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PRESS RELEASE

Winter Park's 19th Annual "Trees for Peace" event **rescheduled** for Thursday, February 24

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (February 15, 2022) The City of Winter Park and the Multifaith Education Project are proud to announce the **19th Annual Trees for Peace Interfaith Tree Planting Project, Thursday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.**, in Phelps Park, located at 1206 N Phelps Ave. The program will be led by Anne Vercheski and Shari Wladis, Co-Directors of the Multifaith Education Project, and include remarks by a city official and Urban Forestry Superintendent Joshua Nye.

Over 30 Christian, Jewish and Muslim students and faculty, representing The Geneva School, Jewish Academy of Orlando, and Leaders Preparatory School, will join together to plant trees for peace. In recognition of their commitment to work together in the spirit of unity, the students will plant native trees and bless them in traditional manner according to each faith.

The City of Winter Park's Urban Forestry Division will supervise the students in planting the trees. In addition, the division will donate a tree to each school so the students can hold their own tree-planting ceremony on their respective school properties to remind them of this event for years to come.

This unique tree-planting project represents a continuing effort to encourage children to appreciate diversity while building positive relationships with people of other faiths. The "Trees for Peace" project is also dedicated to teaching students to be "stewards of the earth" by learning lessons about environmental responsibility from each faith and sharing them with one another.

For more information regarding the city's **19th Annual Trees for Peace Interfaith Tree Planting Project**, please contact [407-599-3495](tel:407-599-3495).

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