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## PRESS RELEASE

### City to host "Dads & Grads" socially-distant weekend in downtown Winter Park

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (May 29, 2020)** In celebration of Father's Day and 2020 graduates, the City of Winter Park will host a special, socially-distant "**Dads & Grads**" shopping and dining experience throughout the city during Father's Day weekend, **Friday, June 19, at 4 p.m., through Saturday, June 20, at 11 p.m.** This will be in celebration of all fathers and 2020 graduates from Winter Park High School (WPHS), Rollins College and other local schools or those attended by seniors in our community.

Retail merchants will offer special deals and discounts for graduates. Participating restaurants encourage patrons to make reservations for enjoyable, socially-distant dining. The Park Avenue District is also celebrating WPHS grads by hanging graduate photos in merchant windows. To submit a photo of your special grad and permission release, please email [ParkAvenueDistrict@Gmail.com](mailto:ParkAvenueDistrict@Gmail.com) on or before Monday, June 1. Rollins College is graciously opening their garage located at 131 E. Comstock Avenue for free Dads & Grads patron parking.

Any restaurant in the city limits is eligible to extend their services outdoors during "Dads & Grads" weekend to maintain the 6' required distance between patrons. Interested businesses must submit an application by Wednesday, June 17. Restaurants that have already applied for the previous Mother's Day weekend outdoor dining do not need to do so again unless their requested table layout has changed. The application can be found at [cityofwinterpark.org/emergency](http://cityofwinterpark.org/emergency) under Reopening restaurants & retail. Retail businesses are approved to have one table OR one rack outdoors without a permit. If more than one table or rack is desired, an outdoor dining [application](#) would need to be submitted for the city to review and approve in advance.

To facilitate Dads & Grads weekend with safe outdoor restaurant seating, the following streets will be closed:

- Park Avenue (south of Swoope Avenue to Fairbanks Avenue)
- New England Avenue (between Pennsylvania and Virginia avenues)
- Morse Boulevard (between Center Street and New York Avenue)

It is the responsibility of each business to ensure that their customers meet socially-distant requirements at all times, and adhere to the 50% of indoor capacity requirement.

For more information about this special weekend, please email [licensing@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:licensing@cityofwinterpark.org).

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