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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Winter Park St. Patrick's Day Parade

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (February 13, 2020) The City of Winter Park's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee are proud to present the **42<sup>nd</sup> annual Winter Park St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m.,** in downtown Winter Park. Gather your family and friends and wear some green to enjoy the only St. Patrick's Day Parade in central Florida.

The parade will begin at Canton Avenue and proceed south down Park Avenue to Lyman Avenue. Dr. William and Jeanie Dunn will serve as Grand Marshals, and more than 70 units will participate. After the parade, the celebration will continue with Irish music and step-dancing at the main stage in Central Park with demonstrations by four Irish dance schools including Central Florida Irish Dance, Finnegan Academy of Irish Dance, Tir Na Greine School of Irish Dance, and Watters School of Irish Dance. Mike Daly will provide Irish music at the main stage. This is one event you don't want to miss!

St. Patrick's Day began as an annual feast day to celebrate St. Patrick, the most commonly recognized patron saint of Ireland. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years and is recognized by people of other ethnicities. The day is widely celebrated by wearing green clothing and items such as shamrocks. According to Irish tradition, those who do not wear green on St. Patrick's Day face the risk of being affectionately pinched.

This celebration is made possible by the generous support of event sponsors including the City of Winter Park's CRA, Fiddler's Green Irish Pub and Eatery, Florida Distributors Company, the Irish American Cultural Society of Central Florida, former Grand Marshal Socky O'Sullivan, and Yuengling<sup>®</sup>.

For more information regarding the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, please call 386-785-6965.

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