

2019-20

# winter park update

december thru february



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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.*



Looking back at 2019 and as we prepare to ring in 2020, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as the 54<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of Winter Park. We live in the midst of a wonderful region and have worked to increase and improve the assets of our hometown, including greenspace/parks/recreational areas, utilities, traffic, roadway improvements, advisory boards, etc. Thank you to residents, business partners, city staff and fellow Commission members for your participation. At time of writing, below are a few of our highlights from 2019:

- Enhanced the connectivity and development of the 55+ acre **Howell Branch Preserve** project by:

- » Approving the purchase of an additional 0.83 acre lot on Temple Trail.
- » Executing the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ensuring the city's reimbursement for the purchase and proposed improvements.



## mayor's message

- Continued WP9 **Winter Park Golf Course improvements:**

- » Added more brick pavers and parking spaces to existing lot.
- » Celebrated the opening of the Charles H. Morse Park Moonlight Garden adjacent to the course. The garden's walkway runs all the way from the park entrance at Interlachen Avenue to historic Casa Feliz and ends at Park Avenue.
- » Increased the size of "The Back 9" putting course.

- **Renovated Azalea Lane Playground** with a new shady pavilion, fresh landscaping, and improved climbing structures.

- **Installed a new geothermal pump** to the Cady Way Pool making swimming comfortable year-round regardless of the temperature outdoors.

- Began the **undergrounding** of the overhead transmission and distribution lines along the southern side of **Fairbanks Avenue** between Harper Street and Interstate 4 to improve reliability and aesthetics of this gateway into Winter Park.

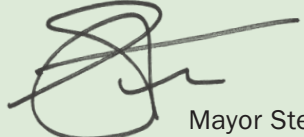
- Reached electric utility goal by **undergrounding a total of 5.2 miles** of overhead lines throughout the city. This included the **removal of the large power poles** along North Lakemont Avenue.

- Completed the **Denning Drive** Multi-Use project which received the 2019 Florida Redevelopment Association's Transportation Transit Enhancement Award. This project resulted in the transformation of Denning Drive from a four-lane road into an improved corridor offering a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail from Orange to Webster avenues enhancing the pedestrian and bicycle experience. The two-year long project was completed in three phases and included road milling, concrete median installation, asphalt paving, new irrigation, trees and landscaping, and installation of new decorative lighting.



- Completed the **repaving and milling of Webster Avenue**, successfully enhancing this roadway's connection to the Denning Drive improvements.
- Established the following committees and task force with very specific tasks and goals:
  - » **Charter Review** Advisory Committee to review and recommend changes to the city's charter, which is reviewed every 10 years. Recommendations were made and approved by the Commission in November. Proposed charter amendments will be included in the 2020 election ballot.
  - » **Old Library Reuse** Task Force to evaluate the reuse of the library building/site located at 460 E. New England Ave. Recommendations were presented to the Commission in November.
  - » **Orange Avenue Overlay** Steering Committee to evaluate the potential creation of an Orange Avenue Overlay District and associated changes to the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. Recommendations are expected to be presented in January 2020.
- Expected to complete Florida Department of Transportation construction to all railroad crossings in Winter Park, making them **Quiet Zone compliant**. Unless an emergency or danger is seen on the tracks, train engineers can use their discretion and are no longer required to sound train horns when passing through our city.
- Installed **new bollard bases** on New England Avenue between New York and West Park avenues to allow for the use of bollards rather than barricades to close the road to vehicular traffic. These bollards are part of a safety pilot project and are used during the Saturday Farmers' Market as well as for other special events in this segment of New England Avenue.
- Approved a **resolution** to begin the formal process of **trying to acquire the United States Post Office property** on New York Avenue [\[details in City Manager's Report\]](#).
- Designated homes on Kilshore Lane and Howard Drive as **new historic resources** on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places.
- Installed **new lake buoys** within the framework of state code bringing visual awareness of canal mouths, public docks and points that may create blind corners for boats on plane.
- Celebrated the **Winter Park Farmers' Market's 40th** Anniversary. What began as a small market in 1979 with only eight vendors, has grown into an award-winning, thriving market with over 85 vendors that approximately 2,500 patrons enjoy every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Launched a **Green Business Recognition Program** for companies that have adopted sustainable best practices. The program helps businesses become greener by providing a checklist to determine their recognition level, resources to help reach longer-term goals, and support of a peer network.
- **Survived the 2019 hurricane season** with minimal damage and outages from Hurricane Dorian's unwelcomed visit. During Dorian, the city:
  - » Launched the first use of the newly developed **online outage map** system allowing customers to keep track of the areas of town experiencing an outage.
  - » As part of the city's established communication tools, the newly developed **Emergency Information Facebook page** was used as the primary account to communicate hurricane-related information. Followers to that page increased by approximately 292% during this year's hurricane season.

