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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Winter Park receives Tree City USA Growth Award

**WINTER PARK, FL,** *an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies* (May 6, 2022) The city's Urban Forestry Division has recently received the Tree City USA<sup>®</sup> Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation.

The Growth Award recognizes major milestones and annual activities in five categories that combine to build sustainable community forestry programs over the long term. It is presented to participating Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement. Winter Park has proudly been designated a Tree City USA community for 30 years.



The Urban Forestry Division also recently partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation and Florida Forest Service to present the Community Canopy Program, where Winter Park residents can order a FREE tree at cityofwinterpark.org/urbanforestry. City residents have the option to choose from several different tree species including bald cypress, chaste tree, dahoon holly and sweetbay magnolia. The one-gallon tree will then be delivered directly to the resident's doorstep along with instructions on planting and care.

Please join in the city's efforts to expand and maintain Winter Park's storied tree canopy by beautifying your property with a FREE tree that will benefit generations to come. It is important to always remember to choose the "right tree for the right location." For additional information regarding the right tree for your property, the city's tree canopy efforts, and the Community Canopy Program, please contact Urban Forestry at 407-599-3325 or urbanforestry@cityofwinterpark.org.

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