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## PRESS RELEASE

## City to hold Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally-recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (June 15, 2023) - The City of Winter Park invites you to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration which will be held on Tuesday, July 4, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Central Park and West Meadow. The event is free and open to the public. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and wear your red, white and blue to enjoy a morning of patriotic celebration.

The festivities begin at the main stage with opening remarks from a city official and the National Anthem. The event continues with music from Madison Zavitz, Miss City Beautiful, and a patriotic performance by the Bach Festival Choir and Brass Ensemble led by Dr. John Sinclair. Activities will also feature a Kids Zone in West Meadow with carnival midway games, bounce slides, balloon artists, Kona Ice<sup>®</sup> and more hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department. The annual bicycle parade will begin at 10:45 a.m. Children can bring their bicycles already decorated or decorate them at the corner of Park and Morse avenues. The Electric Utility Department will sponsor FREE individual mini pies, cookies, and water (while supplies last).

In conjunction with city festivities, The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will celebrate 28 years on Park Avenue with its Independence Day Open House. The museum, which is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of work by American artist Louis Comfort Tiffany, will provide FREE admission to its galleries from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, in downtown Winter Park, the Winter Park History Museum, located at 200 W. New England Ave. (north end of the Farmers' Market building), will be open with FREE admission from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On **Sunday**, **July 2**, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Central Park, the Winter Park Rotary Club will present Orlando Big Band's Patriotic Salute. Attendees can sport their red, white and blue as they bring a chair, blanket and their patriotic spirit to sit back and enjoy melodies such as America the Beautiful, Route 66 and God Bless America. For more information regarding this free performance, please access orlandobigband.com

Please note that City Hall will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. City offices will re-open at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5. The City of Winter Park wishes everyone a safe and happy Independence Day. For more information regarding the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, please call 407-599-3342.

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