

2018-19

winter park update

december thru february



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vision

Winter Park is the city of arts and culture, cherishing its traditional scale and charm while building a healthy and sustainable future for all generations.



As we wind down 2018 and gear up for the New Year, I want to share a few highlights from this past fiscal year that your city staff and City Commission have accomplished:

- Acquired 50+ acres of the Howell Creek wetlands for development of a natural park.
- After our first full year in operation since the renovation, the Winter Park Golf Course continues to exceed expectations.
- Undergrounded 5.7 miles of overhead power lines.
- Began to underground the transmission and distribution power lines along Fairbanks Avenue from Harper Street to Interstate 4.
- Opened newly renovated Fire Station 64 on Howell Branch Road.
- Began Phase 1 of the fiber backbone project to connect all city facilities.
- Added three properties to the Historic Registry.
- Held a Grand Re-Opening for the renovated Winter Park Tennis Center, and implemented a new management model to improve maintenance and revenues.
- Completed the first three phases of the Denning Drive Multi-Use Trail improvements from Orange to Canton avenues.
- Added approximately \$750,000 to General Fund Reserves.
- Held our millage rate to the same rate for the 11th straight year.



mayor's message

- Celebrated the city's arts & cultural organizations by hosting its inaugural "Weekend of the Arts" event.
- Planted approximately 560 trees in parks and city rights of way.
- Planted a 20-foot Red Cedar in Central Park to serve as the city's new official holiday tree that will be lit for the first time at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 7.
- Said goodbye to the Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center with a special "We Still Do" event that commemorated the civic center's historic significance and became Winter Park's largest public wedding vow renewal ceremony.
- Launched the new Family Fun Program to reconnect our families and parks with fun recreational activities.
- Hired three new directors for the Fire-Rescue, Parks & Recreation, and Planning & Community Development departments.

These are just a few of the successes your city has reached in just 12 months, and we look forward to celebrating many more in the upcoming year. We are fortunate to be able to not just enjoy what we have inherited, but to also build upon our founder's vision and improve Winter Park for generations to come.

I wish you and your loved ones
a very happy holiday season
and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

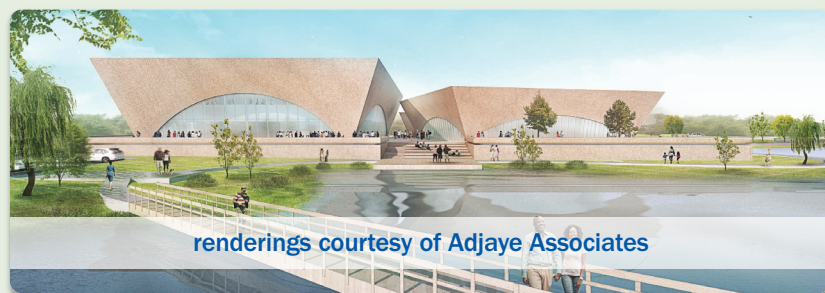
Mayor Steve Leary

There's more to look forward to! The new library & events center, Winter Park Canopy, has made great strides, and we haven't even broken ground yet! Below are some exciting milestones reached and yet to come:

WINTER PARK CANOPY

milestone	completed
Environmental site assessments	✓
Conceptual designs approved	✓
Schematic designs approved	✓
Planning & Zoning Board approval	✓
City Commission Conditional Use approval	✓
Design development drawings submitted	✓
Demolition of existing civic center & groundbreaking	Jan/Feb 2019
Mobilize site fencing & set up for construction to begin	May 2019

grand opening 2020



For updates to this exciting project, please visit winterparkcanopy.org.

Fairbanks Avenue undergrounding project

The City of Winter Park and Duke Energy® have been working together on plans to underground the existing overhead power lines along the south side of Fairbanks Avenue from I-4 to one block east of Orlando Avenue (U.S. Highway 17-92) at Harper Street. The existing poles carry both distribution lines and transmission lines, owned and operated by Duke Energy—along with other utilities such as cable and telephone, which are owned by other providers.

The city secured a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to fund this undergrounding project. The project will take place in five phases, with each phase impacting traffic flow and access to various



city manager's report

businesses along Fairbanks Avenue throughout the process. Upon completion, undergrounding the overhead transmission and distribution lines will create the following positive, long-term benefits:

- » Better protection against high winds during storms
- » Enhanced visual appeal
- » Facilitate marketability of properties

impacts to traffic and access to business

- » A majority of the work will be performed during evening hours.
- » The south lane of Fairbanks Avenue will be closed during active construction, and will reopen as each construction phase is completed.
- » The permanent new pavement will not be finished until fall 2019 when all the construction phases are complete.

