

Winter Park Update

December 2021 through February 2022

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

Welcome to Winter Park and our "Hometown Holidays" celebration! Like you, I love our Central Park and Park Avenue holiday season. It feels like a magical place for families and neighbors to let the warmth of the season flow into our hearts and put a smile on our face. It just makes me happy.

The holidays are the time when we reach back to our childhood, when we long to connect with the generations before us and when we want our children and friends to feel the love and joy of the season. It is also a time to just lighten up! And that is what we are really doing this year with our "Hometown Holidays" celebration...more lights, more shopping, more events, more smiles and more fun.

I think Winter Park's founders would be pleased. When they created Central Park, they knew that great places to live really needed great places (and spaces) to relax and enjoy. So I want to thank them. Thank them for giving us a special place to mingle, shop and showcase the culture and heritage that makes Winter Park special. In 2016, Winter Park residents said they valued "History and Heritage" and our "Village Ambiance/Small Town Feel" as the top two guiding principles that describe our community.

As we close the year, this commission and our city staff have applied those principles well. We have tackled a pandemic and are emerging with a strong appreciation for our neighbors, our neighborhoods and park spaces. We made great strides in fully staffing our police and fire departments, keeping our position as providing the best emergency response times in the region. We ended the prior fiscal year and started the next with our reserves fully intact, a balanced budget, and ambitious investment plans for the next 25 years. We put forward a model guideline for redeveloping our Orange Avenue. We tackled the important work of high-quality water and electrical services, roadway safety improvements, economic development assistance, and increased parking for our businesses. This year, perhaps more than any other, I hope that you embrace Winter Park's historic, small-town feel, knowing that is what we are working to keep, and that our founders in 1882 intended.

After the events of the last 18 months, I also want to thank our courageous business owners and team members for persevering, being creative, and giving us all, residents and visitors, the best shopping and dining experience in central Florida. There aren't many places where you can buy a blazer or shoes, walk down the Avenue with your dog, and enjoy some of the best cuisine at an outdoor café table in the middle of winter.

Thanks also to our arts, culture and heritage community members for keeping our sense of beauty and charm alive! As we have restarted our public gatherings, I think the joy and inspiration we all feel today has been magnified because of the time spent without the personal connection to our performances, our artists and the curators and custodians of culture that operate our world class museums.

So that's my message...

Thank you to all the people that work and live here, and that make this city a "small town" of neighbors. And special thanks to those that founded Winter Park in the first place for giving us the parks, avenues and charm that truly makes us feel at home.

Wishing you and your family and friends the happiest of holiday seasons.

Sincerely, Mayor Phil Anderson

City Manager's Report

It's time to celebrate!

After seven years of meticulous planning, budgeting, imagining, creating, designing and building, we are thrilled to announce the grand opening of the new [Winter Park Library & Events Center](#). Please join the City of Winter Park, Winter Park Library and its partners for the official [Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Saturday, December 11, at 9 a.m., and Community Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.](#) These celebratory events are free and open for all to enjoy at 1050 and 1052 W. Morse Blvd.

The story began in June 2014 when the Winter Park Public Library board and director first presented a need for a new library to the City Commission. This work session started the first page of the library's new chapter and developed into task forces being formed, space, cost and need studies commissioned, public meetings and forums held, formal solicitations advertised, and ultimately the creation of a highly qualified and visionary construction team.

This team included world-renowned architect Sir David Adjaye of Adjaye Associates and HuntonBrady Architects; Construction managers Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractors; all under the oversight of the city's owner's representative/project manager Pizutti Companies. This team has worked alongside the city and library staff to build our newest 21st century state-of-the-art Library & Events Center.

On Saturday, attendees can enjoy a day of touring the facilities, participating in hands-on activities, attending programs, listening to live music, and engaging with all areas of both buildings. In addition to experiencing the multi-functional spaces, the walls and special indoor and outdoor places throughout the campus will showcase beautiful works of art. The city's Public Art Advisory Board has curated work from the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival's "Best of Show" collection, sculptures loaned to the city by the Albin Polasek Museum and a few treasured pieces from the former Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center.

We are proud to celebrate this grand opening and excited about the future milestone events, meetings, conferences, and learning opportunities the Library & Events Center will proudly host. For more information about the grand opening, reservations and facility amenities, please access winterparkeventscenter.org and wppl.org.

City adds solar

As part of the city's sustainability program and efforts to seek additional ways to produce renewable energy, the city has installed 62 solar panels atop the new Winter Park Events Center which is estimated to generate a production of approximately 25kW annually. In addition, a new solar awning will be installed at the City Operations Center, with a generating capacity between 150kW to 280kW. These two new solar arrays add to the city's first solar photovoltaic system (100kW) that was installed in 2014 atop the city's fleet maintenance building and its second solar photovoltaic system (166kW) installed in August 2020 on the city's Aloma Water Treatment Plant.

For more information on the city's sustainability efforts please, access cityofwinterpark.org/sustainability.

