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PRESS RELEASE

City to host Ward & Wellbeing Earth Day Block Party

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (March 23, 2023) The City of Winter Park's Natural Resources & Sustainability Department, Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable (KWPB&S) Advisory Board, and Center for Health & Wellbeing are excited to announce the **Ward & Wellbeing Earth Day Block Party Saturday, April 22.**

Kick off the block party at 7:30 a.m. by participating the **30th Run for the Trees Jeannette Genius McKean Memorial 5k presented by Center for Health & Wellbeing**, hosted by the city and Track Shack. Register to run where peacocks roam on Genius Drive by accessing trackshack.com. Don't forget to bring your old running shoes to recycle with Track Shack through the Sneaker Seekers Program.

The Earth Day Block Party will be from **8 to 11:30 a.m.**, in Ward Park located at 250 Perth Lane and inside the Center for Health & Wellbeing located at 2005 Mizell Avenue. The event will provide fun for all ages including numerous activities, award presentations, live music, sustainable demonstrations and giveaways. In honor of Earth Day, certified arborists from the city's Urban Forestry Division will be on-site to answer questions and give away an assortment of one-gallon containerized trees to participants of **Run for the Trees**. Residents can sign up to receive their free tree through the [Community Canopy Program](#). At **9 a.m.**, KWPB&S Green School Grant Program winners and Green Business Recognition Program members will be announced in the Center for Health & Wellbeing's Community Conference Center.

"Founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970, Earth Day is designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the earth's environment," shared Natural Resources & Sustainability Department Director Gloria Eby. "We want this celebration to showcase how the city and its partners, Track Shack and the Center for Health & Wellbeing, are working together to make the city sustainable. We can't wait to celebrate with everyone!"

The Center for Health & Wellbeing is a partnership between the Winter Park Health Foundation and AdventHealth that provides a public hub for Wholeness, Fitness and Medicine programs and services. For a full list of Earth Day Block Party activities hosted by the Center for Health & Wellbeing, please access yourhealthandwellbeing.org.

For vehicle parking information, road closure details and a list of Ward Park activities at the **Ward & Wellbeing Earth Day Block Party** on **Saturday, April 22**, please access cityofwinterpark.org/earthday or call 407-599-3364. ###

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