A comprehensive traffic plan has been developed and the city is working directly with businesses to identify alternative access during periods of construction when access from Fairbanks Avenue will be closed.

During construction, the existing middle lane of Fairbanks Avenue, which is currently used as a left turn lane, will be used as an east-bound travel lane. There will be no left turns from Fairbanks Avenue permitted during construction.

stay informed

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- » [@cityofwinterpark.org](https://twitter.com/fairbanks)
- » 407-643-1655

DUKE ENERGY

- » duke-energy.com/Fairbanks
- » [@duke-energy.com](https://twitter.com/FLTransmissionEnhancements)
- » 877-840-0101

Sign up for email updates at cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews and select the **Fairbanks AveNews** category.

Sincerely,

Randy B. Knight, City Manager



city news

Pineywood gets upgrades

The city manages two cemeteries in the city limits, Pineywood and Palm. Pineywood Cemetery, located at the corner of Glenridge Way and Lakemont Avenue, has been in existence since the early 1900s like Palm Cemetery. The city's ownership did not occur until 1970 when it was deeded to the city. Recorded burials date back to the 1890s and a rich history of Winter Park is recorded on the markers with the names of the families who are at rest in Pineywood.

In fall 2018, the city completed the construction of a new office space and renovated the restrooms at Pineywood. These new upgrades will allow for improved service and help further the goal to honor those in its care, and maintain the beauty of the cemetery for its residents, families and generations to follow. For questions related to either property, please call [407-599-3252](tel:407-599-3252) or visit cityofwinterpark.org/cemeteries.



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lakes division

news & info

cattails

Cattails (*Typha* sp.) are one of Florida's native aquatic plants that can sometimes become a nuisance in our lakes and waterways. They grow in shallow water anchored by well-developed root systems, and are characterized by a brown fuzzy cigar-shaped flower that sits atop a long blade-like stem and resembles a cat's tail. When fully mature, these plants can reach 10-feet tall and can migrate out to deeper water.



Cattail stems and leaves provide excellent nesting and resting habitat for a variety of bird species like ducks and red-winged blackbirds, while the underwater portion of the stem offers a refuge for juvenile fish, salamanders, frogs, and invertebrates. This plant is often used in mitigation sites to help prevent soil from washing away because the root system helps to stabilize soil and effectively guard against erosion. But if left unchecked, the rapid growth of cattails can result in dense plant stands that outcompete other beneficial plant species and can impede navigation and alter water flow.

If you want to learn more about cattails and other aquatic plants, please contact the Lakes Division at [407-599-3578](tel:407-599-3578).

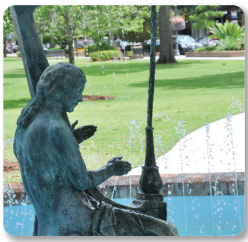
quick
tips

City Hall
will be
closed

Monday, December 24, thru
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
in observance of Christmas

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
in observance of
New Year's Day

Monday, January 21, 2018
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day



it's all about community

Center of Health & Wellbeing

There has been quite a bit of activity at the intersection of Mizell Avenue and Crosby Way. What is now a booming construction site will very soon be the completed Center for Health & Wellbeing, a state-of-the-art healthy living center focused on improving the quality of life for central Florida. The Center, opening in early 2019, will include the new Peggy & Philip B. Crosby Wellness Center, operated by the Winter Park Health Foundation, as well as medical and clinical offices operated by Florida Hospital, soon to be AdventHealth. Together the partners collaborate on the many Center spaces designed to promote whole-person health.

The Center for Health & Wellbeing Programs and Services will include:

- Crosby Wellness Center
- Primary care & specialty physicians
- Florida Hospital diabetes institute
- Sports medicine and rehab
- Massage and acupuncture
- Pharmacy and lab
- Nutrition theater
- Nourish coffee bar + kitchen
- Community conference center
- Children's wellness and child care



Learn more at YourHealthandWellbeing.org

In conjunction with the construction of the Center for Health & Wellbeing, the city has committed to making the following improvements to connect this new facility with Ward Park:

- » Installation of 10' multi-use sidewalk
- » Updated landscaping and additional lighting
- » Connectivity between adjacent section of Ward Park in addition to other surrounding parks such as Showalter and Cady Way
- » Updates to site amenities such as trash cans, benches and picnic tables along with the addition of a bike service station
- » Multi-purpose lawn area for both passive and active recreational programming use
- » Bricking of Loch Lomond Drive with raised pedestrian crossings to encourage safe driving

quick
tip

Going
out of
town?

