

2020

winter park update

september thru november



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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.



Public service

Serving as an elected official is a great honor but a greater responsibility. Winter Park commission members are not elected to represent individual districts. Rather, we are elected at large and represent each of you, regardless of your address.

As your Mayor, I serve as the Chair of the City Commission. There are four forms of municipal government and Winter Park is a Commission/Manager form. This means, if you compare Winter Park to a corporation, the City Commission would serve as the Board of Directors while the City Manager acts as the President/CEO. In the Commission/Management form of government, the City Commission is supposed to focus on policy matters, work with the city administration on strategic planning and ensure resources are in place to meet the plan.

One struggle we face in creating these strategic long-term plans is that Winter Park has an annual election cycle. Every year, voters are asked to elect at least one of our City Commission seats, if there is more than a single qualified candidate running for office. By our Winter Park Charter, City Commission members are allowed to serve four, consecutive three-year terms, before being “termed-out” (partial terms do count as full terms). While the length of term and holding an annual election is a bit unusual, it does allow the voters of Winter Park, to maintain or modify the makeup of their elected body on an

annual basis. Depending on the year and other factors, in addition to the Mayor and/or City Commission seat(s), voters may be provided the opportunity to vote on other items such as presidential candidates, charter amendments or special ballot issues.

Even before I was elected to serve as Mayor, I noticed a void on the dais of someone that was up there to represent me and my growing family. Even though the median age of a resident of Winter Park is 45.1 years (2019), it is difficult to

find residents in that age range to serve as an elected official. I believe that the City Commission should reflect the composition of the community to ensure decisions being made reflect the wishes of the community as a whole. While

many in the 20-50 year old segment are understandably focused on family and career, each election season this demographic is under-represented at the polls. I do not mean to suggest that we should only elect 20-50 year old representatives. Rather if not a 20-50 year old representative, we should elect representatives that understand and would advocate for the desires of this audience.

Everyone who chooses to serve as an elected official or volunteer board member does so to help make our city better. As Mayor, I have been fortunate to have community leaders on both sides, physically and philosophically, 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



mayor's message



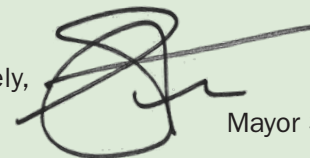
the common thread of love for our city. March 2021 will bring the opportunity to elect a new Mayor. I am “termed-out,” and even if I was not, I would not be running for office again. I encourage you all to become more involved in the future of our community.

If serving as an elected official is not your path yet you feel the pull to participate in a different way, I'd ask you to seriously consider volunteering for a Citizen Advisory Board. These boards focus on distinct aspects of the city for the purpose of developing recommendations for the City Commission's consideration. Our boards address transportation, planning, utilities, parks, etc., as well as provide insight on our lakes and

waterways, public art, sustainability and our golf course to name a few others. Interested citizens can apply at cityofwinterpark.org/board-app.

Whether your history in Winter Park spans five days or five generations, the city benefits through your involvement. I urge you all, especially those under the age of 50, to become more involved in YOUR community in any way that you find manageable.

Sincerely,



Mayor Steve Leary

2021 fiscal year budget

The year 2020 has certainly been full of unexpected circumstances which have challenged all of us, requiring us to adjust and refocus in both our personal and professional lives. City staff has been actively creating solutions for our residents and businesses during this COVID-19 crisis. Although we are still battling the impact of the pandemic, we have successfully offered assistance programs and food support for both residents and businesses, and redirected our budgetary allocations to make up for the shortfalls, while still providing high-quality services to our community.

As we prepare for next fiscal year, we realize the impact COVID has had on our economy and budgets. Taking this into consideration, I have prepared and presented a balanced budget for the City Commission's consideration. One of the city's most important tasks of fiscal stewardship is the preparation of our annual budget. This is an extremely lengthy, detailed process that staff begins in February and is finalized by the City Commission with the adoption of the budget and millage rates at the second public hearing in September. Despite these difficulties we are presenting the fiscal year (FY) 2021 budget and corresponding five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that, due to past prudent practices and fiscal management, will allow the city to maintain its



city manager's report

level of service and continue to deliver on the exceptional quality that our residents, businesses and visitors have come to expect.

