



# Let's Learn About Cary's Local Government



Cary  
Town Hall

Cary Police  
and  
Technology  
Services  
Department



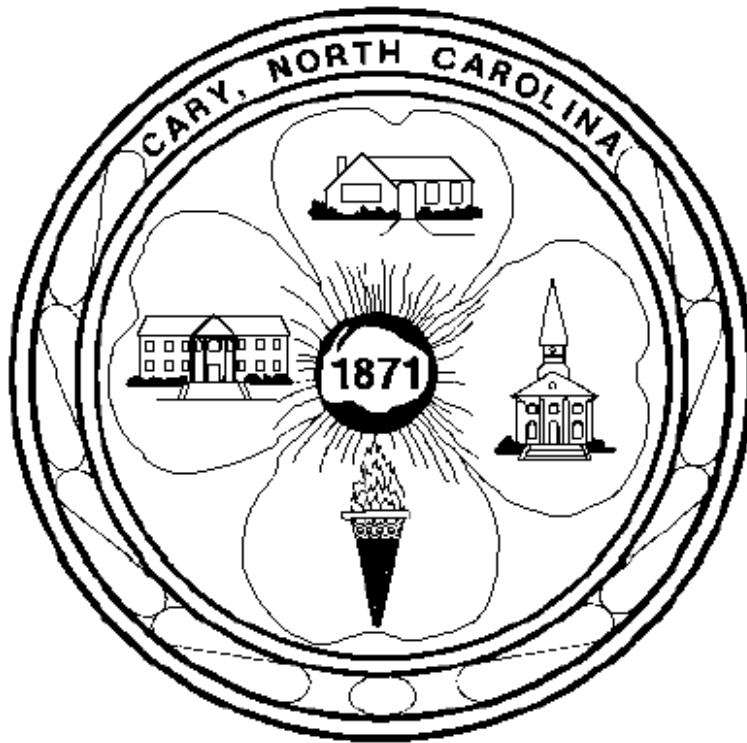
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## Town Flag



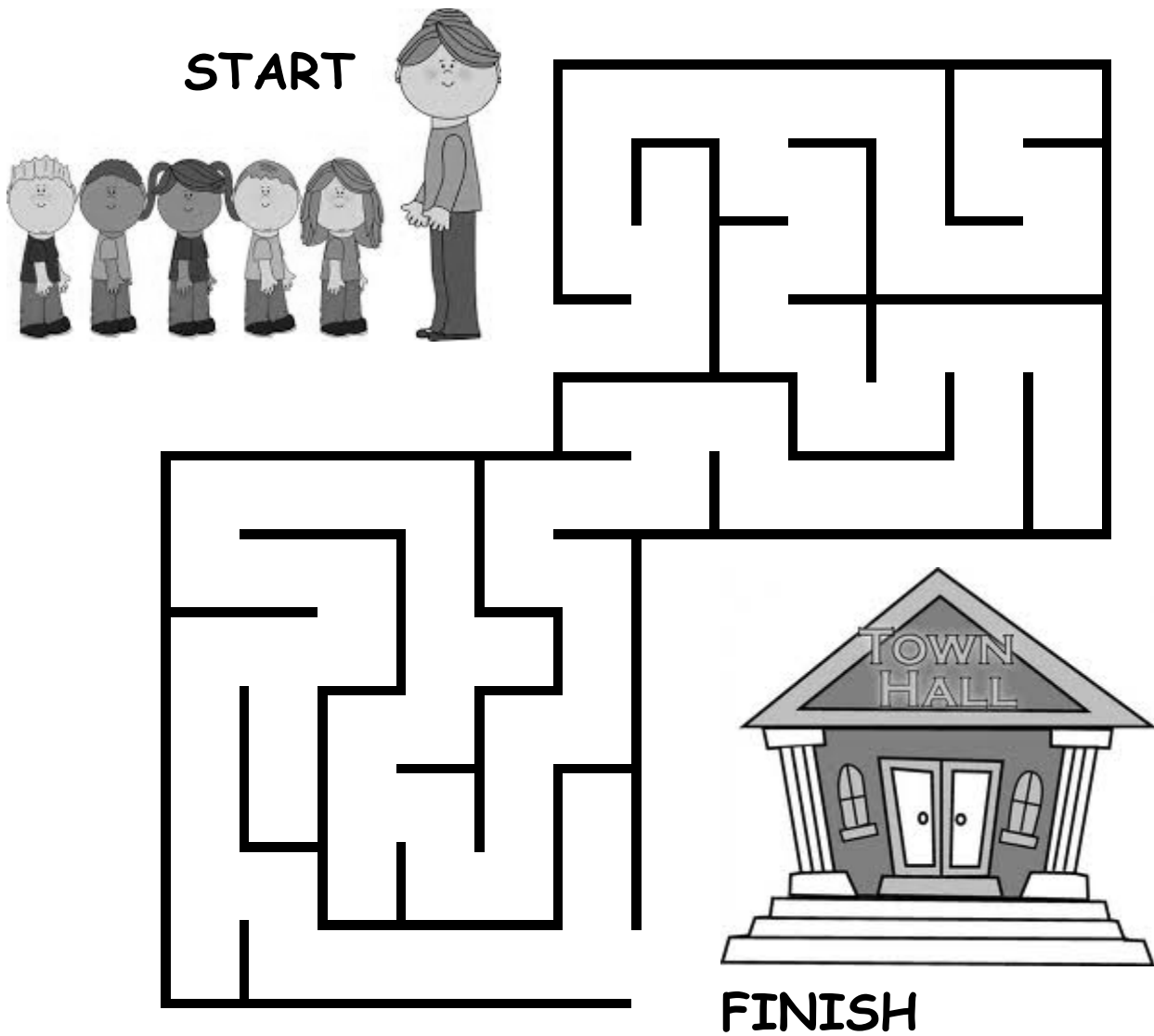
Our Town flag was adopted in 2001 to represent our community. The colors on the flag are green, white, blue, gold, and black. These colors stand for certain characteristics of Cary, such as honor, strength, and loyalty.