If you are going on vacation, you can call the Winter Park Police Department non-emergency line at 407-644-1313 to request an officer to routinely check on your home while you are away.

save these dates

Monday, January 7, 2019

what dinner on the avenue
tables go on sale
[Saturday, April 6, 2019]

when 8 a.m.

where Winter Park Community Center
721 W. New England Ave.

cost table of 8 > \$125 [three table maximum]

info 407-643-1613 jseeley@cityofwinterpark.org

Friday, January 25, 2019

who First Congregational Church of Winter Park,
Rollins College, City of Winter Park & Winter Park
Chamber of Commerce

what

SIDE

BY

SIDE

HONORING THE GIFTS OF OUR COMMUNITY

**a celebration to pause
and honor the gifts
of our community**

when 8:30 a.m. {celebration} 9:30 a.m. {refreshments}

where Knowles Memorial Chapel
Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave.

info 407-599-3506

Snow in the Park

The City of Winter Park is proud to present its inaugural "Snow in the Park," a family-friendly event to be held **Friday, December 14**, from **6 to 9 p.m.**, and **Saturday, December 15**, from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, in Central Park West Meadow located at the corner of Morse Boulevard and New York Avenue. Although the West Meadow won't be freezing over with ice at a holiday skating rink this year, the city will be hosting "Snow in the Park," a brand new "cool" event for all to enjoy!

These two days of snow-packed fun will include:

- » real ice slides that go into real snow
- » photos with Santa or selfies with a red-nosed reindeer & very frosty snowman
- » a toy maker's workshop to create holiday trinkets & crafts
- » holiday airbrush tattoos
- » "Florida" snow flurries
- » build-a-snowman contest
- » festive toy train ride
- » Healthy Central Florida Friendship 1 fire engine "mobile playground"
- » delicious s'mores & a hot cocoa bar

Bundle up and come join us! For more information, please contact kbaker@cityofwinterpark.org or **407-599-3342**.



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Florida Hospital will soon be AdventHealth.

quick
tip

Waste Pro® services

Christmas > no household garbage or recycling collected

New Year's > no household garbage; recycling will be collected

family FUN saturdays

January 12

what windy wind chimes

when 10 a.m. to noon

where Phelps Park @ 1200 N. Phelps Ave.

January 26

what sand art & sanding ovals

when 10 a.m. to noon

where Martin Luther King, Jr. Park @ 1050 W. Morse Blvd.

February 9

what valentine's day scavenger hunt

when 10 a.m. to noon

where Mead Botanical Garden @ 1300 S. Denning Dr.

more info @
407-599-3342
kbaker@cityofwinterpark.org



2019 election schedule

- **qualifying** » begins **Tuesday, January 15 @ noon**
ends **Tuesday, January 22 @ noon**
- **general election** » **Tuesday, March 12**
- **run-off election** » **Tuesday, April 9** [if necessary]
- **more info** » cityofwinterpark.org/elections
407-599-3277 or
cityclerk@cityofwinterpark.org

a few holiday safety tips

- > Always park in well-lit areas and lock your vehicle.
- > Never leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle, especially a purse or packages. Put them in your trunk rather than covering up with a towel or under a seat.
- > Always pay attention to your surroundings, travel in numbers when possible, and try not to walk alone while talking on your cell phone.
- > Report any suspicious person(s) via 911 if a situation is currently happening.

So where does it go?

reduce [goes with yard waste]

real trees remove lights & decorations, cut into four-foot lengths

reuse [keep for next year or put in trash bin]

ribbons & such metallic, glitter or velvet wrapping paper; gift boxes & bags; holiday cards

recycle [put in mixed recycling bin]

paper products wrapping paper, gift boxes, gift bags & holiday cards

KEEP WINTER PARK BEAUTIFUL & SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVE

THINK TWICE

DON'T WASTE IT WP

- ↳ Need a reminder for your collection days?
- ↳ Want to know what goes where?
- ↳ Take the guesswork out of recycling!

cityofwinterpark.org/think-twice

New app to help save lives

The Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department is pleased to announce that the City of Winter Park is now a [PulsePoint](#) connected community. If you know CPR and are willing to help save a life, you can download the free PulsePoint app that alerts you as soon as help is needed. We all know, time is of the essence when tragedies like this strike, and every minute that passes unaided, the chance of survival decreases by 10 percent.

PulsePoint is integrated with our emergency dispatch system, so as soon as a call is made, that alert is sent to all who have downloaded the app and notifies them of the need. People nearby can provide life-saving care to the cardiac arrest victim until emergency responders arrive. Every second counts.