The following list highlights some of the major initiatives proposed in the budget:

- Replace the Fire-Rescue Department station alerting system, saving approximately 30 to 60 seconds in emergency response time.
- Expand meter replacement in the city's water and electric utilities to allow for smart metering technologies and greater system efficiencies and emergency management.
- Raise total funding for undergrounding electric lines in the city to \$5 million annually.
- Propose a solar awning at the City Operations compound to shelter utility equipment and vehicles as well as enhance the city's commitment to sustainability.
- Allocate a total of \$7.5 million in Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds over the next two years to facilitate the relocation of the post office and expansion of Central Park.
- Provide funding to make enhancements to Shady Park.
- Enhance the city's parks and facilities with funding for shade structures at Howell Branch Preserve, replacement of the tennis courts at Phelps Park, field and fencing improvements at Ward Park, as well as minor improvements to other community parks.

- Maintain Urban Forestry Division funding to plant over 600 trees.
- Continue to invest in stormwater, utility, road and sidewalk improvements.

The adoption of the proposed budget is an open and lengthy process. In August, residents had the opportunity to ask questions and/or share comments about the upcoming budget during each City Commission meeting. This month, there will be two more opportunities at **5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9 and 23.**

The budget hearings will be virtual, so please access cityofwinterpark.org/cclive for instructions on how to register and submit public comment. We encourage you to virtually attend and share comments about the proposed budget and millage rates before final adoption.

Proposed General Fund Budget

The proposed General Fund budget totals \$59.4 million, which is \$1.4 million or 2.3% lower than the current year's original budget. Personal Services, which covers wages and benefits, expanded 0.76% or \$287k, while operating expenditures declined 3.32% or \$693k. These changes resulted primarily from shifting some facilities maintenance work in-house as well as reducing wage increases.

Operating Costs, which include contracted services, declined 3.3% or \$693k. Some of the more significant decreases in this area included: reducing funding the future replacement of vehicles and equipment, reductions to general operating costs such as travel and training funds, ending the contract with the city's federal lobbyist, and deferring some expenses to a future budget year.

Transfers to capital projects decreased by \$602k as revenue reductions put pressure on capital project budgets that had been expanding in better budget years. These primarily consisted of deferring replacement of pavilions at Ward and Phelps parks, reducing funding for athletic field and tennis lighting replacements and upgrades, as well as reductions to funding pools for traffic signalization and pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Payments to the CRA for its share of tax increment financing revenue increased by \$460k as strong property tax revenue growth boosted results.

As this current fiscal year marks the first year that the city reached its goal of having 30% of annual reoccurring operating expenses in reserve, funding to add to contingency was reduced in the proposed budget to \$350k which meets the city's budget policy of providing one-half of 1% in contingency annually.

Overall General Fund revenue is expected to decline in every category but property taxes. With the downturn in the economy, sales taxes are already down

significantly and staff is estimating that they will fall by 24% in FY 2021. Revenues generated from real estate related building permitting and licenses are also expected to decline by 20% next year. Charges for services which represent revenue generated from the use of city facilities, events and programs will decline 2.5% due to expected lower demand caused by the pandemic. As property taxes are calculated by the property appraiser in January of each year, this revenue source is expected to increase by about 8%.

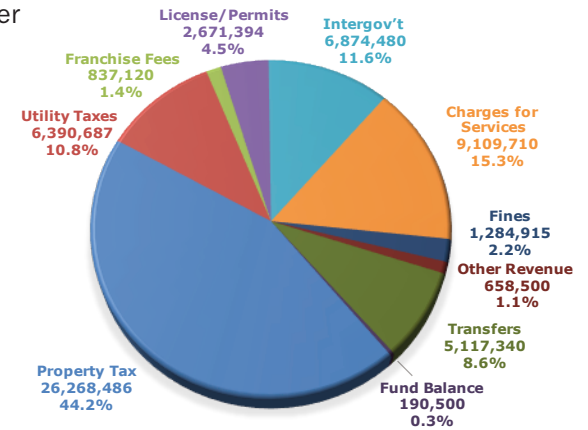
The pie chart below provides a breakdown of where the money comes from for General Fund operations. Most people do not realize that property taxes only make up 44% (\$26.3 million) of the General Fund budget which is not

even enough to cover the over \$28.8 million needed to provide public safety (police and fire) services.

