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## Winter Park Sustainability Fair & EV Car Show

WINTER PARK, FL (September 18, 2024) In recognition of National Drive Electric Week, the city's Natural Resources & Sustainability Department will present its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sustainability Fair & EV Car Show, Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, in Central Park West Meadow located at 150 W. Morse Blvd., adjacent to the United States Post Office. City officials will share remarks at 9:45 a.m. Event sponsors include VinFast Orlando EV Car Dealership and WindMar Solar + Roofing.

Over 30 vehicles will be on display including the department's brand-new Ford® Lightning and Nissan® Leaf. The event will also feature an array of sustainability vendors such as Beacon the Magical Dolphin, Bike Walk Central Florida, Electrification Coalition, Shuffled Vintage and Suntek Lawn Care. All vendors show a commitment to sustainability through their business or organization. Be sure to also visit the Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable table for **FREE** giveaways and sign up for one of many raffles starting at 10:30 a.m., with a grand prize being an electric leaf blower from Ingenium Power and Sport. Don't miss out on this family friendly event with face painting!

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) will display one of their six new electric school busses, funded in part by a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The district launched its electric bus pilot program in 2023, becoming the first in Florida to deploy electric busses. The goal was to assess potential cost savings from eliminating diesel fuel expenses and the need for oil and filter changes, while also reducing air pollution. The program has since moved beyond its pilot phase, with OCPS now incorporating electric busses into regular operations.

The Natural Resources & Sustainability Department oversees the implementation and management of sustainability programs, projects and policies outlined in the Sustainability Action Plan, while also ensuring the management and regulatory compliance for the city's iconic lakes.

For more information regarding the Sustainability Fair & EV Car Show, please contact sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org or 407-599-3479. ###