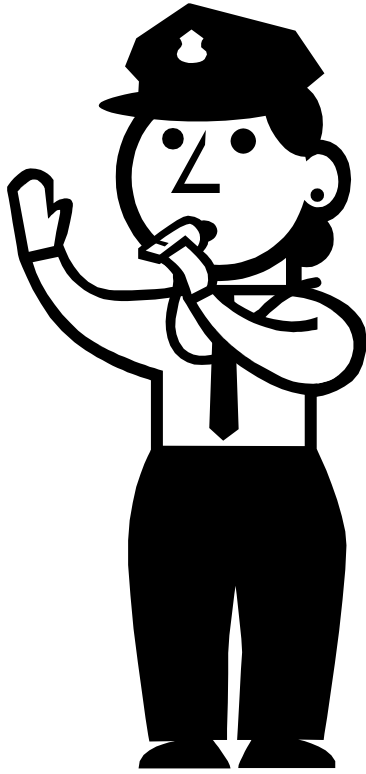
## Town Seal



This town seal is the official symbol of Cary. The year 1871 is in the center because this is the year Cary was founded. It has a dogwood flower because this is North Carolina's state flower. It also includes a church, a school, and a torch, which are all symbols for different aspects of Cary.

It's time to visit Town Hall!  
Help the class through the maze  
to Town Hall.





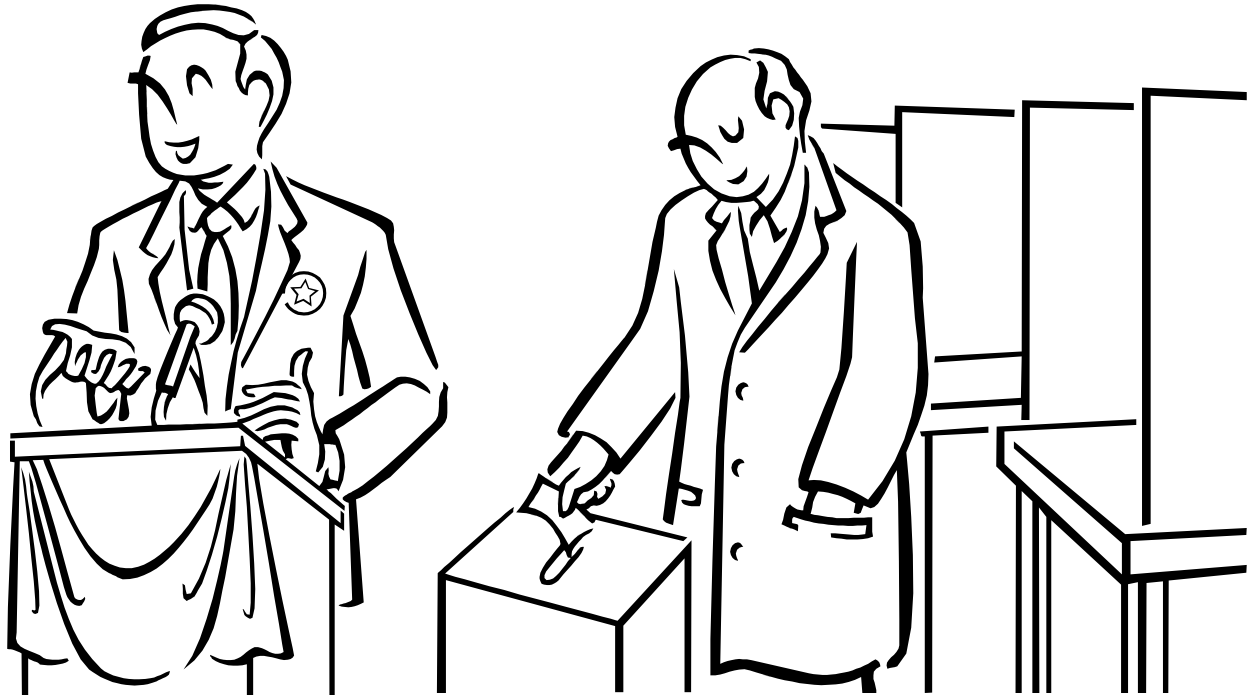
Can you guess how police officers, firefighters, and solid waste collectors are alike?

They all work for the government. They provide public service to help make life better for everyone.