The FY 2021 proposed budget meets the following goals:

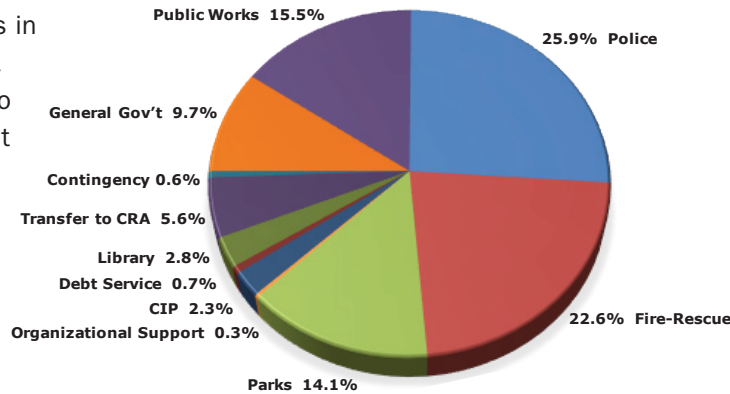
- » Maintain 30% of annual reoccurring expenses in reserves in the General Fund.
- » Maintain the current operating millage rate of 4.0923 which has been the city's rate for the last 12 years.
- » Utilize an organizational support funding formula based upon one quarter of one percent of gross revenues in the General Fund, water & wastewater utilities, and electric utility. This generates approximately \$340k annually for non-profit partners in the city.
- » Maintain a minimum of 45 days working capital in the electric and water & wastewater utilities.
- » Maintain or expand current levels of service.
- » Provide a performance-based pay raise for employees, maintaining a program that keeps pay within the top 35% and benefits within the top 50% of municipalities approved for benchmarking.

General Fund Revenues FY 2021



The pie chart to the right shows the percentage of dollars in the proposed budget to provide services to our residents. Almost half of the General Fund budget is dedicated to public safety (police and fire) services.

General Fund Expenses FY 2021



Tentative millage rate

At the July 22 City Commission meeting, a tentative millage cap of 4.5623 was adopted. This represents an increase of .4700 mills and if formally adopted in September, would become the new property tax rate applied to all residential and commercial property in the city. This is the rate that was used to project the property taxes on the notice you received in August from the Orange County Property Appraiser. This is a tentative rate and may be reduced but not increased without extraordinary notice provisions. This gives City Commission flexibility while awaiting information from the state on projected intragovernmental revenues such as sales tax and gas tax. The city has kept its operating millage rate at the same level for the last 12 years.

Property value assessments are set by the Orange County Property Appraiser's office. Of the total property taxes someone might pay, the majority (74.9%) do not support the city services proposed in the budget.

- 25.1% → city services
- 27.2% → Orange County
- 43.5% → Orange County Public Schools
- 2.7% → voted debt service
[includes funding for the construction of the new library & events center]
- 1.5% → St. John's River Water Management

Electric Fund

The city's electric utility is benefiting significantly from the new bulk power purchasing agreements put in place just over two years ago. Excess power supply available from providers helped put the city in a strong position to lock in savings for its customers for the next several years. These savings will be used to expand funding for undergrounding overhead power lines, add a solar awning to protect city assets and enhance sustainability at the operations compound, and add over \$2 million to improve the electric fund's cash position, which has been at a deficit but should be fully positive by the end of FY 2021.

All this is being accomplished at rates that are 3.3% lower than the state average and almost 21% lower than the predecessor utility that used to serve Winter Park. There will be no increase to electric rates.

