



BUD NEWSLETTER February 2023

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MARCH *into* Earth Day



Dig in and help us grow greener!

Join us as we March into Earth Day! Dig in and help us grow greener with environmental events, volunteer opportunities, and tips and tools to use at home. Visit townofcary.org/green.

ARBOR DAY & MY TREE, OUR TREE GIVEAWAY

Celebrate Cary's **Arbor Day** on **March 18** with live music, educational activities, kids' crafts, and the chance to win free gifts for your garden like compost bins, rain barrels, native plants, and saplings. Bring the whole family to the Page-Walker courtyard between noon-3 p.m. and enjoy activities as we celebrate Cary's 40th year as a **Tree City USA** community. Got questions about trees? Talk to arborists at the "Ask an Arborist" booth and then don't miss Q&A with other experts about healthy soil, garden tips, backyard birds, and more.

The Arbor Day celebration is also being held in parallel with the **My Tree, Our Tree giveaway**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for citizens who register in advance for their free dogwood, little gem magnolia, American elm, or Beautyberry, starting **February 28** at 9 a.m. online at myCary.org.

For more information, visit townofcary.org/mytreeourtree, and townofcary.org/arborday.



PERFORMANCES AT THE PAGE: CELTIC CAROLINA

March 12, 4 p.m.

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Bill Leslie returns with an afternoon of original songs and stories. Leslie is a life-long musician with a passion for Irish and Scottish music. Light refreshments will be served. Visit townofcary.org/performancesatthepage for more details.

School's Out 2023 Camps Registration Opens March 13 at 9 a.m.

(Cary Residents, March 27 for Non-Residents)

View the most recent program guide online at townofcary.org/programguide, or look for printed copies at Town facilities as well as various locations around Cary. Registration is available online at myCary.org, or in person at any staffed facility.



For families in need of support to pay for camp, the Play It Forward scholarship fund allows residents to apply for reduced and/or no-fee Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources programs. Interested families can apply at townofcary.org/playitforward.

Are you awesome?

we're hiring.

Become a part of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources team in one of our part-time or seasonal positions.

Explore opportunities at
townofcary.org/jobs

CARY IT GREEN

Think Spring with the Good Hope Farm Plant Sale

Get ready to grow your garden while supporting local farmers by purchasing plants through the Spring Plant Sale! Online ordering opens on February 14, so you can celebrate Valentine's Day by showing some love for the local food movement. All profits from the sale support the work of Good Hope Farm in connecting farmers to affordable farmland and the Cary community to fresh produce. What's not to love? Learn more at townofcary.org/goodhopefarm.

Register for a Compost Giveaway Workshop

Learn how to recycle your food waste into organic compost through backyard composting! Hosted at various times **March 10-11** on Cary's historic teaching farm. Workshops will also cover gardening topics such as compost application, raised beds, attracting pollinators and more. Participants will receive three bags of compost, two home guidebooks, instruction, and Q&A with an expert followed by a tour of the beautiful Good Hope Farm. Register on myCary.org.

A CHANGE WITH THE TIME

As daylight savings time approaches on March 12, use this date as a reminder to check the safety devices in your home:

- 🕒 Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are operational.
- 🕒 Change batteries and replace all smoke detectors over 10 years old and all carbon monoxide detectors that are out of date.
- 🕒 Check the manufacturer's recommendations for the replacement dates on your carbon monoxide detector.
- 🕒 Check the gauge on your fire extinguisher to make sure it is fully charged and in the operating range. Place your fire extinguisher in a readily accessible location.
- 🕒 Make sure you have a home escape plan, take this time to practice it with loved ones.

ANNUAL WATER DISINFECTION PROCESS

Each year, Cary joins neighboring communities to temporarily suspend the use of ammonia in our water treatment process. This follows the state's recommendation that all water systems that use chloramines (a compound of chlorine and ammonia) for disinfection temporarily switch to chlorine only. During this process, we also release water from fire hydrants to help ensure chlorine flows through the entire system. These short-term changes are an important part of maintaining our water system and help ensure our award-winning water remains safe.

If you use water for kidney dialysis, fish aquariums, and other chlorine-sensitive uses, be aware that from March 1 to April 14, the water may contain chlorine or a mixture of both chlorine and ammonia. While the water may have a more distinct chlorine odor during this time, it remains safe to drink. Have a question? Call 311 or visit townofcary.org/waterchange.

CULTURAL CALENDAR

Far East Deep South

March 2, 7 p.m. | The Cary Theater
Far East Deep South explores the seldom-told history of Chinese immigrants living in the American South during the late 1800s to mid-1900s through the eyes of Charles Chiu and his family as they travel from California to Mississippi to find answers about his father, K.C. Lou. Post-film discussion with Baldwin Chiu (Producer) and invited guests. For tickets and information, visit thecarytheater.com

Women's Adventure Film Tour

March 9, 7 p.m. & March 12, 2 p.m.
The Cary Theater
For tickets and information, visit thecarytheater.com

Comedy Show with Erik Terrell and Helen Wildy

March 17, 8 p.m. | The Cary Theater
For tickets and information, visit thecarytheater.com

Marvelous Music Mainstage Series: TAKE3

March 18, 7:30 p.m. | Cary Arts Center
For tickets and information, visit townofcary.org/marvelousmusic or (919) 462-2055.

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

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