Sincerely, Randy B. Knight, City Manager

Great Greeting Card Moments

Step inside our holiday greeting cards in our city parks, take pics, and win a great gift basket. It's super easy and tons of fun!

1. Take a photo at one or ALL* the life-size greeting card backdrops located in our city parks.
2. Submit your greeting card pic via direct message [DM] @ facebook.com/WinterParkFla or instagram.com/WinterParkFla
We'll then share your festive holiday moments in the Hometown Holidays album in the city's official Facebook® page.
3. *DM your greeting card photos from ALL FIVE greeting cards (five pics total required) to enter the raffle to win a City of Winter Park prize basket.

Greeting cards can be found at the following locations:

Central Park Emily Fountain, train station & retired holiday tree

Shady Park between Ruby Ball Amphitheater & Pennsylvania Avenue

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park corner of Denning Drive & Morse Boulevard

We are excited to see your festive photos of magical moments with your friends, family and coworkers while you enjoy our Hometown Holidays' décor as you shop and dine in Winter Park.

Happy Hometown Holidays!

2022 Election Schedule

qualifying » begins Monday 01.10.22 @ noon

ends Tuesday 01.18.22 @ noon

general election » Tuesday 03.08.22

run-off election » Tuesday 04.12.22 [if necessary]

more info » cityofwinterpark.org/elections | cityclerk@cityofwinterpark.org | [407-599-3277](tel:407-599-3277)

It's all about community

A pop of color

The City of Winter Park and its Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB) hosted an Installation Celebration for *Rhythmic Colors* art sculpture October 29. The art installation was made possible by a Florida Department of Transportation grant from its I-4 Ultimate Art Endowment Program.

In 2019, a \$150,000 grant was awarded to Winter Park for the acquisition and installation of public art. Endowment grants awarded to Winter Park and other cities along a 21-mile I-4 corridor provide residents and guests a richer cultural experience during their daily travel and commutes.

After a call to artists in December 2019 with submittals from 12 artists, the PAAB selected *Rhythmic Colors* designed by Rogers, Lovelock & Fritz (RLF). The project was managed and installed by Lokivon & Associates General Contractors, and will be lighted at night by a solar lighting system donated by 15 lightyears.

Rhythmic Colors joins the city's other beautiful works of public art including *Molecular Dog* in Shady Park, *Tree Whisperers* in Central Park, *Forest Idyl* in front of City Hall, and *Man Carving His Own Destiny* at the Winter Park Library & Events Center.

For more information regarding the PAAB, please access cityofwinterpark.org > [Government > Boards & Commissions](#).

Celebrating the holidays

Hear ye! Hear ye! Join us for a wonderful holiday season!

Christmas in the Park

December 2 @ 6:15 p.m.
throughout Central Park

Winter on the Avenue

December 3 @ 5-9 p.m.
Holiday Tree Lighting @ sunset
Popcorn Flicks in the Park @ 7 p.m.*
Central Park & Park Avenue

Leadership Winter Park Pancake Breakfast

December 4 @ 7-10 a.m.
Central Park Main Stage

Ye Olde Hometown Christmas Parade

December 4 @ 9 a.m.
Park & New England avenues [adjusted route]

Holiday Pops featuring Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

December 5 @ 5 p.m.
Central Park Main Stage

Winter Park Holiday Boat Parade

December 19 @ 6:30 p.m.
Lake Virginia floating by Dinky Dock Park

Christmas Eve Celebration

December 24 @ 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art

CHEEZ-IT® Bowl Parade of Bands

December 29 @ 11 a.m.
Along Park Avenue & in Central Park

For complete details for these annual festivities, please access cityofwinterpark.org/holiday-events.

Quick Tip: Friendly irrigation reminder water 1 day a week through Sunday, March 13, 2022

before 10 a.m. & after 4 p.m., as needed

Save these dates

December 7 & 11

- what** learn CPR & save a life
- when** December 7 @ 6 p.m. & December 11 @ 9 a.m.
- where** Fire-Rescue Headquarters Station 61 @ 343 W. Canton Ave.
- info** \$35 + registration required
wpsfd.org/classes
rmattingly@cityofwinterpark.org

January 5, 2022

- what** coffeetalk featuring City Manager Randy Knight
- when** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- where** City Hall Commission Chambers @ 401 S. Park Ave.
- info** [407-599-3428](tel:407-599-3428) or choward@cityofwinterpark.org

For more things to enjoy, please access cityofwinterpark.org/events

Watts the status?

The city's Electric Utility Department is continuing its steadfast progress in undergrounding all of the city's overhead powerlines by 2026.

a few powerful stats

- **87.2 miles [68.3%]** of overhead powerlines have been underground with only 40.4 miles remaining.

- **8.1 miles** undergrounding completed this fiscal year, exceeding the 6 miles per year undergrounding goal.
- **34 minutes** interruption duration; lowest in the state for mid-sized municipalities & top 10-lowest in the entire state during a 12-month System Average Interruption Duration Index [SAIDI] as of September 2021. [SAIDI signifies the total duration of sustained interruptions in a year per customer.]

