2023



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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.



Winter Park ~ a small town of people committed to arts, culture, education and charm for over 140 years

In 1957, a fire tore through Louis Comfort Tiffany's Long Island home. With an astute understanding of the international importance of Tiffany's art, Winter Park residents, Hugh and Jeannette McKean took action to preserve iconic examples of Tiffany glass and art. Founded in 1942, the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art opened its current location on Park Avenue in 1995. The Museum houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Tiffany. The Morse Museum is owned and operated by the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation and receives additional support from the Elizabeth Genius Foundation. It receives no public funds.

The McKean's are a great example of the spirit behind Winter Park. Well before them were the founders, Loring Chase and Oliver Chapman, who brought their model of New England charm with a central park and train station to central Florida. Platting the town in 1881, Chase and Chapman also started the historic Hannibal Square area, only 16 years after the end of the Civil War. In 1885, nine local women created the first library. And of course, this effort created Florida's first college, Rollins College, right here in Winter Park. McKean, who received his Bachelor of Arts from Rollins, later became its 10th President and held the position from 1951-1969. These leaders and many others set the course of our community.

Since official establishment in 1882, our city has kept its charm, culture and commitment to education because of our shared values in what makes Winter Park special. In 2016, the people who live and work in Winter Park said



mayor's **Message**

the top four values that define Winter Park are:

- 1 History & heritage
- 2 Small-town feel & village ambiance
- 3 Proactive future
- 4 Inclusiveness

As Mayor, I am proud to serve beside four other commissioners that share that commitment: Vice Mayor



The largest words in this "word cloud" show the most important values of our residents and business owners from the 2016 *Vision Winter Park* initiative.

Sheila DeCiccio and Commissioners Marty Sullivan, Todd Weaver and Kris Cruzada. I am also proud to support the city team that makes the community work smoothly.

Keeping those values alive takes work. The city team and Commission have marked some significant accomplishments over the last 12 months.

We managed your tax dollars prudently and efficiently, with over \$19 million of reserves in case of emergency.

>mayor's message continued

- We fully staffed and budgeted the police and fire-rescue departments, giving Winter Park the fastest emergency response times in the region.
- We continued a commitment to green space as the newly created Seven Oaks Park is under construction (a brand-new park in the heart of Orange Avenue at Denning Drive), and as major renovations of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, our sports fields, and the Central Park main stage are completed.
- We prioritized the city's charm and heritage as we implemented charter amendments safeguarding our neighborhoods, worked with the Florida Department of Transportation to make our Fairbanks/Aloma avenues corridor safer, and are in the midst of reviewing long-term pedestrian, bicycle and traffic improvement plans.
- We acted proactively for the future by long-term budgeting, designing for better flood control and stormwater systems, and pursuing more renewable energy for our electric utility customers.
- By focusing on our community's charm and core values, we have increased your net worth as your home value increased.

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:

- Keeping the charm of a small town.
- Making our neighborhoods better.
- Investing in our city's future our parks, people, roads and utilities.
- Improving safety and 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. We also look forward to hearing your voice and your ideas. Thank you!

Sincerely, Mayor Phil Anderson

commissioner's COLUMN



A message from Commissioner Kris Cruzada

Fall is nearly here and the 2023-24 school year is upon us. It's during this time I notice the significant change in traffic on our roads. With school buses, parent-student carpools, children walking and bicycling, and many faculty and administration going back to school campuses, the wait time at traffic intersections increase. As we again adjust to these traffic changes from summer to fall, let's be mindful and patient with the increased traffic and delays. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the Winter Park Police Department School Crossing Guards that cover nine intersections around our city to help our kids safely get to and from our local schools.

Over the past couple of months, the city along with consultants have been developing our Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The city manages and maintains a very complex infrastructure of streets, sidewalks and stormwater control. Our TMP focuses on further development of our network for multi-modal traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. Additionally, we are a part of the regional local transportation planning agency, MetroPlan Orlando (MPO), that consists of members of other local cities and counties in central Florida.

MPO received a federal grant to develop the Vision Zero Safety Action Plans for each jurisdiction across the MPO planning area. The Vision Zero Safety Action Plan is an initiative to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by designing and constructing safer roadways. In the latest draft of our TMP, there are two maps that contain data and information that stress the need for safety on our roads, Map 9 – Motor Vehicle Crashes (2017-2021) and Map 10 – Vulnerable Roadway User Crashes (2017-2021). These two maps indicate areas that our city needs to promote safety for vehicles and pedestrians. I encourage all residents to review the TMP and maps and provide comment to our city to make sure our residents' concerns are being addressed. Our participation in MPO and the Vision Zero Plan will allow Winter Park to be eligible for funding to improve safety for our community.