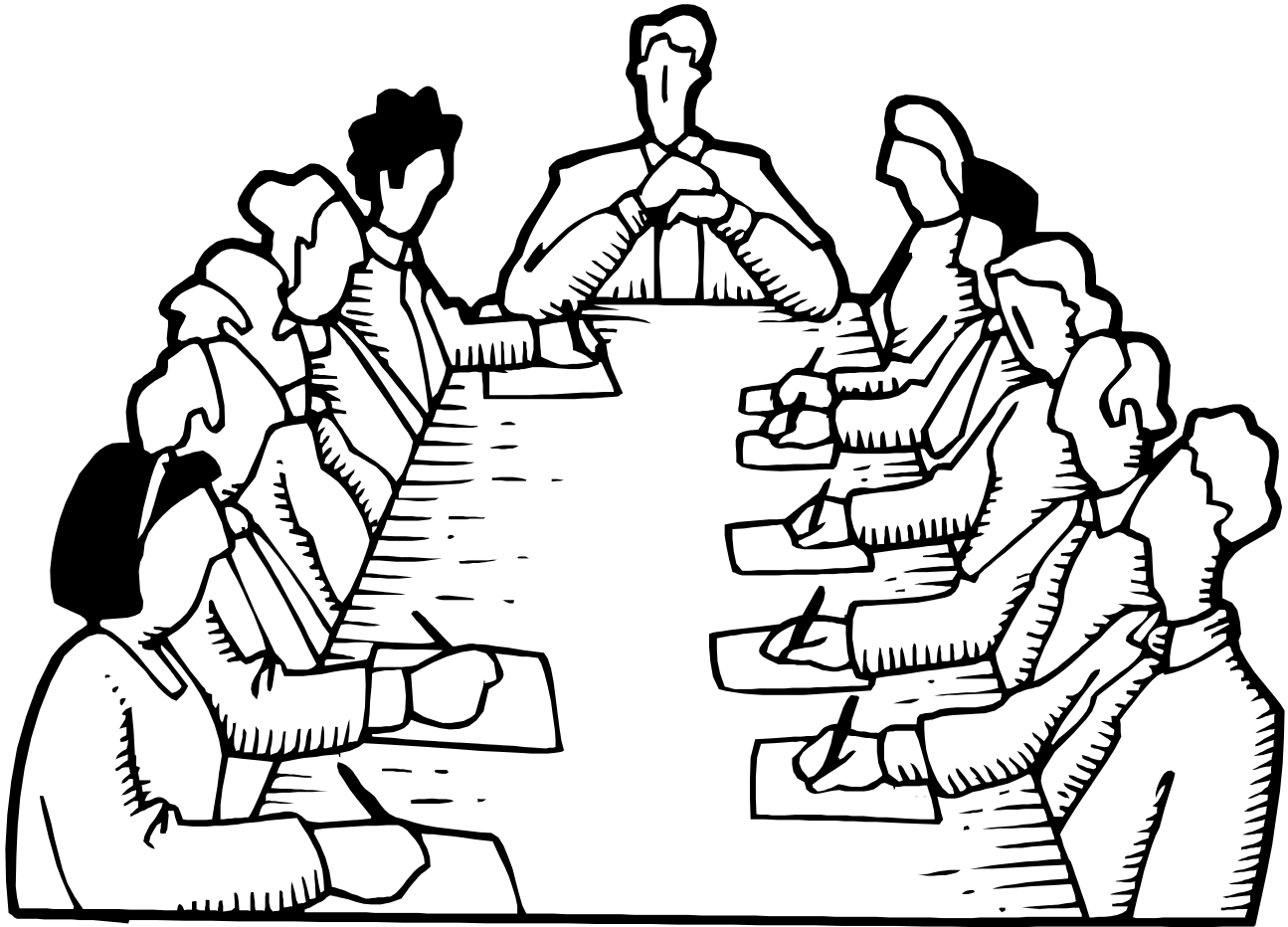


Public service workers care for our community in many ways. This book will show you how.

## The Mayor and Town Council

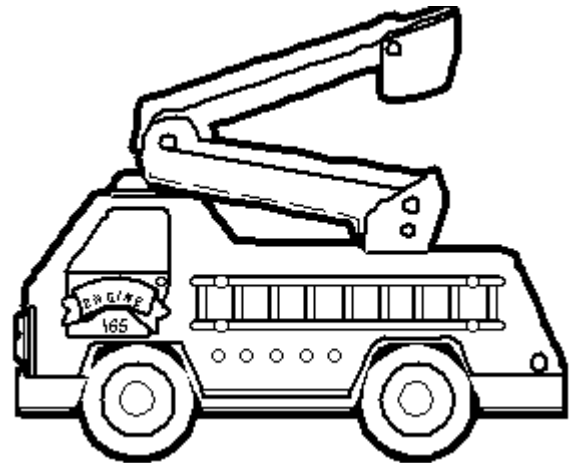


The Cary Town Council consists of the Mayor and six Council Members. One Council Member is chosen by the Council to be the Mayor Pro Tem, or the person who would take the Mayor's place in his or her absence.



The Town Council is responsible for deciding on a budget and making rules in our Town. They also create programs to carry out Town services and set the property tax rate.

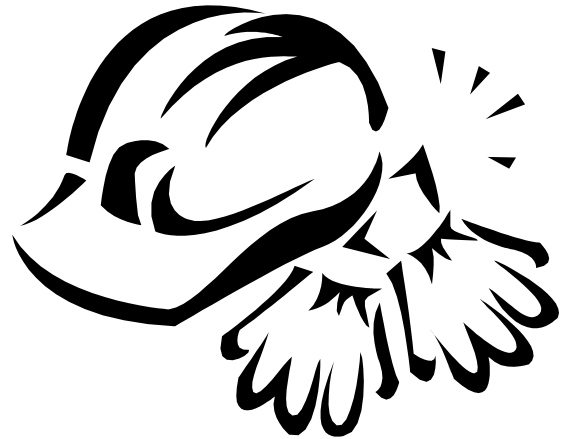
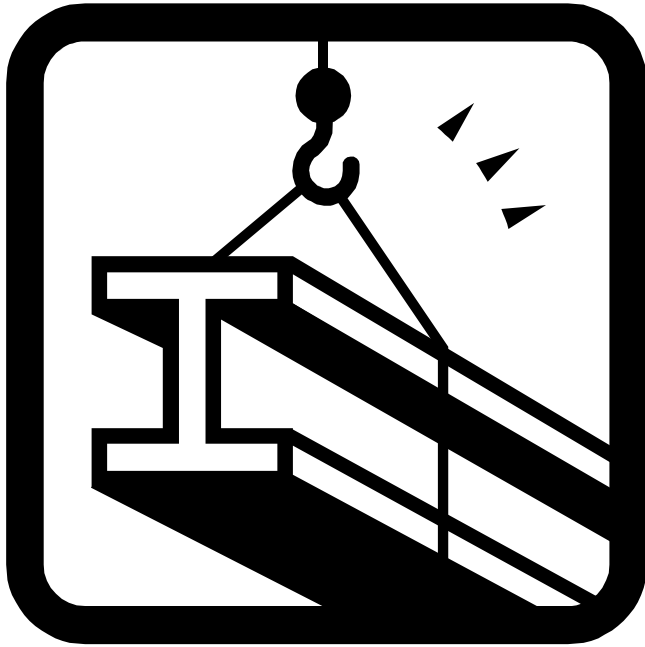
## Fire Department



The Fire Department protects citizens and visitors to our Town from natural and man-made emergencies and improves the high quality of life. They help citizens with emergencies, make sure they follow the fire rules, and teach people what to do if there is an emergency.

