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PRESS RELEASE

Winter Park will once again host small Easter "parades" in lieu of the annual Easter Egg Hunt

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (March 19, 2021) For 65 years, the City of Winter Park has been 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.

Last year, COVID-19 broke the 65-year tradition as the city began safe social distancing protocols at public gatherings. Because these safety precautions are still necessary, the Easter bunny will once again hop on a different path. On **Saturday, April 3, beginning at 9 a.m.**, the bunny will visit neighborhoods throughout the city on three trails for the small, rolling Easter parades. Please see the parade routes listed below.

Winter Park residents will be able to wave to the four-car Easter parade from a safe distance in their driveways. Winter Park Police, Fire-Rescue and Parks & Recreation departments will escort the Easter Bunny as the parade 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 attempt to 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.

"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. We just need to do it in a different way, from a safe distance," said City Manager Randy Knight. "We look forward to celebrating in our traditional way again in 2022."

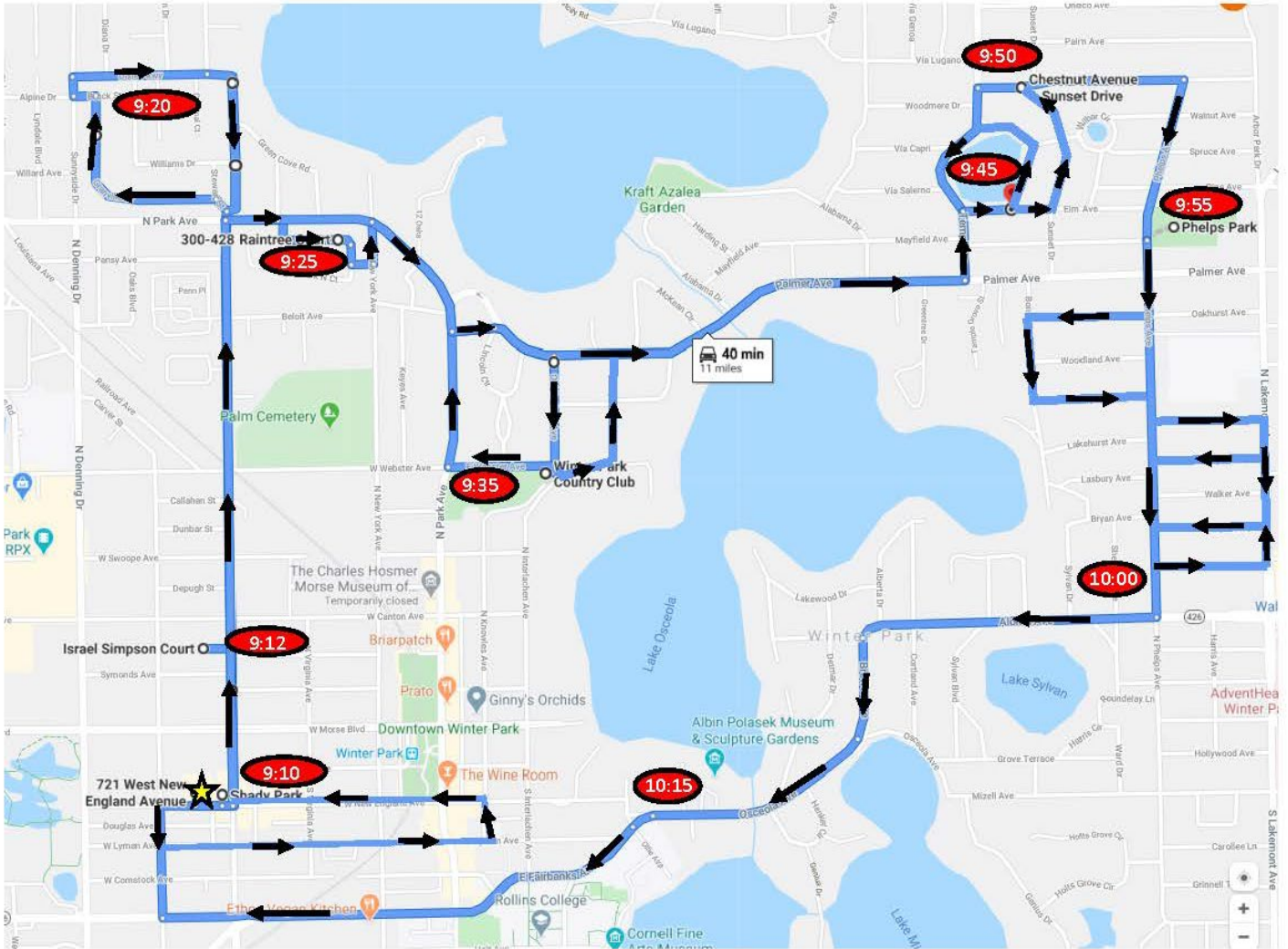
Please check the three Bunny Trail Route maps and approximate times on the following pages to see where the Easter Bunny will be waving to its "peeps" April 3. For more information, please call [407-599-3342](tel:407-599-3342).

