

# Winter Park Update

## September through November 2021

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

## Mayor's Message

### The first 100 days of serving the people that live and work in Winter Park

I am very honored to serve as Mayor of our beautiful City of Winter Park. I recently passed the 100th day of service and wanted to share a story about optimism. When I decided to run for Mayor in the middle of 2020, we as a city, as a nation, and as people were being tested. We faced a killer pandemic, severe job losses, and deep questions about our future, and we were reassessing how we work and live.

We have come a long way since then. Because of an amazing medical miracle, effective vaccines are saving lives and are available to those that choose it. We have a rebounding economy, although there is much more to come, as a community and as a city, we are moving forward.

There is a lot to do, and this is a Commission that gets things done. Already, together with our city staff, we have marked some significant accomplishments.

- We restarted public events with the successful launch of the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival that was held online in March, then in-person in May.
- We had our first in-person City Commission meetings in over a year (and the first ever in-person meetings for Commissioner DeCiccio and Commissioner Sullivan, as well as many of our citizen board members).
- We served our highest risk residents by securing vaccines and holding on-site vaccinations for several of our senior communities.
- We strengthened our police department with carefully selected officers and have hired six additional officers since the first of the year (a total of 10 since November 2020).
- Our city utilities team met the unprecedented demand for residential power and water as many residents worked from home.
- Our Fire-Rescue Department was nationally recognized for being one of only three agencies in the United States to have received five consecutive international fire accreditations, earn EMS accreditation, and maintain an Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class 1 designation. There are only 250+/- accredited agencies internationally who have earned this designation. Winter Park continues to have the fastest emergency response police and fire-rescue teams in the region.
- We approved the creation of a brand-new park in the heart of Orange Avenue (at Denning Drive), a future gathering place that will give our residents and their families, as well as our area businesses, a focal point to gather. We expect the new live oak grove will be established by the beginning of 2022.
- We prioritized the city's charm and heritage as we finished the draft of the redevelopment guidelines for the Orange Avenue area. These guidelines will support our small businesses as they re-invest in their businesses and help make Orange Avenue safer and more attractive. The Orange Avenue Overlay is headed towards a public review and approval process that should be finalized by end of the year.

- We made our neighborhoods better, particularly in the Lake Killarney neighborhood, by changing the traffic circulation and constructing a “parklet” that eliminates much of the cut-through traffic.
- We made our already great citizen advisory boards even better as a result of your approval of the charter amendment in 2020. That charter amendment changed the way our 100+ board members are appointed. Today we have more diversity of backgrounds, knowledge, gender, age, and ethnicity than ever before.
- We managed your tax dollars prudently and efficiently. And we have coupled your tax dollar investment with almost \$13 million of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to restore funds lost during the pandemic.

**We have made great progress, but there is more to do.**

As your City Commission, we are committed to serving the people that live and work in Winter Park. Your priorities will continue to guide this Commission’s work of:

- Keeping the charm of a small town.
- Making our neighborhoods better.
- Investing in our city’s future – our parks, people, roads & utilities.
- Improving safety & traffic flow.
- Responsibly managing our budgets.

We are a great community. The Commissioners and I appreciate the passion and the ideas that come from our residents. As I look forward to continued service, I also look forward to hearing your voice and your ideas. Thank you!

Sincerely, Mayor Phil Anderson

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**City Manager’s Report  
2022 fiscal year budget**

If this potentially post-pandemic world can still believe in optimism, then this next fiscal year may carry the moniker of recovery.

At this time last year, the city was cutting operating and capital spending and freezing open positions heading into an uncertain Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. In the city, public venues and facilities were closed, and the phrases “social distancing of 6 feet” and “Zoom meetings” became part of common discourse. The city provided \$2 million in support to residents and businesses through utility bill reductions, contributions to relief organizations, and other programs, while also spending over \$1 million to make health and technology improvements to city facilities so that the city could continue to conduct business in this turbulent time.

