

Celebrating MLK, Jr.



Each year, we recognize the life, work, and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and 2021 will be no exception. Although our celebrations may look a little different, we look forward to bringing you meaningful opportunities to honor MLK, Jr.

This year, we will celebrate with a variety of virtual programs January 15-18. From nationally acclaimed storytellers Willa Brigham and Janice Curtis Greene who will bring the story of Harriet Tubman to life, to a virtual presentation of the play "Jackie Robinson: A Game Apart", to the celebrated documentary "John Lewis: Good Trouble", you don't want to miss these special online offerings.

And in partnership with Good Hope Farm, we invite you to serve as a neighborhood donation station during our month-long food drive in January. The Town will assist all volunteers in creating a safe way to accept non-perishable food donations for Dorcas Ministries' community food pantry. The demand for short-term food support for Cary area families in need has doubled since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we appreciate your help!

Visit www.townofcary.org/dreamfest for complete details.

Cary is Turning 150!

In April 2021, Cary will turn 150 years old! To celebrate, we are planning opportunities to honor Cary's past, engage all citizens in the present, and excite our community about the future. Tune into our January Council meetings to hear from Council Member Ed Yerha about the year ahead and a nod to our past with his special presentation. And, follow updates about the celebration on our webpage at www.townofcary.org/cary150. Let's celebrate!



CELEBRATE CARY

New Year, New Service

We are excited to announce that GoCary is expanding its services throughout the community. Fixed route service changes take effect on Saturday, January 2. These include:



NEW Route 7: Daily service from the Cary Depot to Weston Parkway via Park West Village.



NEW Route 8: Monday & Thursday service to Park West Village, Preston Pointe, Weatherstone Spring, Maynard Crossing, Fresh Market, Taylor Family YMCA, Rex Wellness Center, and Bond Park Senior Center.



NEW ACX: Weekday express service between downtown Apex and the Cary Depot. (6-9 a.m. & 4-7 p.m.)

Service changes will also impact GoCary routes 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Visit www.gocary.org for detailed route and schedule information, map updates, and special service announcements.

COVID-19: Continued Efforts

Visit www.townofcary.org/covid-19 to find up-to-date COVID-19 information, including the status of Town programs and services, the latest statewide orders, resources available, and help for citizens. Be sure to check out the Staying Informed section to learn how to contact us, follow us on social media, and sign up for news alerts.

Be safe, be kind, be Cary.



Remember your three Ws: wear a mask, wait six feet apart, and wash your hands.











Cary It Green

Compost Your Holiday Greenery

Place Christmas trees and other natural decorations at the curb by 7 a.m. for your weekly yard waste collection. Or, leave your tree in the designated yard waste area at the Citizen's Convenience Center during operating hours. Either way, it will be composted along with all of our yard waste. Remember, never include artificial materials like lights, wires, and ornaments.

Holiday Collection Changes

Our Citizen's Convenience Center is closed January 1. The week of January 17, all curbside collections move one day later for the MLK, Jr. holiday. Set a reminder with Cary Collects so you never miss a pickup! www.townofcarv.org/collects



The Last of the Leaves

We're collecting loose leaves through January 31. Know your pickup dates by searching your address at www.townofcary.org/collects.

So Many Deliveries, So Much Cardboard!

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. If you have more boxes than will fit in your cart, drop your recyclables off at the Citizen's Convenience Center located at 313 N. Dixon Avenue. Or, request a free cardboard collection at services.townofcary.org or by calling 311.

Friendly reminder: Please help put waste in its place! Takeout and to-go containers/bags belong in the garbage if not reusable.



Light up the Town!



We are excited to announce a series of light installations in downtown Cary now through February 2021! Named **GLOW**, this public art project features magical pieces designed to brighten the evening sky. Be on the lookout as these art pieces of light and innovative technology pop up all along Academy Street. Glowing inflatable botanical structures, electrifying murals, and dynamic VR technology are just a few of what's lined up to spark your imagination and lift your spirits this winter season! For more information, visit www.townofcary.org/galleries.



Stay Connected! Sign Up for Emails and Texts from the Town

Did you know? We send regular messages to our subscribers on a wide range of topics from traffic alerts to event announcements to Town Council meeting reminders. And, now, with the switch to a more integrated and personalized email and text system, we look forward to engaging with our citizens in a new and exciting way.



As we roll things out, now is a perfect time to make sure we're reaching you and giving you information about the topics you're interested in. Visit www.townofcary.org/email to sign up or to edit your preferences. We've got you covered!

Programs & Events

While many in-person Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department classes, events, and programs are canceled until further notice and facilities remain closed to the public, we look forward to connecting with you in other ways. Visit www.mycary.org to browse and register for a wide variety of virtual programs!

Highlights

Our Marvelous Music Online Series presents Blue Jupiter on Friday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. www.townofcary.org/marvelousmusic

In 2021, our annual New Year, New You campaign will focus on caring for yourself and your community. As part of Cary Cares, a coordinated effort of the New Year, New You campaign, we will offer helpful tips, exciting opportunities, and online activities all month long in January. Take good care! www.townofcary.org/carycares

New Facility Opening!

Cary's newest disc golf course is now open! New Hope Disc Golf Course, located at 2584

New Hope Church Road, features 22 holes which can be reconfigured into multiple 18-hole layouts for varying skill levels. The unique design makes it possible to bring in national



level tournaments, while providing the best possible facility to our citizens. The course represents a collaborative effort between the Town of Cary and the Capital Area Disc League.

www.townofcary.org/discgolf

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 budget runs from July 1 through June 30. Let us hear from you! www.townofcary.org/budget

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