

2019

winter park update

march thru may



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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.



Service to our community

Serving as an elected official is an honor and a responsibility. Unlike other cities, Winter Park is not divided into districts. We are elected at large, representing each one of you, regardless of your address. As your Mayor, I serve as the Chair of the Winter Park City Commission. Winter Park has a Commission/Manager form of government, which means the City Commission makes decisions and is primarily responsible for setting city policy. It is the responsibility of City Manager Randy Knight, through his staff, to implement these policies and ensure high-quality city services are delivered.

Every year we go through an election process. In 2019, City Commission Seats 3 & 4 are up for re-election. Congratulations to Commissioner Carolyn Cooper who recently retained Seat 3 and will serve for the next three years. Seat 4, currently held by Vice Mayor Pete Weldon, will go through the election process and be determined by voters on Tuesday, March 12. In March 2020, City Commission Seats 1 & 2, and in 2021, the Mayor's seat, will be open for your vote. I encourage you to become more involved in this process, especially younger residents who may believe the time constraints are too burdensome. It is incredibly important to the continued success of Winter Park, that the make-up of our City Commission reflects the composition of our community.

As Mayor, I have been fortunate to have community leaders on both sides, physically and philosophically, that have come together to set an optimistic path forward for our city. It is essential to have a City Commission with a variety of interests and passions, yet hold the common thread of love for



mayor's message

our city. City staff has provided reams of supporting documentation and has implemented our policies and decisions.

In just the past three years we have:

- added park land [55+ acres of Howell Creek]
- undergrounded powerlines [currently working on undergrounding the overhead lines on Fairbanks Avenue between Harper Street & Interstate 4]
- renovated city facilities [tennis center, Station 64, Showalter Stadium & golf course]
- improved traffic flow [Lee Road Extension, Denning Drive]
- planted trees [city rights of way and parks]
- invested in our parks [Mead Botanical Garden, Cady Way]

All of these have been done without raising your millage rate and could not have been done without the team you know as your City Commission and city staff. As well, I would like to thank our county, state and federally elected and

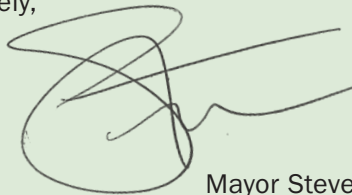


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appointed officials for their availability. Many of the projects during my tenure as Mayor, are the result of policies, actions and funding resourced from these partners.

Thank you to Pete, Carolyn, Sarah and Greg for your commitment, collaboration and respect for one another, city staff, businesses and most importantly, our residents and neighbors.

Sincerely,



Mayor Steve Leary

The city has been working closely with the design team of the Winter Park Canopy to ensure all elements of the project are achieved and within budget. As with any construction project, there are many factors the city has to consider including inflation, prices of materials and labor costs. The primary library & events center amenities will be constructed within the \$30 million voter-approved bonds.

At the time of writing, a fundraising effort is in place for the additional elements listed below. If fundraising is successful, these amenities will be considered for inclusion in the overall project:

- porte-cochère [covered entryway pavilion]
- rooftop venue
- outdoor amphitheater
- indoor auditorium/theatre

By April 2019, all funding mechanisms should be identified and the City Commission will discuss what elements of the Canopy will be further designed and constructed as part of the project. For the most current updates, please visit winterparkcanopy.org.

WINTER PARK CANOPY



quick
tip

in observance of Memorial Day
City Hall will be closed
Monday, May 27, 2019

There will also be no household garbage, yard trash or recycling services. All services will resume on your next regularly scheduled collection day.

Have a safe & enjoyable holiday!

Quiet zones update

The Florida Department of Transportation has updated their schedule regarding the implementation of quiet zones in Winter Park. According to this new timeline, all Winter Park crossings will be quiet zone compliant by August 2019. The entire corridor, including Orlando and Maitland crossings, is expected to be completed by the end of 2019. In quiet zone corridors, train engineers will no longer blow their horns as they approach the railroad crossing intersections. Horns will only be blown at the engineer's discretion and when danger or an emergency arises on the tracks.

Making events safer

In an ongoing effort to keep our residents and guests safe, the city has installed new bollard bases on New England Avenue between New York and West Park avenues. The bases allow for the use of bollards rather than barricades to close the road to vehicular traffic. These bollards will be used on Saturday mornings during the Winter Park Farmers' Market as well as for other special events that require a street closure in this segment of New England Avenue.

