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# PRESS RELEASE

## City announces modified annual holiday events lineup

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (November 18, 2020)** The City of Winter Park is preparing to welcome a garland of cheerful, safe and socially distanced events this holiday season. Although some of the gathering protocols have changed, many of the traditions remain the same. So don your holiday apparel, including a festive face covering, and gather with loved ones to experience these annual Winter Park holiday traditions.

Remember to vote for your favorite storefront window during our **Holiday Window Contest** via a simple QR code or by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/HWC](http://cityofwinterpark.org/HWC) from **Friday, November 27, through Thursday, December 31**. Participating Park Avenue, Hannibal Square and surrounding area merchants will display a numbered window sign with the QR code so that guests can scan and submit their top selection during the voting time period. Winners will be announced by the city the week of January 4, 2021.

The City of Winter Park and The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art continue a holiday tradition with a modified twist. **Memories of Christmas in the Park** will be held **Thursday, December 3**, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., in Central Park. Stroll through the park and enjoy prerecorded sounds of the Bach Festival Choir during a 10-minute video loop. Two luminous Tiffany windows will grace the stage. For more information, please call [407-599-3463](tel:407-599-3463).

On **Friday, December 4**, from 5 to 9 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 Massey Services, Inc.<sup>®</sup>, and supported by Fannie Hillman + Associates. 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 Claus, Popcorn Flicks in the Park, live music, take-home crafts from the Parks & Recreation Family Fun Program, take-home s'mores from the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department, 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 **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** and **Polar Express**, will take place in Central Park, **Friday, December 4**, at 7 p.m. Bring a small group of family and friends, and don't forget to pack a blanket, picnic or snacks. **Reserve your 10'x10' socially distant movie pod for up to six family members via the Parks & Recreation Eventbrite one week prior to the event.** For more information, please call [407-599-3342](tel:407-599-3342).

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On **Saturday, December 5**, Park Avenue comes to life at 9 a.m. with the **68<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Park "Ye Olde Hometown" Christmas Parade**, presented by Grafton Wealth Management 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 on an adjusted route. The parade will travel down Park Avenue, turn west on New England Avenue, and end at the Winter Park Community Center. [Reserve your socially distant parade pod by accessing the Chamber of Commerce's website](#). For more information, please call [407-644-8281](tel:407-644-8281).

The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park and WUCF-TV are bringing **A Classic Christmas** to the park! On **Saturday, December 5**, enjoy this one hour prerecorded performance by the 175-voice Bach Festival Choir, Youth Choir and Orchestra, led by Dr. John V. Sinclair. The performance, filmed in Knowles Memorial Chapel, will be shown on a big screen in the park at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. [Reserve your 10'x10' socially distant pod for up to six family members via the Parks & Recreation Eventbrite page one week prior to the event](#). For more information please access [BachFestivalFlorida.org](http://BachFestivalFlorida.org) or call [407-646-2182](tel:407-646-2182).

A special **Holiday Pops** concert, performed by the **Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra**, will take place **Sunday, December 6**, 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. [Reserve your 10'x10' socially distant pod for up to six family members via the Parks & Recreation Eventbrite page one week prior to the event](#). For more information, please call [407-599-3463](tel:407-599-3463).

The Park Avenue District is hosting a **Park Avenue Holiday Market** on **Friday, December 11**, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Central Park West Meadow. Enjoy festive music as you stroll through the market and get all your holiday shopping done in one place, checking everyone off your list. Stay on your best behavior, as Santa Claus will be making an appearance from noon to 4 p.m. [Reservations are recommended](#). For more information, please access [parkavenuedistrict.com](http://parkavenuedistrict.com).

A rich tradition stretching back to 1933 is coming to Central Park this year. On **Saturday, December 12**, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., join us for a special performance from the Rollins College Department of Music as they host their annual **Rollins Christmas Vespers** on the Central Park main stage. [Reserve your 10'x10' socially distant pod for up to six family members via the Parks & Recreation Eventbrite page one week prior to the event](#). For more information, please access [rollins.edu/christmas-vespers](http://rollins.edu/christmas-vespers) or call [407-599-3463](tel:407-599-3463).

The holiday festivities move from our city streets to a beautiful city lake as the **Winter Park Holiday Boat Parade**, sponsored by the Winter Park Rotary Club, sets sail on **Saturday, December 19**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Family and friends can gather in their backyards on Lake Virginia or at Dinky Dock Park to see the impressive boat and dock holiday decorations created by residents and local business sponsors. To register a boat in the parade, please access [winterparkboatparade.com](http://winterparkboatparade.com). For more information, please call [407-256-6369](tel:407-256-6369).

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The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will hold a free three-day **Holiday Celebration Tuesday, December 22, through Thursday, December 24**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring live music from noon to 3 p.m. **Appointments are required.** To make an appointment please access [morsemuseum.org/plan-your-visit](http://morsemuseum.org/plan-your-visit) or for more information, please call [407-645-5311](tel:407-645-5311).

The city, working with the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce's Economic Recovery Task Force, is continuing its **Music in the Park** series in Central Park on the following Fridays and Saturdays, **December 11, 18, 19, 26 and January 2, 2021**. Attendees can enjoy live music, from 6 to 9 p.m., performed by local artists after picking up their [Curbside To-Go](#) meal for a nice picnic in the park with a small group of loved ones.

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

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