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## PRESS RELEASE

### Winter Park Residents: vote for your favorite new playground at Phelps Park

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (August 5, 2020)** The City of Winter Park manages and maintains seven playgrounds within city limits. Phelps Park Playground located at 1200 Phelps Ave., was built in 1986 with the help of a generous donation by former Winter Park resident Sarah Whiting. Now in 2020, 34 years of play has significantly taken its toll on this popular playground.



Renovation of the Phelps Park playground has been in the plans for almost two years and this year, the set will be officially retired. The Parks & Recreation Department is asking Winter Park residents to [vote for their favorite playground design](#). There are six design options to choose from that meet the size, scope and budget for the project. Input from residents is needed to help narrow down the selection. The [Phelps Park](#)

[Playground Renovation Public Input](#) survey can be accessed at [cityofwinterpark.org/vote-phelps](http://cityofwinterpark.org/vote-phelps) and will be open from Wednesday, August 5, through Friday, August 28. Only one vote per Winter Park resident will be counted.

Once the votes have been tabulated, survey results will be presented to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The board's recommendation will then be sent to the City Commission for consideration. Upon approval by the City Commission, work will commence on the new playground in the fall for the community to enjoy shortly thereafter.

Mr. Fred Rogers believed, "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

"The city is eager to build a new play area for our children to discover and explore. This new playground at Phelps Park will continue to be a place that our families can safely enjoy for years to come," shared Assistant City Manager Michelle Neuner. "Please help us select the type of playground you would like to see at Phelps Park by casting your vote at [cityofwinterpark.org/vote-phelps](http://cityofwinterpark.org/vote-phelps)."

For more information regarding the City of Winter Park Parks & Recreation Department, please visit [cityofwinterpark.org/parks](http://cityofwinterpark.org/parks) or be social with us on [Facebook®](#), [Twitter®](#), and [Instagram®](#).

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