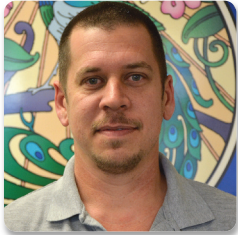
Thank you to the Community Redevelopment Agency, Fleet Maintenance Division, Parks & Recreation Department, Public Works Streets Division, and Winter Park Police Department for continuously looking for enhanced ways to ensure public safety.

Employees of the Year

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year – you will always find city employees working behind the scenes to provide the high-quality services we all have come to appreciate, enjoy and expect. Every year I have the pleasure of rewarding three of those devoted employees with the Employee of the Year awards for their extraordinary efforts during the year. I am proud to introduce the 2018 recipients to you below:



city manager's report



Employee of the Year

Luke Bryan

Fleet Services Manager
Fleet Maintenance
Division

Luke Bryan manages the city's Fleet Maintenance Division, which entails maintaining all city vehicles including those of the Electric Utility Department. During a recent acquisition of a "rear-lot" vehicle that would allow utility crews to access poles and equipment behind residents' homes, Luke extensively reviewed various products and investigated options that would eventually save the city over \$30,000.

During the hurricane and storms of 2018, Luke was fully-engaged and remained accessible 24 hours a day to make sure city vehicle needs were met. Through it all, Luke manages to engage coworkers and residents with a smile as well as a lending hand, no matter the situation. He leads by example and serves as a role model with the success of the city as his main goal.

Congratulations, Luke – thank you for your dedication to the City of Winter Park!



Firefighter of the Year

Kevin Powers

Firefighter/EMT

Kevin Powers began his career with the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department in July 2012. He is extremely detail-oriented and serves as a role model for other employees to follow. Kevin is a well-respected member of the department, and defines what it means to be a "team player." In addition, he dedicates his personal time to spearheading and coordinating special events to benefit organizations such as Cystic Fibrosis and the American Heart Association.

Thank you, Kevin, for keeping us safe and leading by example – we are grateful for your service. Congratulations!



Officer of the Year

Javier Rodriguez

Master Police Officer
Community
Services Division

Master Police Officer (MPO) Javier Rodriguez is one of those employees who is always asking "what else can I do?" Over the past year, MPO Rodriguez has continued to expand the Seniors First program by providing food to our seniors in need during the holidays as well as assisting with stocking their pantries on a monthly basis. This program continues to be a great success. He has also built a partnership with Ring® to bring new crime-fighting ideas to our residents. Winter Park became one of the first cities to arrest a criminal using information from this doorbell device, with a video highlighting this case shown during the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference.

MPO Rodriguez has continued to increase the department's footprint in our community, attending events, teaching SAFE classes, serving on the honor guard and hostage negotiating team, coordinating the annual National Night Out event, and becoming super hero Officer Batman during the Trick or Treat merchant event on Park Avenue.

Congratulations, MPO Rodriguez! Thank you for your unwavering commitment to your department as well as the citizens of Winter Park.

Luke, Kevin and Javier are three examples of city employees that serve our community. We thank them and all of our staff for what they do to continue to make Winter Park, a city of arts and culture that cherishes its traditional scale and charm while building a healthy and sustainable future for all generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy B. Knight". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Randy B. Knight, City Manager



project updates

Denning Drive transformed

In October 2017, the city began the Denning Drive Multi-Use Trail Project. This project is transforming Denning Drive from a 4-lane road into an improved corridor that will offer a 10-foot-wide, multi-use trail from Mead Botanical Garden to Webster Avenue; connect neighborhoods and businesses along the route; enhance the pedestrian and bicycle experience.



In February 2019, the city began the final phase between Canton and Webster avenues which should be completed (weather permitting), by the end of April. During the last two weeks of this final phase, Denning Drive will be closed to traffic for the construction of the landscaped median islands, final curbing, installation of irrigation and sidewalks, and repaving of the road. During this phase, please expect delays and use caution when driving in this area.