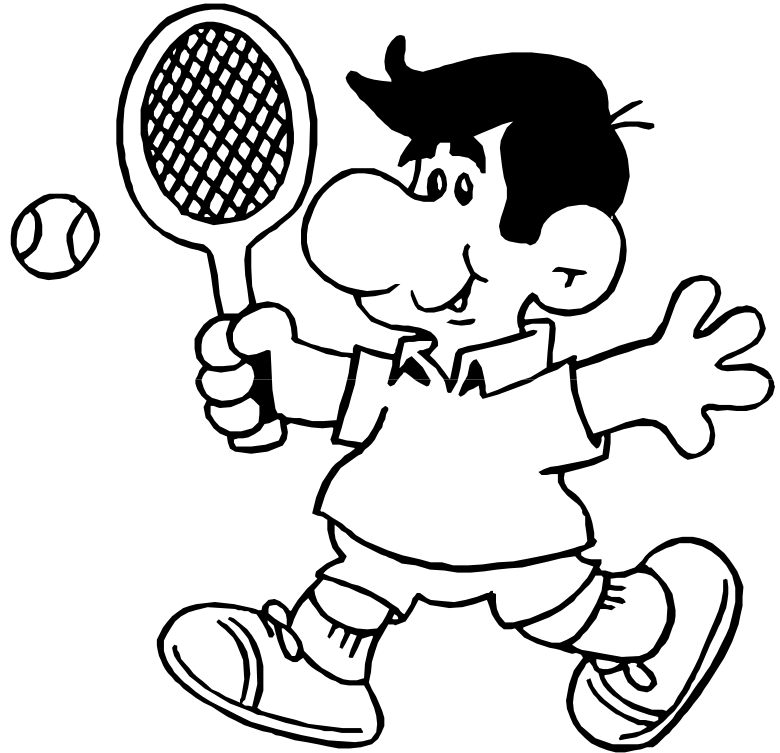


## Inspections & Permits Department



The Inspections & Permits Department keeps an eye on the construction of all buildings and makes sure the North Carolina State Building rules and other laws are followed. They schedule inspections of buildings to make sure they are safe for people to go into.

Parks,  
Recreation &  
Cultural  
Resources  
Department



The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department aims to serve, educate and improve life for Cary citizens. The staff plans and provides a variety of enjoyable recreation, sports, environmental, historical and cultural arts programs and services. They are responsible for the park system, greenways and recreation facilities that help residents to have fun in their free time.

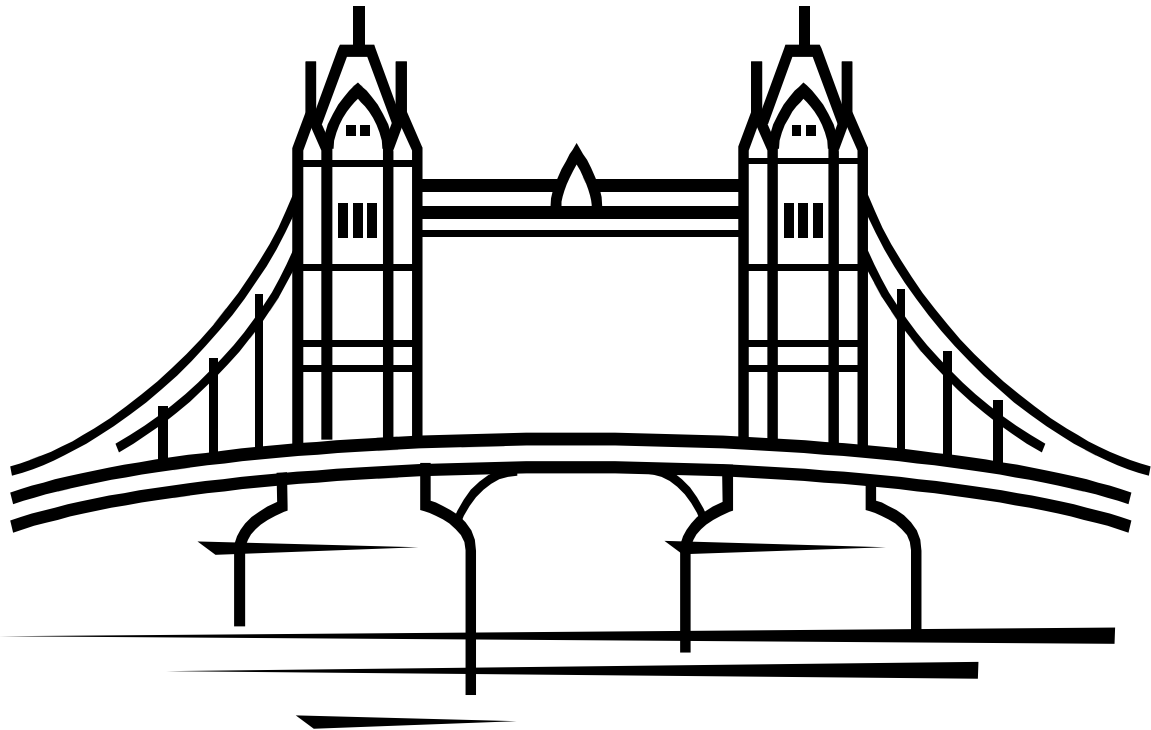
## Police Department



The Police Department staff work to become partners with citizens to provide good quality law enforcement to help our Town. The Police Department is always working to make sure that Cary is a good and safe place to live.

In an emergency dial 9-1-1. When the operator answers tell him or her what the problem is. Speak in a loud clear voice.

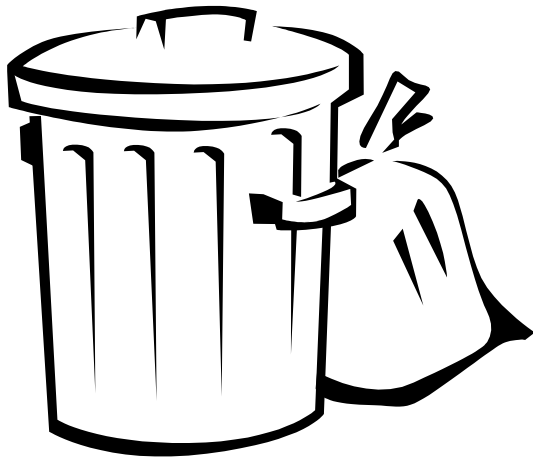
## Transportation & Facilities Department



The Transportation & Facilities Department is in charge of the planning, design, and construction of all Town facilities including parks, sidewalks, greenways, buildings, and streets.