Water & Wastewater Fund

Effective October 1, 2020, water and wastewater rates will be increased by 1.76%. The Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) publishes a Price Index each year for water and wastewater utilities it regulates. Although Winter Park is not regulated by the FPSC, it uses the Price Index as the basis for its rate adjustments. Average annual Price Index increases for the past five years have been in the 1.5% to 2% range.

This is a brief overview of the proposed annual budget for next fiscal year. If you would like more information on the city's budget or budget process, please plan on virtually attending the two budget hearings **Wednesday, September 9 and 23, at approximately 5 p.m.** by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/cclive for instructions on how to register and submit public comment.

More extensive information regarding the city's proposed FY 2021 budget including program budgets for each function of the city, a five-year capital improvement plan, and 10-year proformas for all major funds, is accessible on the city's website at cityofwinterpark.org > **Departments** > **Finance**.

Sincerely,

Randy B. Knight, City Manager



City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Monday 09.07.20

Have a safe & enjoyable holiday!

Public Works

The city's Public Works Department has 40 full-time employees that manage and maintain the following amenities residents and guests enjoy every day:

- 500 wheelchair accessible curb cut ramps & crosswalks
- 200 city buildings & structures, encompassing over 250,000 square feet
- 157 miles of sidewalks
- 150 miles of curbs
- 117 miles of road
 - » Includes sweeping all streets once per month. During heavy leaf fall (January to March), frequency increases to twice per month.
 - » Cleaning storm sewer inlets & pipes.
 - » Sweeping downtown & commercial areas twice per week.
- 53 signalized intersections
- 53 stormwater treatment devices & systems
- 20 miles of brick roads
- 11 flashing signalized school/zones pedestrian crossings
- 2 miles of ditches
- 2 miles canals & streams



Now in the active storm season, this department's focus on proper drainage of its underground storm drain system is extremely important. Currently, staff is working on drainage improvements in the Lake Sue (Kings Way & Fawsett Road) neighborhood area.

Above the gas pumps at City Operations is a motto "No one notices what we do until we don't do it," has never been more true. The Public Works crew, in addition to the other 500+ employees, work hard to **Make Every Day Exceptional** for all our residents and guests.

To see how your city crews work hard to provide high quality services for you every day, please access vimeo.com/winterparkfla.

Winter Park Library & Events Center

In celebration of the Winter Park Library & Event Center's construction that began in March, Sir David Adjaye, lead architect for the project, was hosted by Betsy Gardner Eckbert, President/CEO of Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, for a virtual Master Class on June 19 to discuss this exciting new edition for the community. To watch the Master Class video, please access winterparkeventscenter.org.

The conversation centered around Sir Adjaye's approach to architecture as an art and social practice, his design process, and the new Winter Park Library & Events Center as a prototype of the ever-evolving concept of the library. Featuring library stacks, digital services, maker spaces, event accommodations, teaching areas and a public forum, the new facility will be a campus of knowledge where both educational and community facilities come together to create a village of access to life-long learning and opportunity.

The Library & Events Center will be suitably located within Martin Luther King, Jr. Park as a realization of the great American hero's ideals of equal access to knowledge and empowerment.

construction start: March 2020

target completion: October 2021

**access updates: winterparkeventscenter.org
or wppl.org/nextchapter**



"What is happening with the project that is so powerful is that another prototype, another version of what the library has evolved into is being tested in Winter Park — the library as a campus of knowledge. We're moving from the infrastructure of knowledge to the space of knowledge."

– Sir David Adjaye



It's time to fall back Change clocks, batteries & sprinklers

Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday 11.01.2020

- » Move your clocks back one hour before going to bed.
- » Change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- » Adjust sprinklers to one day per week.

Annual Fall Cleanup

The City of Winter Park, in partnership with Waste Pro® is pleased to provide a **Fall Cleanup**. This large-item pickup service will offer a 'bonus' day for old furniture, broken appliances and other bulky items.

