

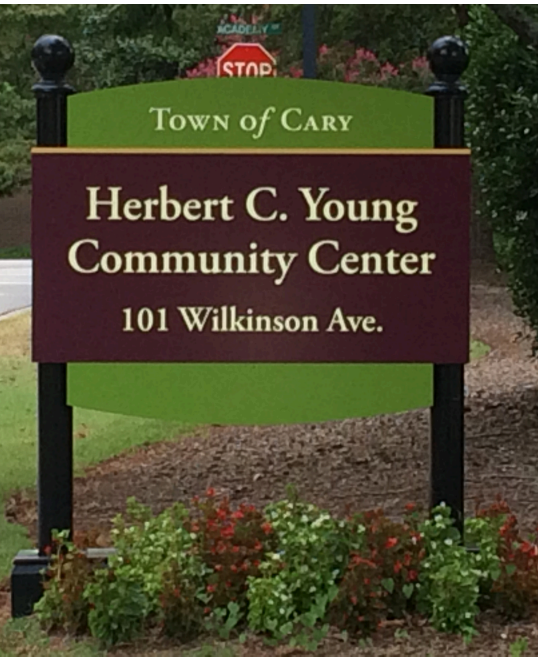


Town of Cary

Enclosure Size:
10,285 sqft

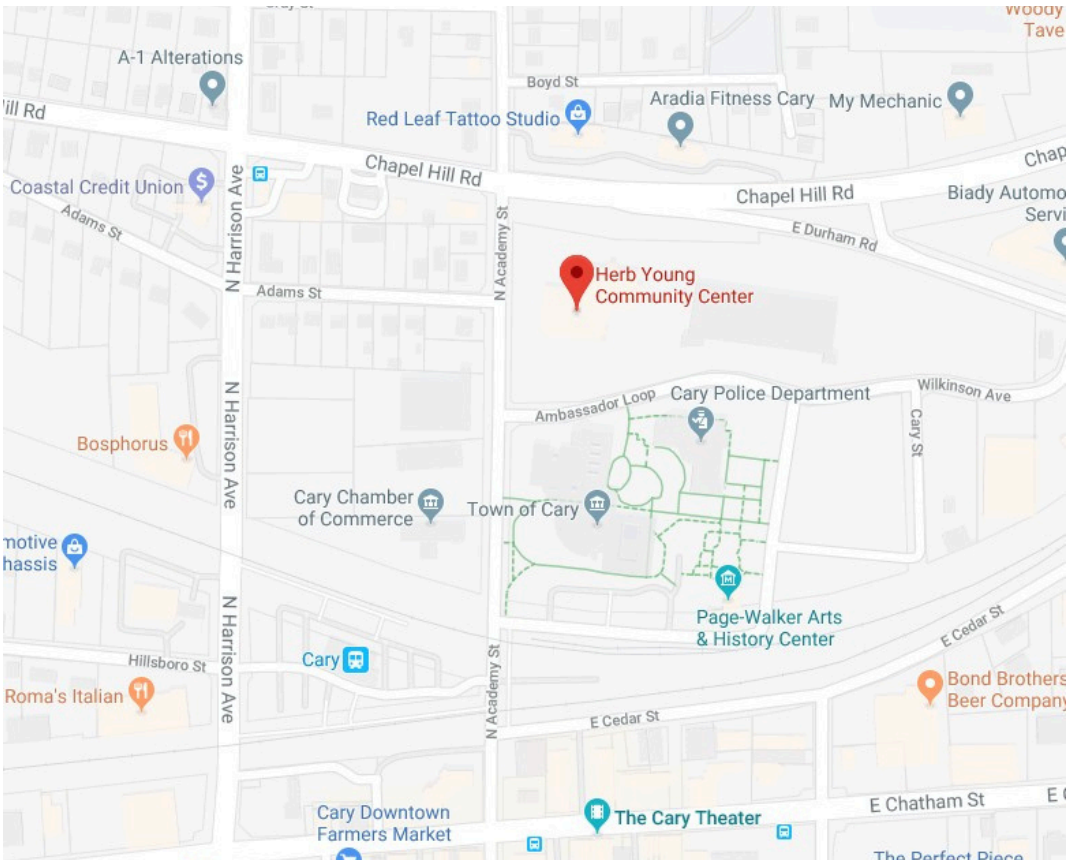
Parking Spaces:
100+

Election Last Used:
2026 Primary



Herbert C. Young Community Center

101 Wilkinson Avenue, Cary, NC 27513



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Legend

Voter Parking

Curbside Parking

Voting Enclosure

Voter Entrance

Voter Entrance: Voters enter through side doors closest to the parking deck.

Buffer Zone: Extends 50 feet from the door at the Voter Entrance.

Board of Elections

September 29, 2026 Board Meeting
Early Voting Campaigning Restrictions

Restriction Submitted by: Julie Clifton, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Cary

Impacted Early Voting Site: Herbert C. Young Community Center and Cary Senior Center

Memo

Date: September 15, 2026
To: Olivia McCall, Director of Wake County Board of Elections
From: Julie Clifton, Deputy Town Clerk

Executive Summary:
This memo is designed to clearly designate the "Area for Election-Related Activity" ("ERA Area") at voting places located on Town property during the October 15 – October 31, 2026 General Election early voting. The following voting sites are located on Town property:

- Herb Young Community Center
- Cary Senior Center

Background:
Cary is honored to host early voting sites on Town-owned properties, and to work with the Board of Elections ("Board") to facilitate the election process. We are aware that state law (Chapter 163, Article 14A, Part 3) specifies a number of requirements and procedures for the Board in the creation and operation of voting places. The Board must create a 'buffer zone' at each voting place and, where practical

> *set the limit at 50 feet from the door of entrance to the voting place, measured when that door is closed, but in no event shall it set the limit at more than 50 feet or at less than 25 feet*.

Within this buffer zone (and the voting place)

> *No person or group of persons shall hinder, access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity…*

Adjacent to the required buffer zone, when the voting place is a public building, the Board must

> *provide an area … in which persons or groups of persons may distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity*.

The extent of the election-related activity area adjacent to the buffer zone ("ERA Area") has historically been established by the Town.

For this election, the Town proposes to clearly designate in advance of the election the area outside of voting places on Town property that can be used as ERA Area. Unless we hear objection from you or the Board, the Town will designate the highlighted areas on Exhibit A as the ERA Area for early voting at the Herb Young Community Center. We consider the ERA Area to be under the jurisdiction of the BOE, and it will not be subject to the Town's sign ordinance. All questions or concerns about signs located in the ERA Area will be directed to the BOE. As in past elections, Town staff will remove all signs on Town property that are outside of the ERA Area and will place those removed signs in a nearby place designated by the Town for retrieval by their owners. Signs placed in public right-of-way will continue to be governed by Town ordinance or State law, depending on their location.

Next Steps:
If there are no objections to Exhibit A-B for early voting, Town staff will this year and following continue the practice of identifying on plans like those attached the ERA Area for early voting at Town-owned properties as shown.

Exhibit A: Herb Young Community Center, 101 Wilkinson Ave, Cary
Exhibit B: Cary Senior Center, 120 Maury O'Dell Place, Cary

Exhibit A:


CHAPEL HILL RD
E DURHAM RD
N ACADEMY ST
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WILKINSON AVE