

2019

# winter park update

june thru august



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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.*



## City boards help enhance our quality of life

City advisory boards have been part of Winter Park's history since the establishment of the first City Commission in 1887. On October 12, 1887 residents elected a mayor, clerk, marshal and seven aldermen (equivalent to today's City Commissioners). They were seated the next day.

In the years following, other boards formed including the Winter Park Board of Trade (initially named the Town Improvement Association of Winter Park) which was organized with W.C. Temple as president in 1909. Today, our City Commission relies on the dedication, expertise and recommendations from our 18 citizen advisory boards.

The City Charter is our guiding document and it provides direction specifically related to our advisory boards. As outlined by the City Charter:

**Sec. 2-48. General rules applicable to subsidiary boards of the City of Winter Park**  
**(a) Date of appointment of members**

*With the exception of the civil service board, the members of all boards of the city shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of the city commission, at the first commission meeting in May of each year or as soon thereafter as possible and such members shall be seated at the first*

*meeting following May 31. The members of the civil service board shall be appointed in December and be seated effective the third Tuesday in January.*

Our advisory boards focus on distinct aspects of the city for the purpose of developing recommendations for the City Commission's consideration. One would expect boards that address transportation, planning, utilities and parks. However, we also have boards that provide insight on our lakes and waterways, public art, sustainability and golf course, to name a few others.

Members are volunteers, there is zero compensation for these seats. These individuals have diverse professional backgrounds and may share expertise and/or interest in specific

city initiatives. Residents, and on occasion non-residents with a particular expertise, are appointed after submitting applications through the city website. I review all applications prior to nomination before the entire board. As noted above, the Charter provides the Mayor sole responsibility for appointments, though with over close to 150 appointees, I know perhaps 50% of these individuals personally.

The Citizen Board Application and a listing of each city advisory board can be found at [cityofwinterpark.org/government/boards](http://cityofwinterpark.org/government/boards).



## mayor's message



In addition to the advisory boards, the City Commission may also appoint members for a special committee or task force to focus on very specific and time sensitive projects/initiatives. These groups meet for a specified period-of-time and “sunset” typically after six months. The City Commission may opt to extend the time of service for these groups, if necessary, to complete their assigned task or if the objectives are modified.

Within the past few months, the City Commission has appointed the following committees/task forces to study and make recommendations for the following:

1. Charter Review Advisory Committee

- Evaluate the City Charter for potential amendments and making recommendations. This committee is typically appointed every 10 years.

2. Old Library Site Reuse Task Force

- Evaluate the reuse opportunities for the library site located at 460 E. New England Ave.

In addition to my seat as Mayor, each of the Commission seats are considered “at-large” meaning that none of us represent a specific geography within the city. While larger municipalities may have districts, the City of Winter Park does not – meaning that each Commission member

represents every stakeholder. There is no fighting between districts for resources as we all have an equal interest in every corner of Winter Park. I take this position, as well, with advisory boards, task forces and other appointed boards. I do not see appointees as “my” or another Commissioner’s representative. Rather, I trust every appointee to represent the interests of the city and bring their own unique perspective to a collaborative environment.

I want to thank the 150-plus individuals that serve our city in an advisory capacity on citizen boards, task forces and similar. We appreciate your interest and commitment in helping to shape our present and future. I also encourage anyone interested in serving the city to reach out to me directly and fill out an application. We need good people of all ages, backgrounds and interests to sit on boards or even to perhaps serve on the City Commission.

Whether your history in Winter Park spans five days or five generations, the city benefits through your involvement.

Sincerely,



Mayor Steve Leary

## New buoys

In June 2018, the city received a letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) requiring the removal of the white buoys placed along the shoreline of our major lakes due to the state’s preemption of local boating laws. These buoys served to alert boaters to stay at least 100’ offshore if they were on plane or creating a wake for the past 25 years.

In July 2018, the city removed the white buoys and after much concern about safety due to the lack of buoys, the city has implemented a new



informational buoy program for the Chain of Lakes.

These new buoys are now acceptable to the FWC and are within the framework of the state code. The new markers help bring visual awareness at potential points of conflict, particularly canal mouths, public docks and points

that may create blind corners for boats on plane.

If you have questions or comments about the new markers or boating on city lakes, please visit [cityofwinterpark.org/boating](http://cityofwinterpark.org/boating) or contact the city’s Public Works Department at **407-599-3233**.