To take advantage of this convenient service, residents must place their items curbside after 5 p.m. on the evening before their second regularly scheduled household trash pickup day. If you live **north** of the Fairbanks/Aloma avenues corridor, your bonus pickup will be **Thursday, November 5, or Friday, November 6**. If you live **south** of the Fairbanks/Aloma avenues corridor, your bonus pick up will be **Thursday, November 12, or Friday, November 13**. [Specific dates are dependent on your second regular household pick-up day.]

please note hazardous waste and yard waste are **NOT** included in the **Fall Cleanup**. For more information, please contact **407-774-0800**.



City Hall will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Thursday 11.26.2020
& **Friday 11.27.2020**

There will be no Waste Pro® household garbage, yard trash or recycling services on **Thursday, November 26**. All pickup services will resume on your next regularly scheduled collection day.

Have a safe & enjoyable holiday!

Smoke alarm reminders



- Functional smoke alarms are essential to every fire escape plan.
- An estimated two-thirds of in-home fire-related deaths occur in homes where smoke alarms are not present.
- Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms are considered to be one of the best and least expensive ways to provide an early warning of fire.
- Smoke alarms can reduce the risk of dying from a home fire by almost 50%.
- Smoke alarms should be installed in each bedroom as well as outside of each sleeping area and on each level of the home.
- When determining placement for smoke alarms, remember to place them on the ceiling or high up on a wall.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month to ensure ideal operation.
- The Fire-Rescue Department provides free installation of smoke detectors to city residents.

To request a smoke detector for your home, please contact the Life Safety Program Coordinator at lluna@cityofwinterpark.org.

Farmers' Market enjoys open space

When COVID made it unsafe to meet in small spaces and the need for social distancing grew, the city quickly realized the old train station building and surrounding space was too small to safely host the hundreds of shoppers who visit the weekly Saturday Farmers' Market. The city values the popularity of the market and wanted to still offer a place for the community to buy and vendors sell their fresh produce, baked goods and beautiful plants.

After surveying our city-owned property, in May, the market was relocated to the Central Park West Meadow at the corner of New York Avenue and Morse Boulevard. It is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This large, open greenspace allows the market vendors to safely space out and gives patrons plenty of room to comfortably social distance while still picking up their favorite market goods.

Being outdoors in a wide open space dramatically reduces the risks associated with COVID. Combine the fresh air, social distancing and face coverings, the Saturday Farmers' Market remains an enjoyable and safe environment to shop for that perfect plant, satisfy the taste buds, or simply catch up with friends.



it's all about community

City launches @YourRequest

On July 1, the city launched a new online service, **@YourRequest**. This new service is accessible from cityofwinterpark.org/AtYourRequest and will allow users to easily submit questions and requests for city services right from their mobile device or computer. Upon submission, requests will be routed to the appropriate city department to address.

Users can also quickly find an extensive log of Frequently Asked Questions with common answers. Examples of what can be reported using **@YourRequest** are:

- potholes
- street light outages
- non-emergency issues
- code compliance concerns
- broken or cracked sidewalks
- power outages (or call 1-877-811-8700)
- repairs or maintenance of city facilities/amenities



This service is for **non-emergency questions and requests only**. Please call 911 for all emergency-related calls. Winter Park is always **@YourRequest**.

New permitting Self Service Portal

The city is excited to announce the launch of its new Self Service Portal accessible at cityofwinterpark.org/self-service for all new permitting activities and business certificates. This platform provides a more streamlined electronic permit submittal process for applicants as well as offers city staff more efficient tools in the plans review and inspection process.

Permits such as variance requests, tree removal, requests for inspections and applying for or renewing business certificates has never been easier. If an in-person visit to City Hall is needed, guests will be greeted by an entirely new Building & Permitting Services lobby that offers a more spacious and welcoming environment, complete with self service kiosks.

City staff looks forward to serving you using this new online self service platform and appreciates your patience through this transition for a better customer experience.

wreaths across america

The Parks & Recreation Department Cemeteries Division manages and operates the two city-owned cemeteries for the benefit of the residents of Winter Park. Both Palm and Pineywood cemeteries have a long history of service to the community.