A schedule of undergrounding projects can be found at cityofwinterpark.org/undergrounding.

Quick Tip: City Hall will be closed

noon Thursday, December 23, thru Friday, December 24, in observance of Christmas

Friday, December 31, in observance of New Year’s Day

Monday, January 17, 2022, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Meet your departments

Be sure to access the city’s video series to explore how each department works for the Winter Park community at vimeo.com/winterparkfla/collections or youtube.com/winterparkfla/playlists.

Enjoy learning about your city departments!

Quick Tip: Waste Pro® Services

Christmas Day > no household garbage, yard waste, or recycling

New Year’s Day > no household garbage or yard waste; recycling WILL be collected

Public Hearings

Planning & Zoning Board 12.07.21 @ 6 p.m.

City Commission 01.12.22 @ 3:30 p.m.

Goodlives, LLC

request Conditional Use approval to build a new replacement church facility on the Lakemont Avenue frontage of their 6.4-acre site and partner with Creative Neighbors LLC

required Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map change; Comprehensive Plan Policy text change; Zoning Map change; Subdivision approval

location 740/760 N. Lakemont Ave.

more info @ cityofwinterpark.org/meetings

*PLEASE NOTE ALL Items are subject to change

Winter Park is @YourRequest

You can quickly and easily report the items below by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/AtYourRequest:

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

please note

This service is for non-emergency questions and concerns. Please call 911 for all emergency-related incidents.

Commissioner's Column

A message from Commissioner Marty Sullivan

Dear resident,

In addition to choosing candidates for City Commissioner Seats 3 and 4, the Tuesday, March 8, 2022, ballot will ask you to decide on higher voting thresholds for certain commission votes. A 'super-majority' vote would mean that situations that have a profound and lasting impact on the city would require four of the five commission votes instead of the simple 3-2 majority to pass now. This will be your ballot-box choice.

Winter Park voters will vote YES or NO on whether super-majority votes will be required in each of the following six circumstances:

1. To sell city property.
2. To rezone parks and public lands.
3. For residential and lakefront property map amendments.
4. For density/intensity increases over 25% of current allowance.
5. To approve development in wetlands.
6. To require an additional public hearing if there is a substantive change between the first and second readings of the ordinance during the adoption process.

a little background

In 2018, the city decided with a 3-2 vote to sell the property at 1111 W. Fairbanks Ave., the old bowling alley property. That property is now a 1.5-acre medical office site but had the potential to be additional city parkland, parking, and/or traffic enhancement. In March 2020, the first Orange Avenue Overlay passed on a 3-2 vote. It would have failed a super-majority vote because of circumstances 4 and 6 above.

A super-majority (at least 4-to-1 vote) will still allow large and desirable issues to pass, like these:

- Revised Orange Avenue Overlay | September 2021 (5-0 vote)
- Goodlives LLC @ 301 N. New York Ave. | January 2021 (5-0 vote)
- Medical office replacing Paco's Mexican Restaurant @ 1801/1805 W. Fairbanks Ave. | November 2020 (4-0 vote)

- Rollins College dormitory | February 2019 (5-0 vote)
- The Mayflower at Winter Park expansion @ 1620 Mayflower Court | January 2018 (5-0 vote)

The questions that pass will be enshrined in our City Charter and can only be undone by the voters in a future election. Please access the ballot questions, at cityofwinterpark.org/government > [Ordinances & Resolutions > 3221-21](#).

Enjoy the city lights and have a wonderful holiday season!
Sincerely, Marty Sullivan

Quick Tip: Going out of town?

To request an officer to check on your home while you are away, please contact the Winter Park Police Department non-emergency line @ [407-644-1313](tel:407-644-1313).

It's time to dine

The city is pleased to welcome back our Dinner on the Avenue guests in 2022! For the past two years, the annual event was canceled due to the pandemic, however, in April of next year, Park Avenue will transform once again into the largest dinner event of the year.

All Dinner on the Avenue tables have already been reserved by the guests from 2020, but the city is accepting guests to be placed on a waitlist for the 2022 dining experience. For more information or to be added to the waitlist, please contact [407-599-3342](tel:407-599-3342) or kbaker@cityofwinterpark.org.

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.

Who to contact commission & administration

City Commission	407-599-3234
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Police Non-Emergency [407-644-1313](tel:407-644-1313)

department directors

Building & Permitting Services | Gary Hiatt [407-599-3237](tel:407-599-3237)

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Fire-Rescue | Chief Dan Hagedorn [407-599-3297](tel:407-599-3297)

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Police | Chief Michael Deal [407-599-3272](tel:407-599-3272)

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Water & Wastewater Utilities | David Zusi [407-599-3219](tel:407-599-3219)

Email addresses can be found at cityofwinterpark.org/contact

outages

Power & Street Light Outages [1-877-811-8700](tel:1-877-811-8700)

helpful info

The Winter Park Update is published quarterly with a circulation of approximately 16,500, including both residents and businesses. To suggest article ideas, please contact [407-599-3343](tel:407-599-3343) or choward@cityofwinterpark.org.

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