

Festivities Fill Cary with Holiday Cheer

It's the most wonderful time of the year, the holiday season in Cary. From Christmas classics to the menorah lighting, the ways to celebrate are endless.

Cary Players present "A Christmas Story"

We triple-dog-dare you not to miss Jean Shepherd's heart-warming story of Ralphie Parker's quest to get a Red Ryder BB Gun under the Christmas tree. Bring the family to the Cary Arts Center December 1, 2 & 4 at 7:30 p.m. and December 2 & 3 at 3 p.m.!



Santa's Mailbox

Drop off your letters at Town Hall between November 20 and December 10 and your child will hear back from our jolly friend in red! Make sure to include your child's name and address on each letter.

Heart of the Holidays

Kick off the season with a full day's worth of holiday cheer in historic Downtown Cary on Saturday, December 2!

Create a gingerbread house yummy enough for an elves' visit in the **7th Annual Gingerbread House Competition**.

Represent your family, organization, business, school or more as we surround Town Hall Campus with festive **Gifting Trees**. The winning tree will have a donation made to the nonprofit group of their choice.

Herbert C. Young Community Center will turn into **Santa's Workshop** with craft stations for kids to make a gift for someone special. Support the Cary Teen Council's food drive by sending each child with two non-perishable food items or a cash donation.

Get into the holiday spirit with old-fashioned Christmas fun at **Page-Walker's Holiday Open House** from 4-6 p.m. Tour the



1868 historic hotel, listen to Victorian Carolers and take a horse-drawn carriage ride.

Mark the holiday season with the **Official Christmas Tree Lighting** for the Town of Cary at 6 p.m. We'll also unveil the Cary Community Christmas Tree inside Town Hall.

Holiday Potluck Celebration

The Cary Senior Center hosts the Holiday Potluck Celebration on December 8 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Grinch Candy Cane Hunt
The Grinch discovered elves

have hidden red and white candy canes along with some specialty canes at Bond Park! Kids ages 6-12 are invited to come help find all the candy canes on December 9 from 1-2 p.m. Register by December 1.

Menorah Lighting

Join the Jewish community as we light the menorah for the final time this Hanukkah. Enjoy music, dreidel, and a tasty treat at the Menorah Lighting on December 19 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Cary Arts Center.

"Heart of the Holidays" at www.townofcary.org

Cyber Safety First

Before you tackle your shopping list using online vendors, make sure you are computing with care. Town Council declared October Cyber Security Awareness Month in Cary.

Be sure to use unique passwords for every account. Consider using a short sentence or positive message as your password. Limit banking over

public Wi-Fi connections and consider disabling your device's Wi-Fi and Bluetooth features when not in use. Finally, remember links in emails, social media posts and texts are often the most common ways cybercriminals try to steal personal information. When in doubt, don't click.

If you feel you've been victim to an online scam, report it at www.ncdoj.com.

"Cyber Security Tips" at www.townofcary.org

Lantern Festival Lights Up Koka Booth

Cary's Booth Amphitheatre will once again be transformed into a magnificent setting when the North Carolina Chinese Lantern Festival returns this holiday season. Last year, more than 90,000 patrons experienced first-hand the beauty of Chinese culture.

The 3rd annual N.C. Chinese

Lantern Festival will run November 24, 2017 through January 14, 2018.

You can buy tickets online, over the phone by calling 1-800-514-3849 or at the Booth Amphitheatre Box Office.

www.boothamphitheatre.com



Plumtree Water Tank Painting

After 16 years in service, the Plumtree Water Tank is getting a facelift. A painting contractor is working on repainting the 141 foot tall water tank near the intersection of Ten-Ten Road and Plumtree Way, adjacent to the Glenridge Community. New paint is being applied on the interior and exterior of the water tank. The new coating system will protect the tank from corrosion and will provide continued safe storage of drinking



water for the next 15 to 20 years. The tank will be taken offline and drained for the project. Cellular antennas located on the pedestal of the tank will be moved to temporary poles and a cloth shroud will be installed covering the tank while it is being cleaned and when the coating is applied to prevent any material from leaving the site. The tank will be painted a light blue to match the color of the other elevated water tanks in town. The project will take approximately 4 months and no water service disruptions are anticipated.