Palm Cemetery has been in continuous operation since 1906 and is located at the corner of Webster and New York avenues. Pineywood Cemetery has been in existence since 1890, but the city's ownership did not occur until 1970 when it was deeded to the city. Pineywood is located off of South Lakemont Avenue.

Each cemetery honors and remembers our loved ones that have passed. One of the ways the city does this is by participating in a program called **Wreaths Across America**. For the third year in a row, a Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place in the veterans sections of both cemeteries on **Saturday, December 19, at noon**. Following the ceremony, wreaths will be placed on the markers of the veterans to honor those who served.

If you or your families would like to donate one or more wreaths, please access your preferred cemetery via the following sites by **Monday, November 30**:



- Palm Cemetery
bit.ly/PalmWreaths
- Pineywood Cemetery
bit.ly/PineywoodWreaths

Thank you for your support of our veterans and this honorable program!



**Shop safely along Park Avenue
& support our small businesses**
parkavenuedistrict.com
winterpark.org/park-avenue



project updates

Fairbanks undergrounding completed

If you have recently driven on Fairbanks Avenue between U.S. Highway 17-92 and Interstate 4, you may notice something is missing – the large transmission lines that spanned this corridor on the south side of the avenue. With the help of a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) grant, Duke Energy® Florida and the city's Electric Utility Department have been working to underground the transmission lines in this area since 2018. As of July 2020, the underground project is complete, lines are energized and in service. All overhead electric wires and poles have been removed.



There are still smaller utility poles remaining that are supporting lines such as telephone, cable and/or TV. These poles have been cut as low as possible to adequately maintain the remaining lines. The city is working with these companies to complete their conversion and once these lines are underground, the remaining poles will also be removed.

In the past decade, the infrastructure improvements and upgrades include:

- Installation of a new gravity sewer system in 2012-13.
- Installation of new traffic signals & decorative street lights.
- Repaving & restriping of road to add new bicycle lanes.
- Replacement of signalized intersections.
- Improvements to pedestrian crosswalks.

The completion of this undergrounding project is a tremendous accomplishment for the city. Congratulations to Electric Utility, Duke Energy, and FDOT for their support, dedication and commitment to make this gateway into our city more aesthetically pleasing and electric service more reliable. The city would also like to thank former Speaker of the House Dean Cannon and former Senate President Andy Gardner for assisting the city in obtaining funding for this beautification project.

Progress Point property

As part of the Orange Avenue Overlay (OAO) District discussions, there is one city-owned parcel within the district known as Progress Point. This parcel has been a popular topic of interest for residents, developers, architects and city staff since it was deeded to the city in 2005.

How this property came into city ownership is tied to the city's acquisition of a different building, the former state office building property at 941 W. Morse Blvd. Since the early 1960s, the state office building was a location for various state of Florida offices. By the year 2000, there was only one state administrative function at the 77,000-square-foot, three-story building that occupied about 15% of that space.

The building and site was becoming deteriorated and the City Commission grew interested in acquiring the property to spur redevelopment. The city was successful in negotiations with the state and in October 2005, the former state office building property was declared surplus and deeded to the city.

In 2011, the city issued a request for proposal to redevelop the property on Morse Boulevard. Of all the proposals received, the City Commission selected CNL Commercial Real Estate who ultimately built an 86,600-square-foot Class A office building. This is now home to the headquarters of Brasfield Gorrie Constructors as well as other businesses. As part of this negotiation, CNL proposed a swap of a property they owned, Progress Point, and also offered the city three properties on Palmetto Avenue: 1210/1211 and 1241 Palmetto Avenue. Independent appraisals confirmed that the values of the state office building and Progress Point + Palmetto properties to be the same, thus declared a swap of equals. The swap transaction occurred in February 2012.

Currently, the city still holds the deeds to Progress Point and the properties on Palmetto, which are prime for redevelopment. At the time of writing, discussions continue about the future of Progress Point. Updates to this as well as the OAO District can be accessed at cityofwinterpark.org/OAO.