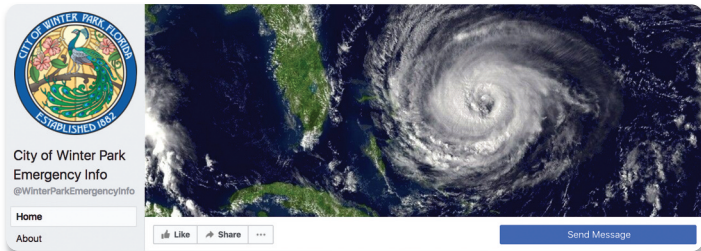
quick  
tip

Your friendly irrigation reminder  
you may water your yard two days a week  
now through Sunday, November 3, 2019

## Hurricane information

June 1 marks the official start of the 2019 hurricane season. Before the weather turns dark and stormy, here are all the ways the city communicates storm preparation, management and recovery. Please sign up, follow or visit us at:

- **Website** > [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org)
- **Hurricane Preparedness Guide** > [cityofwinterpark.org/emergency](http://cityofwinterpark.org/emergency)
- **citEnews** > [cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews](http://cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews)  
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- **OUTREACH** > sign up at [cityofwinterpark.org/outreach](http://cityofwinterpark.org/outreach) for the city's emergency alert system where you can receive a phone call, text or email with important information
- **Facebook® page** > [@WinterParkEmergencyInfo](https://facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo)



- **Twitter®** > [cityofwinterpark.org/twitter](https://twitter.com/winterparkfla) (@winterparkfla)
  - **Nextdoor®** > sign up at [nextdoor.com](https://nextdoor.com)
- [below goes live upon Emergency Operations Center activation]
- Non-emergency information line **407-599-3494**
  - Message Center email [MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org)

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save these dates

## EACH MONTH

**what** COFFEE TALK

**when** Thursdays  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

**where** Winter Park Country Club  
761 Old England Ave.

**info** 407-599-3428



**June 13**  
**July 12\***

City Manager Randy Knight  
Mayor Steve Leary  
in partnership with the  
Winter Park Chamber of Commerce's  
*Good Morning Winter Park*,  
**\*Friday** at the **Winter Park  
Welcome Center**  
@ 151 W. Lyman Ave.

**Aug 8**  
**Sept 12**  
**Oct 10**  
**Nov 14**

Vice Mayor Greg Seidel  
Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel  
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper  
Commissioner Todd Weaver



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quick  
tip

in observance of Independence Day  
**City Hall will be closed**  
**Thursday, July 4, 2019**

### Waste Pro® services

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





# city manager's report

Set within the 23-acre block that includes Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, the **Winter Park Canopy** will house the city's new library & events center as well as offer spectacular views of the water's edge and beautiful natural surroundings. Here is the most updated information as it relates to this exciting project.

## STATUS

- November 1, 2017 Conceptual design **approved**
- April 9, 2018 Schematic design **approved**
- September 24, 2018 Conditional Use **approved**
- May 13, 2019 Move to construction drawing level **approved**

## ARCHITECT

Collaborating with HuntonBrady Architects, Sir David Adjaye was:

- Knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2017
- Named among the 100 most influential people in the world by *TIME* magazine
- Awarded 2019 Institute Honor Award for Architecture from the American Institute of Architects
- Selected as the designer for the:
  - » National Museum of African American History and Culture, a Smithsonian Institution, National Mall | Washington, D.C.
  - » Moscow School of Management, SKOLKOVO | Moscow, Russia
  - » Latvian Museum of Contemporary Art | New Hanza City, Latvia
- Selected as one of the primary architectural teams to design the United Kingdom's Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre



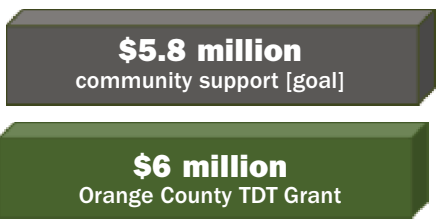
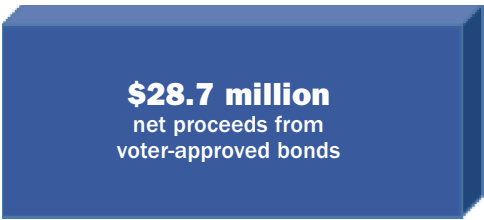
*Winter Park has a story to tell and I want to tell it with this building. It's a story that will be heard near and far, for generations to come.*  
- Sir David Adjaye

## FUNDING

The **base Canopy** is **on budget**.

- BONDS: Voter approved bonds not to exceed \$30 million
- GRANT: Orange County Tourist Development Tax (TDT) \$6 million grant (approved April 23, 2019)
- COMMUNITY SUPPORT: Efforts continue to fund add alternates (porte-cochère, rooftop venue, outdoor amphitheater, indoor raked auditorium) and additional project enhancement opportunities (architectural and finish enhancements + extra parking spaces).

