

Town Council members, Town boards and commissions, and most Town of Cary management staff utilize email for much of their communication. A list of email addresses will be added to the Town's website in 2001. Please check the website for the current list.

Emergency Information

If you suffer or are witness to a threat to life or property, dial 9-1-1. However, during hurricanes, snow storms, and in other sorts of emergencies that affect large portions of Cary, the Town will be getting the word out to you as soon as possible and in many different ways. Your best bet is to watch or listen to local news for information that we're sending to the media. If you want to have our news when the reporters have our news, sign up now for our electronic mailing list service available on our website. Also, please remember that we always post information as it happens on our website—very often setting up special sections for the event. We use the 24-hour Town Hall telephone service to provide recorded message updates, and we utilize Town Hall TV (cable channel 11) to update you as well. Finally, for most weather-related emergencies, we'll activate our telephone hotline—469-4090—for you to call to speak to a real person. **WHATEVER YOU DO, PLEASE DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 UNLESS YOU HAVE A LIFE-THREATENING PROBLEM.** *Administration, 469-4001*

Facility and Shelter Rentals

The Bond Park Community Center, Cary Community Center, Cary Senior Center, and the Page-Walker Arts & History Center have rooms available for rent for Cary residents. Reservations for Sunday through Thursday are accepted up to 3 months in advance. Reservations for Friday and Saturday are accepted up to 6 months in advance. Sertoma Amphitheater, located in Bond Park, accommodates 300 spectators for outdoor performances. Picnic shelters are available on a first come, first use basis or may be reserved up to 90 days in advance year round. More information on rentals is available in the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Program Guide. To reserve rooms, contact the respective facility. To reserve picnic shelters or the Sertoma Amphitheater contact Bond Park Community Center or Cary Community Center. *Bond Park Community Center, 462-3970; Cary Community Center, 460-4965; Cary Senior Center, 469-4081; Page Walker Arts & History Center, 460-4069; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061.*

Farmers Market

Don't leave Cary for the best locally-grown fruits, vegetables, plants, and flowers. The Cary Downtown Farmers Market typically begins its season in April. Located in the west side of the Cary Depot parking lot, the market operates from April through November on Saturdays from 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM, and on Tuesdays from 3 - 6 PM. Also at the Cary Market are the best in homemade breads, desserts, jams and jellies, dog treats, all-natural soaps and skin care products, organic produce and honey. All items are

grown or produced within a 50-mile radius of the market. ***Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061***

Fingerprint Service

The Cary Police Department's Records Division offers fingerprinting services each Wednesday afternoon between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. The charge for fingerprints is \$5 for up to two cards and \$10 for three or more cards. Please bring your own fingerprint cards as they are not provided (the agency requesting that you be fingerprinted should provide you with these cards). If you do not have cards, contact the City-County Bureau of Identification (CCBI) at 856-6300. Cary Police does not fingerprint for immigration or naturalization purposes; fingerprinting for these purposes is available from CCBI at 856-6300, or another immigration-certified agency. ***Police, 469-4322***

Fire Ants/Quarantine for Landscaping Materials

The NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has expanded the state quarantine area for the imported fire ant to include most of Cary. Businesses and individuals in the quarantined areas need to obtain a certificate or permit to move certain materials such as sod, soil, hay and straw, nursery plants, logs, pulpwood and soil-moving equipment before they can be moved through or to non-quarantined areas. This certificate or permit can be obtained by contacting the NC Dept of Agriculture at 733-6932.

The imported fire ants are reddish to dark brown and measure from 1/8 inch to about 1/3 inch long. They construct their homes, called mounds, in the soil. If the mound is disturbed, ants swarm out and sting the intruder. Encounters with fire ants can be expected not only outdoors but indoors as well. Fire ants prefer oily and greasy foods and may travel indoors to find food. They also feed on other insects. The objective of treating fire ants is to kill the queen, because she is the only ant in the colony capable of laying eggs. Insecticide treatment is used to eliminate fire ants in areas where the risk to people is high and to reduce infestations to acceptable levels. Always follow label directions when using any insecticide. ***Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090***