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

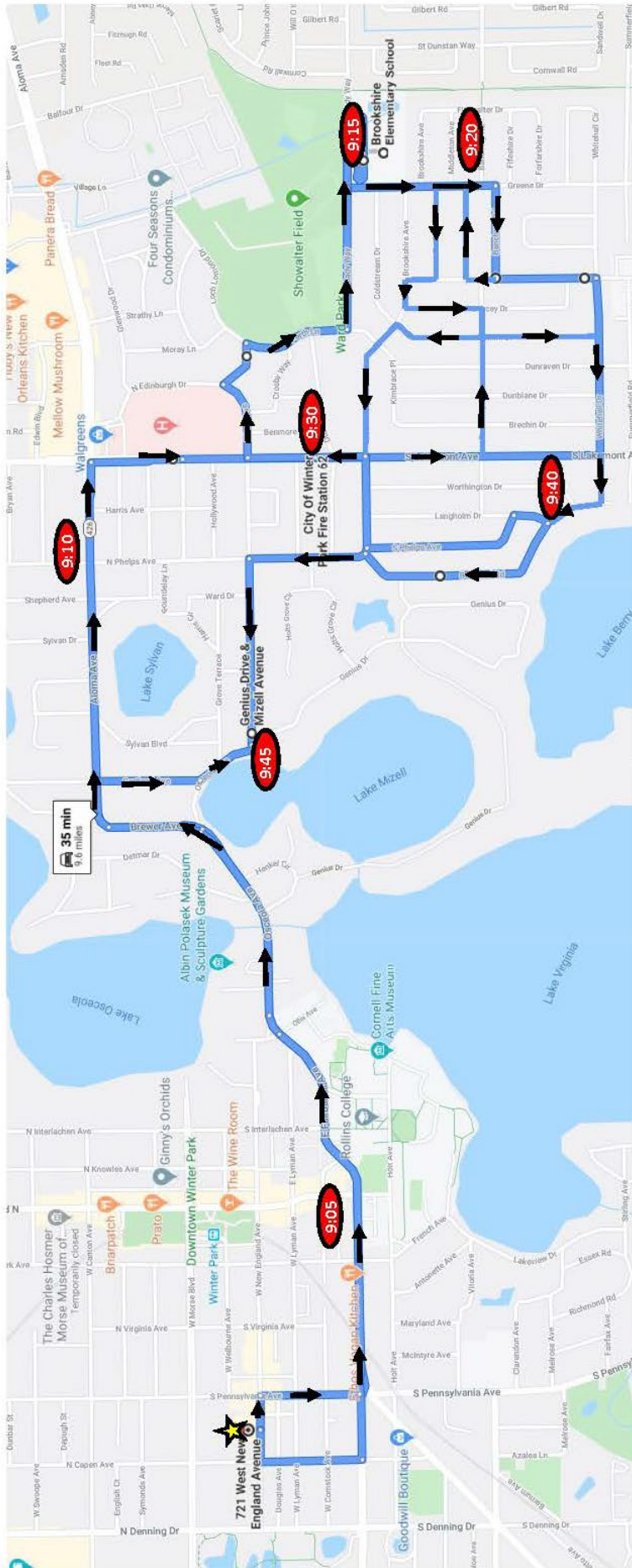
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