



NEWSLETTER December 2022

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KWANZAA CELEBRATION

Dec 30 | Cary Arts Center

Don't miss this cultural celebration honoring African-American people and their heritage. This year's event features performances by the United Strings of Color and the Harambee Collective. The Kwanzaa Celebration is produced by Cary in partnership with the Ujima Group, Inc. Visit townofcary.org/Kwanzaa to learn more.



NEW YEAR/NEW YOU

Ring in 2023 with our New Year, New You activities throughout the month of January! With a special focus on highlighting all the ways that Cary Cares, this month-long campaign will offer helpful tips and exciting opportunities to care for your mind, body, community, and planet. Visit townofcary.org/carycares to learn more.

THREE KINGS DAY PARADE

Jan 7, 1 p.m. | Town Hall Campus

Three Kings Day celebrates the end of the Christmas season, and is traditionally the day on which children in Spanish-speaking countries receive their gifts from Los Tres Reyes (the Three Kings or Wise Men). Cary's Three Kings Day celebration includes dancing, music, food, and a colorful parade featuring members of different Latino cultures. Presented by Diamante, Inc. and Cary. Visit diamanteartsculturalcenter.org for more.



 **DOWNTOWN CARY PARK**

FOLLOW THE PROGRESS

Get the latest park updates, events & announcements by connecting with us on our social channels!

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DREAMFEST

JANUARY 13-16, 2023 | DOWNTOWN CARY

To celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin L. King Jr., we have planned a weekend full of family friendly events. The Cary Arts Center will host the official 2023 Dreamfest Celebration, Saturday, Jan 14 at 6 p.m. The Cary Theater will feature timely films, as well as a comedy show. Stop by the Page Walker Arts and History Center for the Dreamfest children's program and featured Art Exhibition. Get involved in any of the several opportunities for service & donations to the local community. For more details please visit townofcary.org/dreamfest

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Volunteers are needed to help support community farmers and local food systems! Learn more about MLK Day of Service on Jan 16, the month-long Dreamfest Food Drive, and Good Hope Farm monthly workdays at townofcary.org/goodhopefarm



REGISTRATION FOR SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL (age 5-17) AND SOFTBALL (age 8-18)

Jan 23-Feb 12 | \$60 (R), \$85 (NR)

Reminder postcards will be mailed to last year's participants. Registration on myCary.org will continue through Feb 12 if spaces are available; some leagues may fill before then. Visit townofcary.org/springbaseballsoftball for more.

Holiday Collection and Closures

Our Citizen's Convenience Center is open Jan 1 New Year's Day with normal business hours, and closed on Jan 2.

The week of Jan 2, all curbside collections will move one day forward (Tue-Fri). Set a reminder with Cary Collects so you never miss a pickup. townofcary.org/collects

The week of Jan 16 (Martin Luther King Day), all curbside collections will move one day forward (Tue-Fri) and our Citizen's Convenience Center is closed. Set a reminder with Cary Collects so you never miss a pickup. townofcary.org/collects

Compost Your Holiday Greenery

It may seem natural to toss an old Christmas tree away by a creek, but that can increase streambank erosion, or lead to clogged culverts and flooding. Here are two options to compost your greenery with our yard waste:

- Place Christmas trees and other natural decorations at the curb by 7 a.m. for your weekly yard waste collection.
- Drop your tree off at the designated yard waste area at the Citizen's Convenience Center, 313 N. Dixon Ave, during operating hours.

Always remove artificial decorations, lights, and wire!

For more disposal tips, search items at townofcary.org/collects



So Many Deliveries, So Much Cardboard

Three options to recycle it:

1. 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.
2. Drop cardboard off at the Citizen's Convenience Center.
3. Request free cardboard collection at townofcary.org/311 or call 311.

STAY CONNECTED! Are you receiving communications from Cary?

Are you getting information about topics that matter to you?

Signing up to receive text or email messages from us is quick and easy.

Visit townofcary.org/email and fill in the required fields. We've got you covered!

CARY CERT HOSTING CERT BASIC COURSE

The Cary CERT team will be hosting a CERT basic course in partnership with the Cary Fire Department on Jan 20, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. and Jan 21-22, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This free training serves as an introduction to the CERT program and training in disaster preparedness, light search and rescue, and medical care. In addition, you will learn about Cary's CERT team and ways to get involved with education initiatives and making your community more resilient in the event of natural disasters and other emergencies.



If you are interested in attending this training, please contact the Cary CERT training & membership coordinator Dawn Truskowski at carycert@gmail.com

For more information about Cary CERT visit carycert.org

For more information about the CERT basic course visit community.fema.gov

Comedy Show with Azeem

Jan 13, 8 p.m. | The Cary Theater

In serious times like these, we can all use laughter to heal the soul and bring us together. thecarytheater.com

DREAMFEST CELEBRATION:

Reimagining the Dream for Today's Generation

Jan 14, 6 p.m. | Cary Arts Center

An evening of enlightenment and entertainment with dance, music, and a poignant message. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Harry L. White. Please bring a winter accessory item to donate.

townofcary.org/Dreamfest

Alice Street (Not Rated)

Jan 15, 2 p.m. | The Cary Theater

A community of diverse artists must unite to save an artistic symbol of cultural representation, with Filmmaker Q&A.

thecarytheater.com

Let the Little Light Shine (Not Rated)

Jan 15, 4:30 p.m. | The Cary Theater

When a thriving, top-ranked African American elementary school is threatened to be replaced by a new high school for the elite, a community coalition is formed to fight for the school's survival, with Filmmaker Q&A. thecarytheater.com

Saturday Afternoon Kung Fu Series

Jan 28, 2 & 4:30 p.m. | The Cary Theater

Classic martial arts double feature.

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

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Public Speaks Out: Speak out at a Town Council meeting.