“Water Projects” at www.townofcary.org

Cary It Green

Get Rid of FOG

Cooking for many? Keep cooking fats, oils and greases (FOG) out of our sewers by pouring it into collection containers. Pouring grease down the drain could lead to a sewer overflow. Give us a call when you’ve captured ½-gallon, and we’ll pick it up at your curb.

www.townofcary.org/fog

Loose Leaf Collection

Gotta rake ‘em all! We’re collecting loose leaves now through January according to your mailed map and schedule. Remember to place leaves curbside on the first day of the week we’re to be in your neighborhood.

www.townofcary.org/leaves
Winterize

Winterize your irrigation system now to prevent a mess later. Drain the system to help prevent water in the pipes from freezing and cracking the lines and spray heads. Also, remove the backflow prevention assembly and store it in a warm place.

“Water Conservation” at www.townofcary.org



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Holiday Collection

Town offices are closed November 23-24 for Thanksgiving. Garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection for Thursday customers will move to Friday.

We’re also moving garbage, recycling and yard waste collections to **one day later** during the week of Christmas.

Week of Dec 25–29:

Monday collection is on Tuesday, December 26
Tuesday collection is on Wednesday, December 27
Wednesday collection is on Thursday, December 28
Thursday collection is on Friday, December 29

“Holiday Collection” at www.townofcary.org

Safe Home for the Holidays

The holiday season has arrived! No matter how you choose to celebrate, safety should always be a part of the festivities.

Fresh cut trees should be watered often and checked for dryness. While Christmas tree fires are uncommon, when they do occur, they are often devastating. Consider removing your tree within two weeks after the holidays and setting it out for solid waste to pick up once you’ve removed all the decorations. Candles used in celebration should

never be left burning unattended. Keep all decorations at least 3 feet from any heat source. And when it comes to cooking, always watch what you heat!

Protect yourself from crime during the holidays as well. Our Crime Prevention Team is available to conduct complementary assessments at your home or business. Once scheduled, a police officer will go on location to identify physical weaknesses in and around your home and offer low-cost suggestions to improve your safety and security. These surveys are best conducted during daylight and last about an hour.

“Community Services” and
“Public Education”
at www.townofcary.org

Cary Gifts to Consider

Turn to Town Hall for a special someone on your holiday shopping list.

For the animal lover, purchase an annual membership or day pass to Cary’s Dog Park, available at any Cary community center.

In lieu of a present, make a donation to Cary’s Oasis or Relief for Recreation program. Oasis helps utility customers going through financial hardship with one-time

assistance to pay their Cary utility bill. Relief for Recreation offers scholarships for Cary citizens to subsidize or entirely pay for fees associated with a parks, recreation or cultural resources program. Donating is easy, and contributions are tax-deductible.

“Oasis” or
“Relief for Recreation” at
www.townofcary.org.

Cultural Connection

The Really Terrible Orchestra of the Triangle (RTOOT) presents Silent Night (Please?!)

Tuesday, December 5
Cary Arts Center

General Assembly Chorus presents “Songs of the Season”

Wednesday, December 6
Cary Arts Center

Concert Singers of Cary present Holiday Pops

Sunday, December 10
Cary Arts Center

Friends of Page-Walker Concerts: Holidays in Rhythm with the Gregg Gelb Jazz Quintet

Sunday, December 10
Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Cary Town Band presents Winterfest '17

Friday, December 15
Cary Senior Center

Marvelous Music Family Series: Cary Ballet presents The Nutcracker Suite

Saturday, December 16
Sunday, December 17
Cary Arts Center

Holiday Tea Party
Wednesday, December 13
Cary Senior Center

“Calendar” at
www.townofcary.org



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