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PRESS RELEASE

Winter Park creates bunny trails as it hosts small Easter “parades” in lieu of annual Easter Egg Hunt

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (April 7, 2020) For 65 years, the City of Winter Park was known for hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt the Saturday before Easter Sunday. Over 14,000 Easter eggs were sprinkled like confetti throughout Central Park West Meadow in downtown Winter Park, as hundreds of kids eagerly waited for the countdown to “hunt” the colorful treasures.

This year, COVID-19 is breaking the 65-year tradition as it responds to Governor Ron DeSantis’ Executive Orders mandating a safe social distance, staying at home and prohibiting public gatherings. Because of these current safety precautions, the Easter bunny is hopping on a different path for 2020. On **Saturday, April 11, beginning at 9 a.m.**, the city has created three bunny trails for the small, rolling Easter parades that will travel throughout city neighborhoods spreading Easter cheer. Please see the parade routes listed below.

Winter Park residents will be able to stay at home as they wave from a safe distance in their driveways to the four-car Easter parade. The Easter Bunny will be escorted by Winter Park Police, Fire-rescue and Parks & Recreation departments as it rolls along the bunny trails.

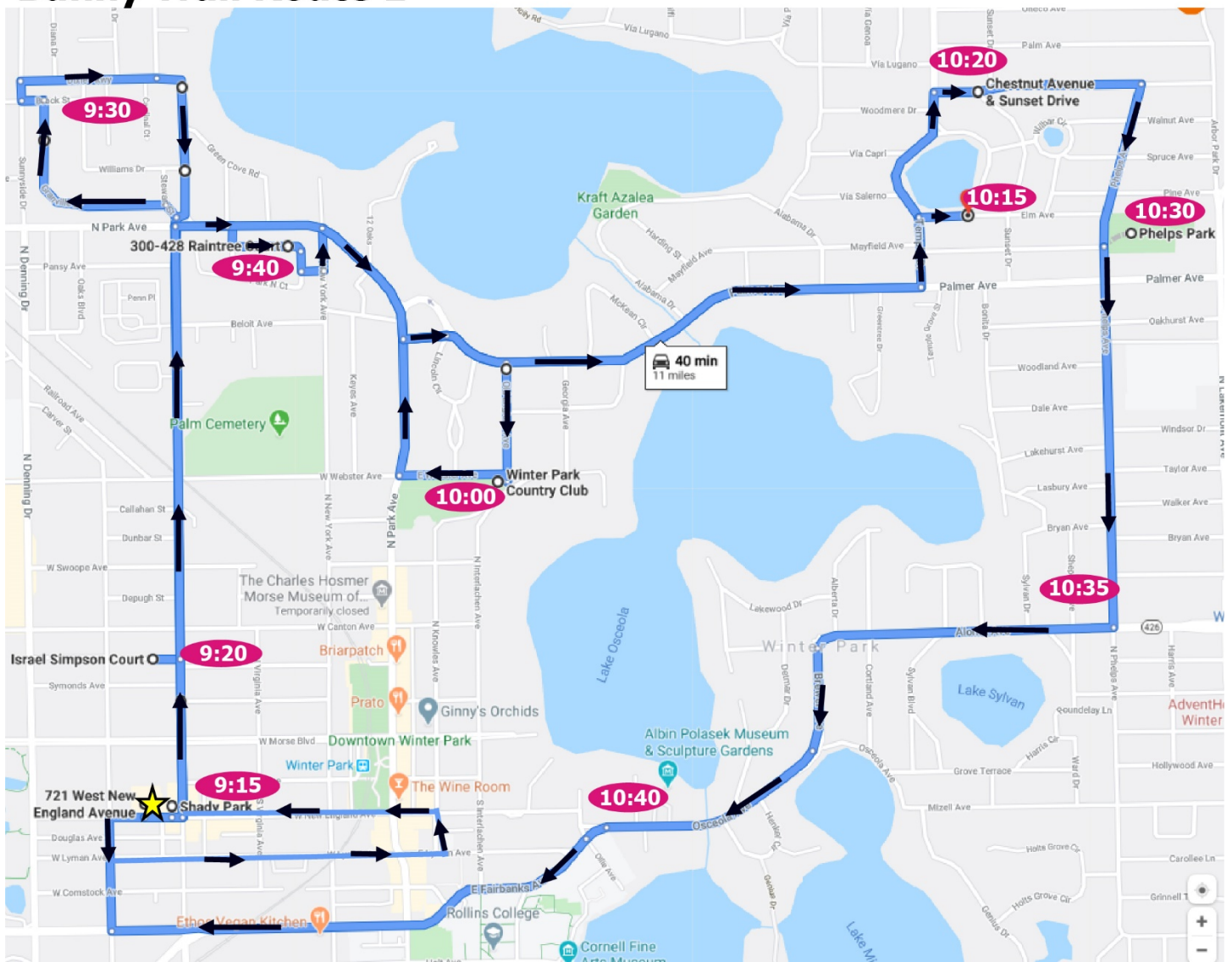
Prior to the parade, the city asks parents to remind their children of safety measures. Families are encouraged to make festive signs to hold as they wave, but not to attempt a high-five or hug the smiling, floppy-eared rabbit. The Easter vehicles will not be making stops or handing out treats along the route. The parade will continue to roll and maintain a safe distance from the public throughout the duration of its travels. Residents are asked to keep a safe distance from each other as well, as they wave to the Easter Bunny & friends.

