



2019 VOTER'S GUIDE

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Overview

This guide provides information on the upcoming election. The information in this guide covers the Town of Cary Council races and provides information about the 2019 municipal bonds. Please note that the candidates are listed in alphabetical order, and that the information for each candidate was provided by the candidate themselves.

Important Notes

- Early voting begins on Wednesday, September 18, and ends on Friday, October 4; more information on early voting can be found [here](http://www.wakegov.com/elections/info/early/Pages/default.aspx) - <http://www.wakegov.com/elections/info/early/Pages/default.aspx>
- Election Day is October 8 and polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- For additional information that is not in this guide, such as your polling location, please go to the Wake County Board of Elections [website](http://www.wakegov.com/elections/Pages/default.aspx) - <http://www.wakegov.com/elections/Pages/default.aspx>

Early Voting Sites in Cary

Herbert C. Young Community Center
101 Wilkinson Ave
Cary, NC 27513

More details [here](http://msweb03.co.wake.nc.us/bordelec/downloads/14earlyvoting/2018/EVSiteFlyers/HerbertCYoungCommunityCenterEarlyVotingSchedule.pdf) - <http://msweb03.co.wake.nc.us/bordelec/downloads/14earlyvoting/2018/EVSiteFlyers/HerbertCYoungCommunityCenterEarlyVotingSchedule.pdf>

Cary Candidates

Cary Town Council

<u>Mayoral</u>	<u>At Large</u>	<u>District B</u>	<u>District D</u>
Dero-Asha Davis-Weeks	Lori Bush	Don Frantz	Beth Friedrich
Harold Weinbrecht			Ken George
			Ya Liu

Bond Referndums

Support the **PARKS AND TRANSPORTATION BONDS** on **OCTOBER 8**

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Shaping Cary's Tomorrow
2019 BOND REFERENDUM
Parks and Transportation



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Cary Town Council

Mayoral Candidates



Dero-Asha Davis-Weeks (D)

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Dero-Asha is a smart, natural born leader who refuses to be put in her place. As a candidate for Town of Cary Mayor, she is as determined as our nation's leader during his election year with just as much political experience.

After earning her Doctor of Pharmacy from Campbell University, Dero-Asha chose Cary as her home. Cary is already a great place to live for the majority of people, and as its Mayor, Dero-Asha hopes to champion community, transparency, and growth to benefit all of its citizens!

Ultimately, Dero-Asha wants to inspire the next generation of young people to mobilize their community. Get involved. Refuse to be discounted so that the next person won't be the first or the only. Check out her website for more information.



Harold Weinbrecht (D)

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It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Cary's mayor for the last twelve years. During this time, we have focused the town's resources, staff, and entire council to fulfill the citizens' vision and priorities. This year we were recognized as the best place to live in North Carolina and the 5th best place to live in the nation. We are consistently recognized as one of the safest communities in the nation. Our economy is robust as we continue to bring jobs and headquarters to Cary, with 13,000 jobs added during my time as mayor. We have the highest quality of life with the lowest tax rate in Wake County. But the best part of Cary is our citizens and we celebrate our diversity with many cultural events.

The next four years will be a crucial time in Cary. We will be challenged with infill and redevelopment projects. We will need to continue to incorporate more technology, continue to improve transportation and transit, provide the highest quality of service, foster strong neighborhoods, protect our environment, and provide extensive, and high-quality parks and cultural resources. We must make sure to keep partisanship out of local government. It will take a strong, caring, and dedicated mayor to make these things a reality. I have proven to be that leader during the last twelve years. With your support I will continue to lead Cary to do amazing things in the future. I humbly ask for your support on October 8th.

