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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 4, 2024) The City of Winter Park's Natural Resources & Sustainability Department, Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable (KWPB&S) Advisory Board, and the Center for Health & Wellbeing are excited to announce the Ward & Wellbeing Earth Day Block Party Saturday, April 27.

Kick off the block party at 7:30 a.m. by participating in the **31**st **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 held from **8 to 11:30 a.m.**, in Ward Park located at 250 Perth Lane and directly across the street, inside the Center for Health & Wellbeing located at 2005 Mizell Ave. The event will provide fun for all ages including numerous activities, award presentations, live music, sustainable vendors 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**. At **9 a.m.**, KWPB&S Green School Grant Program winners and Green Business Recognition Program members will be announced in The Commons in the Center for Health & Wellbeing.

"For decades, Run for the Trees has played an important role in inspiring awareness and appreciation for Winter Park's natural treasures," shared Natural Resources & Sustainability Department Director Gloria Eby. "We want this collaborative celebration to showcase how the city and its partners, Track Shack and the Center for Health & Wellbeing, are working together for a sustainable future. 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. Visit the Center during the Block Party for family-friendly activities, including a family picnic cooking demonstration and sampling, family yoga classes, an Earth Day art project, face painting, giveaways and more. For a full list of Earth Day Block Party activities hosted by the Center for Health & Wellbeing, please access yourhealthandwellbeing.org.

For parking information, road closure details, and a list of Ward Park activities at the **Ward & Wellbeing Earth Day Block Party Saturday, April 27,** please access cityofwinterpark.org/earthday or call 407-599-3364. ###

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