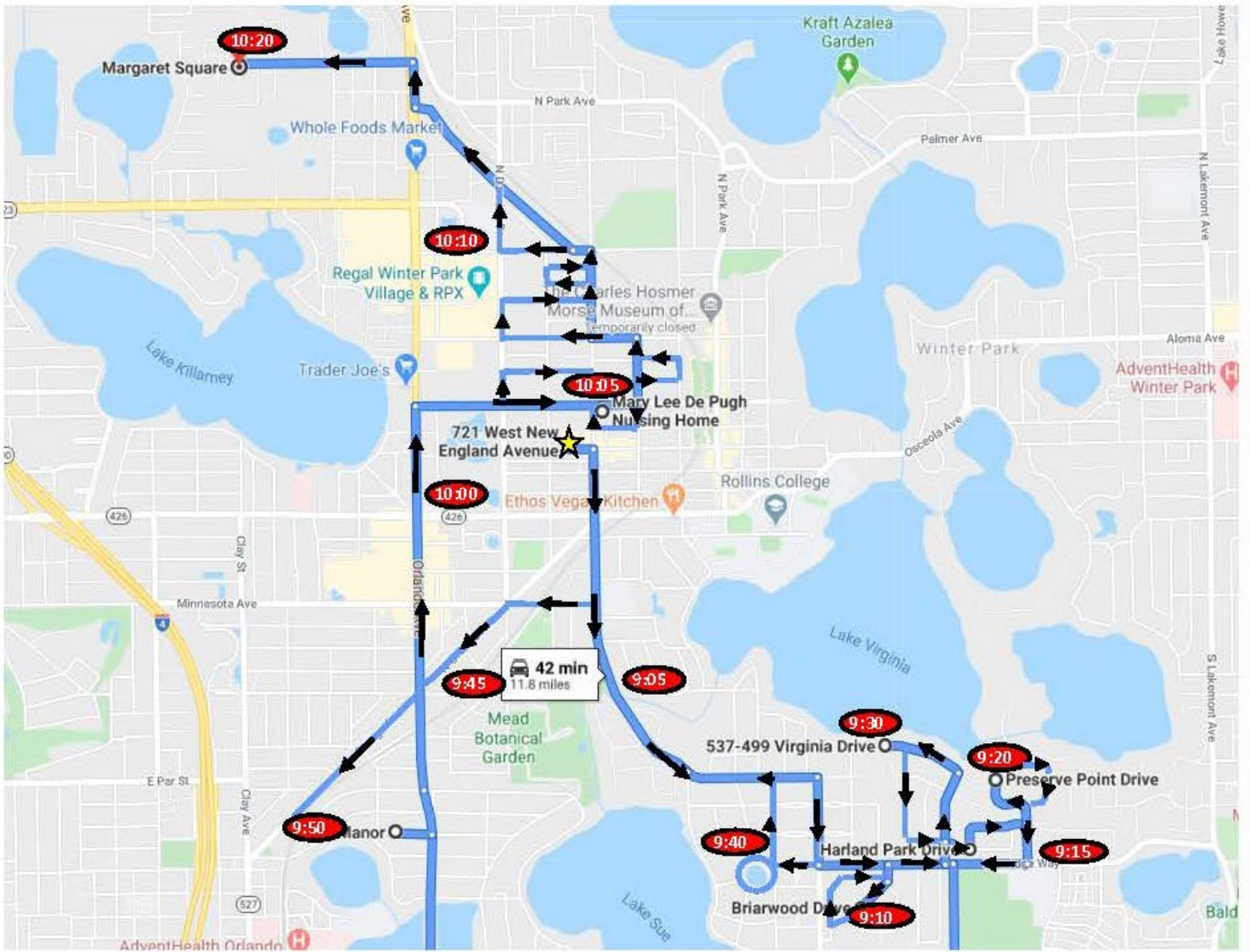
ROUTE 1



ROUTE 2



ROUTE 3



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