

Chinese Lantern Festival



Cary's Booth Amphitheatre will once again be transformed into a magnificent setting when the North Carolina Chinese Lantern Festival returns this holiday season! The festival starts on Nov. 23 and will run through Jan. 13 from 6-10 p.m. Visit www.boothamphitheatre.com to purchase tickets. Please note that tickets are date specific.

Best Places to Live

In September, Money Magazine highlighted Cary as one of the best places to live in the country. Chosen as NC's top place to live, Cary came in at No. 5 nationwide. Money cited Cary's amenities, including parks, Koka Booth Amphitheatre and Applause!, the Town's youth theater program, as a few of the many things that make Cary great! Learn more at time.com/money or ti.me/2Qwi3wj



Turkey Fryer Safety

Did you know? One in three house fires occur between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day – many due to holiday cooking like frying the turkey. Practice these safety tips and you should be well on your way to enjoying a delicious deep-fried turkey this year.

- Turkey fryers should always be placed outside, away from buildings and combustible materials.
- Never use a fryer on wooden decks or inside garages.
- Always place your fryer on a flat surface.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed before placing in the pot. The National Turkey Federation recommends 24 hours of thawing for every five pounds.
- Be careful not to overfill your fryer with oil.
- Most fryers do not come with a thermostat, and if left unattended, the unit may overheat the oil, resulting in combustion.
- Before touching the pot, cover your hands with oven mitts or use well-insulated potholders. If possible, use protective eye wear.
- Make sure an all-purpose extinguisher is always handy. Never use water to put out a grease fire.

"Fire Safety Tips" at www.townofcary.org



Heart of the Holidays

Join us for this year's Heart of the Holidays events on Dec. 1 (unless otherwise noted). Activities are free and open to the public. Search "Heart of the Holidays" at www.townofcary.org

Santa's Workshop

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Herb Young Community Center
Ages 10 & Younger with Caregiver
Children can enjoy a variety of craft stations and a visit with the white-bearded guy from the North Pole! Monetary or canned food donations will be collected.

Page-Walker Holiday Open House

3-6 p.m.

Page-Walker Arts & History Center
Enjoy carriage rides, Victorian carolers and warm cider. Tour rooms in the historic 1868 hotel to learn more about Cary's Victorian past.

Town of Cary Christmas Tree Lighting

6 p.m.

Cary Town Hall

Welcome in the holiday season with the official Christmas Tree Lighting for the Town of Cary.

8th Annual Gingerbread House Competition

Entry forms are due by Nov. 20; completed houses due Nov. 30. The houses will be on display in downtown businesses Dec. 1.

Letters to Santa

Nov. 19-Dec. 9

Downtown Park

Drop off letters in the Santa Mailbox in Downtown Park before Dec. 10 and your child will hear back from our jolly friend in red! Include your child's name and return address on each letter.

The Gifting Tree Project

Dec. 1-Jan. 2

S. Academy St. & Downtown Park
You are invited to participate in a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest in Downtown with a charitable twist! The public is invited to vote on their favorite tree. The winning tree will have a donation made to the nonprofit of their choice.

Cultural Connection

Cary Players presents

"A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol"

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 | 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 1 & 2 | 3 p.m.

Dec. 3 | 7:30 p.m.

Cary Arts Center

www.caryplayers.org

Really Terrible Orchestra of the

Triangle (RTOOT) presents

"Ten Years of Terrible"

Dec. 4 | 7:30 p.m.

Cary Arts Center

www.rtoot.org

General Assembly Chorus Holiday

Concert

Dec. 5 | 7:30 p.m.

Cary Arts Center

www.generalassemblychorus.org

Triangle Wind Ensemble presents

"Tis the Season"

Dec. 9 | 3 p.m.

Cary Arts Center

www.trianglewind.org

Cary Town Band presents

"Winterfest '18"

Dec. 14 | 7:30 p.m. | Free

Cary Senior Center

www.carytownband.org

Marvelous Music Family Series:

"The Nutcracker Suite" presented

in partnership with Cary Ballet

Company

Dec. 15 | 11 a.m.

Cary Arts Center

www.caryballet.com

Cary It Green

Loose Leaf Collection

We're collecting loose leaves now through January according to the map and schedule mailed in October. Remember to place leaves curbside on the first day of the week that we are in your neighborhood.

"Leaf Collection" at

www.townofcary.org

Get Rid of FOG

Keep cooking fats, oils and grease (FOG) out of our sewers to prevent pipe blockages and overflows. Contain cooled FOG in plastic screw-top containers,

label it and give us a call when you have a half gallon ready to be picked up at the curb.

"FOG in the Home" at

www.townofcary.org

Winterizing

Winterize your irrigation system now to prevent a mess later. Drain the system to help prevent water in the pipes from freezing and cracking the lines and spray heads. Also, remove the back-flow preventer assembly and store it in a warm place.

"Cross Connection" at

www.townofcary.org

Holiday Collection Changes

The week of Nov. 12, all curbside garbage, recycling and yard waste collection will move one day later. The week of Nov. 19, all curbside collections for Thursday customers will move to Friday for Thanksgiving. Our Citizen's Convenience Center is closed Nov. 22. The week of Dec. 24, collection for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday customers will move one day later for Christmas. Our Citizen's Convenience Center is closed Dec. 25.

"Holiday Schedule" at

www.townofcary.org

BUD Bits

Menorah Lighting

Dec. 6 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Cary Arts Center

Holiday Potluck Celebration

Dec. 7 | 11:30 a.m.

Cary Senior Center

Ages 55 & Older

Admission is a potluck dish. For those wishing to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued between \$5 and \$10. Registration required.

Grinch Candy Cane Hunt

Dec. 8 | 11 a.m.

Bond Park

Register by Dec. 1

10th Annual Winterfest Concert

Dec. 13 | 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Cary Senior Center

Ages 50 & Older | Free

Mad Dash Babysitting

Dec. 14 | 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Ages 5-10 | \$16 R, \$20 NR

NCAA Women's Soccer College Cup

Nov. 30 | 5 p.m.

Dec. 2 | Noon

WakeMed Soccer Park

Cary Winter Championships

Dec. 1 & 2

Cary Tennis Park

Herb Young Community Center
Let the Cary Teen Council entertain your children while you shop, go out for dinner or just enjoy a night on your own.

24th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration

Dec. 29 | 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cary Arts Center

For more information about these events, search the keywords in bold.