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At Large Candidate



Lori Bush (D)

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It's been an incredible honor to serve as an At-Large Town Council member since 2011 and as Mayor Pro Tem since 2017. Over the last 8 years, we've accomplished quite a bit in Cary:

- Maintained the lowest property tax rate in Wake County and the highest possible bond ratings
- Adopted the citizen led Cary Community Plan
- Continuing Downtown Cary revitalization—completing award-winning Academy Street streetscape, Downtown Park phase one and master plan
- Opened new parks and expanded greenways, winning the National Gold Award for our amazing parks, recreation and cultural arts programs
- Brought thousands of new jobs to Cary
- Received dozens of accolades such as “Best Place to Live” and “Safest City”

I've led initiatives to continue to serve citizens and businesses:

- Led effort providing paid parental leave to Town employees
- Promote Smart City initiatives to improve efficiencies and provide better services to citizens (TXT311, Alexa apps, improved website, stormwater sensors)
- Champion data-driven decision making and engagement with Bloomberg “What Works Cities” and Mayor’s Challenge for Opioid Testing
- Served as Council liaison for the Information Services Advisory Board, Environmental Advisory Board, Jordan Lake One Water Association, and other local and regional organizations
- Promoting expanded bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, including our soon to be created cycle track
- Work to build our inclusive environment, championing and promoting events such as Diwali, Eid, the Jewish Cultural Festival and our rainbow Pride display at the Downtown Fountain

We still have work to do and I'm honored to be a part of this amazing community.

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District B Candidate



Don Frantz (R)

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We are truly blessed to live in one of the greatest communities in America. I am running for reelection to continue to work to make Cary an even better place to live, work and play, and to give back to the community that has provided so much for me and my family.

During my time on the council I have worked hard to provide the high levels of service that our citizens demand at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer, and to create an environment that encourages business growth and creates jobs. I championed our successful downtown revitalization efforts and I have a proven record of supporting initiatives that further protect our environment and improves water quality. I am especially proud of my work to bring additional senior housing and assisted living facilities to Cary so that as our parents and grandparents age, they have greater opportunities to stay in town and remain close to family.

We have accomplished a lot, but we still have work to do. Today's ever-changing world presents new challenges. Keeping Cary great means staying ahead of the curve on issues ranging from infrastructure and infill development to housing affordability and technology. By working together, we can continue to address complex problems with common sense solutions. I am excited about what the future holds for Cary.

Thank you for your faith and trust in me to serve as your voice in town government. I humbly ask for your vote for reelection on October 8th.

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District D Candidates



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Managed growth with an emphasis on strategies that protect and enhance existing neighborhoods as they mature, and guide development and redevelopment opportunities that maximize Cary's appeal as a destination for high quality companies, new jobs and residents.

Creative and sustainable redevelopment policies that encourage reuse of vacant properties and gives new life to older commercial properties and real estate, both as residential and mixed use environments.

Use a wide range of complimentary measures to overcome traffic congestion and carefully balance the needs of residents, business, commuters and visitors.

Maintain our existing infrastructure while building new infrastructure when necessary, ensuring cost savings over time for taxpayers. Align our infrastructure to assure that our transportation systems, public utilities, digital communications and other hard assets reflect the Town's reputation as a 21st century hub with high quality services for residents.

Work with the private sector and regional partners to reduce the proliferation of non-recyclable, non-compostable waste to make sure that the next generation enjoys the same quality of life that the Town of Cary enjoys today!"



Ken George (R)

We MUST pay careful attention to the aging infrastructure in Cary. Storm water issues plague many mature neighborhoods because the newer rules were not in place years ago to protect them. Some roads have been over-paved without removing any pavement, leaving not only ugly curb lines, but shallow water troughs allowing runoff into yards and driveways. I am supporting the expansion of the pilot program that has been cleaning out storm drains and culverts to allow the free flow of water out of the streets. I also support, the holistic approach to storm water we are now taking, making it an overall water quality issue, NOT just a flooding issue.

Redevelopment of the MALL in the right manner has already been a high priority and will continue to be so. The new owners' vision to mix office, commercial, hotel and residential will breathe new life into those nearly 90 acres. Using the best LEED principles, its redevelopment can be a regional GEM, an example to be emulated.