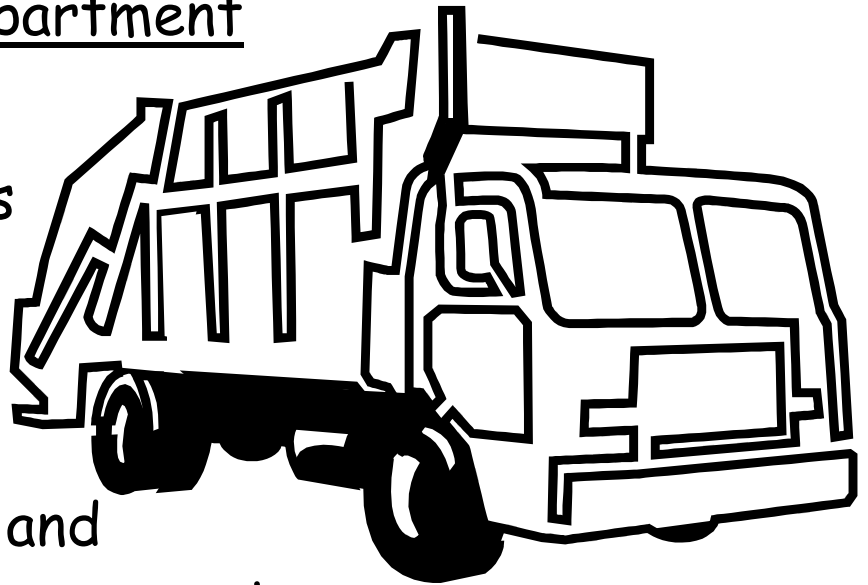
## Utilities Department



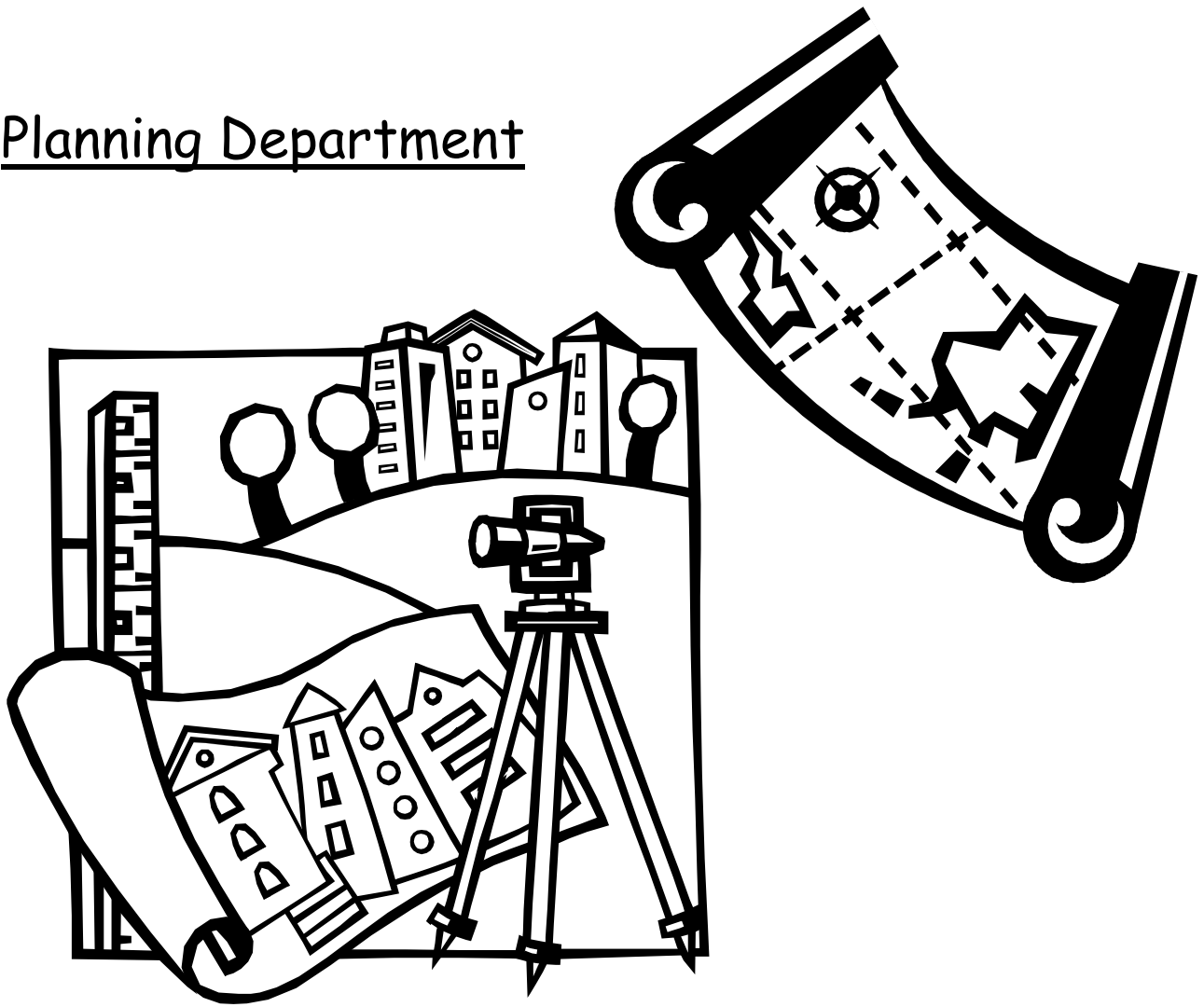
The Utilities Department makes sure that we have enough water in Cary, Apex, and Morrisville. They maintain the pipes that pump the water to citizens.

## Public Works Department

The Public Works Department maintains Town buildings, grounds, streets and vehicles, and picks up trash and recyclables from some homes.



## Planning Department



The Planning Department makes rules about what can be built in our Town. They decide where different types of buildings such as homes, stores, and factories should go. They also make sure that maps of our Town are correct and up-to-date.