As the regions grows in population over the next decade, Winter Park will receive more day visitors to our retail districts, museums, parks, lakes, trails, schools and churches. Developing a top-notch TMP that focuses on pedestrian safety in a multi-modal transportation network will preserve our quality of life for decades to come.

Thank you to the city's Public Works & Transportation Department for their diligent efforts in developing our TMP. The plan and corresponding maps can be accessed at cityofwinterpark.org under Departments » Public Works & Transportation.

Sincerely ~ Kris Cruzada

2024 fiscal year budget

The city's fiscal year is October 1 through September 31. Although city staff reviews its budget on a daily basis, it begins preparation for the new fiscal year budget with planning in February, presentation of the proposed budget in July, and formal public hearings in the month of September.

Revenues in the city's General Fund are expected to grow over 7%, driven by strong taxable property value growth due to the prior year's strong real estate market. While this is excellent given the long-term historical average

growth rate of about 3%, it is still forecasted to be a tight budget year due to the inflation of labor and materials necessary to provide city services. As a result of these inflationary pressures, the budget includes a number of fee increases to address rising costs and these are highlighted in the comprehensive budget document that can be accessed at cityofwinterpark.org > Departments > Finance.

Most department operating budgets are increasing in the 8 to 12% range to cope with continually strong wage pressure and rising input costs to provide services. As a result of upward pressure on operating costs, the proposed budget defers and trims some capital investments, raises fees across many areas, and prioritizes among many needs presented by departments and community

We have an exceptional city, with resilient citizens, excellent leadership and a city staff that is committed to making sure that Winter Park thrives. It is fortunate, that despite the present inflation situation,

we can present a balanced budget that is mindful to the burdens on our residents and businesses and proposes holding the city's property tax rate unchanged for a 16th consecutive year. No other major city in Orange County has accomplished this.

The pie chart below illustrates the contribution each revenue source makes toward funding the General Fund operations in the city.

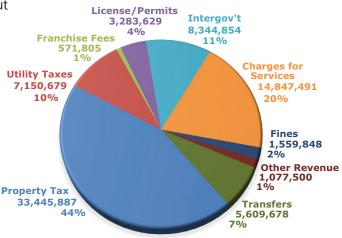
The Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) proposed budget meets the following goals:

city manager's report

- Progresses towards 30% of annual reoccurring expenses in reserves in the General Fund.
- Maintains the current operating millage rate of 4.0923 which has been the city's rate for the last 15 years.
- Utilizes an organizational support funding formula that generates approximately \$388k annually for non-profit partners in the city.
- Maintains a minimum of 45 days working capital in the electric utility and water & wastewater utilities funds.
- 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.

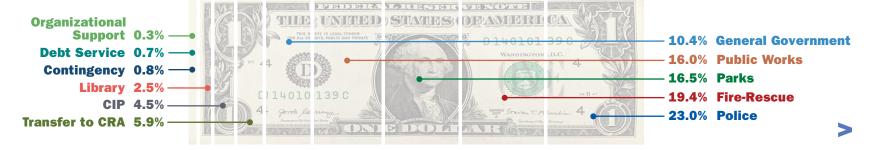
The illustration below shows the percentage of dollars in the proposed budget to provide services to our residents, showing almost half of the General Fund budget is dedicated to public safety (fire-rescue and police) services.

General Fund Revenues FY2024



General Fund Expenditures FY2024

stakeholders.



Tentative millage rate

At the July 26 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 15 years and is a benchmark that no other major municipality in Orange County has achieved. At formal adoption in September, this will 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 notice process. Property value assessments are set by the Orange County Property Appraiser's office. Of the total property taxes someone might pay, the majority (72%) do not support the city services proposed in the budget and only 28% of the taxes go to city services.

where your property tax dollars go

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St. John's
River Water
Management

City of Winter Park
services & voted
debt service

County
Public Schools

General Fund capital projects

A few projects that are included in proposed budget are:

- \$1.5 million » pavement, bike paths, curbing and brick road repairs
- \$1.3 million » new Building & Permitting Services Department office on Howell Branch Road
- \$900k » facility improvements including a new generator at the Public Safety Facility and rebuild of the elevator at City Hall
- \$680k » park facility investments including resurfacing of clay courts and conversion of courts to pickleball, partial shade cover, replacement of athletic field lighting, and mini park improvements
- \$450k » expanded signalization and bike/pedestrian improvement funding to support the Transportation Master Plan

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 attending the two budget hearings **Wednesday**, **September 13**, **and September 27**, **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 FY2023-2024 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 at cityofwinterpark.org > Departments > Finance.