The city is continuing to monitor the impact of the pandemic and adjust the ways we interact with the public to safely conduct business. Between requiring face coverings while indoors, maintaining a safe social distance, and encouraging vaccinations for our employees and the public, the city continues to respond and recover with the world.

As the global community restarts, materials, production and transportation infrastructure are struggling to meet the sudden resumption of demand which is having an inflationary effect on prices for materials across a wide range of products. This summer is seeing core inflation rise to its highest level in 30 years. While the Federal Reserve believes this inflationary period is transitory, the city is

very concerned about the effect this will have on routine business from both a cost and access to materials perspective.

It is against this backdrop that we are presenting the FY2022 budget and corresponding five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that delivers the exceptional quality of services that our residents, businesses and visitors have come to expect.

One of the city's most important tasks of fiscal stewardship is the preparation of the annual budget. This is an extremely lengthy, detailed process that staff begins in February and is finalized by the Commission with the adoption of the budget and millage rates at the second September public hearing. The following list highlights some of the major initiatives proposed in the budget:

- Increases road and sidewalk funding to increase annual repaving from 7 lane miles to 11 lane miles, with the two-year goal of reaching 15 lane miles repaved annually by FY2023.
- Restores funding for previously frozen city employee positions to make sure that Winter Park delivers on its service promise.
- Provides for the opening of the iconic Winter Park Library & Events Center.
- Replaces the Fire-Rescue Department's Computer Aided Dispatch system to improve emergency response time.
- Continues accelerated meter replacement in the city's water and electric utilities to allow for smart-metering technologies and greater system efficiencies and emergency management.
- Raises total undergrounding funding for electric lines to \$6.4 million annually to target undergrounding eight miles of lines annually.
- Expands funding for advancing solar improvements on city-owned properties.
- Restores capital investment to make sure that the city's parks, roads and facilities are all maintained at an exceptional level.
- Restores capital investment spending, that had been reduced during the pandemic, to enhance the city's parks, cemeteries and facilities with funding for Cady Way Pool repairs, tennis court enhancements, park pavilions, field and fence work at Ward Park, as well as minor improvements to other community parks.
- Maintains funding in urban forestry to plant over 600 trees.

## **Proposed General Fund Budget**

The proposed General Fund budget totals \$63.7 million, which is \$3.9 million or 6.5% higher than the current year's original budget. Though revenues are expected to bounce off of the current year lows, much of the growth will go towards restoring what was removed during the pandemic. Fully funding all frozen positions, restoring capital spending investments in the city's facilities and parks, and setting aside contingency funding in the budget, account for approximately half of the increase. Regular personnel and operating cost inflation, including funding the opening of the Library & Events Center, as well as other increases to service enhancements like road repair and IT security, are responsible for a majority of the remainder.

The city's General Fund reserves as a percentage of recurring annual operating costs is expected to reach its highest total at just over \$17 million or 28%. While this is below the city's target goal as the pandemic has taken its toll on the ability to add to fund balance. The city will set aside \$339,000 in FY2022 to reserve for contingency and this will accrue to fund balance if unspent.

The same revenues that dropped in the current fiscal year are expected to lead the recovery in the new one. Intergovernmental revenues which are predominately made up of sales tax related revenue sources (+16%) and Charges for Services represented by facility and program rentals (+13%) are expected to see significant improvement with the overall reopening of the economy. Building and permitting activity is expected to remain fairly flat in FY2022 when compared to the current year budget. Real estate activity has remained remarkably robust but impending likely increases in rates will likely put a damper on activity.

Fines & Forfeitures, mostly related to red light traffic cameras is expected to stay low (-19.5%) as reduced traffic and the stay-at-home phenomenon seems to have made an impact. Other revenue, primarily made up of “unrealized” changes in investment value will drop (-11.6%) as rate increases by the Federal Reserve will lower the current value of bond holdings.

