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## MEDIA ALERT

**WHO:** Phil Anderson, City of Winter Park Mayor

Jason Seeley, Parks & Recreation Department Director

Coaches and players from Winter Park FC youth soccer league

**WHAT:** Dedication of new turf field

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 16, 2023

**TIME:** 8:45 a.m.

**WHERE:** Showalter East Field 1 – 2527 Cady Way, Winter Park, 32792

(Soccer field is located east of the Showalter Field stadium)

**WINTER PARK, FL,** an internationally recognized, award-winning city with multiple accredited agencies (September 14, 2023) – The city's Parks & Recreation Department invites you to celebrate the dedication of the new turf fields at Showalter East Field 1, **Saturday, September 16,** at **8:45 a.m.**, located at **2527 Cady Way** (Field 1 is east of Showalter Field stadium). City officials and staff will help kick-off youth soccer's season opening game.



Similar to the turf field installed at the Showalter Field stadium in 2016, this new Field 1 also features an upgraded cool-play infield that serves as a layer of separation between the players and the rubber infield. This type of field has proven to be extremely durable and is important during the hot summer months as it keeps the high surface temperatures under control, even during intense heat.

The transformation of Showalter East Field 1 is part of an overall athletic field improvement initiative that began with the City Commission's approval of funding in December 2020. The fields at Ward, Cady Way and Martin Luther King, Jr. parks are widely used and in high-demand. By the end of September 2023, improvements will offer youth and adult sporting leagues a better play experience for soccer, lacrosse, football, rugby, baseball, track & field and softball games year-round.

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