## Town Manager's Department



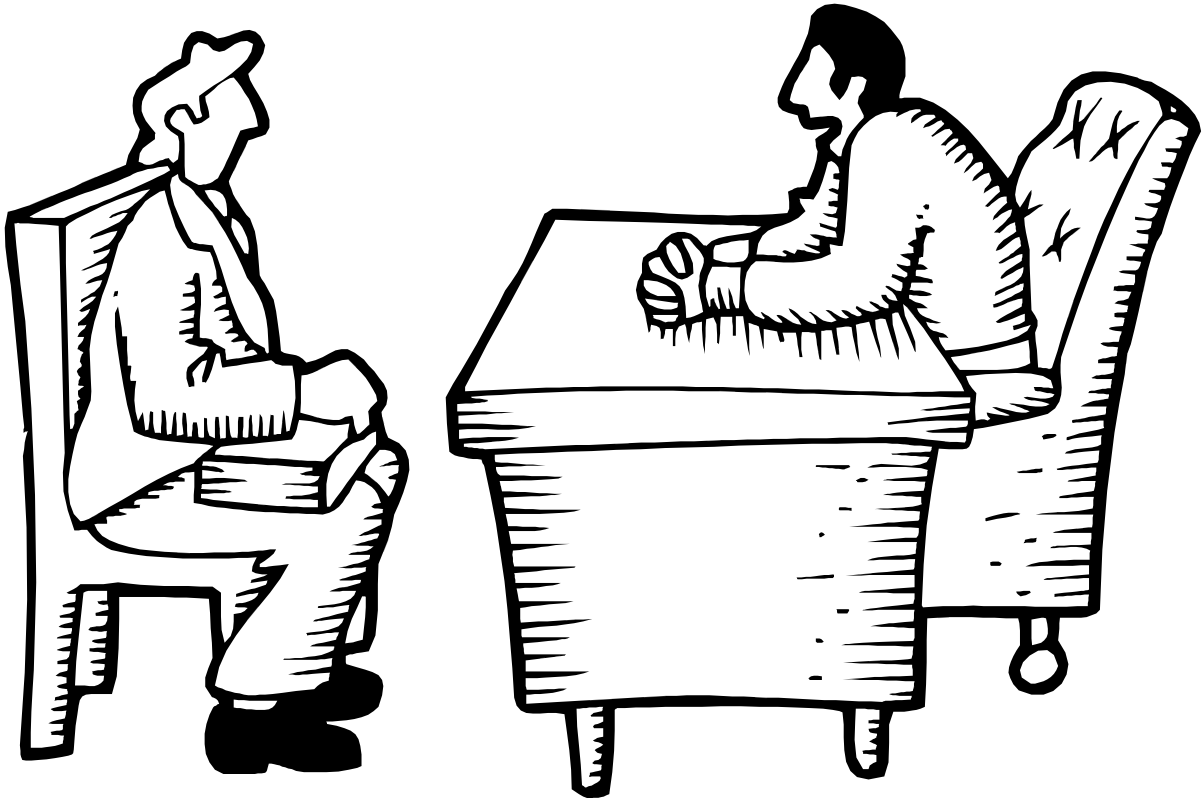
Administration includes the Town Manager's Office, Budget, and Public Information.

The Town Manager puts into action rules that the Town Council makes.



Public Information handles our Town's website and Town Hall TV programming.

## Human Resources Department



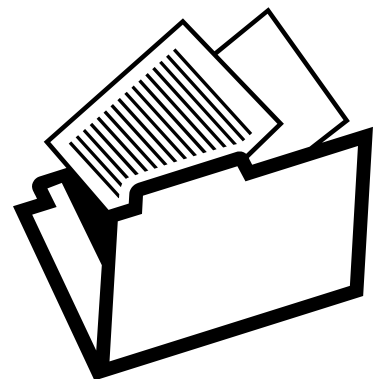
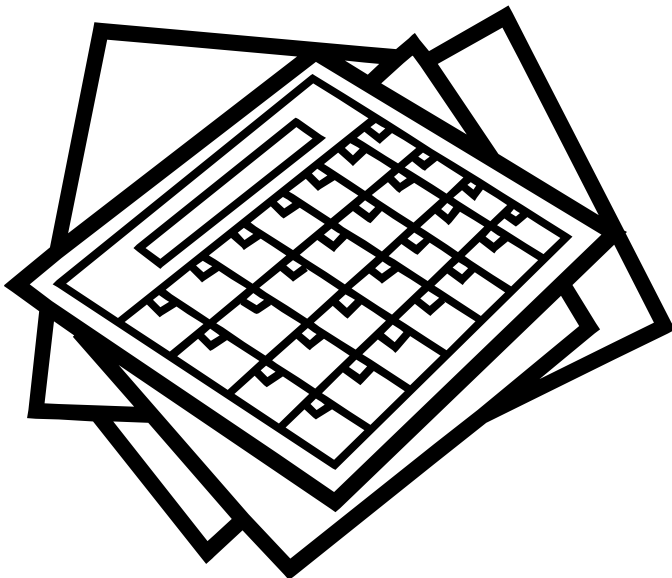
Human Resources is in charge of hiring Town of Cary employees. They also decide how much employees should be paid, and make sure that all employees are safe.



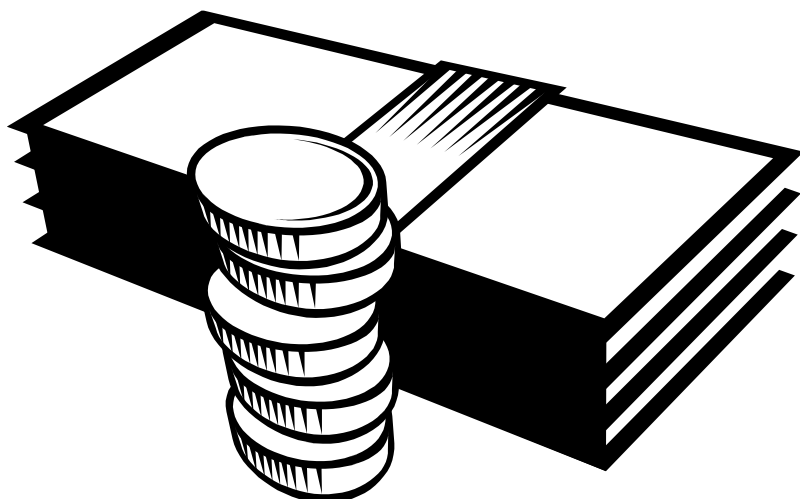
## Town Clerk's Department



The Town Clerk announces Town Council meetings, prepares the schedule, and records what goes on in the meetings. The clerk also keeps track of Town records.



