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## Winter Park prepares to celebrate America 250

**WINTER PARK, FL (October 22, 2025)** The City of Winter Park will proudly celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, the semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, with a variety of community-wide events and initiatives to be held January through July 2026. A dedicated committee of over 20 residents, businesses and city staff members, formed to plan the city's recognition and celebration of this historic occasion, has been working together since April of this year.

According to Rosa Rios, Chair, U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, "America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary is about more than reflecting on our past, it's about honoring the contributions of individuals who built this country, the innovations that put this country on the map and a man on the moon, and imagining what the next 250 years might look like for our children and the generations to come."

The Winter Park Celebrates America 250 committee will continue to finalize and implement plans for various celebratory events such as **merchant window and resident doorstep decorating competitions** during the patriotic months of May, June and July. The city's America 250 celebration will also include the following events, to name a few.

American Mosaic: Stories in Color, Clay and Canvas
Friday, February 6, through Saturday, May 23 - Crealdé School of Art

**St. Patrick's Day Parade America 250 Float** Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. – Park Avenue

**Memorial Day Flag Raising Ceremony** Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. – Winter Park City Hall

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Honoring America 250** Friday, July 3, 6 p.m. – Central Park



The city invites everyone to join us in commemorating America's 250th birthday, and we look forward to celebrating with you! For continually updated details regarding all the city's planned festivities, please access cityofwinterpark.org/america-250.

For more information, please call 407-599-3506. For information about the national America250 celebration, access america250.org.

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