



Winter Festivities for the Whole Family

Letters to Santa

November 22 – December 12
Old Library Site

We've made special arrangements for the old library site to be a drop-off location for letters to Santa Claus! This annual tradition is a great way for your little ones to prepare for Santa's flight over Cary. Drop letters in the Santa Mailbox by December 12 and your child will hear back from our jolly friend in red! Make sure to include your child's name and return address on each letter.



Heart of the Holidays

Saturday, December 4
Downtown Cary

Join us for a full day of fun holiday activities in Downtown Cary. Visit local businesses to see the entries for our gingerbread house competition on display. Stop by the Page-Walker Arts and History Center for Victorian Christmas, and cap off your evening with the Town of Cary's Official Christmas Tree Lighting. For more information visit townofcary.org/HOH.



Menorah Lighting

Tuesday, November 30 | 5:30 p.m.
Cary Arts Center

Join as we light the menorah on the third night of Hanukkah. There will be treats, fun for kids, and holiday music to enjoy. For more details, call (919) 460-4963.

NC Chinese Lantern Festival

November 30 – January 9 | 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Koka Booth Amphitheatre

North Carolina's favorite holiday event will return with all new displays and enhanced programming! For tickets and more, visit boothamphitheatre.com.



Town of Cary & Cary Town Band Present Winterfest '21

Thursday, December 9 | 7:30 p.m.
Cary Arts Center

For more information on this free event, visit carytownband.org or call (919) 469-4069.



Marvelous Music Family Series: Cary Ballet presents "The Nutcracker Suite"

Saturday, December 18 | 11 a.m.
Cary Arts Center

For more, visit townofcary.org/marvelousmusic or call (919) 462-2055 x3969.

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Cary It Green

Loose Leaf Pickup

We're collecting loose leaves through Feb. 6. Find out when we'll be at your curb by entering your address at townofcary.org/collects or downloading the Cary Collects app on your mobile app store. While you may see us come by early in preparation for pickup, we will be back as scheduled. To ensure your leaves are collected, place them along the curb by 7 a.m. the first day of each collection period for your area. There will be no collection on December 25.



Holiday Collection Changes

The weeks of December 19 and December 26, curbside garbage, recycling, and yard waste collections remain unchanged. Our Citizen's Convenience Center is closed at noon on December 24 and closed December 25 and January 1. View or print your collection schedule using Cary Collects at townofcary.org/collects.

Compost Your Holiday Greenery

When it's time to take down the greenery, place Christmas trees and other natural decorations at the curb by 7 a.m. for your weekly yard waste collection. You can also leave your tree in the designated yard waste area at the Citizen's Convenience Center during operating hours. Either way, it'll be composted along with all of our yard waste. Remember, never include artificial materials like lights, wires, and ornaments.



Options to "Leaf" It

Falling leaves have their place. When you let them lie where they fall, they play an important ecological role by providing habitat for next year's butterflies and moths. Adding them to your compost bin will help produce the perfect soil amendment for your spring garden. If you do opt to put them at the curb, remember to keep piles away from storm drains so they don't clog the stormwater pipes. This can lead to localized flooding or add disproportionate nutrient content to our waterways that harm aquatic life.



Save the Date!

Lend a Hand for Dreamfest Activities

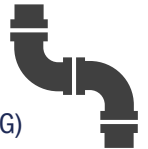


Join us in honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a host of events throughout the month of January.

Volunteers are needed to assist in addressing food security in our community in collaboration with our community partners at Good Hope Farm and Dorcas Ministries. This year, there are two ways to participate: become a Donation Station Volunteer in our contactless Dreamfest Food Drive, or join us at Good Hope Farm on January 17 for our MLK Day of Service community workday. Learn more and sign up at townofcary.org/dreamfest.

Don't Strain the Drain

Contain the FOG



While cooking this holiday season, don't wash fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain. Instead, help prevent clogged pipes by scraping excess oil into a plastic screw-cap container. Then, label it and request free pick-up at services.townofcary.org or by calling 311. Half-gallon minimum, please. For disposal options, visit townofcary.org/collects.

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 budget runs from July 1 through June 30. Let us hear from you! townofcary.org/budget

Email: budgetinput@townofcary.org

Phone: (919) 469-4307

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Public Speaks Out: Speak out at a Town Council meeting.