Perhaps more important than any other change is the slowing growth rate of Property Tax Revenue, which accounts for 43% of General Fund revenues. Historically, this revenue source is the primary driver of growth and its slowing to just under 4% may have future negative ramifications on the ability to support city services. The Orange County Property Appraiser has anecdotally released information that attributes this slowdown to a downward revision in commercial property values, The chart shown to the right provides a breakdown of where the money comes from for General Fund operations.

Most people do not realize that property taxes make up 43% of the General Fund budget which is not even enough to cover the almost \$30 million needed to provide public safety (police and fire-rescue) services.

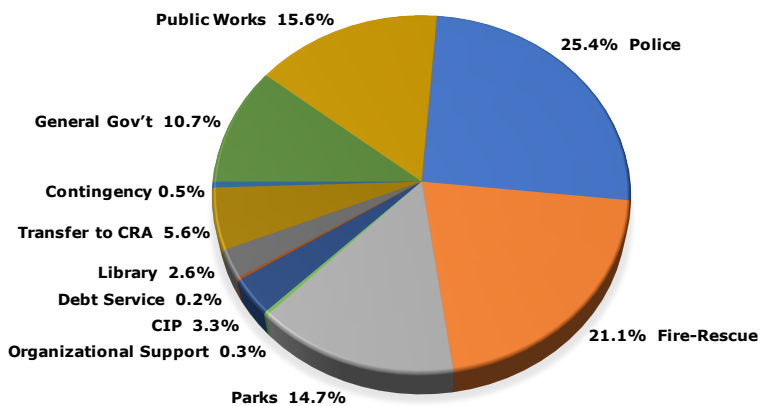
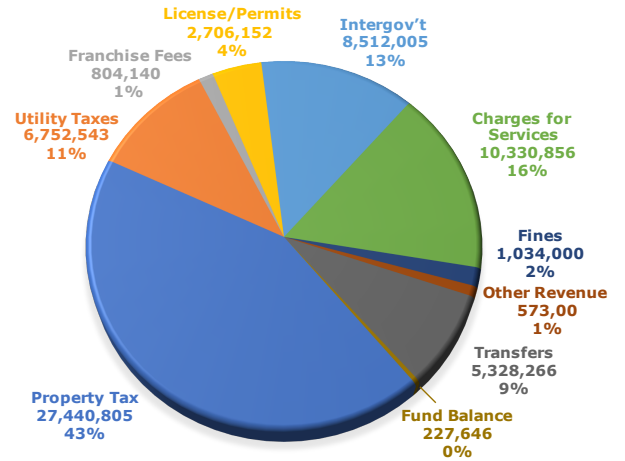
The FY2022 proposed budget meets the following goals:

- ✓ Maintains the current operating millage rate of 4.0923 which has been the city’s property tax rate for the last 13 years.
- ✓ Utilizes an organizational support funding formula based upon one quarter of one percent of gross revenues in the General Fund, Electric Utility and Water & Wastewater Utilities. This generates approximately \$350,000 annually for non-profit partners in the city.
- ✓ Maintain a minimum of 45 days working capital in electric utility and water & wastewater utilities.
- ✓ Maintains or expands current levels of service.
- ✓ Provides 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.

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

**Tentative millage rate**

At the July 28 City Commission meeting, a tentative millage cap of 4.0923 was adopted. This is the same property taxing rate that the city has had for 13 years and is a benchmark that no other major municipality in Orange County has achieved. At formal adoption in September, this would become the 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 an extensive public noticing process.



Property value assessments are set by the Orange County Property Appraiser's office. Of the total property taxes someone might pay, the majority (74.5%) do not support the city services proposed in the budget.