New solar panels installed atop Aloma Water Treatment Plant

The city is proud to announce the launch of its new solar panel project at the Aloma Water Treatment Plant. Local electric solutions company, 15 lightyears, installed 366 solar modules (135 KW) on top of the two million gallon ground storage tank at the plant.

The fully operational panels can now generate up to 190,825 kilowatt hours (KWH) of energy per year. Although the Aloma plant uses approximately 2,396,800 KWH per year, the solar energy obtained by the panels is sold to the electric grid through a two-way meter which in turn offsets the energy which the city must purchase from Duke Energy® Florida.

The Aloma Water Treatment Plan is one of four city treatment plants. Based upon the success of this project, the city will evaluate additional similar opportunities for sustainable energy.

This \$250,000 project was funded by the city's Water & Wastewater Utilities Department. The up-front investment is expected to be paid back within 12.1 years, after which the city will receive daily revenue from the solar panel energy production.

According to 15 lightyears, the panels are estimated to generate over \$320,000 in savings over their 25-year lifetime. This investment is equivalent to

- driving 265,864 miles
- growing 68,852 trees
- taking 23 passenger cars off the road for one year

Please access the virtual informational video about the solar panels under [Featured Videos](#) on the home page of the city's official website at cityofwinterpark.org.



Used cooking oil recycling

where to recycle

City Operations [formerly Public Works Compound]
1409 Howell Branch Road | Winter Park, Florida 32789
Drop off in collection bin located just outside Building 10

how to recycle

- Use a shatter-proof container.
- Allow the oil to cool and pour oil into container.
- Secure lid tightly once container is full.
- Bring container to designated drop-off collection bin.
- To pick up a FREE container, please call [407-599-3538](tel:407-599-3538).

types of oil accepted [motor oil is NOT accepted]

canola sesame corn soy bean
olive sunflower peanut vegetable
lard & animal fat [leftover grease from bacon, ground beef, pork, etc.]

more info @ [407-599-3538](tel:407-599-3538) or cityofwinterpark.org/oil-recycling

Thank you for recycling!



events calendar september-november

Please access cityofwinterpark.org/events for updates on upcoming things to enjoy.

[due to COVID-19, many events have been canceled or rescheduled]

quick
tip

2021 Mayoral election schedule

- **qualifying** » Monday, January 11 @ noon through Tuesday, January 19 @ noon
- **general election** » Tuesday, March 9
- **more info** » cityofwinterpark.org/elections
407-599-3277 or cityclerk@cityofwinterpark.org

Whether your idea of aquatic recreation involves gliding over the waves behind a ski boat, cruising the shoreline in a pontoon boat or dipping a paddle from a canoe, kayak or paddleboard, safety on the water starts before you leave the house.

Pretrip planning rules

- 1 check the weather** Lightning, high winds from passing thunderstorms and large, wind driven waves can cause catastrophic damage and injury. Consider putting a weather app on your phone that includes lightning warnings.
- 2 check your gear** Every type of watercraft (even paddleboards) has a list of equipment the state requires you to carry. Find out if your boat is properly equipped by visiting the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission boating regulation page (see online resources below)
- 3 make a float plan** Make sure that someone else knows where you are going, when you plan to return, has your contact information and knows who to call if you are late.

Requirements

- Boat registration is required by the State of Florida for all power boats.
- A city boat pass is required for boaters on the Winter Park Chain of Lakes (state registration needed).
 - » Annual passes available for purchase at City Hall, Winter Park Public Library and Maitland Community Park.
 - » Day passes available online cityofwinterpark.org/boating
 - » Passes not needed for paddleboards, canoes or kayaks on the chain but note that under state law, you will need to register these vessels if you add any type of motor, including small electric motors.



Slow speed and following the city's canal guidelines are essential when navigating from lake to lake.



Wakes thrown by boats even at slow speeds can be very large and you could be left with the invoice for damages.



Mirrors alone do not meet the city's rule requiring a spotter when pulling a skier.



Paddlers can be hard to see. Boat operators need to be alert and sober while on the water.

