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BANDS, BITES, AND BOATS

April 5, 5-7 p.m. | Bond Park Boathouse Enjoy an evening at the lake with live music from Jason Adamo, bites by The Blue Window and Ty's All Natural, and brews from Brueprint Brewing. Boats rentals will be open, so you can relax on the lake while listening to live music. Visit **carync.gov/bandsbitesboats** to learn more.

PIMENTO CHEESE FESTIVAL

April 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | Downtown Cary Park New date; new location; more pimento cheese! Enjoy unique pimento cheese-based menu items from food trucks lining the perimeter of Downtown Cary Park. Between bites, listen to live music, grab a drink from local breweries, and taste some of the best pimento cheese samples from local restaurants. You can even test your skills in the pimento cheese sculpting contest! To learn more about other cheesy surprises leading up to the festival, visit **downtowncarypark.com/pimento-cheese-festival**.

CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL OF CARY

April 20, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. | Downtown Cary Park Celebrate our children and help them develop an appreciation for the colorful mosaic of cultures in our area. This special event, in a new location at Downtown Cary Park, offers face painting, a community corner, food trucks, make-and-take international crafts, and performances by children representing various cultures and dance schools! Visit **carync.gov/childrensdayfestival** to learn more.

CONTACTING CARY, IT'S AS EASY AS 311

Cary 311 serves as a central line for all non-emergency municipal services. You can choose to engage with Cary online services through **services.carync.gov**, over the phone, by email at **311@carync.gov**, in person at Cary Town Hall, or through social media **@caryncgov**. Last year, we managed over 180,000 citizen service requests, and we are excited to continue servicing your needs! Visit **carync.gov/311**.

HIPPITY HOPPITY EASTER EGG HUNT

March 23 | Free | Age 3-12 | Registration Required USA Baseball National Training Complex, Field #4



The Easter Bunny is so excited about this egg hunt that he's delivered LOTS of eggs! Registration for each child is required through RecTrac. Gates open at 9:15 a.m. for check-in, where you'll receive your wristband to participate. Enjoy a magician, juggler, and LED hooper artist, snap a photo with the Easter Bunny and more before the egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. Visit **carync.gov/easter** to learn more.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

April 10-28 | Age 10-18 (as of 4/30) Fee: \$75 (R), \$100 (NR) Visit **carync.gov/youthvolleyball** to learn more and register.

NORTH CAROLINA OPEN – PRO PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

April 2-7 | Cary Tennis Park

The PPA features the best pickleball players in the world along with food, live music, sponsor tents, and organized playing events. Visit **carync.gov/nccup2024** to purchase tickets.

MEN'S ACC TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 17-21 | Cary Tennis Park Come cheer on your favorite ACC team as they battle for the title. Visit **carync.gov/2024menschampionship** to purchase tickets.

SOCCER AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK

March 29	NCFC vs. Hartford Athletic	7 p.m.
March 30	NC Courage vs. NJ/NY Gotham	7 p.m.
April 13	NC Courage vs. Portland Thorns	7 p.m.
April 14	NCFC vs. Birmingham Legion FC	5 p.m.
April 20	NCFC vs. New Mexico Unites	7 p.m.
April 27	NC Courage vs. Seattle Reign FC	7 p.m.

SPRING DAZE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

April 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Fred G. Bond Metro Park

FO @caryartdaze

Nestled under the shady canopy of Bond Park awaits a festival budding with arts and crafts. The annual Spring Daze Arts + Crafts Festival gives a true nod to the artistry and creativity found in our great state of North Carolina, welcoming 170 artists all calling NC home! Embodying the importance of sustainability through an Earth Day Celebration, encouraging creative expression through community arts experiences, and bringing the people together, Spring Daze is one of Cary's most anticipated festivals each year! Guests can also expect to find toe-tapping entertainment on three stages, delicious food, activities for the kids, and so much more! Visit **carync.gov/springdaze** to learn more.

CARY IT GREEN

Holiday Collection Changes

On **March 29**, Good Friday there will be no curbside collections, and the Citizen's Convenience Center will be closed. Set a reminder with Cary Collects, **carync.gov/collects** so you never miss a pickup.

Grow Greener this Earth Month

From wildlife to water quality, Cary offers dozens of opportunities to grow a more resilient future through free programs, classes, and events this April. Visit **carync.gov/green** for a full list and to learn more.