- 27.6% Orange County
- 42.8% Orange County Public Schools
- 2.7% voted debt service  
[includes funding for the construction of the new Library & Events Center]
- 1.4% St. John's River Water Management
- 74.5% SUBTOTAL - TAX BILL
- 25.5% City of Winter Park services

## **Electric Utility 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, enhance sustainable solar projects, invest in substation repairs and add over \$1 million to improve the electric fund's cash position. By the end of FY2022 the electric utility is expected to have almost \$3 million in cash reserves.

All this is being accomplished at rates that are 3.3% lower than the state average and almost 17% lower than the predecessor utility that used to serve Winter Park. There is no planned increase to electric rates in this budget.

## **Water & Wastewater Utilities Fund**

Effective October 1, 2021, water and wastewater rates will be increased by 1.17%. 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 1.5-2% range. The utility will be making major investments in regionally required projects that are controlled by the Florida Department of Transportation where the utility is responsible for moving any underground facilities in the way of road relocations and expansions.

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 8 and September 22, at 5 p.m.](#), in Commission Chambers at City Hall located at 401 S. Park Ave. We encourage you to share comments about the proposed budget and millage rates before final adoption.

More extensive information regarding the city's proposed FY2021-2022 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 via the city's website at [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org) > [Departments](#) > [Finance](#).

## **Save the date – it's almost time to celebrate!**

The transformation of the construction site at the corner of Harper Street and Morse Boulevard (officially 1050 and 1052 W. Morse Blvd.) is progressing exceptionally well as the three structures that constitute the new [Winter Park Library & Events Center](#) are fully constructed. The campus is beautifully landscaped, pavers have been intricately laid and new trees have been planted.

In celebration of the official grand opening of the city's newest state-of-the-art, 21st century facility, the city and library will be hosting a [Community Open House Saturday, December 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.](#) Attendees can experience the first-hand

excitement of the eagerly anticipated opening by touring the library and events center, participating in hands-on demonstrations, enjoying live entertainment, and other fun activities.

More detailed information will be accessible at [wppl.org](http://wppl.org) and [winterparkeventscenter.org](http://winterparkeventscenter.org) as the event nears.

**please note**

Regular library operations will end Friday, October 29. Be sure to attend the sendoff party Saturday, October 30. The library will re-open in its new home Monday, December 13. Access [wppl.org](http://wppl.org) to listen to, read or watch your favorite eBooks, magazines and movies.

Be sure to mark your calendars – we can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely, Randy B. Knight, City Manager

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## **Commissioner's Column**

### **A message from Commissioner Carolyn Cooper**

#### **We know our history – and are not destined to repeat it**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2006 online magazine, listed Central Park as a "THREATENED" historic asset stating, "rapid construction of condos, parking garages and retail space could compromise this tranquil centerpiece of a historic Orlando suburb."

During that time, the City Commission voted to change the post office zoning to facilitate construction of the Carlisle, a 4-story, 194,000 square-foot building, stretching 550 feet along the edge of Central Park and New York Avenue. The city extricated us from the Carlisle development, however, we do not yet own the post office property. Until we do, we do not have complete control of its destiny.

History taught us that maintaining the village ambiance and small-town feel of our Central Business District matters to residents and is vital to our economic sustainability. We also learned zoning does not always protect us from incompatible development. Zoning can be changed by a simple majority vote of the Commission.

Since the Carlisle, we have been committed in our efforts to acquire the post office and expand Central Park. It's time to take the final steps. The United States Postal Service (USPS) has left the door open to negotiate transfer of ownership if the city can provide acceptable replacement facilities near the current location. Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funding is currently budgeted to initiate this effort and adequate funding will be available between now and 2026 to complete the acquisition without bonding, without increasing your tax rate, or displacing other CRA-approved projects. We must continue in our commitment and not allow the funds currently budgeted for purchase of the post office property to be diverted to other CRA projects.

I will continue to encourage my fellow Commissioners to act now to submit offers to the USPS with a goal of purchasing the post office property, preserving the character of Park Avenue, expanding Central Park, and activating New York Avenue.