Sincerely,

Randy B. Knight, City Manager

Pour-over your thoughts at CoffeeTalk

Mark your calendars to join your city leaders for a cup of conversation and coffee at this year's CoffeeTalk series. **Unable to attend in person?** Virtual link access will be available approximately one week prior to each gathering at **cityofwinterpark.org/meetings**.



brewing

Thursdays | 8:30-9:30 a.m. Commission Chambers @ 401 S. Park Ave.

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JAN 11, 2024Mayor Phil Anderson

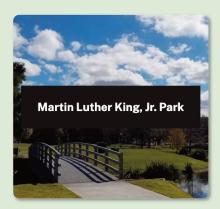
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Park renovations

There are a few major parks in the planning stages for significant renovations. To find the most updated information on the status of these projects, please access them at:

cityofwinterpark.org/mlk-project cityofwinterpark.org/hbp-project cityofwinterpark.org/sevenoakspark







Planning & Zoning Board

09.05.23 @ 6 p.m.

City Commission

09.27.23 @ 3:30 p.m.

Comp Plan Elements to be discussed: Public Facilities, Conservation, Recreation and Open Space, Capital Improvements, Public Schools Facilities, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Private Property Rights

Planning & Zoning Board

10.03.23 @ 6 p.m.

City Commission

10.25.23 @ 3:30 p.m.

Comp Plan Elements to be discussed: Future Land Use, Transportation and Housing

Comprehensive Plan Update

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes, the City of Winter Park is updating its Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan). This is an update of the Comp Plan to reflect any changes since the adoption of the 2017 Comp Plan and not a complete re-write. A majority of the Comp Plan will remain unchanged. This will also update the data, inventory and analysis sections that direct the policies of the plan. The city's Local Planning Agency (Planning & Zoning Board) and City Commission will hold a series of work sessions and public hearings before the adoption hearings listed on this notice.

For more Comp Plan information, please access cityofwinterpark.org/comp-plan.

meeting info can be accessed at cityofwinterpark.org/meetings
*PLEASE NOTE ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Free tree delivery

The Urban Forestry Division has partnered with the National Arbor Day Foundation and Florida Forest Service to showcase the Community Canopy Program. Winter Park residents can order a FREE tree by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/urbanforestry and clicking on the Community Canopy Program Information tab, beginning Tuesday, September 5, through Saturday, November 25 (while supplies last). City residents have the option to choose from several different tree species including red maple, sweetbay magnolia and Muskogee crape myrtle. The one-gallon containered tree will then be delivered directly to each resident's doorstep along with instructions on planting and care.



For additional information regarding the city's tree canopy efforts, please contact urbanforestry@cityofwinterpark.org.

Athletic field improvements

The city's athletic fields are widely used and in high-demand for youth and adult sporting leagues year-round. Soccer, lacrosse, football, rugby, baseball, track & field are just a few of the activities that the city hosts on its fields. In December 2020, the City Commission approved funding to improve the athletic fields at both Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and the sports complex consisting of Ward Park, Showalter Field and Cady Way.

Field renovations were scheduled based upon demand for field use and when conditions were best for the installation of Bermuda sod. Below is a quick summary of the field improvements:

■ Summer 2021

Fields A1 and A2 at Ward Park completed.

■ Summer 2022

All three fields at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park were rebuilt including the installation of new well which improves the ability to fully support the irrigation requirement of Bermuda grass even during months with less rain.



■ Spring 2023 to present

» Showalter East Field (directly behind the stadium) began the conversion from grass to a sport turf field. This new turf field features the upgraded cool play infill that keeps high surface temperatures under control even in middle of the summer and provides a layer of separation between users and rubber infill. It is a 'grass' type playing surface that has more durability to stand up to expected use. As of August 2023, the field is in the final stages of



completion and will be available for both practices and games beginning this fall.

» Softball Field 10 (front field at Cady Way Park) began conversion to a multi-purpose field. It has been predominantly used for adult recreation softball over the past 20 years. However, by converting the softball diamond to a multi-purpose field, it will provide residents and athletic organizations serving our residents an additional 800 hours of field use each year. The new multi-purpose field is on track to be open for use by September 2023.

For more information about the city's athletic fields, please access cityofwinterpark.org/parks under Programs, Activities & Events > Athletic Fields.



