

Bud newsletter

March 2022



Save the Date!

Spring Daze Arts & Crafts Festival Returns to Bond Park on April 30

Join us on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 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 nod to the artistry and creativity in North Carolina, welcoming 170 local artists. Embodying the importance of sustainability through an Earth Day Celebration, encouraging an active lifestyle with outdoor sporting activities, and bringing the community together at no cost, Spring Daze is a highly anticipated festival each year! Guests can also expect to find toe-tapping entertainment on three stages, delicious food, a beer garden and kids activities. townofcary.org/springdaze



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Easter Fun

Easter Activity Baskets and visit the Easter Bunny

Apr 7-8 pick-up | \$10 | Age 3-8 | Herb Young C.C.

Hoppin' Around Cary Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 8-17 | Free | All Ages | Hidden around Cary

Hippity Hoppity Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 9, 10 a.m. | Free | Age 3-12 | Middle Creek High School Stadium & Alston Ridge Middle School Football Field

To learn more, visit townofcary.org/Easter

Children's Day Festival

April 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. | Sertoma Amphitheatre

Children's Day Festival helps youth develop an appreciation for the colorful mosaic of cultures in our area. Enjoy performances by local kids, food trucks, games, crafts, and face painting, and booths featuring community services and businesses. townofcary.org/childrensfestival

BANDS BITES & BOATS

Bond Park Boathouse

Join us the first Friday of each month, April-October, for live music, food trucks, and after-hours boat rentals. For event times, food, and band information, visit townofcary.org/BandsBitesBoats



April 10, 12:30-5 p.m. | Downtown Cary

Enjoy a full afternoon along Academy Street for the first Downtown Chowdown of 2022! Taste some of the best food in the Triangle, or enjoy a cool beverage from craft beer and wine vendors. townofcary.org/chowdown



Need Camp? Registration is Open

A variety of full-day and half-day camp options will run from June 13-August 26 at various facilities across Cary. Visit mycary.org to see all camp options available this summer. 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. Apply at townofcary.org/playitforward



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Cary It Green

March into Earth Day

Dig in and help us grow greener with our spring environmental programs, opportunities, and celebrations! Learn more at townofcary.org/green

Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale | April 1 - May 6 | Online

Grow your greenest garden ever with home composting and rainwater collection through our annual online sale! For a limited time, units will be available for sale at below wholesale prices. Order and learn more at townofcary.org/compost

Spring Litter Sweep | April 2 | Sites across Cary

Help us keep Cary clean and green by volunteering for our Spring Litter Sweep! Participants will receive litter cleanup supplies and guidance for a safe and productive environmental service project. Volunteer at an existing site or let us help you plan a project in your own neighborhood. Register and learn more at townofcary.org/Spruce

Spring Tree Talk: Soil Care | April 6, 4:30-5 p.m. | Virtual

It's all rooted in the soil! Join us for a free virtual class to get the dirt on healthy soil. Search "Tree Talk" at myCary.org to register and learn more.



Bring it to the Drop-Off!

Divert your household food waste from the landfill and return it to the earth as valuable compost through the pilot food waste recycling drop-off. Bring food scraps and other accepted materials directly to the Citizen's Convenience Center at 313 N. Dixon Ave. and toss them in the designated carts. All material collected will be turned into compost by a local facility, some of which will be returned to the earth at Good Hope Farm. This service is open to Cary residents only; commercial interests are not accepted. Learn more about the pilot program and accepted materials at townofcary.org/foodwaste

Ongoing 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 **February 25 to April 13**, 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



Here Comes the Sun!

We are proud to announce that Cary was named a **Silver Level SolSmart Community** by the U.S. Department of Energy. Cary earned this designation by making systemic changes that increase citizen access to renewable energy solutions. Renewable energy is an important part of reducing carbon emissions and building a sustainable and resilient community.

Curious about going solar at your home? Join us for a free virtual lunch and learn on **April 8**. Enjoy a Q&A with local experts and discover if solar energy is right for you. Learn more at townofcary.org/solar

Cultural Calendar

Marvelous Music Mainstage Series: Ian Sherwood

Apr 9, 7:30 p.m. | Cary Arts Center
townofcary.org/marvelousmusic



Looking to Join Cary's Finest?

Town of Cary Police Department is looking for problem solvers with a desire to affect positive change and partner with the community to ensure that Cary remains one of the nation's safest places to live, work, and play. Learn more at joinCaryPD.org

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

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