See you at City Hall! Carolyn

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## G.R.O.W. initiative

The Winter Park Police Department (WPPD) has partnered with Grass Roots Outreach Within (G.R.O.W.) Central Florida, a non-profit organization that promotes environments that support increased opportunities for physical activity and healthy living for central Florida children. Founder Colleen Gonzalez began G.R.O.W. as a response to schools in her area that did not have funding, equipment and/or staffing for sports events.

In May, WPPD was invited to participate in the G.R.O.W. Central Florida Community Ball Drive. This event supplied numerous central Florida agencies with sports balls donated by local business partners and residents to bridge the gap between officers and children. This provided a meaningful connection item and proved true for the patrol officers of WPPD as they engaged with children in the community in a game of ball.

Gonzalez believes that health and physical activity serve as an excellent tool to build lasting relationships between law enforcement and the community we serve. For more information, please access [growcentralflorida.org](http://growcentralflorida.org).

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## Think Twice

### Back-to-school sustainability

Property value assessments are set by the Orange County Property Appraiser's office. Of the total property taxes someone might pay, the majority (74.5%) do not support the city services proposed in the budget.

- Thrift shop for new clothes.
- Choose supplies made from recycled materials.
- Pack a zero-waste lunch box.  
[cloth napkins, reusable utensils/straw/bottle]

Take the guesswork out of recycling this school year – [cityofwinterpark.org/think-twice](http://cityofwinterpark.org/think-twice).

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## Save these dates

### Tuesday, October 5

- what** National Night Out
- when** 6 to 8 p.m.
- where** Public Safety Facility @ 500 N. Virginia Ave.
- info** 407-599-3248 or [Icieszynski@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:Icieszynski@cityofwinterpark.org)

This is a FREE event for the community and its business partners to enjoy some fun, food and games.

Meet members of SWAT, Crime Scene Investigators, Criminal Investigations and Special Operations. [Bring in a food donation for WPPD's community food pantry and get a chance to "Dunk a Cop" for the first time ever!](#)

K-9 Officer Wyatt will also be in attendance and looks forward to meeting (and sniffing) everyone. [Bonus - get your pets microchipped and their nails clipped for FREE!](#)

WPPD is grateful for their returning vendors and welcomes several new ones who will provide delicious treats along with important safety and educational information.

### **Thursday or Friday, November 4 or 5 & Nov 11 or 12**

- what** Fall Cleanup
- when** after 5 p.m. the evening before your 2nd regularly scheduled trash pickup day
- where** north of Fairbanks/Aloma avenues corridor **{nov 4 or 5}**  
south of Fairbanks/Aloma avenues corridor **{nov 11 or 12}**
- 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 and yard waste is NOT included in the fall cleanup.

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## **Quietly leading the way**

The city's Parks & Recreation Department Landscaping Division has recently purchased and is currently testing several battery-operated landscaping tools. Transitioning to battery operated equipment is something this division has been working toward for health and environmental benefits, but also is realizing increased productivity, decreased noise levels, and significantly less maintenance needed for the equipment.

Eventually, the division hopes to transition its entire fleet of tools to battery-powered devices. This effort is in line with the city's Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable (KWPB&S) Advisory Board's exploration of creating a gas-powered leaf blower policy.

This new policy would address the same benefits of using electric or battery-powered leaf blowers and how these devices dramatically reduce noise in our neighborhoods. The KWPB&S Advisory Board and city staff will be continuing its research and soliciting input from the public regarding this effort.

More information and opportunities to provide feedback will be accessible at [cityofwinterpark.org/sustainability](http://cityofwinterpark.org/sustainability).

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## **Quick Tip: City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day Monday 09.06.21**

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## **Ready to start composting?**

In landfills, our food scraps and yard trimmings break down under anaerobic (without oxygen) conditions, producing methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Alternatively, composting this organic waste allows for its natural decomposition without generating methane and creates a soil amendment that can improve your sandy Florida soil's ability to retain moisture and nutrients.