This free app is available on iTunes® and Google Play™ store. PulsePoint is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation.



Weekend of the Arts

Rediscover arts and culture in Winter Park at the city's 2nd Annual "Weekend of the Arts" **Friday, February 15, thru Monday, February 18, 2019**. Presented by the city's Arts & Culture Alliance of the Public Art Advisory Board. Be inspired with extraordinary performances, unique exhibits, and exciting events at over 20 arts organizations throughout the city. Each day features a new and exciting cultural experience. To learn more about this weekend of entertainment beyond expectations, please visit wpinspires.org.



quick tip

**Your friendly irrigation reminder
only water your yard one day a week
now through Sunday, March 10, 2019**



events calendar december

1

6:30 p.m.

Christmas Movie in the Park; featuring *Christmas with the Kranks*; presented by Parks & Recreation; produced by Enzian Theater; Central Park; FREE (407-599-3342)

2

4 p.m.

"Holiday Pops Concert"; Central Park; FREE (407-896-6700)

4

6-7:30 p.m.

WP9 After Dark; public night golf; Tuesdays thru March; Winter Park Golf Course, 761 Old England Ave. (407-599-3419)

5

4-8 p.m.

Christmas at the Casa; presented by Friends of Casa Feliz; 656 N. Park Ave.; FREE (407-628-8196)

6

6:15 p.m.

40th Annual Christmas in the Park; lighting of nine century-old Tiffany windows; featuring the Bach Festival Society Choir and Brass Ensemble; Central Park; FREE (407-645-5311)

7

5-10 p.m.

Winter on the Avenue; featuring Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at dusk; hosted by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and City of Winter Park; Central Park; FREE (407-644-8281)

7-9 p.m.

Popcorn Flicks in the Park; featuring *Miracle on 34th Street*; part of the Winter on the Avenue festivities; presented by Winter Park CRA; produced by Enzian Theater; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)

8

7-10:30 a.m.

20th Annual Leadership Winter Park Pancake Breakfast; Central Park Main Stage (407-644-8281)

8-10 a.m.

Lake Knowles Cleanup; invasive species removal; 12 years old and up; Knowles Circle & Elm Avenue; FREE (407-599-3364)

9 a.m.

66th Annual "Ye Olde Hometown" Christmas Parade; hosted by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce; Park Avenue; FREE (407-644-8281)

9

4:30 p.m.

Chanukah on the Park; Central Park; FREE (407-644-2500)

10

5:30 p.m.; through December 13 & December 17

Santa Tours Winter Park Neighborhoods; various neighborhood locations; FREE (407-599-3342)

15

2 p.m. & 6 p.m.; through December 16

A Classic Christmas; presented by the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park; Knowles Memorial Chapel, Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave. (407-646-2182)

3-8 p.m.

Christmas Boat Parade and Water Ski Show; presented by the Winter Park Rotary Club; Rollins College Student Center beachfront, 1000 Holt Ave. (407-399-1296)

22

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; also December 23, 1-4 p.m.

Holiday Weekend Open House; The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art; FREE (407-645-5311)

8 a.m. registration; 1 p.m. performance

23rd Annual Merry Tuba Christmas; Central Park Main Stage; FREE (407-599-3463)

24

Through December 25

City Hall closed in observance of Christmas

28

11 a.m.

12th Annual Camping World® Bowl Parade of Bands; Park Avenue and Central Park; FREE (407-599-3463)

january

1

City Hall closed

In observance of New Year's Day

Noon

Annual Polar Plunge; Cady Way Pool, 2529 Cady Way; FREE (407-599-3342)

5

8-11 a.m.

Lakes Berry & Spier Watershed Cleanup; Westminster Winter Park, 1111 S. Lakemont Ave.; FREE (407-599-3364)

10

7-9 p.m.; rain date January 24

Popcorn Flicks in the Park; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)

20

1-5 p.m.; through January 21

17th Annual Unity Heritage Festival; honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.; Shady Park in Hannibal Square, adjacent to Winter Park Community Center; FREE (407-599-3506)

21

City Hall closed

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

17th Annual Unity Heritage Festival; FREE (407-599-3506)

february

5

11:30 a.m.

16th Annual Trees for Peace; location TBD; FREE (407-599-3325)

14

7-9 p.m.; rain date February 28

Popcorn Flicks in the Park; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)

22

11:30 a.m.

"State of the City" Address; presented by Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and City of Winter Park; The Alford Inn at Rollins, 300 W. New England Ave. (407-644-8281)

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Police Non-Emergency	407-644-1313

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Water & Wastewater Utility David Zusi	407-599-3219

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helpful info

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