Fire Hydrant Maintenance

See Water System and Fire Hydrant Maintenance

Flood Zone

Flood zone determination for higher risk areas is made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The purpose of this determination is to designate areas in which flood insurance is required. ***Engineering, 469-4076***

Garbage Pickup

See Solid Waste Collection

Government Access Channel

Cable Channel 11 is Cary's designated government access channel on Time Warner Cable's system, cablecasting live and taped Town Council meetings, committee and board meetings and other programming about important government news and events. Programming schedules are available on the Town's website or each week in *The Cary News*. **Public Information, 460-4951**

Greenways & Trails

Cary has approximately 20 miles of greenways and trails within our neighborhoods and parks system. The greenway system is designed to provide recreational opportunities, alternative transportation, open space preservation, water quality improvement, natural resource protection, and floodplain management. Please refer to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Program Brochure for the location of trails and greenways. **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061**

Trails within Parks	Distance (mi)/Surface
Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve	2.0/unpaved
Bond Park	4.2/unpaved
North Cary Park	1.2/paved & unpaved
Green Hope Elementary School Park	.6/paved & unpaved
White Oak Park	.3/paved
Robert V. Godbold Park	.5/paved
Symphony Lake Trail @ Regency Park	1.22/paved

Greenways	Distance (mi)/Surface
Annie Jones Greenway	1.26/paved & unpaved
Black Creek Greenway	2.5/paved
Higgins Greenway	.4/unpaved
Hinshaw Greenway	.8/paved
Oxford Hunt Greenway	1.5/unpaved
Parkway Greenway	.8/paved
Pirate's Cove Greenway	.7/unpaved
Swift Creek Greenway	.9/paved
White Oak Creek Greenway	1.0/paved

Growth Management Plan

The Growth Management Plan, adopted by Council on January 13, 2000, is a policy document that sets forth the Town of Cary's long-term goals and objectives relating to growth and development. It identifies guiding principles in five distinct areas: the rate and timing of growth, the location of growth, the amount and density of growth, the cost of growth, and the quality of growth. The plan is used as a guide to ensure that Town policies, procedures, and regulations are consistent with the guiding principles. The plan was created through a collaborative effort that involved the Town Council, local residents, Town staff, and a consultant team **Planning, 469-4082**

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hazardous wastes—antifreeze, pesticides, paint thinner, oil-base paint, and household cleaners—can be taken to the Wake County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at the North Wake Landfill, 9000 Deponie Drive (856-6186). This Wake County site is located about 1 1/2 miles from Capital Blvd about six miles north of the I-440 Beltline. *Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090*

Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve

See Stevens Nature Center

Home Businesses

Any business operating out of a home must have a Privilege License and be in compliance with the Ordinance for Home Occupation in the Town of Cary, which limits how much of the home can be used for a business and what types of businesses are allowed. The Ordinance also prohibits the outside storage and display of goods related to the business, signs in the yard, retail or wholesale sales taking place at the home, and the creation of excessive noise, smoke, electrical interference or other types of disruptions. *Planning, 469-4082*

Housing Resources

The Town of Cary provides a booklet, *Housing Resources Available to Cary Citizens*, that lists currently available housing resources to its citizens and to non-profit organizations, churches, and other groups with day-to-day contact with persons who may be in need of the services included. (*See also Affordable Housing.*) Available in hard copy or online. *Planning, 469-4082*

Irrigation Systems

The Town's Water Conservation Program provides field staff and workshops each summer to offer technical assistance for customers to maintain and calibrate their irrigation systems. (*See Alternate Day Watering, Building Permits, Rain Sensors, Water Waste.*) *Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090*

Jobs

The Town of Cary recruits candidates for employment in a wide variety of positions. Information about current job opportunities may be obtained in the Human Resources Department, on the town's website, or by calling 24-Hour Town Hall (319-4500 X283). Applications may be submitted in person at the Human Resources Department or by mail to PO Box 8005, Cary, NC 27512. *Human Resources, 469-4070*

Jordan Hall Arts Center

Classes in visual and performing arts for children and adults are offered at the Jordan Hall Arts Center, 908 North Harrison Avenue. The center features a fully equipped ceramics arts studio and specially designed classrooms. *Jordan Hall Arts Center, 469-4069; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061*