Undergrounding power lines along Fairbanks Avenue

Since November 2018, the city and Duke Energy® have been actively working to underground the existing overhead power lines that run along the south side of Fairbanks Avenue from Harper Street (just one block east of U.S. Highway 17-92) to Interstate 4. The existing poles carry both distribution and transmission lines, owned and operated by Duke Energy — along with other lines such as cable and telephone, owned by other providers.

Phase 1 work began with the installation of a large underground pipe on Harper Street using a microtunnel process. Once fully installed, the overhead cables will be pulled through this pipe protecting it from the outside elements that can cause outages.



The entire project will take place in five phases, with each phase impacting traffic flow and access to various businesses along Fairbanks Avenue throughout the process. Please use caution while driving in this area.

Funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation, this project will create the following positive, long-term benefits:

- Better protection against high winds during storms
- Enhanced visual appeal
- Marketability of properties

For more information, please visit cityofwinterpark.org/fairbanks or email fairbanks@cityofwinterpark.org.

Hot fun in the summertime

Looking to make a splash this summer? Join the Parks & Recreation Department for swimming, games, music and a splashing good time!

Opening Day Kick-Off

Saturday, May 4, 2019 » noon to 5 p.m.
Cady Way Pool @ 2529 Cady Way **AND**
Community Center Pool @ 721 W. New England Ave.

For schedules, operating hours, birthday party rentals, and swim lesson information, please visit cityofwinterpark.org/swim.

Thinking about summer camp? If your child is entering first through eighth grades, the Winter Park Community Center’s Summer Camp would be perfect for them!

Resident Registration must have proof of residency
Saturday, March 30, 2019 » 9-11 a.m.

For more information, please visit cityofwinterpark.org/camps.

Farmers’ Market turns 40!

The city is proud to announce the Winter Park Farmers’ Market 40th Anniversary Celebration will be held **Saturday, May 18**, at **10 a.m.**, just outside the market located at 200 W. New England Ave.



The Winter Park Farmers’ Market began when former City Commissioner Jerry Donnelly suggested that the city initiate a Saturday morning market at the train depot. On May 19, 1979, the Farmers’ Market opened with approximately eight vendors. Four decades later, the market hosts over 85 vendors with approximately 2,500 visitors per week shopping for diverse kitchen and garden items, from bay leaves and bratwurst to bagels and butterflies. Vendor varieties include plants, flowers, produce, baked goods, organic, locally-grown and consumable products.

For more information regarding the Winter Park Farmers’ Market 40th Anniversary Celebration, please call **407-599-3397**.

Is your business “green”?

If you own a business in the city limits and have implemented practices that make your business more environmentally friendly, the city has a new program to recognize your sustainable efforts. In April 2019, the city’s Sustainability Program will be launching a **Green Business Recognition Program** for companies that have adopted best practices in any of the following areas:

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| » Building | » Energy & Water |
| » Community Engagement & Green Economy | » Local Food & Agriculture |
| » Natural Resources & Systems | » Mobility & Urban Form |
| | » Waste Diversion & Recycling |

The program will help businesses become greener by providing a checklist to determine their recognition level, resources to help reach longer-term goals, and support of a new peer network. For more information, please visit cityofwinterpark.org/sustainability, email vbaltacook@cityofwinterpark.org, or call **407-599-3364**. **Go green!**

Recycle right

The city practices mixed recycling which means all recyclables can be placed in one cart for pickup. WastePro® is finding a number of carts that contain non-recyclable contaminants such as plastic bags, plastic wrap, Styrofoam®, food or liquid, scrap metal, electronics, and/or household hazardous waste. When these items are found in the cart, it contaminates the good recyclables and the entire cart’s contents cannot be sent to the recycling plant for processing.

THINK TWICE DON’T WASTE IT WP

If a recycling cart has contaminants inside, WastePro representatives will place a tag on the cart, and it will be left curbside for the next regularly scheduled pick up. This will give residents the opportunity to remove the contaminants from the cart to keep the good recyclables “clean” for proper processing. To learn more about what can and cannot be recycled, please visit cityofwinterpark.org/think-twice.

The Seven Dimensions of Wellbeing

The guiding principle of the new Center for Health & Wellbeing, opening this spring, is the philosophy that whole-person health comes from a balance of the **Seven Dimensions of Wellbeing**. With the goal of inspiring and educating our community to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives, the Center’s educational programs and services, open to the public, will be informed by these dimensions. Expect to find mindfulness workshops focused on emotional wellbeing, healthy cooking demonstrations designed to improve physical wellbeing, gardening courses that foster an appreciation of sustainability and environmental wellbeing, and so much more.