2019 was filled with numerous improvements and enhancements to the city's assets and infrastructure, all of which contribute to your high quality of life. These and our approved fiscal year budget set the stage for more exciting projects planned for 2020. I wish you and your families a safe and happy upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,  Mayor Steve Leary

# WINTER PARK CANOPY

At time of print, below is a schedule of the recent milestones for the Canopy:



## OCT 2019

Construction drawings completed.  
Bids solicited to contractors.  
Determination of construction costs began.  
Fundraising continues.

## JAN 2020

Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) presented to City Commission for approval. GMP is the not-to-exceed amount agreed upon by the city and contractor to build the project.

## JAN/FEB 2020 2021

Groundbreaking & construction begins.  
Grand Opening Celebration!

For the most current updates, please visit [winterparkcanopy.org](http://winterparkcanopy.org).

## Post office property

For many years, the city has been interested in acquiring the United States Post Office property located at 300 N. New York Ave. The property is currently not for sale. However, on October 28, 2019, the City Commission took a formal step by approving a resolution that expresses the city's support and desire to pursue acquisition of the property for the purpose of public parkland.



United States Postal Service (USPS) currently owns the property and has been using it since 1963 for both retail and distribution functions of the post office. Because the property is located within the heart of downtown, is directly adjacent to Central Park, Park Avenue, and part of the New York Avenue corridor, the city sees this as a prime opportunity for economic redevelopment and the addition of valuable greenspace.

The resolution further calls upon the USPS to work with the city to ensure that the property becomes park through the sale of this property to the City of Winter Park. If acquired, the city will commit to deed restrict the

property as parkland in perpetuity for the recreational use and enjoyment of current and future residents and visitors.



## city manager's report

## 2020 election schedule

- **qualifying** » begins **Tuesday, December 3 @ noon**  
ends **Tuesday, December 10 @ noon**
- **general election** » **Tuesday, March 17**  
[also Presidential Preference Primary]
- **run-off election** » **Tuesday, April 14** [if necessary]
- **voters** » Please look for your **sample ballots in the mail** that will include your polling place and ballot language
- **more info** » [cityofwinterpark.org/elections](http://cityofwinterpark.org/elections)  
407-599-3277 or [cityclerk@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofwinterpark.org)

Sincerely,

Randy B. Knight, City Manager

quick  
tips

City Hall  
will be  
closed

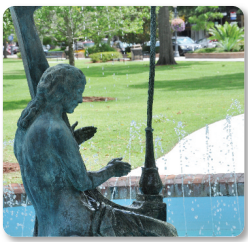
noon Tuesday, December 24,  
thru Wednesday, December 25  
in observance of Christmas

2020

Wednesday, January 1  
in observance of  
New Year's Day

Monday, January 20  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day





# it's all about community

## Fairbanks undergrounding

Construction activities are continuing along the 1-mile stretch of Fairbanks Avenue to convert the existing power lines and utilities from overhead to underground. Through an agreement with the city, Duke Energy is relocating the existing overhead transmission line to underground. The city will relocate the distribution lines underground and remove the poles once all overhead utility lines (cable and phone) have been removed. Please expect the following:

- » Portions of the south lane of Fairbanks Avenue will continue to be closed during active construction.
- » Signage will alert travelers of temporary detours and lane closures.
- » Construction is occurring during both daytime and nighttime hours. Most construction work is scheduled Monday through Friday, although periodic Saturday work may be needed in some areas.
- » The undergrounding work is scheduled to be completed in late 2019.
- » Road resurfacing and the removal of the old poles and other overhead wires will continue into the spring of 2020.



