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HEART *of the* HOLIDAYS

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to share in the joy of the Heart of the Holidays in Cary. There's something for everyone!

Santa's Mailbox

November 20 - December 10 | Downtown Cary Park

Cary Players Presents: A Gift to Remember

December 1-4 | Cary Arts Center

A Gift to Cary Celebration

Sat., December 2, 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m. | Downtown Cary Park
Come see DCP transformed for the holidays with a full day of activities. Enjoy live performances, Cary's tree lighting ceremony, photo opportunities, a wintry skating rink, and Santa's workshop, for a wide range of fun and creative activities. Visit downtowncarypark.com to learn more.

Victorian Christmas at the Page-Walker

December 2, 2-5 p.m. | Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Gingerbread House Competition Display

December 2-9 | Downtown Cary

Gifting Tree Project

December 2 - January 1 | S. Academy St. & Downtown Cary Park

Menorah Lighting

December 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Old Library Site

The Motown Sound of Christmas

December 21-23 | Cary Arts Center

Kwanzaa Celebration

December 29 | Cary Arts Center

To learn more about our month-long festival fun, visit

CARYNC.GOV/HOH

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE CUP

Fri., December 1, 6 & 8:30 p.m.,
and Mon., December 4, 6 p.m.



WakeMed Soccer Park

Mark your calendars and start planning with family and friends to join us for the next Division I Women's Soccer Championship. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit ncaa.com/sports/soccer-women/d1

Marvelous MUSIC

FAMILY SERIES: CARY BALLET PRESENTS "THE NUTCRACKER SUITE"

Fri. & Sat., December 15 & 16, 11 a.m.

Cary Arts Center

During this one-hour spectacular, enjoy a delightful, condensed, narrated version of the holiday classic "The Nutcracker," in addition to a mini-ballet demonstration staged by Cary Ballet Company's Artistic Director, Mariaelena Ruiz. Afterward, join us for a special Ballerina Tea, where you'll decorate a teacup, take photos with featured ballerinas, and leave with goodies. Tickets for the performance are \$15, and tickets for the Ballerina Tea are \$15 and sold separately.

Visit carync.gov/marvelousmusic for more information.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Sat., December 16, 5 p.m. & 8 p.m., and
Sun., December 17, 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. | The Cary

A holiday tradition returns. Bring your family and friends and sing along with Irving Berlin's classic hits.

Visit thecarytheater.com for tickets and more information.

HIGGINS GREENWAY - PHASE IV PUBLIC MEETING

Stop by the Cary Arts Center on November 29 between 5 and 7 p.m. and speak with staff to learn more about Cary's first downtown greenway and associated enhancements being planned for Kildaire Farm Road between Shirley Drive and Walnut Street.

STAY CONNECTED!

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CARY IT GREEN

Holiday Collection Changes

The Citizen's Convenience Center will be open from 8 a.m. until noon on **December 24** and remain closed all day on **December 25**. The center will reopen on **December 26**. For the week of **December 25**, all curbside collections will move one day forward (Tues. – Fri.).

Register to Learn About Residential Solar Energy

Join us on December 6 from noon to 1 p.m. for an online "lunch and learn" to discover if solar energy is right for you. Cary is partnering with local industry experts for this Q&A session to help explain the basics and benefits of installing residential solar energy systems. The class is free, but registration is required. Visit carync.gov/solar to learn more.

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. During operating hours, you can also leave your tree in the designated yard waste area at the Citizen's Convenience Center. Either way, it'll be composted along with all our yard waste. *Remember, never include artificial materials like lights, wires, and ornaments.*



So Many Deliveries, So Much Cardboard!

Three options to recycle it:



1. Flatten and/or cut boxes to fit in your recycling cart with the lid closed. Avoid cramming so all recyclables can empty into our trucks.
2. Drop cardboard off at the Citizen's Convenience Center.
3. Request free cardboard collection at carync.gov/311 or call 311.

Loose Leaf Season is Here



We're collecting loose leaves throughout Cary now through January. Our first collection started October 30, and you can track the collection progress at carync.gov/leaves.

We intend to collect at every house again before Christmas. Simply have your leaves at the curb by 7 a.m. on November 27. To ensure collection, keep leaf piles out of the street, away from mailboxes and fire hydrants, and off storm drains and water meters. Keep rocks, branches, and litter out of piles. To view or print this year's schedule, enter your address at carync.gov/collects or download the Cary Collects mobile app.

As a reminder, leaves can be placed inside reusable containers with handles or paper bags and collected weekly as part of your curbside yard waste collection.

COUNT ME IN, CARY! | STEWARDSHIP STRATEGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

WE CAN COUNT ON YOU!

Over the course of six months, the Count Me In, Cary! Climate Ambassadors attended 25 community events to connect with citizens around Cary's forthcoming Sustainability & Climate Action Strategy. Through these events and more, we gathered more than 3,700 responses to the Count Me In, Cary! community surveys. This feedback is a pivotal part of our campaign and will ensure our Sustainability & Climate Action Strategy reflects the priorities of our community. Continue to stay engaged at carync.gov/CountMeInCary.

DRAFT URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Did you know that 51% of Cary is covered in tree canopy, and 80% exists on privately-owned land? In keeping with our commitment to being good stewards of our finite natural resources, Cary strategically plans for a more resilient future through an Urban Forest Master Plan. Join us in our efforts to care for our urban forests and learn more about Cary's tree care tactics by checking out our draft Urban Forest Master Plan, available for comment and public input November 6-December 6 at carync.gov/trees.

CONTAIN THE FOG

While cooking this holiday season, don't wash fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain. Instead, scrape or pour cooled excess oil into a plastic screw-cap container, label it, and request free pick-up online or by calling 311. For more info and disposal options, visit carync.gov/curbsiderecycling.



CULTURAL CALENDAR

Legacy of Jazz Series:

La Vida Es Musica

Dec. 8, 8 p.m. | The Cary Theater
The chamber ensemble, Triad pulls influences from jazz, blues, orchestral and the music of Argentina, Brazil and beyond.
thecarytheater.com

Legacy of Jazz Presents:

My Favorite Things

Dec. 15, 6 & 8:30 p.m. | The Cary Theater
Songs of the Holidays with Shana Tucker and The Christian Tamburr Trio.
thecarytheater.com

Cary is updating our bike plan, and we want to hear from you. To learn more, visit carync.gov/BikeCary for upcoming events and opportunities to get involved during the planning process. Your involvement is vital in shaping the future of bicycling in Cary.



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we're hiring.

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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!
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