Helping to guide the direction of the private investment is critical to Cary's Downtown. The Downtown Park Phase II, the redevelopment of the old library site and the new rooftops coming to downtown need creative and critical guidance so that generations to come will enjoy downtown Cary. I'm encouraging the "vibrant downtown life" that Cary has never known before. I support both bonds on the October ballot, which will enable us to build the not just the downtown park, but others as well.

Cary Town Council

District D Candidates (Cont.)



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My name is Ya Liu and I am running for the District D seat on Cary Town Council. I received my Ph.D in sociology from NC State and J.D. from NC Central Law School. I am currently a faculty member at Duke Law School, while raising my three children, practicing law, and serving my community.

I decided to run because our district needs more hard-working, representative and forward-thinking leadership as our town changes. I will work with citizens and the council to update our infrastructure, balance development and sustainability, protect our environment, and implement age-friendly policies.

Our town has important decisions to make on redevelopment projects, transit plans, and parks and cultural resources. I promise to work tirelessly to find solutions to these problems that maintain our high quality of life, and keep the future in mind. That means providing services that allow our businesses to thrive, our families to be supported, our seniors to have care when they retire, and our vital resources to be protected.

Now is the time to make these goals a reality. I am prepared to be the leader for District D that brings us together and moves us forward. Through strategic partnership with ALL stakeholders, I firmly believe that Cary can forge a prosperous and sustainable path where my children will enjoy Cary the same way I do.

I pledge to always listen to you and be your voice in town government. I humbly ask for your votes on October 8th.

Bond Referendums

Cary residents are proud of where they live, work and play. Our town is one of the best and safest places in the country to live!

You can have a hand in Shaping Cary's Tomorrow by supporting the Parks Bond and the Transportation Bond.

If you Vote YES on the bonds you will be approving funding for many important projects. Without this funding, Cary will not be able to move forward on projects that our citizens identified as being most important in the Town of Cary's Imagine Cary Community Plan.

There will be two bonds on your ballot this election. The Parks Bond and the Transportation Bond.

Park Bonds

Cary citizens enjoy access to widespread parks and recreation facilities and activities. The Parks Bond is designed to sustain this as we focus on our mission "to provide high-quality and accessible programs, services, parks, and facilities that inspire and enrich the lives of all Cary citizens." This bond includes \$112 million for new parks including Phase 2 of the Downtown Park, two new parks in western Cary, playground upgrades, historic properties preservation and open space preservation, and improvements to existing parks.

- Downtown park \$50M
- Playground Updates \$3.25M
- Historic Preservation \$3.2 M
- Open Space Land Acquisition \$20M
- Carpenter Fire State park \$8.9M
- McCrimmon Park \$6.1M
- Dutchmen's Branch Greenway \$1.5M
- Annie Jones Park Tennis Courts Replacement \$1.1M
- Dunham Park Tennis Courts Replacement \$1.1M
- Sk8-Cary Improvements \$2M
- Penny Road School Park Refurbishment \$1M
- Tryon Road Park \$10M
- Walnut Creek Greenway \$1.4M

Transportation Bond

The Transportation Bond consists of \$113 million for traffic improvement, resurfacing, intersection improvements, streetscape improvements, new traffic signals, sidewalks, and road widening. Citizens identified these projects as crucial infrastructure needs during the development of the Imagine Cary Community Plan.

- Street Improvement Program \$14M
- Green Level Church Road Widening \$15.5M
- O'Kelly Chapel Road Widening \$4M
- NCDOT Enhancements \$23M
- Sidewalk Improvements \$5M
- Louis Stephens Sidewalk \$3.2M
- Cary Parkway Sidewalk at Black Creek \$4.8M
- NC 55 Pedestrian Grade Separation \$5M
- Downtown Parking Development \$5M
- Fenton Infrastructure \$22.3M

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