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### Winter Park Celebrates America250 committee announces two patriotic decorating competitions



**WINTER PARK, FL (April 16, 2026)** As part of its *America250* celebration, the City of Winter Park will present two patriotic decorating competitions including **Decorate Your Doorstep** for Winter Park residents, and **Decorate Your Storefront** for downtown Winter Park Business District merchants. Two prizes for \$250 will be awarded for each competition, totaling \$1,000 in prizes.

Downtown Winter Park Business District merchants are encouraged to **Decorate Your Storefront** with creative red, white and blue themes for the patriotic season May through July. The America250 committee will judge participating merchant displays based upon various criteria to select two winners in the categories of **Most Patriotic** and **Most Original**. Complete details for this merchant competition and voting criteria can be found by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/america-250](http://cityofwinterpark.org/america-250).

The city's *Natural Resources & Sustainability Department* will present the **Decorate Your Doorstep** competition and encourages residents to be creative as they compete for the **Most Beautiful** and **Most Sustainable** doorsteps in Winter Park. The *Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board* will vote on the winner for each category based upon specific criteria as outlined by the board. Complete details for this Winter Park resident competition and voting criteria can be found by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/america-250](http://cityofwinterpark.org/america-250).

Through July of this year, the city-wide America250 celebration features a variety of events and initiatives which have been planned over the past year by a dedicated committee of over 20 residents, businesses and city staff members. The city invites everyone to join in commemorating America's 250th birthday. We look forward to celebrating with you!

For continually updated details regarding many planned festivities in Winter Park, please access [cityofwinterpark.org/america-250](http://cityofwinterpark.org/america-250). For additional inquiries, please call 407-599-3506. For more information about the national America250 celebration, please access [america250.org](http://america250.org). ###

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