Kids 911

Kids 911 educates children about 911—what 911 is, how and when to call 911, and what information to give the telecommunicator. The 45 minute program is taught by a telecommunicator who visits day care centers, preschools and other organizations that deal with children. *Police, 469-4324*

Land Use Plan

The Land Use Plan describes the Town of Cary's official vision of the physical form and appearance desired for Cary as it continues to change over the coming years. As one component of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, the Land Use Plan presents the Town's official policy regarding the form and pattern of future land uses. It directs growth by serving as a reference guide when considering rezonings, annexation, subdivisions, and site plans. It is also used to direct provision of public infrastructure and aid decisions for private sector investment. *Planning, 469-4082*

Landfill

See Citizen Convenience Center

Leaf Collection

See Solid Waste Collection

Leash Law

See Pets

Maps

Many different maps are available online and from the Planning Department, including the official zoning map, the Growth Management Plan map and document, existing land uses, jurisdictional boundaries and streets, planned unit developments, subdivisions, and airport noise boundary maps. Maps may be viewed or purchased in Planning. By 2001, many should be available online with a dynamic interface. Street maps for the Town of Cary and vicinity are available on the Town's website and from the Cary Chamber of Commerce, area book stores, convenience stores and discount stores. *Planning, 469-4082; Technology Services, 460-4900*

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Originally a hotel for railroad passengers and boarding house for students of the old Cary High School, the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, located at 119 Ambassador Loop on the Town Hall campus, is now used as a center for visual, performing, and literary arts classes, concerts and exhibits, and houses the Cary Heritage Museum. *Page-Walker Arts & History Center, 460-4963; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061*

Park Locations

Fred G. Bond Metro Park
801 High House Road

Thomas Brooks Park (opening Spring 2001)
120 Brooks Park Lane

Cary Tennis Center
Access via Green Hope High School
2500 Carpenter Upchurch Road

Davis Drive Park
1610 Davis Drive

Davis Drive Middle School Park
2101 Davis Drive

Dorothy Park
720 Griffis Street

R. S. Dunham Park
519 Walnut Street

Robert V Godbold Park
2151 N.W. Maynard Road

Green Hope Elementary School Park
(opening late winter 2001)
2770 Louis Stephens Drive

Green Hope High School Park
2500 Carpenter Upchurch Road

Heater Park
400 S West Street

Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve
2616 Kildaire Farm Road

Annie L. Jones Park
1414 Tarbert Drive

Kids Together Park
111 Thurston Drive

Lexie Lane Park
301 N. Dixon Street

Lions Park
815 Tanglewood Drive

MacDonald Woods Park
1601 Seabrook Avenue

Middle Creek High School Park
(opening Fall 2001)
151 Middle Creek Park Avenue

North Cary Park
1100 Norwell Boulevard

Harold D. Ritter Park
301 Lochmere Drive West

Rose Street Park
110 Rose Street

Urban Park
414 E. Chatham Street

White Oak Park
1236 Jenks Carpenter Road

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Program Brochure

See Program Brochure

Permits

See Building Permits

Pets

All dogs and cats four months of age or older residing within the Town of Cary must wear a pet tag. If your pet becomes lost and Cary Animal Control locates it, information on the ownership of the animal is

quickly obtained by checking the pet tag number with computer records. Pet owners may complete an application form and procure a pet tag in the Collections Division located at Town Hall, Building A, 316 North Academy Street. For more information about pet tag fees, please call 469-4052. Town ordinances require that only two dogs over the age of four months may reside in any one household. All dogs and cats must be on a leash when off of their owner's property. **Police, 319-4517**

Picnic Shelters

See Facility and Shelter Rentals

Playgrounds

Town playgrounds are located at Annie Jones Park, Fred G. Bond Metro Park, Davis Drive Park, Lexie Lane Park, MacDonald Woods Park, Godbold Park, Green Hope Elementary School Park, Kids Together Park, North Cary Park, Rose Street Park, Urban Park, Dunham Park, Harold Ritter Park, and White Oak Park. (See Park Locations for street address.) **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061**

Police Service Centers

Three police service centers are available to allow police officers to provide convenient service to the public and further enhance the police presence in the community. The centers are located at Crossroads Shopping Center, Fire Station No. 5, and Cary Towne Center. **Police, 469-4022**

Potholes

Report potholes to the **Public Works & Utilities Department at 469-4090** or online using the Town's FEEDBACK option.

