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MAY IS BIKE MONTH!

Celebrate the joy of bicycling and discover the many benefits it brings. Connect with your community: join group rides, visit events, and discover new places to explore. Get Involved as we update the Cary Bike Plan! Visit carync.gov/bikecary to learn all they ways to celebrate bikes in May!

BANDS, BITES, AND BOATS

May 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Bond Park Boathouse
Enjoy an evening at the lake with live music from My Cousin Skinny, bites by Crispy Gyoza and Baltic Bites, and brews from Fortnight Brewing. Visit carync.gov/bandsbitesboats to learn more.

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

May 4, 4-10 p.m. | Downtown Cary Park
Join us at the **Park** to celebrate the "galaxy far, far away." In honor of this commemorative Star Wars holiday, the Park will have entertainment throughout the day including Star Wars trivia, character appearances, hands on crafts, food trucks, and live entertainment. Bring the whole family to this "Sci-Fi" celebration! downtowncarypark.com/maythefourth

May 4 | The Cary Theater

Celebrate Star Wars Day with us at **The Cary!** Come dressed as your favorite character and meet guests from the Carolina Garrison of the 501st Legion. Visit thecarytheater.com for more information.

Star Wars: The Clone Wars, 11 a.m. Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back, 5 p.m.
Star Wars: A New Hope, 2 p.m. Star Wars: Return of the Jedi, 8 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HERBFEST

May 5, Noon-4 p.m. | Page-Walker Arts & History Center
Visitors to this perennial favorite can tour the Page-Walker, get gardening tips, and stroll through booths selling a wide variety of garden-related items, including plants, herbs, home care products, edible treats, art, and more. Don't miss the butterfly release at 2:30 p.m. carync.gov/herbfest

RITMO LATINO FESTIVAL

May 11, noon-6 p.m. | Downtown Cary – N. Academy St.
Presented by Diamante Arts and Cultural Center, this annual tradition brings a passion and excitement that only a true fiesta in the streets can provide! Immerse yourself in a cultural celebration like no other, where music, dance, art, and cuisine come together to create an unforgettable experience. Visit diamanteartsculturalcenter.org to learn more.

WHEELS ON ACADEMY CAR SHOW

May 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Downtown Cary
Enjoy classic rock and classic cars on North Academy St. Cars of yesteryear will come alive again and rule the road along with some of today's modern muscle and exotic cars. There will be opportunities to Touch-A-Truck, Explore-An-EV, and see a Model T taken apart! If you are interested in showing your car or to learn more, visit carync.gov/wheels.



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

May 27, 2:30 p.m. | Veterans Freedom Park
Join us for a Memorial Day Remembrance with a patriotic ceremony honoring fallen veterans of all wars and conflicts. Visit carync.gov/memorialday to learn more.

2024 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Join lacrosse fans from across the country as top teams in the nation compete for the Championship. Catch all the action **May 24 & 26** at WakeMed Soccer Park, hosted by the Town of Cary and Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance. To purchase tickets, visit am.ticketmaster.com/ncaa/24WLAX

STREET REPAVING BEGINS THIS SPRING

This spring, we begin the repaving of over 11 miles of Cary streets. Regular street maintenance reduces future costs, improves safety for all road users, and enhances aesthetics. For more information on the street repaving process, a map of exact work locations, and construction updates, visit carync.gov/resurfacing.

EXPANDING & IMPROVING GREENWAYS

Construction is underway or about to start shoveling dirt on several exciting greenway projects. Visit the project pages to learn more.

Black Creek Greenway Renovation: Originally built over 25 years ago, one of Cary's most popular greenway is being renovated and improved. Visit carygreenwaydetour.com for updates.

Crabtree Creek Greenway: This project creates an important bike/pedestrian connection between Bond Park and Preston soccer fields off High House Road. Visit carync.gov/crabtreegreenway for updates.

Higgins Greenway (Phase 3): This greenway connection enhances connectivity between neighborhoods and downtown Cary. Visit carync.gov/higgins3 for updates.

White Oak Creek Greenway Improvements: To enhance visibility and user experience look for improvements east of the Cary Parkway greenway; and greenway maintenance to improve erosion and stormwater runoff west of Jenks Carpenter Road. Visit carync.gov/maintaingreenway for updates.