The Seven Dimensions of Wellbeing

- Physical Wellbeing: *Move More. Eat Better.*
- Intellectual Wellbeing: *Boost your Brain.*
- Environmental Wellbeing: *Love the Earth.*
- Vocational Wellbeing: *Live with Purpose.*
- Social Wellbeing: *Connect with Others.*
- Emotional Wellbeing: *Practice Gratitude.*
- Spiritual Wellbeing: *Nourish your Soul.*

Learn more at YourHealthandWellbeing.org.



quick tip

2019 Election » Commission Seats 3 & 4

- **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

lakesdivision

news & info

keeping our waterways clean

Buried beneath many of our city streets is an intricate network of filtration technologies that work to clean stormwater runoff before it drains into our lakes. While Winter Park is not a heavily industrialized community, there is a significant amount of litter, grass clippings, leaves, sediment, oil and grease in our underground treatment systems. These uniquely designed structures capture and remove the solids and debris, leaving the clean water to discharge into the lakes, ultimately improving water quality and habitat for our wildlife species.

In addition to preventing trash from accumulating in the lakes, these underground structures – in combination with street sweeping – are also critical to reducing nutrient pollution in our waterways. This debris is removed regularly using the city’s vactor truck. For additional information, please visit cityofwinterpark.org/lakes > [Lakes Stormwater](#).



events calendar march

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Monday through Friday**
“Art in Chambers”; featuring works by Chris Robb; City Hall Commission Chambers, 401 S. Park Ave.; FREE (407-599-3498)
- 7:30 p.m.**
Flicks on the Fairway; featuring *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*; Parks & Recreation Family Fun Program event; Winter Park Golf Course, 761 Old England Ave.; FREE (407-599-3342)
- 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**
Winter Park Public Library’s Golf Classic Tournament; Winter Park Golf Course, 761 Old England Ave. (407-623-3300)
- 2 p.m.**
41st Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade; from Winter Park Country Club to City Hall; FREE (407-599-3463)
- 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)
- 7 p.m. & 8:45 p.m.; next session begins April 30**
Ballroom Dance Lessons ~ Beginners & Intermediate benefitting Keep Winter Park Beautiful; every Tuesday; sessions last eight weeks; Winter Park Farmers’ Market (407-599-3364)
- 3:30 p.m.; rain date March 8**
Bike Winter Park; group bike ride & after gathering; Garfield Avenue; FREE (407-599-3262 or kmoore@cityofwinterpark.org)
- 10 a.m.-noon**
Over the Rainbow Shamrocks; a Family Fun Program event; Ward Park, 2228 Loch Lomond Drive; FREE (407-599-3342)
- 7 a.m.-7 p.m.**
General Election; various precincts (407-599-3277)
- 8-10 p.m.; rain date March 28**
Popcorn Flicks; featuring *Smokey and the Bandit*; presented by Winter Park CRA; produced by Enzian Theater; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)
- through March 17**
60th Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival; featuring the Spring Pops Concert, March 17, at 3 p.m.; Central Park; FREE (407-644-7207)
- 8-10 a.m.**
KWPB Lake Knowles Cleanup; invasive species removal; Knowles Avenue & Elm Circle; FREE (407-599-3364)
- 7-9:30 a.m.**
42nd Annual Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe Winter Park Road Race; Central Park (trackshack.com or 407-898-2425)
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m.; various dates through April**
Caladiums Bulb Sale by Winter Park Blooms; Winter Park Farmers’ Market, 200 W. New England Ave. (407-644-7207)
- 8 a.m.-noon**
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal; e-waste included; proof of city residency required; City Operations, 1409 Howell Branch Rd.; FREE (407-599-3364)
- 9-11 a.m.**
Summer Camp Resident Registration; proof of city residency required; Winter Park Community Center, 721 W. New England Ave. (407-599-3375)
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**
The Great Duck Derby Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S. Denning Dr. (info@meadgarden.org)