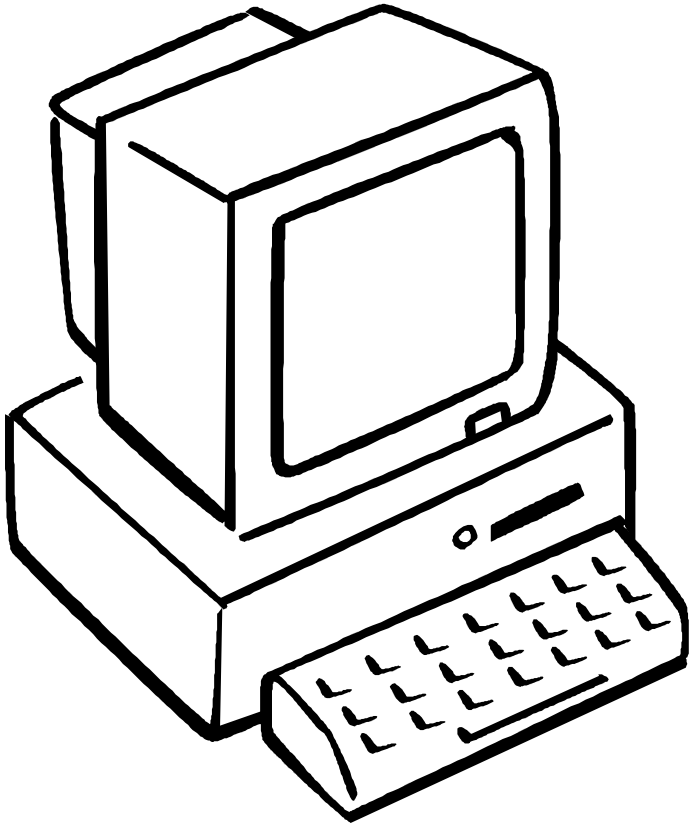
## Finance Department



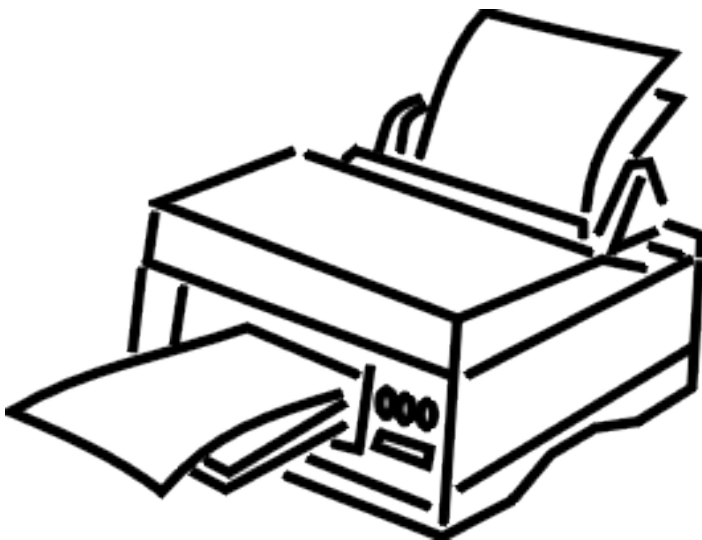
The Finance Department manages our Town's money. They also give financial customer service to taxpayers, people who pay for Town utilities, other Town departments, and Town employees.



## Technology Services Department

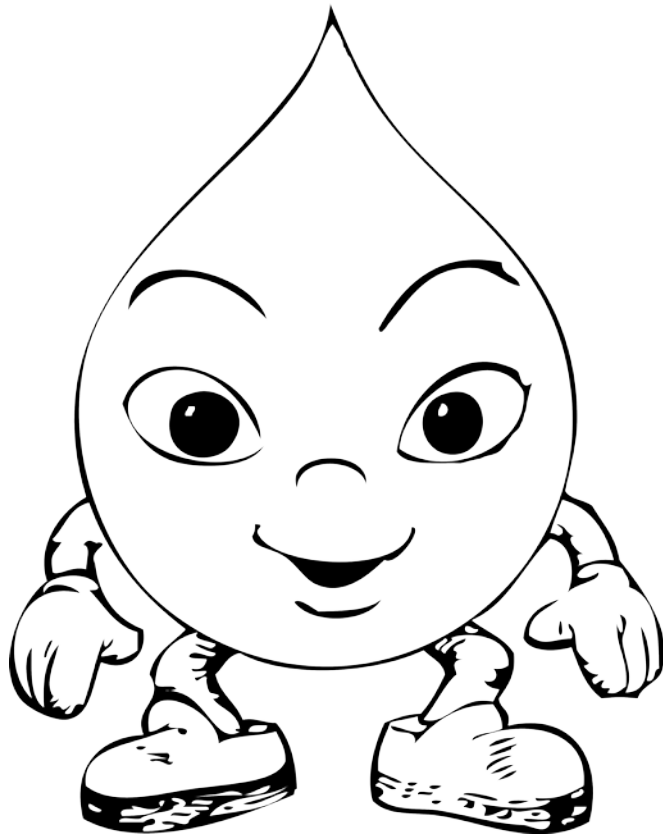


The Technology Services Department provides help for the other Town departments with information technology. This includes computers, printers, and other technical equipment.