Composting also helps you reduce your landfill contribution, extend the life of existing landfills, and delay the need to expand or create new landfills. If you are interested in learning how to compost, please sign up for one of the city's upcoming Introduction to Composting Classes to become eligible for a FREE backyard composter. Registration is available at [cityofwinterpark.eventbrite.com](http://cityofwinterpark.eventbrite.com).

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## Lakes news & info

### Attn. Lakefront Homeowners

If you live along one of the city's lakefront shorelines, the City of Winter Park Lakes Division is transitioning from hard-copy door hangers to electronic-only communications as it relates to lake treatments and notices. This more sustainable and time-efficient transition will become effective [Friday, October 1](#).

Be sure to sign up to receive electronic notifications regarding herbicide treatments taking place on the waterbody on which you reside. In addition, you may also receive alerts regarding current lake conditions or upcoming events. If you have any questions, please contact [mjohansson@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:mjohansson@cityofwinterpark.org) or [407-691-7829](tel:407-691-7829).

Sign up to receive electronic notifications by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/lakes](http://cityofwinterpark.org/lakes) and clicking the [SIGN UP FOR LAKE NOTIFICATIONS](#) blue box.

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## Events calendar: september-november

Access [cityofwinterpark.org/events](http://cityofwinterpark.org/events) for things to enjoy.

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## Happy Anniversary

The city's Historic Preservation Program is celebrating 20 years of history this year! Since 2001, the city has established two National Register Historic Districts encompassing the Downtown Central Business District and the Downtown Interlachen Avenue area. The city also established the College Quarter and Virginia Heights local historic districts.

Throughout the rest of the city, from 2001 through 2020, there have been 98 properties that have been voluntarily designated on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places averaging five per year. In 2021, seven designations have been received which shows continued interest in preserving the architectural heritage of the city.

If you own a historic home or property, the city encourages you to preserve your treasured asset as an important piece of the city's history. Interested homeowners can find more information about registering their properties by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/historicpreservation](http://cityofwinterpark.org/historicpreservation) and applications are accepted year-round.

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## Quick Tip: It's time to fall back

### Change clocks, batteries & sprinklers

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday 11.07.2021

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

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## 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, in partnership with William P. Duval, NSDAR of Winter Park](#). For the fourth year in a row, a Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place in the veterans' sections of both cemeteries on [Saturday, December 18, at noon](#). Following the ceremony, wreaths will be placed on the veterans' markers 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 29](#):

- Palm Cemetery at [bit.ly/PalmWreaths](http://bit.ly/PalmWreaths)
- Pineywood Cemetery at [bit.ly/PineywoodWreaths](http://bit.ly/PineywoodWreaths)

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

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## Project Updates

### Undergrounding powerlines

The city's Electric Utility Department has been aggressively undergrounding its overhead powerlines since acquisition of the utility system in 2005. Currently, over 80 miles of overhead lines have been undergrounded with approximately 40 miles remaining within the city's electric utility boundaries. The city's goal is to continue undergrounding eight miles each year with an expected completion of undergrounding the entire system in 2026.

The city has created an undergrounding map that allows residents to see when their neighborhood is scheduled to have their power lines put underground. This map is updated on an as-needed basis and can be accessed at [cityofwinterpark.org/electric-utility](http://cityofwinterpark.org/electric-utility) by clicking on the [Undergrounding Map](#).

Recently, after several outages in the Mead Botanical Garden/Garden Towers area, the City Commission approved a request to advance the undergrounding in this area noted on the map as "Project R". Electric utility crews have been working in the south Denning Drive area since August to underground the power lines. When complete, crews will continue on the existing project schedule.

The city's Electric Utility Department works 24-7, focusing on fulfilling their mission to maintain superior electric service by improving electric reliability and providing excellent customer service.