**base Canopy + add alternates & enhancements = \$40.5 million**



## LIBRARY



## EVENTS CENTER



## PARKING

- The Canopy is planned to have 237 surface parking spaces.
- The project will provide 62 percent above the 146 spaces required by the parking code.
- An agreement has been made with Heritage Park (located on the northwest corner of Denning Drive & Morse Boulevard) for shared parking during large events to accommodate any parking overflow.

## TREES

- At least 1,000 caliper inches of trees will be planted to replace trees that were in the project footprint. This will give the Canopy species diversity such as live oaks, magnolias, cypress and crape myrtles, to name a few.
- To date, five protected trees (one diseased laurel oak, four live oaks – all younger than 33 years old), and 36 palms were removed.

## SOIL CONDITION

Professionals engaged by the city have conducted environmental and geotechnical studies throughout the site and all tests confirm the site is suitable for construction of the Canopy.

## STORMWATER PLANS

At this stage of the project, stormwater management plans have not been fully designed, but will meet city and state code, including use of pre-treatment and pervious parking for the site. Additionally, regional improvements are being considered which will also address drainage on Morse Boulevard and Denning Drive.

## FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) 1995 GRANT

During this process, there was a concern regarding a FRDAP grant that was awarded to the city in 1995 for improvements to Lake Island Park. The city has been working closely with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the issue has been resolved.

## NEW LIBRARY EXCEEDS ALL NEEDS

The new library design is not only meeting but exceeding the needs and expectations of the library staff for services, programming and collections planned for patrons.



## DEMOLITION OF FORMER CIVIC CENTER

Completed. The site has been cleared.

To stay up-to-date on the Canopy, please visit [winterparkcanopy.org](http://winterparkcanopy.org).

Sincerely,  
  
Randy B. Knight, City Manager





# project updates

## Fairbanks Avenue Underground Project

Construction began last fall on an extensive project to underground the existing, overhead power lines and utilities along a one-mile stretch of Fairbanks Avenue. Through an agreement with the City of Winter Park, Duke Energy is in the process of relocating the 69-kilovolt transmission lines. The city will relocate the other overhead lines (distribution, cable, phone etc.) to underground and will remove the existing poles and wires.

- Portions of the south lane of Fairbanks Avenue will continue to be closed during active construction.
- Work at Harper Street is expected to be complete this summer allowing for through traffic.
- Most construction will occur between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; however, detours and some road closures may affect daytime travel.
- The undergrounding work is scheduled to be completed in the last quarter of 2019, however, removal of the poles and other overhead wires may continue through 2020.



Information and questions about the underground transmission line should be directed to Duke Energy:

- [duke-energy.com/Fairbanks](http://duke-energy.com/Fairbanks)
- 877-840-0101

General project information is available from the City of Winter Park:

- [cityofwinterpark.org/Fairbanks](http://cityofwinterpark.org/Fairbanks)
- 407-643-1655

## Denning Drive Multi-use Trail Project

The final phase of the Denning Drive Multi-use Trail Project (Canton to Webster avenues) marks the completion of this overall streetscape that began in October 2017. Denning Drive from Orange Avenue to Webster Avenue has transformed a 4-lane road into a beautifully landscaped 2-lane corridor that offers a 10-foot-wide, multi-use trail for bicyclists and pedestrians to enjoy. New medians, curbing, irrigation and pavement were added to this stretch of Denning Drive to provide a safer, friendlier experience for everyone.



## lakes news & info

### river otters

The river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) is a native, aquatic mammal found in freshwater systems throughout peninsular Florida. A member of the weasel family, river otters are carnivores and their diet includes fish, crayfish, waterfowl and mussels. Otters are social animals, living in small, communal groups. They typically den in cavities in stream banks or under tree roots, but may take up residence inside an infrequently used boathouse or boat. Highly mobile, otters may turn up in any of our waterways. Being largely nocturnal, they often come and go unnoticed.

Otters are very playful and watching them frolic in the water can give the misleading impression that they are friendly and harmless. In reality, these effective predators can be extremely dangerous if approached and mothers with young can be fiercely protective. Like many other wild mammals, otters can be carriers of the rabies virus.

If you encounter an otter in the wild, enjoy observing it from a safe distance. Do not attempt feed it, and always remember to give wild animals their space. Please visit [myfwc.com/media/1665/livingwithotters.pdf](http://myfwc.com/media/1665/livingwithotters.pdf) for additional information.



# events calendar june

1

noon-5 p.m.