Preschool Activities

Programs for preschoolers are offered at the Bond Park Community Center, Cary Community Center, Jordan Hall Arts Center and the Stevens Nature Center. **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061**

Pretreatment of Wastewater

Any user of the sanitary sewer collection and treatment system is subject to the Town of Cary Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance. Institutional food preparation and serving facilities are required to adequately trap and retain fats, oils and greases prior to discharge into the sanitary sewer collection and treatment system. In certain cases, an Industrial Discharge Permit will be required of a user in order to comply with the Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance. Residential users are asked to consider their own cleaning practices and their impact on the control of greasy wash water, food solids and oils to the Town of Cary sanitary sewer system. **Public Works & Utilities, 462-3871 or 319-4564**

Privilege License

Any person conducting business within Cary either by maintaining a business location within the town limits, or personally or through agents, soliciting business within the Town, or picking up and/or delivering goods or services within the town limits, is liable for the Privilege License tax unless

specifically exempted by state law. If an individual or company is engaged in more than one type of business, separate licenses may be required for each type. *Finance, 460-4952*

Program Brochure

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources programs are detailed in seasonal brochures issued three times a year. An electronic version of the current brochure is available on the Town's website. Hard copies are available at the Bond Park Community Center, Cary Community Center, Jordan Hall Arts Center, Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Hemlock Bluffs and the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources office. *Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061*

Rain Sensors

As part of the Town's comprehensive water conservation program, rain sensors are required on all irrigation systems. Rain sensors override the cycle of automatic irrigation systems when adequate rainfall is received. They are easily installed and available wherever irrigation supplies are sold. *Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090*

Reclaimed Water

Reclaimed water is water that has received advanced secondary treatment, meets water quality requirements as defined by the North Carolina rules, and is reused, primarily for irrigation, after flowing out of a water reclamation facility. It is a safe, cost-effective alternative to using potable water. The benefits of using reclaimed water include offsetting potable water demands, reducing wastewater discharges to the Neuse River Basin, and increasing regulatory compliance with the State. By 2002, reclaimed water systems will be installed at both of the Town's Water Reclamation Facilities. By summer 2001, the first phase will be completed at the North Cary Water Reclamation Facility (NCWRF). In 2002, the NCWRF system will be completed, as well as the project underway at the South Cary Water Reclamation Facility. (*See also Bulk Reclaimed Water.*) *Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090*

Recycling

See Solid Waste

Regency Amphitheater

Regency Amphitheater, home of the NC Symphony's Summerfest concert series, is located in the Regency development near Tryon Road and Kildaire Farm Road. After more than a decade of performances under a tent, the Town of Cary is building a permanent venue that includes a stage pavilion, VIP crescent, concessions areas, restrooms, ticket booths, and state of the art sound and light systems. In addition to continuing to host the Summerfest concert series, the new facility will accommodate concerts, plays, recitals and other performances by a variety of groups. *Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061*

Rezoning

If property owners want to use their land for purposes other than those permitted by the current zoning classification, the Town Council is required to hold a public hearing to consider the property owner's

(applicant or representative) proposal. The public hearing is scheduled, and the time, date and place are advertised. A sign is posted at the site. The applicant and the general public may present information to the Council at the hearing before the request is sent to the Planning & Zoning Board for review. The Planning & Zoning Board votes and sends its recommendation to the Town Council which takes final action on the request. While the property owner most commonly initiates a rezoning, rezoning may also be requested by Town Council, the Planning & Zoning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, or any resident of the Town or its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). **Planning, 469-4082**

Ropes Course

The D.A.R.E. Ropes Course is an outdoor learning facility designed to encourage individuals and groups to see their potential through a progression of challenging activities that foster personal growth and improved teamwork. Groups are guided through the course by facilitators. The experience can be tailored to those with special needs. A minimum group of 8 is required. **Bond Park, 469-4100; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061**