### lane shifts for Fairbanks Avenue I-4 off-ramp east

At intermittent times beginning December 2019 through early spring 2020, travelers heading east on I-4 and exiting at Fairbanks Avenue will experience off-ramp lane shifts as they drive west on Fairbanks. These lane shifts are a necessary part of the undergrounding project. Please exercise caution while exiting I-4 during this time.

Questions about the underground transmission line along Fairbanks Avenue?

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

General questions about the project or the city's overall utility undergrounding efforts?

**CITY OF WINTER PARK** [cityofwinterpark.org/fairbanks](http://cityofwinterpark.org/fairbanks) | 407-643-1655

## these items go in your mixed recycling



dry, clean paper only  
flattened cardboard



glass bottles,  
jars only



metal  
cans



plastic bottles,  
jugs, tubs only

## NO PLASTIC BAGS GO IN THE RECYCLING BIN

Leave items loose & empty



Return these plastic  
bags to retailer or  
place in trash bin



when in doubt, check it out!

# THINK TWICE

→ DON'T WASTE IT WP  
[cityofwinterpark.org/think-twice](http://cityofwinterpark.org/think-twice)

more information @  
[cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org)

public hearings  
\*PLEASE NOTE ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Planning & Zoning Board & City Commission

December 3 @ 6 p.m. & January 13 @ 3:30 p.m.

### Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation

**request** redevelop existing 3-story building,  
zoned C-2, with a new 3-story,  
19,602-square-foot building

**required** Conditional Use approval

**location** 199 E. Welbourne Ave.

### City of Winter Park Orange Avenue Overlay District

**request** consider the creation of a Zoning  
Overlay, creating new Land  
Development Code standards for  
development and redevelopment of  
properties within the Overlay District

**required** Comprehensive Plan amendments

**location** Orange Avenue

## Planning & Zoning Board & City Commission

January 7 @ 6 p.m. & January 27 @ 3:30 p.m.

### Atrium Management » Henderson Hotel

**request** construction of a 5-story, 118-room  
hotel at 210,522 sq. ft. in size,  
inclusive of a 268-space parking  
garage (212 standard; 56 valet)

**required** Conditional Use approval &  
Comprehensive Plan amendments

**location** 250 Killarney Drive

quick  
tip

## Waste Pro® services

**Christmas Day** > no household garbage  
or recycling collected

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

save 2020 dates

## Monday, January 6

**what** dinner on the avenue  
tables go on sale

[event date: Saturday, April 4]

**when** 8 a.m.

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

**cost** table of 8 > please call for price  
[three table maximum]

**info** 407-599-3342 or kbaker@cityofwinterpark.org



## Saturday, February 22

**what** 5th annual restore the roar

**when** 6 to 10 p.m.

**where** Showalter Stadium @ 2525 Cady Way

**info** [info@wphsfoundation.org](mailto:info@wphsfoundation.org)  
[handbid.app.link/rtr](http://handbid.app.link/rtr)  
Facebook @winterparkhighschoolfoundation

Presented by the Winter Park High School Foundation,  
in partnership with the City of Winter Park and Orange  
County Public Schools.



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## No Parade of Bands

Due to this year's calendar and the proximity of the Christmas holiday to game day, it is not possible for the bands to participate in our annual Parade of Bands.

The city wishes both teams the best of luck at the Capital One® Bowl  
Saturday, December 28.

## Rediscover Winter Park

You may have lived in Winter Park for 5 days, 5 years, or 50+ years. Regardless of the amount of time Winter Park has been the place you call home, how much time have you spent discovering one of our 20+ non-profit arts & culture venues? You don't have to go far to watch a live musical or theatrical performance, participate in a lecture or educational class, or view the finest art collections at one of our museums, galleries, and/or festivals.