City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day Monday, September 4



09.09.2023 10 a.m. to noon

winter park events center © 1052 w. morse boulevard

a community repair workshop for

repairing small appliances, electronics, bicycles, jewelry, watches & eye glasses mending clothes • assembling furniture

services are subject to change • limit two items per person

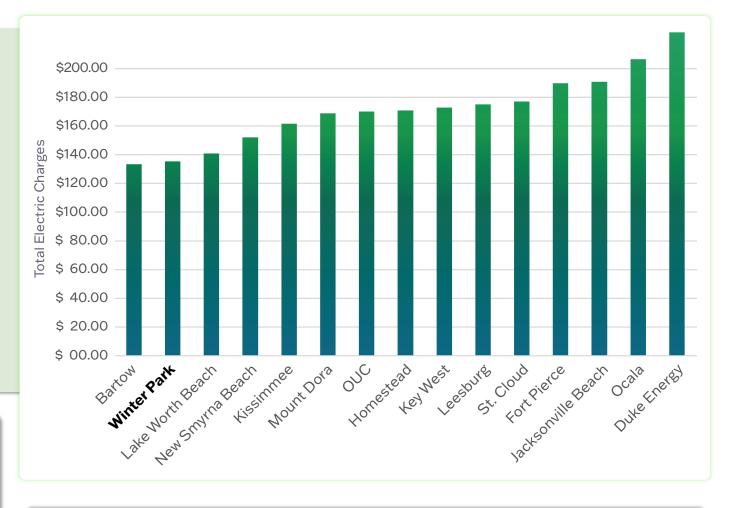
to rsvp (appreciated) or volunteer your time & talents

please contact 407-599-3450 or sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org

How do our electric rates look?

The city is proud to show that its electric utility rates continue to be one of the lowest in the state. Please note the chart (right) showing 1,000 kWh Residential Bill Comparisons for Florida municipal utilities with customer counts between 5,000 and 100,000, including neighboring Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC) and Duke Energy® of Florida for June 2023.

Need to get a boat permit? annual permits are now online [+ daily permits too] cityofwinterpark.org/lakes also available @ City Hall or Winter Park Library 401 S. PARK AVE. or 1052 W. MORSE BLVD. annual or daily permits are required for all motorized boats on the Winter Park Chain of Lakes





saturday

September 23 9 to 11 a.m.

Central Park West Meadow 150 W. Morse Blvd.

featuring Electric vehicles + Sustainable vendors
Natural Resources & Sustainability Dept.

got an EV? [limited spaces available]

To display your electric vehicle, please contact sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org by Friday, September 8.



Honoring our veterans

The City of Winter Park will host its 13th Annual Veterans Day Celebration, Friday, November 10, 2023, at 10 a.m. This event will be held at the Winter Park Community Center Ruby Ball Amphitheater adjacent to Shady Park located at 721 W. New England Ave.

All veterans that have served in any military campaign or branch in honor of our nation's freedom and their families are invited to attend for our community to pay tribute to their dedicated service to our country.

At 9:30 a.m., the public is invited to visit with organizations that offer resources specifically for veteran needs as the VFW Post 2093 Community Band entertains guests. At 10 a.m., the official program will begin with musical tributes, anecdotal speakers, presentations of Quilts of Valor, and recognition of veterans according to the various military branches served.

For more information regarding the city's 13th Annual Veterans Day Celebration, please call 407-599-3428.





The Parks & Recreation
Department Cemeteries
Division manages and
operates the two cityowned 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.

One of the ways the city honors and remembers our loved ones that have passed is by participating in a program called Wreaths Across America, in partnership with William P. Duval, NSDAR of Winter Park.

For the sixth year in a row, a Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place in the veterans' sections of both cemeteries on **Saturday**, **December 16**, **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 27:

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

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

Thursday, November 2 or 3 Friday, November 9 or 10

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 {2 or 3} south of Fairbanks/Aloma avenues corridor {9 or 10}

info 407-774-0800

please note household hazardous waste and yard waste are NOT included in the Fall Cleanup.

If you live in an apartment, townhome or condo that does not provide curbside service, please contact Waste Pro directly for large item pickup (fees may apply).

Saturday, November 11

what household hazardous waste

[provided by Waste Pro®]

electronics waste &

[provided by A1 Assets, Inc.]

textile waste dropoff

[provided by American Textile Recycling Services & the Recycle Sneaker Project]

when 8 a.m. to noon

where Cady Way Pavilion @ 2525 Cady Way

please note prescription meds can be dropped off at the Public Safety Facility (500 N. Virginia Ave., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday)

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24

what **city hall closed**in observance of Thanksgiving

when 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be no Waste Pro® household garbage, yard trash or recycling services on Thanksgiving Day. Normal services will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.