Senior Citizen Programs

The Cary Senior Center, located in Bond Park, 801 High House Road, serves all Cary citizens age 55 and older with recreation programs, clubs, classes, workshops and trips. (See also *Transportation Services*) **Cary Senior Center, 469-4081; Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources, 469-4061**

Sertoma Amphitheater

Located in Bond Park, Sertoma Amphitheater accommodates 300 spectators for outdoor performances and events which are held throughout the year. Cary residents may also reserve this facility. Call the Bond Park Community Center at 462-3970 for more information. **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 469-4061**

Sewer Maintenance on Main Wastewater Lines

The Town's primary responsibility for the sewer system is to maintain unobstructed wastewater flow in the collection system. To accomplish this, the Town routinely cleans sewer lines and performs preventive maintenance and repairs. If you experience a sewer system backup or observe a clean out or sewer manhole overflowing, please notify the Town of Cary as soon as possible. **Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090**

Sewer Stoppages

When a stoppage occurs, contact the Public Works & Utilities Department at 469-4090, Mon-Fri 8 AM - 5PM or 469-4012 after hours and on holidays. The Town will assess the stoppage to determine if the blockage is on the Town's side of the sewer line or the homeowner's side of the sewer line. The Town of Cary will clear blockages that occur in the main sewer line or in the sewer lateral, from the main line to the clean out pipe. The sewer clean out is a vertical, capped, 4" pipe that provides direct access to the sewer system. Homeowners are responsible for blockages that occur in the sewer lateral, located between the clean out pipe and the dwelling. If there is no clean out pipe at the edge of the property, the homeowner is responsible for blockages that occur anywhere in the sewer lateral. (See also *Backwater Valve*.) **Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090**

Sewer Use

See Pretreatment of Wastewater

Shelter Rental

See Facility and Shelter Rental

Signs

The Town of Cary regulates signs of all kinds through its sign ordinance. The ordinance was adopted for the purpose of regulating and controlling signs and their placement throughout the zoning jurisdiction of the Town to enhance the health, safety, visual communication and environment of the residences within the area. A sign permit is required for nearly all signs including agriculture, business, construction/renovation, and political signs. Some temporary signs such as yard sale signs, real estate signs, and window signs, do not require a permit, but restrictions still apply. Two yard sale signs may be posted, one on the sale property and a second sign on private property with the owner's permission. The signs may be put out for the three days prior to the event and removed at the end of the sale. Signs are strictly prohibited on light poles, trees, traffic signals, medians, street corners, intersections, and in ditches. Street signs for new streets that have been approved by the Planning Department are installed by the Public Works and Utility Department, which also maintains street and traffic signs. ***Planning, 469-4082, Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090***

Sister Cities

The Sister Cities Commission strives to further global understanding and to encourage and assist sister city relationships between US communities and their citizens and cities throughout the world. Cary's Sister Cities Commission members are appointed from within Cary's corporate limits. Currently, the Town of Cary has three Sister Cities: LeTouquet, France; Hsinchu City, Taiwan; and County Meath, Ireland. LeTouquet, with a population of 5,540, is located approximately 220 kilometers north of Paris and approximately 250 kilometers east of Brussels. Hsinchu City is located on the Taiwan Strait, between Miao-Li, Hsinchu, and Tao Yuan. Meath is located just north of Dublin. ***Town Clerk, 469-4011***

Smoke Testing

As part of its regular maintenance, the Town conducts leak tests of the sanitary sewer system in about one eighth of the collection system each year. Testing in these large areas usually occurs in September or October and takes several weeks to complete. In addition to letters sent to each property owner, notices are placed at each home or building when the testing is scheduled to occur within 24 hours. The testing consists of forcing a special, non-toxic smoke into the neighborhood sewer lines. While the smoke is not harmful to people, plants, or animals, citizens in the test area with asthma, emphysema, or some other respiratory conditions should notify the Town immediately upon receiving a notice of testing so that we can discuss your case in further detail if you plan to stay in the building during the testing. ***Public Works & Utilities, 469-4090***