april

- 6**
8-11 a.m.
Lakes Mizell, Sylvan & Osceola Watershed Cleanup; Dinky Dock Park, 411 Ollie Ave.; FREE (407-599-3364)
- 6-10 p.m. SOLD OUT!**
18th Annual Dinner on the Avenue; presented by the City of Winter Park; Park Avenue (407-599-3342)
- 11**
8-10 p.m.
Popcorn Flicks; featuring *Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure*; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)
- 13**
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Earth Day in the Park; Shady Park; FREE (407-599-3364)
- 17**
5-8 p.m.
Taste of Winter Park; Winter Park Farmers’ Market, 200 W. New England Ave. (407-644-8281)
- 20**
9:30 a.m. line-up, 10 a.m. hunt begins
65th Annual Easter Egg Hunt; Central Park West Meadow; FREE (407-599-3342)
- 27**
7 a.m.
27th Annual Jeannette Genius McKean “Run for the Trees”; presented by Center for Health & Wellbeing; Showalter Stadium, 2525 Cady Way (trackshack.com or 407-898-1313)

may

- 4**
noon-5 p.m.
Pools Opening Day Kick-off; Cady Way Pool, 2529 Cady Way AND Community Center Pool, 721 W. New England Ave.; FREE (407-599-3275)
- 9**
8-10 p.m.; rain date May 23
Popcorn Flicks; featuring *Batman*; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)
- 27**
City Hall closed
In observance of Memorial Day

save these dates

Thursday, March 7

- what** **bike winter park group bike ride & after gathering**
- when** 3:30 p.m. » meet for ride
4 p.m. » ride through Winter Park {18 & up}
5 p.m. » after gathering {21 & up}
- where** Garfield & Park avenues and Park Social @ 358 N. Park Ave.
- info** facebook.com/WinterParkFla
- register** cityofwinterpark.eventbrite.com
kmoore@cityofwinterpark.org
407-599-3262
- rain date** Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 30

- what** **household hazardous waste disposal**
- when** 8 a.m. to noon
- where** City Operations
1409 Howell Branch Road
- info** 407-599-3364 or
cityofwinterpark.eventbrite.com

E-waste included.
Residential only ~ no contractors.

Saturday, April 13

- what** **earth day**
- when** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- where** Shady Park in Hannibal Square
- info** 407-599-3364 or cityofwinterpark.org/earthday



Thursday or Friday May 2 or 3 & May 9 or 10

- what** **spring cleanup**
- when** after 5 p.m. the evening before your 2nd regularly scheduled trash pickup day
- where** north of Fairbanks/ **{may 2 or 3}**
Aloma avenues corridor
south of Fairbanks/ **{may 9 or 10}**
Aloma avenues corridor
- info** 407-774-0800

This large-item pickup service will provide a ‘bonus’ day pick up for old furniture, broken appliances and other bulky items. [{curbside service customers only}](#)

please note household hazardous waste [{see date above}](#) and yard waste is NOT included in the spring cleanup.

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city commission



**left to
right**

Commissioner Greg Seidel
Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel
Mayor Steve Leary

Commissioner Carolyn Cooper
Commissioner Pete Weldon
City Manager Randy Knight

City Commission meetings are held monthly on the second and fourth Mondays.



who to contact

commission & administration

City Commission	407-599-3234
City Manager Randy Knight	407-599-3235
Assistant City Manager Michelle Neuner	407-599-3236
City Clerk Cindy Bonham	407-599-3277
City Information	407-599-3399
Fire-Rescue Non-Emergency	407-644-1212
Police Non-Emergency	407-644-1313

department directors

Building & Permitting Services George Wiggins	407-599-3237
Communications Clarissa Howard	407-599-3343
Electric Utility Dan D'Alessandro	407-599-3294
Finance Wes Hamil	407-599-3292
Fire-Rescue Chief Dan Hagedorn	407-599-3297
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Parks & Recreation Jason Seeley	407-599-3334
Planning & Community Development Bronce Stephenson	407-599-3440
Police Chief Michael Deal	407-599-3272
Public Works Troy Attaway	407-599-3233
Water & Wastewater Utility David Zusi	407-599-3219

Email addresses can be found at cityofwinterpark.org/contact

outages

Power & Street Light Outages	1-877-811-8700
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**helpful
info**

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To suggest article ideas, please contact 407-599-3343 or choward@cityofwinterpark.org.

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