In its third year, the city's annual "Weekend of the Arts" will be held to provide the opportunity to rediscover Winter Park [Friday, February 14, through Monday, February 17, 2020](#). The city's Arts & Culture Alliance of the Public Art Advisory Board invites you to be inspired by new things in the place you call home and enjoy some new and exciting cultural experiences. To learn more about this weekend of entertainment beyond expectations, please visit [wpinspires.org](http://wpinspires.org).



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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 check on your home while you are away.

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.

## Year-round swimming

Don't let the cold weather deter you from learning to doggie paddle or perfecting your dolphin kicks with your butterfly strokes during the winter months. Both Cady Way and community center pools are now heated year-round.

Located at 2529 Cady Way, the Cady Way Pool offers six, 50-meter lap lanes and its 300,000 gallon pool is warmed to a pleasant 81 degrees. If you prefer to swim in slightly warmer waters, the Winter Park Community Center Pool located at 721 W. New England Ave., warms its 40,000 gallon pool to 84 degrees and offers zero-depth entry with two, 25-meter lap lanes.

For hours and swim lessons offered at both locations, please visit [cityofwinterpark.org/swim](http://cityofwinterpark.org/swim).



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tip

Your friendly irrigation reminder  
only water your yard one day a week  
now through Sunday, March 8, 2020



# events calendar december

2

6-7 p.m.

**Meatless Monday Cooking Demonstration**; for restaurants, schools and workplaces in Winter Park interested in the Green Business Recognition Program; Publix at Winter Park Village, 440 Orlando Ave.; FREE (407-599-3364)

5

6:15 p.m.

**41st 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)

6

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

7-9 p.m.

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

7

7-10:30 a.m.

**21st annual Leadership Winter Park Pancake Breakfast**; Central Park Main Stage (407-644-8281)

8

9 a.m.

**67th annual "Ye Olde Hometown" Christmas Parade**; hosted by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce; Park Avenue; FREE (407-644-8281)

8

5 p.m.

**"Holiday Pops Concert"**; Central Park; FREE (407-599-3463)

9

5:30 p.m.; through December 12 & December 16

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

10

6-9 p.m.; also January 18, 9 a.m.-noon

**Learn CPR & Save a Life**; Winter Park Fire-Rescue Headquarters, 343 W. Canton Ave. (407-599-3609)

14

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Safe Sitter® Essentials**; Winter Park Fire-Rescue Headquarters, 343 W. Canton Ave. (407-599-3609)

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)

5:30 p.m.

**Holiday Boat Parade**; presented by the Winter Park Rotary Club; Dinky Dock Park, 410 Ollie Ave. and Rollins College Student Center, 1000 Holt Ave.; FREE (407-256-6369)

21

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

**24th annual Merry Tuba Christmas**; Central Park Main Stage; FREE (407-599-3463)

22

5 p.m.

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

24

At noon; through December 25

**City Hall closed** in observance of Christmas

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

**Christmas Eve Open House**; The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art; FREE (407-645-5311)

## january

1

**City Hall closed**

In observance of New Year's Day

9

7-9 p.m.; rain date January 23

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

11

10 a.m.-noon

**Gardening for Little Green Thumbs**; part of the Parks & Recreation Family Fun Program; Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S. Denning Dr.; FREE (407-599-3342)

19

1-5 p.m.; through January 20

**18th annual Unity Heritage Festival**; honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.; Shady Park in Hannibal Square, adjacent to Winter Park Community Center; FREE (407-599-3506)

20

**City Hall closed**

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**18th annual Unity Heritage Festival**; FREE (407-599-3506)

## february

1

8-11 a.m.

**Lakes Maitland, Knowles & Wilbar Watershed Cleanup**; Kraft Azalea Garden, 1365 Alabama Dr.; FREE (407-599-3364)

6

7-9 p.m.; rain date February 20

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

8

10 a.m.-noon

**Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt**; part of the Parks & Recreation Family Fun Program; Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S. Denning Dr.; FREE (407-599-3342)

11

11:30 a.m.

**17th annual Trees for Peace**; location TBD; FREE (407-599-3506)

21

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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# 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   Rene Cranis	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
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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info

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

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