Helpful reminders

DISTANCE Must remain at least 300 feet behind any boat pulling a skier, 100 feet away from any stationary craft, and any vessel pulling a skier must have an observer (other than the driver) on board.

CANALS Winter Park's canal system is a big attraction for area boaters. With the exception of a few wide spots, these canals can only support one way traffic and require careful navigation.

WAKES Watch your wakes. Boat wakes can cause injury and property damage. Familiarize yourself with your boat's operating characteristics and be mindful of the potential impact your wake may have on the other users around you.

ENFORCEMENT The Police Department's Lakes Patrol is on the lakes to enforce the rules as well as ensure all other safety and operating requirements are met.

Online resources

- City of Winter Park boating information » cityofwinterpark.org/boating
- Winter Park boating rules » cityofwinterpark.org/government » [About](#) » [Code of Ordinances & City Charter](#) » Chapter 114 - Waterways
- Winter Park Police Department Lakes Patrol » wppd.org
- FWC Boating Regulations » myfwc.com/boating/regulations
- FWC Required Equipment » myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/equipment

Hurricane information

We are in the heart of hurricane season. Below are all the ways the city communicates storm preparation, management and recovery accessible on your electronic devices. While the weather is calm, please make sure to prepare as well as like, follow or subscribe to one or more of the tools below so you can stay informed.



Hurricane Preparedness Guide

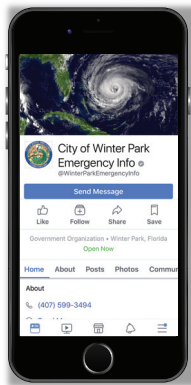
- cityofwinterpark.org/emergency
hard copies are available at City Hall, Public Safety Facility & Winter Park Public Library

Report Outages

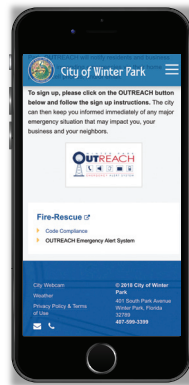
- Electric Utility Department
1-877-811-8700
- Water & Wastewater Utilities Department
407-599-3219

Live upon activation of Emergency Operations Center:

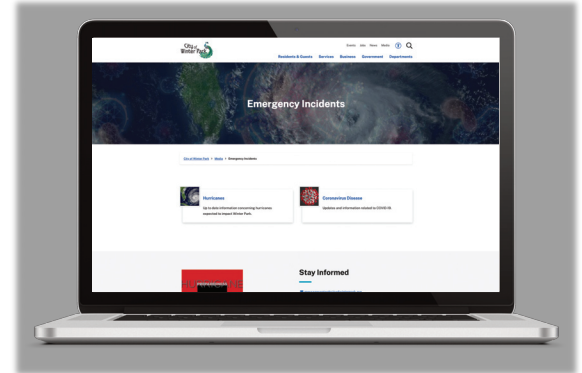
- Non-emergency information line
407-599-3494
- Message Center email
MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org



- facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo
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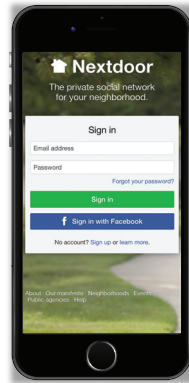
- cityofwinterpark.org/outreach
the city's emergency alert system
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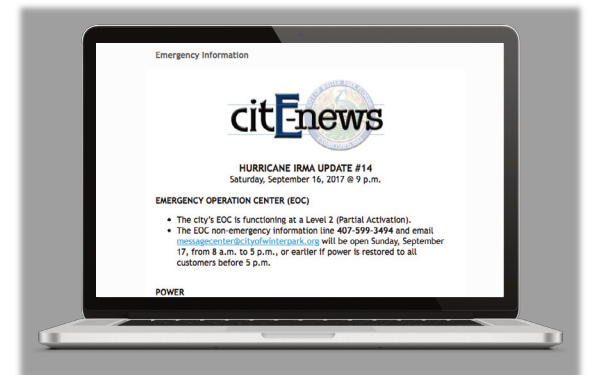
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all hurricane-related information & updates will be posted here



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