**Splash into Summer**; part of the Parks & Recreation Family Fun Program; Community Center Pool, 721 W. New England Ave., and Cady Way Pool, 2529 Cady Way; FREE (407-599-3342)

4

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**National Women's Golf Day**; Winter Park Golf Course, 761 Old England Ave.; FREE (407-599-3342)

13

8-9 a.m.

**CoffeeTalk**; featuring City Manager Randy Knight; Winter Park Country Club, 761 Old England Ave.; FREE (407-599-3428)

8-10 p.m.

**Popcorn Flicks in the Park**; featuring *Apollo 13*; presented by Winter Park CRA; produced by Enzian Theater; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)

15

8:30-11:30 a.m.

**Trismen Park Community Park Workday**; presented by Keep Winter Park Beautiful, the Sustainability Program and Lakes Division; 231 Brewer Ave.; FREE (407-599-3364)

10 a.m.-noon

**You Are My Hero Father's Day Event**; part of the Family Fun Program; Phelps Park, 1206 N. Phelps Ave.; FREE (407-599-3342)

25

7 p.m. & 8:45 p.m.; next session August 21

**Ballroom Dance Lessons ~ Beginners & Intermediate** every Tuesday; sessions last eight weeks; Winter Park Farmers' Market, 200 W. New England Ave. (407-599-3364)

## july

4

City Hall closed

In observance of Independence Day

7:30 a.m.

**Watermelon 5K Run/Walk** Central Park; FREE (407-896-1160)

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**24th annual 4th of July Celebration** presented by the City of Winter Park; Central Park; FREE (407-599-3463)

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Open House** in conjunction with the city's 4th of July Celebration; The Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave.; FREE (407-645-5311)

9

noon-2 p.m.

**Ice Cream Social**; part of the Family Fun Program; Ward Park Pavilion, 2222 Loch Lomond Dr.; FREE (407-599-3342)

11

8-10 p.m.

**Popcorn Flicks in the Park**; featuring *The Little Mermaid*; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)

12

8-9 a.m.

**CoffeeTalk**; featuring Mayor Steve Leary; in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce's *Good Morning Winter Park*; Winter Park Welcome Center, 151 W. Lyman Ave.; FREE (407-599-3428)

13

10 a.m.-noon

**Catching Rays – Suncatcher Event**; part of the Family Fun Program; Ward Park Pavilion, 2222 Loch Lomond Dr.; FREE (407-599-3342)

20

10 a.m.-noon

**Bark at the Park**; part of the Family Fun Program; Lake Baldwin Park, 200 S. Lakemont Ave.; FREE (407-599-3342)

25

10 a.m.-noon

**Winter Park Rocks**; 4th-6th grades; part of the Family Fun Program; Central Park; FREE (407-599-3342)

27

8:30 p.m. showtime

**Dive In Movie**; part of the Family Fun Program; Cady Way Pool, 2529 Cady Way; FREE (407-599-3342)

## august

8

8-10 p.m.

**Popcorn Flicks in the Park**; featuring *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*; Central Park; FREE (407-629-0054)

8-9 a.m.

**CoffeeTalk**; featuring Vice Mayor Greg Seidel; Winter Park Country Club, 761 Old England Ave.; FREE (407-599-3428)

10

noon-5 p.m.

**Splash Back to School**; part of the Family Fun Program; Community Center Pool, 721 W. New England Ave., and Cady Way Pool, 2529 Cady Way; FREE (407-599-3342)

24

10 a.m.-noon

**Catch Your Dreams**; 4th-6th grades; part of the Family Fun Program; Phelps Park, 1206 N. Phelps Ave.; FREE (407-599-3342)

## Summer reading challenge

Kick off the summer with a reading challenge beginning **Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to noon**, at the Winter Park Public Library located at 460 E. New England Ave. This year's goal is to read 10,000 books this summer!

Play, learn and test your skills with crafts, carnival games, and rock wall climbing. Enjoy the petting zoo and a free smoothie from the Diary Council of Florida. The Human Snow Cone Machine, get your face painted or a temporary tattoo, and snag a free book. Bring the whole family to start a summer of fun.

All activities are free. For more information, please call **407-623-3300** or visit [wppl.org](http://wppl.org).

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# city commission



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Commissioner Greg Seidel  
Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel  
Mayor Steve Leary

Commissioner Carolyn Cooper  
Commissioner Todd Weaver  
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

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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
Information Technology   Parsram Rajaram	407-599-3432
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](http://cityofwinterpark.org/contact)

### outages

Power & Street Light Outages	1-877-811-8700
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The Winter Park *Update* is published quarterly with a circulation of approximately 16,500, including both residents and businesses.

To suggest article ideas, please contact 407-599-3343 or [choward@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:choward@cityofwinterpark.org).

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