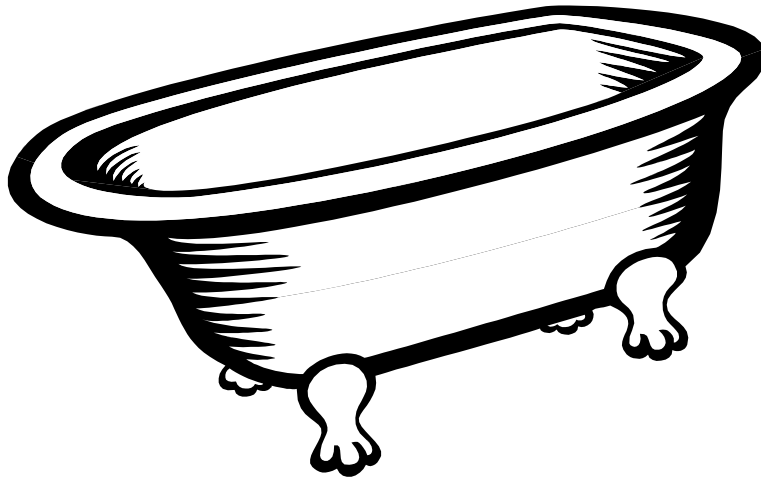
## Water Resources Department

The Water Resources Department is responsible for water and wastewater. They plan, design, and construct areas where water pipes should be placed.

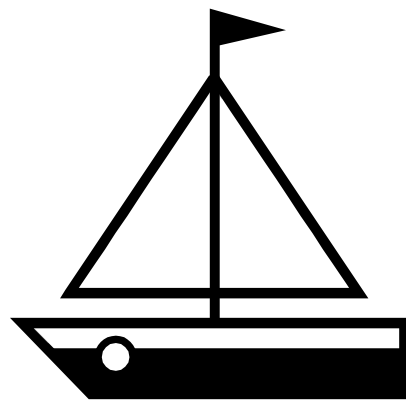
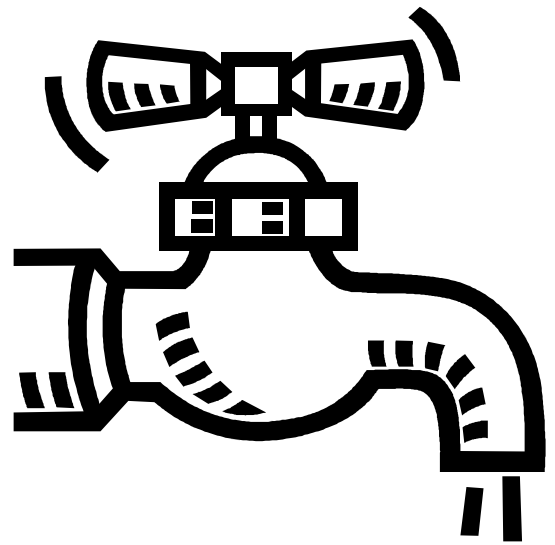


Ways you can  
help our  
community!

# Let's Save Water!



The water conservation program teaches Cary customers to use water wisely. When we save water we save money, share a limited resource, and help make our world a better place to live.



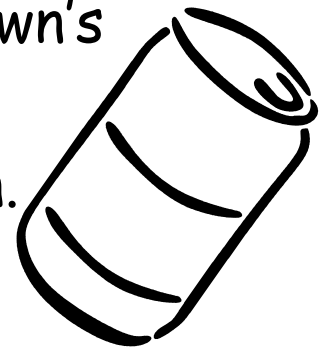
Let's Recycle!



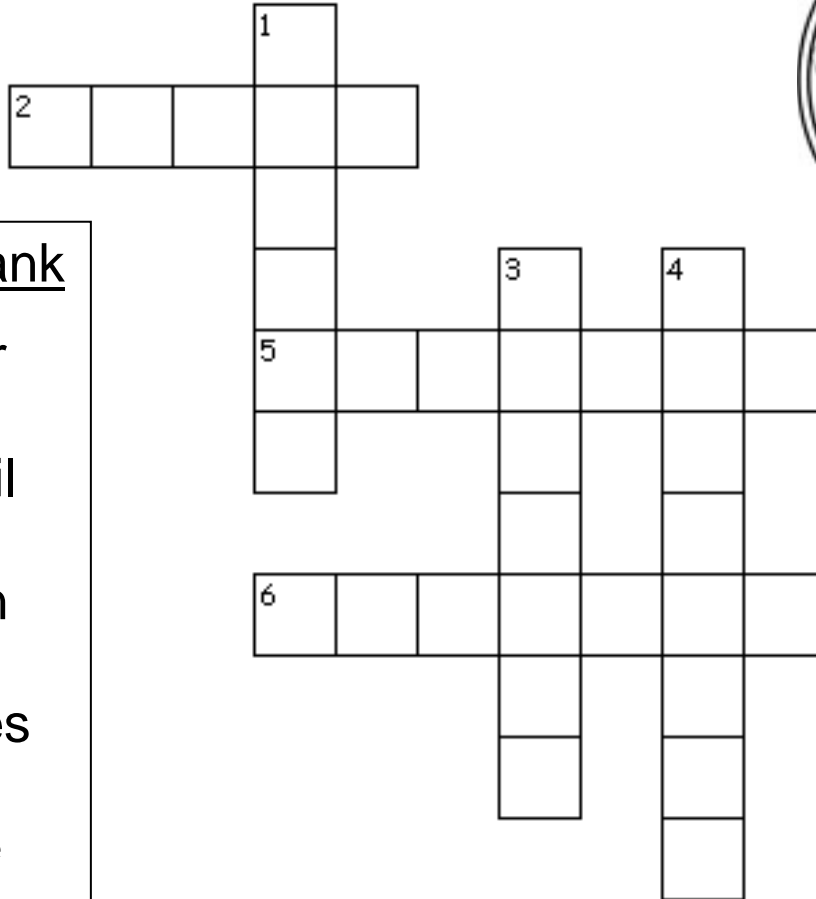
The Town picks up a large variety of materials at curbside each week and was the first municipality in the state to collect computers at the curb.

The Cary Recycles curbside program accepts items like newspaper, glass and plastic bottles and jars, aluminum cans, and many other items.

Have a parent help you check our Town's website, [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org), to see a list of items collected by the Town.



# Cary Crossword



## Word Bank

mayor

council

citizen

services

police

finance

### Across

2. This person is elected and leads the Town.
5. These people live in the Town.
6. This group of elected officials decides on Town rules.

### Down

1. These workers keep Cary safe.
3. This department manages the Town's money.
4. Town staff perform these actions for citizens.