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PRESS RELEASE

City celebrates Historic Preservation Month this May

WINTER PARK, FL, *an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies* (April 27, 2021) Throughout the month of May, the City of Winter Park will celebrate Historic Preservation Month. The city is encouraging interested residents to submit a Historic Designation application if they believe their property may be eligible for designation. In addition, homeowners will be given a free yard sign (upon request) to showcase their house as a historically designated home.



Historic home photos by Rick Kilby

If you would like to help showcase the importance of historic preservation or are already a historic homeowner, please email Susan Omoto, Executive Director of Casa Feliz at susan@casafeliz.us for a sign to be delivered to your home. Please proudly display these signs beginning Saturday, May 1, through Monday, May 31, in your yard (not rights of way).

Winter Park is a city recognized for its old Florida sense of place and its unique character, due in part to its historic architecture as reflected in its vibrant downtown, gracious neighborhoods and landmark buildings. The city has two historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Downtown Winter Park and Interlachen Avenue. Winter Park also has an established Historic Preservation Board to safeguard 195 historic homes within the College Quarter and Virginia Heights historic districts.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation[®] established a Historic Preservation Week during May 1973. In 2005, the National Trust extended the celebration to the entire month as a way to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation.

For more information regarding the Historic Preservation Board, historic designation and the city's history, please access cityofwinterpark.org/historicpreservation. # # #

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