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## PRESS RELEASE



**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (January 7, 2022)** The City of Winter Park is proud to present the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Heritage Festival Sunday, January 16, and Monday, January 17, 2022.** This annual community festival will promote family heritage and raise funds for the Educational Fulfillment Fund to benefit local economically disadvantaged youth.

The festival begins on **Sunday, January 16, from 1 to 5 p.m.**, in [Shady Park](#) at Hannibal Square, located at the intersection of Pennsylvania and New England avenues. Special activities will include children's games, career booths, food and retail vendors, as well as job training/readiness and financial literacy by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Nu Iota Omega Chapter. Sunday's entertainment will feature Veronica Stephens and Craig Crawford, along with mime artist Doc J and local gospel artists from community churches. Patrons are also encouraged to visit the [Hannibal Square Heritage Center's](#) current exhibit just across the street from Shady Park. The center pays tribute to the past, present and future contributions of Winter Park's historic African-American community.

The heritage festival continues in Shady Park **Monday, January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Join Winter Park city officials at noon for a Martin Luther King, Jr., symbolic program. Exciting events and activities will continue throughout the day including food and music by Beautiful Bobby Blackman and Jabari Clay. In addition, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the city's Urban Forestry Division will provide information about the [Arbor Day Foundation's Community Canopy](#) initiative that promotes and assists private residents in making improvements to their property's tree canopy.

Special thanks to event sponsors including the City of Winter Park [Community Redevelopment Agency](#) and [Parks & Recreation Department](#), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Nu Iota Omega Chapter and Crealdé School of Art. For more information regarding the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Heritage Festival, please call [407-599-3357](tel:407-599-3357).

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