“Winter Park’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt is the city’s longest running community event. COVID-19 can stop us from congregating in large numbers but it cannot stop us from celebrating,” said City Manager Randy Knight. “We just need to do it in a different way this year, from a safe distance, and look forward to celebrating in our traditional way again in 2021.”

Please check the three Bunny Trail Route maps and approximate times on the following pages to see where the Easter Bunny will be waving to its “peeps” April 11. For more information, please call [407-599-3342](tel:407-599-3342).

The city wishes you and your family and friends, safety, good health and well wishes this Easter season and throughout the year.

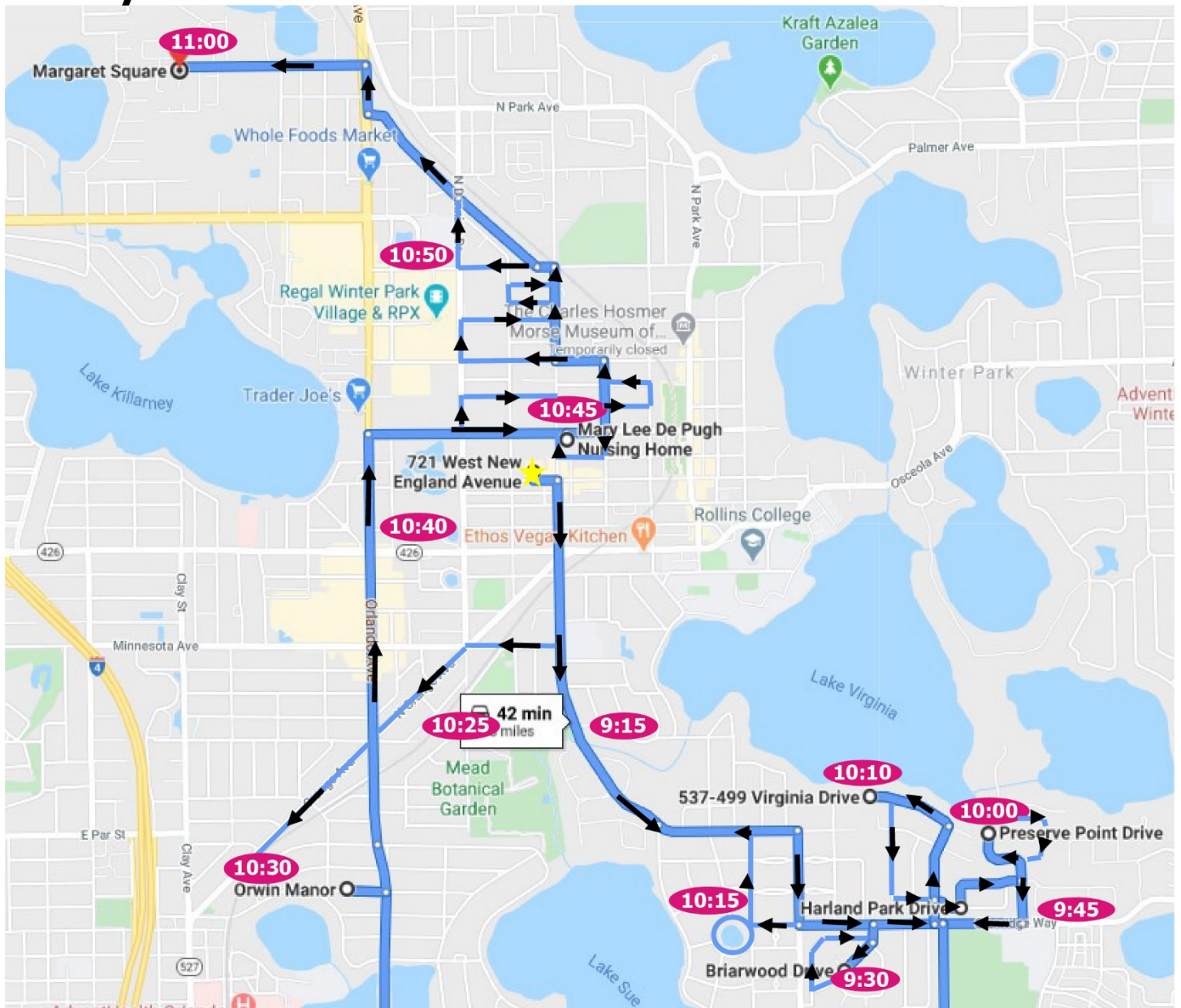
Bunny Trail Route 1



Bunny Trail Route 2



Bunny Trail Route 3



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