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PRESS RELEASE

44th Annual Winter Park St. Patrick's Day Parade

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (February 21, 2023) The City of Winter Park's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Winter Park Rotary Club are proud to present the 44th Annual Winter Park St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m., in downtown Winter Park. Gather your family and friends and wear some green to enjoy the only St. Patrick's Day Parade in central Florida.

The parade will begin at Swoope Avenue and proceed south down Park Avenue to Lyman Avenue with Meredith McDonough of WESH 2 News serving as this year's Grand Marshal. After the parade, the celebration will continue with Irish music and step-dancers on the Central Park Main Stage. This is one event you don't want to miss!

St. Patrick's Day began as an annual feast day to celebrate St. Patrick, the most commonly recognized patron saint of Ireland. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years, and it is recognized by people of other ethnicities. The day is widely celebrated by wearing green clothing and items such as shamrocks. According to Irish tradition, those who do not wear green on St. Patrick's Day face the risk of being affectionately pinched.

This celebration is made possible by the generous support of event sponsors including the CRA, Winter Park Rotary Club, Fiddler's Green Irish Pub & Eatery, Irish American Cultural Society of Central Florida, and Yuengling[®] Brewery.

The Winter Park Rotary Club is part of Rotary International, an international service organization. Rotary International has over 1.4 million members in 34,000 clubs represented in over 200 countries. Serving the Winter Park community for over 75 years, the Winter Park Rotary Club is proud to continue the tradition of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. For more information about the Rotary Club, please access winterparkrotary.com.

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