Cary Pkwy Pedestrian Bridge: This bridge builds a new link in our sidewalk network to improve pedestrian safety and convenience. Visit carygreenwaydetour.com for updates.

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Holiday Collection Changes

Memorial Day - Holiday Week of May 27

Garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection for all households will move one day later this week. The Citizen's Convenience Center will be closed **May 27**. Set a reminder with Cary Collects, carync.gov/collects so you never miss a pickup.

International Compost Awareness Week – May 5-11

Celebrate Mother Nature's original recycling program - composting! Visit Cary's **Compost Education Center in Bond Park** May 5 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for Q&A with a composting expert. Explore backyard bin options and discover the many benefits of making and using your own compost at this free family-friendly event.

Then, don't miss your chance to purchase your own discounted backyard bin; our annual online **Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale** closes May 10. If DIY isn't for you, don't worry! Residents can access either of Cary's two Food Waste Recycling Drop-off sites to transform their kitchen scraps into compost. Visit carync.gov/compost for more info on these events and Cary's commitment to composting.

Carpenter Community Garden Open House

May 11, 9-11 a.m.



Join us in the garden for family-friendly activities. Chat with an expert and learn ways to be more sustainable at home and in your community. Visit carync.gov/gardens for more info and a full list of Cary's urban agriculture opportunities.



Tour Cary's Historic Good Hope Farm

May 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Step back in time and explore, get a behind-the-scenes look at our organic teaching farm. Located in the Carpenter Historic District, this dynamic facility supports beginning farmers while educating the community about regenerative agriculture and local food systems. Visit carync.gov/goodhopefarm for more info and a list of opportunities.

Stay Connected to Environmental Updates and Opportunities

Building a more sustainable future is a group effort! Stay connected to our environmentally-focused events, programs, resources, and updates by visiting our resource page at carync.gov/green, follow us on Facebook @Cary It Green, and sign up for our monthly environmental newsletter at carync.gov/greenupdates.

CARY MICRTRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY



Cary is exploring options to complement existing transit services in our community by conducting a feasibility study. This includes options such as microtransit, which can be used to fill in gaps and provide connections to the larger existing transit network. Your input is vital in shaping this study! Visit carync.gov/microtransit to learn more and provide feedback.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH: CARY HIGH SCHOOL'S FARM-LIFE PROGRAM

May 21, 7 p.m. | Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Farming, construction and home economics were part of the Farm-Life program introduced at Cary High School in 1913 by Principal Marcus Dry. Learn about the innovative education model and the historic building that helps tell its story. Presented by Cary's Historic Preservation Commission. Visit carync.gov/preservation to learn more.

CARY SENIOR CENTER- OVERNIGHT TRIPS (ages 55+)

Murrells Inlet, SC: Three Days & Two Nights

April 29-May 1; See the beautiful coastal surroundings with a guided tour at Atalaya and the Nature Center. Dip your toes in the sand at Huntington Beach State Park. Enjoy a private tour, creek excursion, and the beautiful butterfly house at Brookgreen Gardens. Visit the famous Barefoot Landing with a fun carousel ride and toast with friends at the La Belle Amie Vineyard.

New Bern, NC: Two Days & One Night

May 21-22; Take in the sites on a guided trolley tour. Discover what makes this historic area special with a tour of Tryon Palace and New Bern Historical Center. Enjoy free time and dinner at fine local restaurants.

Visit carync.gov/seniorsonthego to explore pricing, and reserve your spot.

CULTURAL CALENDAR

Rissi Palmer

May 10, 8 p.m. | The Cary Theater
An intimate evening of country, R&B, and "Southern Soul" music.
thecarytheater.com

Mornings with the Arts: Mary Cassatt

May 11, 11 a.m. | The Cary Theater
Join us for an inspired film and art class on painting the modern woman.
thecarytheater.com

Comedy Night with

Paul Farahvar & Paul Olinger

May 17, 8 p.m. | The Cary Theater
thecarytheater.com

Home is Distant Shores Film Festival

May 18, noon-5:30 p.m. | The Cary Theater
Global stories illuminate the journey of immigrants and refugees.
thecarytheater.com

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!
carync.gov/budget

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FY 2025 Budget Public Hearings:

Currently planned for May 23 and June 6
Public Speaks Out: Speak out at a Town Council meeting.