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

Daylight Saving Time ends **Sunday 11.05.2023**

- » Set your clocks back one hour before bedtime.
- " Change the batteries in your smoke detectors."
- » Adjust irrigation to one day per week.

Artificial turf in residential areas

Effective March 8, 2023, the Artificial Turf Ordinance #3267-23 amended the city's Land Development Code by adding regulations to residential artificial turf installations and maintenance. To ensure compliance with the code, residents interested in installing artificial turf at their homes are recommended to:

- 1 Access the updated ordinance at cityofwinterpark.org/sustainability.
- 2 Apply for and obtain a required permit before installation. Permits can be accessed at cityofwinterpark.org/selfservice then Launch Self Service Portal button and search "Residential Sitework."
- **3** Hire a professional to install the artificial turf per manufacturer specifications and city ordinance requirements.

Gas-powered leaf blowers prohibited

Please be reminded of Ordinance #3230-22 requirements:

- As of January 12, 2022, all internal combustion engine or motor leaf blowers [including landscape companies] are limited to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m., on Sunday.
- Any debris blown into the public right of way must be **removed** within 30 minutes. This helps to keep our lakes healthy.
- Beginning July 2024, all internal combustion engine or motor leaf blowers [including landscape companies] will be prohibited within the city.

Access the complete ordinances at cityofwinterpark.org/government under Ordinances & Resolutions or cityofwinterpark.org/sustainability.

97	CPR	\$40
-0-	CPR & First Aid	\$55
	First Aid	\$20
	Kid's Heartsaver CPR [K-12]	\$35
	SafeSitter® & CPR	\$90
W.	Stop the Bleed	\$20

healthcare professionals

Advanced
Cardiovascular
Life Support [ACLS] \$150

Pediatric Advanced

questions

Life Support [PALS] \$150

classes held @ Station 61

fire-rescue headquarters





details & registration



« scan the code or access

wpfd.org/classes
for class dates & details

Former library site update

App to help find an Automated

External Defibrillator (AED)

PulsePoint

On July 3, the city released a Request for Proposal (RFP) as it relates to the redevelopment/ reuse of the former Winter Park Library site located at 460 E. New England Ave. The Scope of Work welcomes bids that could include reusing or demolishing the building and/or constructing something new and offers preference to projects that have an arts and culture component. Because the site has nearby residents, the Commission is also seeking proposals that are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

The RFP is open for proposals until Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 2 p.m. More information regarding the RFP can be accessed at cityofwinterpark.org/procurement.



2024 Mayoral election information

qualifications » candidates must be a qualified elector AND reside within Winter Park city limits [per City Charter]

For pre-qualification documents, please make an appointment by contacting 407-599-3447 or cityclerk@cityofwinterpark.org.

- **candidate packet** » available after Monday, September 11
- qualifying » Monday, December 4 @ noon through Monday, December 11 @ noon
- general election » Tuesday, March 19, 2024
- run-off election » Tuesday, April 16 [if necessary]



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 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



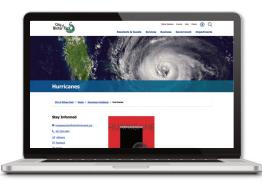
■ facebook.com/ WinterParkEmergencyInfo [@WinterParkEmergencyInfo]





cityofwinterpark.org/ outreach

the city's emergency alert system [sign up to receive a phone call, text or email]



cityofwinterpark.org/hurricanes all hurricane-related information & updates will be posted here



twitter.com/WinterParkFla [@WinterParkFla]





nextdoor.com sign up for neighborhoodspecific info





cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews subscribe & receive city info via email PRSRT STD
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commission





Commissioner Marty Sullivan, Commissioner Sheila DeCiccio, Mayor Phil Anderson, Commissioner Kris Cruzada and Commissioner Todd Weaver

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



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City Clerk Rene Cranis	407-599-3277
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Police Non-Emergency	407-644-1313

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Public Works Charles Ramdatt	407-599-3233
Water & Wastewater Utilities David Zusi	407-599-3219

Email addresses can be found at cityofwinterpark.org/contact

outages

Power & Street Light Outages

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.

For questions or to suggest article ideas, please contact 407-599-3343 or choward@cityofwinterpark.org.

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