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## PRESS RELEASE

### City announces annual holiday events lineup

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (November 13, 2019)** The City of Winter Park is preparing to welcome a garland of festive events again this holiday season. Gather with family, friends and loved ones to experience these annual holiday traditions in Winter Park, the “City of Culture and Heritage.”

The City of Winter Park and The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art continue a holiday tradition with the **41<sup>st</sup> annual Christmas in the Park Thursday, December 5**. The two-hour program begins at 6:15 p.m. Central Park creates the beautiful backdrop for the lighting of nine turn-of-the-century Tiffany windows as the Bach Festival Choir performs in concert on the main stage. For more information, please call [407-645-5311](tel:407-645-5311).

On **Friday, December 6**, from 5 to 10 p.m., the festivities continue as the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winter Park host **Winter on the Avenue**, presented by Timbers Resorts and Massey Services, Inc.<sup>®</sup>, and supported by Fannie Hillman + Associates and Watercrest Senior Living Group. This holiday street party will feature a flurry of activities including the **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** presenting the city’s holiday tree in Central Park, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Popcorn Flicks in the Park, snow slides in Central Park West Meadow provided by the Winter Park CRA and Parks & Recreation Department, s’mores roasting with help from the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department, The Morse Museum Open House, live music, globes of light, and so much more. For more information, please call [407-644-8281](tel:407-644-8281).

Presented by Winter Park CRA and produced by Enzian Theater. **Popcorn Flicks in the Park, featuring Elf**, will take place in Central Park, **Friday, December 6**, at 7 p.m. Bring your family and friends, and don’t forget to pack a blanket, picnic or snacks. For more information, please call [407-629-0054](tel:407-629-0054).

On **Saturday, December 7**, Park Avenue comes to life at 9 a.m. with the **67<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Park “Ye Olde Hometown” Christmas Parade**, presented by Grafton Wealth Management/Merrill Lynch and hosted by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce. This family-friendly occasion showcases holiday-themed floats, Santa Claus, and well-known local figures as they make their way down the avenue. For more information, please call [407-644-8281](tel:407-644-8281).

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Before, during and after the Christmas Parade **Saturday, December 7**, Leadership Winter Park will host the **21<sup>st</sup> annual Leadership Winter Park Pancake Breakfast**, presented by Orlando Health® at the Central Park main stage from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy hotcakes, sausage and beverages for just \$5 per person. Proceeds benefit the Winter Park Improvement Foundation's Legacy Fund in its efforts to develop adult and youth leaders through Leadership Winter Park programs. For more information, please call [407-644-8281](tel:407-644-8281).

A special **Holiday Pops** concert performed by the **Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra**, will take place **Sunday, December 8**, at 5 p.m., in beautiful Central Park. Bring your blanket and a picnic for a concert program of holiday favorites that will be sure to put everyone in the spirit of the season. This free concert is made possible by the Charlotte Julia Hollander Trust. For more information, please call [407-599-3463](tel:407-599-3463).

The holiday festivities move from our city streets to our beautiful city lakes as the **Winter Park Holiday Boat Parade**, sponsored by the Winter Park Rotary Club in partnership with Rollins College, sets sail on **Saturday, December 14**, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Family and friends can gather in their backyards on Lake Virginia, at Dinky Dock Park, or on the Rollins College campus behind the Cornell Fine Arts Museum to see the impressive boat and dock holiday decorations created by residents and local business sponsors. To register a boat in the parade, please visit [winterparkboatparade.com](http://winterparkboatparade.com). For more information, please call [407-256-6369](tel:407-256-6369).

Enjoy the rich sounds of Christmas as tuba, euphonium, sousaphone and baritone players of all ages gather to perform a FREE concert from the main stage in Central Park beginning at 1 p.m., **Saturday, December 21**. Winter Park's **24<sup>th</sup> annual Merry Tuba Christmas** has become a must-see on the holiday list of things to do. Registration for musicians begins at 9 a.m., with rehearsal from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call [407-599-3463](tel:407-599-3463).

Chabad of Greater Orlando will present **Chanukah on the Park Sunday, December 22**, at 5 p.m., in Central Park. The event will include singing performances, live music, dancers, strolling magic, food and a grand menorah lighting. For more information, please call [407-644-2500](tel:407-644-2500).

The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will hold a FREE **Holiday Open House Tuesday, December 24**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring live music from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, please call [407-645-5311](tel:407-645-5311).

For more information regarding the City of Winter Park, please visit the city's official website at [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org). Like, follow and watch us on [Facebook®](#), [Twitter®](#), [Instagram®](#), [Vimeo®](#), and [YouTube®](#).

**The City of Winter Park wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season!**

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