## Rhythmic Colors

This summer, as part of the I-4 Ultimate Art Endowment Project, a new art piece, *Rhythmic Colors*, is being installed at the northeast corner of West Fairbanks Avenue adjacent to the I-4 East entrance ramp. *Rhythmic Colors* is designed by the creative team at Rogers, Lovelock + Fritz (RLF) and was selected by the Public Art Advisory Board.

*Rhythmic Colors* emphasizes rich colors from Winter Park's timeless elements, creates a rhythmic character of the city's past and mimics movement that resembles the high-intense environment. The array of unique hues composes a dynamic sculpture to welcome residents and guests as they drive by. This project is funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and solar lighting is being donated by 15 lightyears.

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## See a problem? Report it.

What can you report?

- potholes
- street-light outages
- non-emergency issues
- code compliance concerns
- broken or cracked sidewalks
- repairs or maintenance of city facilities/amenities

By accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/AtYourRequest](http://cityofwinterpark.org/AtYourRequest), you can easily submit non-emergency questions and requests for city services. Upon submission, inquiries will be routed to the appropriate city department to address. [Please call 911 for all emergency-related calls.] Winter Park is always [@YourRequest](https://twitter.com/YourRequest).

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## Quick Tip: City Hall will be closed

**in observance of Thanksgiving** Thursday 11.25.2021 & Friday 11.26.2021

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

Have a safe & enjoyable holiday!

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## Join our team

The city's Arts & Culture Alliance members have taken great strides to make sure you can still safely enjoy your favorite art experiences in Winter Park. Many have brought their performances outdoors, offered virtual experiences, implemented an easy reservations system and reduced capacity to ensure a safe social distance.

All arts and culture doors are open, ready for your in-person or virtual patronage. Please access [wpinspires.org](http://wpinspires.org) to discover your next inspirational experience.

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## Stormproof your irrigation system

Winter Park Utility Customers receive \$100 rebate when you purchase a smart sprinkler controller. Save water & money! More info @ [cityofwinterpark.org/h2oconserve](http://cityofwinterpark.org/h2oconserve).

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## Launched 05.11.2021: Single-use Product Policy Program

Plastic bags, straws & stirrers, and polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®) no longer allowed at Farmers' Market & city facilities.

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## 2022 Election Schedule

### Commission Seat 3 & Commission Seat 4

- **qualifications** » must be a resident of the city AND a registered voter [per City Charter]
  - **qualifying** » Monday, January 10 @ noon through Tuesday, January 18 @ noon
  - **general election** » Tuesday, March 8
  - **run-off election** » Tuesday, April 12 (if needed)
  - **voter registration** » by Monday, February 7
  - **request to vote-by-mail** » by Saturday, February 26
  - **early voting** » Monday, February 28 through Friday, March 4  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Supervisor of Elections Office  
119 W. Kaley St. in Orlando
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## Hurricane information

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](http://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](tel:1-877-811-8700)
- Water & Wastewater Utilities Department [407-599-3219](tel:407-599-3219)

### Live upon activation of Emergency Operations Center:

- Non-emergency information line [407-599-3494](tel:407-599-3494)
- Message Center email [MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org)

### Online resources

- [facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo](https://facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo) [@WinterParkEmergencyInfo]
- [twitter.com/WinterParkFla](https://twitter.com/WinterParkFla) [@WinterParkFla]
- [cityofwinterpark.org/outreach](http://cityofwinterpark.org/outreach) the city's emergency alert system [sign up to receive a phone call, text or email]
- [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) sign up for neighborhood-specific info
- [cityofwinterpark.org/emergency](http://cityofwinterpark.org/emergency) all hurricane-related information & updates will be posted here
- [cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews](http://cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews) subscribe & receive city info via email

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## City Commission

Mayor Phil Anderson, Commissioner Marty Sullivan, Commissioner Sheila DeCiccio, Commissioner Carolyn Cooper and Commissioner Todd Weaver.

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

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## Who to contact

### commission & administration

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