Cary's Newest Community Garden Opens for Registration!

February 28-March 28 | Online

Calling all interested gardeners for Cary's newest plot rental program! Enter now to claim your plot in our community garden lottery as we anticipate opening the gardens at the Neighborhood Park on McCrimmon Parkway this spring. Visit **carync.gov/gardens**.



Compost Bins and Rain Barrel Sale

April 1-May 10 | Online

Grow greener with bins and barrels for backyard gardening. The Compost Bin and Rain Barrel sale offers below wholesale

pricing for these useful backyard tools. Learn more about converting kitchen scraps into compost or harvesting rainwater for a healthy and beautiful lawn and garden. Visit **carync.gov/compostbinsale** to learn more.

Celebrate Arbor Day



April 6, 12-3 p.m. | Page-Walker Arts & History Center Courtyard

Arbor Day is a day to celebrate trees and all the good they do! Join us for an afternoon of environmental education, giveaways, and kids' activities in honor of Cary's commitment to our urban forests. Chat with experts, pick up a free seedling while supplies last, and enter for a chance to win a compost bin, rain barrel, and native plant garden starter pack. Enjoy our Ask an Arborist booth and don't miss our Tree City USA designation ceremony at this free, family-friendly event. Visit **carync.gov/arborday** to learn more.

Volunteer at Cary's Spring Litter Sweep!

April 13 | Multiple Shifts Available | Locations Across Town Volunteer to "spring clean" Cary's streets, parks, and trails! Support healthy creeks and rivers in our region by canvassing Cary for litter. This is a great community service opportunity for groups, troops, families, and individuals-we've got the tools if you've got the time! Visit **carync.gov/spruce** to learn more, and to register.

Discover if Residential Solar is Right for You

April 22, 12-1 p.m. | Online

Did you know that buildings alone account for 61% of all greenhouse gas emissions in Cary? Transitioning our buildings to renewable energy is key to creating a more sustainable future! Let Cary help you discover the power of solar energy with a free online class this Earth Day. Visit **carync.gov/solar** to learn more, and to register.

EARTH DAY FILMS AT THE CARY

We're keeping our 10th anniversary celebration going in April with free Earth Day programs. Join us at The Cary Theater on Sunday, April 21 for free screenings of "Inventing Tomorrow" at 2 p.m. and "Wild Life" at 5 p.m. **thecarytheater.com**

STAY CONNECTED! Are you receiving communications from Cary? Are you getting information about topics that matter to you? Signing up to receive text or email messages from us is quick and easy. Visit **carync.gov/email** and fill in the required fields. We've got you covered!

CULTURAL CALENDAR

North Carolina Songwriters in the Round

April 13, 7 p.m. | The Cary Theater Jason Adamo convenes a collection of North Carolina's top songwriters for a lively performance in the round, Nashville-style. **thecarytheater.com**

Performances at the Page: Roadhouse Storytellers

April 13, 7 p.m.

Page-Walker Arts & History Center Join the Roadhouse Storytellers as they bring local and regional tellers together for an evening of stories in the intimate space of the Page-Walker. Featured tellers are Jane Dorfman, Milbre Burch, Mary Wood, and Sam Pearsall. Dessert and beverages are included.

carync.gov/performancesatthepage

Meet the Artists: Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South

April 26, 6-8 p.m. | Page-Walker Arts & History Center carync.gov/page-walker

Marvelous Music Mainstage Series: Appalachian Road Show

April 27, 7:30 p.m. | Cary Arts Center This visionary acoustic ensemble brings new-generation interpretations of traditional Americana, bluegrass, folk songs, and innovative original music, all presented with a common thread tied directly to the heart of the Appalachian region. Featuring multiple GRAMMY® winners and GRAMMY® -nominated performers, these musicians showcase the traditions and the history of this storied region. Appalachian Road Show invites us to come and sit a spell on its porch as the band shares its dynamic musicianship through songs and stories. carync.gov/marvelousmusic

SHARE WITH US!

Citizens and businesses are encouraged to share their budget priorities with Cary at any point in the year, and we'll share what we hear with Town Council through quarterly reporting. Cary's fiscal year runs July 1-June 30. Let us hear from you! carync.gov/budget

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