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PRESS RELEASE

City announces annual holiday events lineup

WINTER PARK, FL (November 10, 2026) The City of Winter Park is preparing to welcome a flurry of cheerful events this holiday season. Don your holiday apparel and gather with loved ones to experience these annual Winter Park traditions. To see a full lineup of all the upcoming holiday festivities, please access cityofwinterpark.org/holiday-events.

Downtown Winter Park will start sparkling with lights **Friday, November 27,** aiming to bring the magic of the holidays to life for both residents and guests. Festive décor will sparkle along Park Avenue including over 20 wrapped trees, a cathedral of lights in Central Park, children's carousel beginning November 27, and so much more. For more information about the Park Avenue District's cathedral or carousel, please access parkavenuedistrict.com.

The city's Parks & Recreation Department invites the community to enjoy **Light Up Seven Oaks Saturday, November 28,** from 5:30 to 8 p.m., in Seven Oaks Park. A countdown for the digital Christmas tree lighting will begin at 6 p.m. After the tree is lit, enjoy a cozy evening under the stars featuring ***National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation***. For more information about the event, please call 407-599-3342.

The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will offer free admission on Fridays in December, including **Friday, November 27, and December 4, 11 and 18,** from 4 to 8 p.m., and feature live music from 5 to 8 p.m., for its **Holiday Friday Nights at the Morse**. In addition, Christmas Eve will feature free museum admission from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with live music from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, please access morsemuseum.org.

The City of Winter Park and The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art continue a holiday tradition with the **48th Annual Christmas in the Park, Thursday, December 3.** The two-hour program begins at 6:15 p.m. in Central Park, creating the beautiful backdrop for the lighting of turn-of-the-century Tiffany windows as the Bach Festival Choir, Brass Ensemble and Youth Choir perform on the main stage. Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up beginning at 4 p.m. For more information about the event, please access morsemuseum.org/programs-events/christmas-in-the-park.

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On **Friday, December 4,** from 5 to 9 p.m., the festivities continue as the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winter Park host **Winter on the Avenue.** This holiday street party will feature an array of activities including the **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**, presenting the city's Christmas tree in Central Park, a symbolic Chanukah menorah lighting, a Kwanzaa kinara display, Santa & Mrs. Claus, Popcorn Flicks in the Park, strolling carolers, live music, snow slides from the Parks & Recreation Family Fun Program, s'mores from the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department, and so much more. For additional information, please call 407-644-8281 or access winterpark.org.

Presented by the CRA and produced by Enzian Theater, **Popcorn Flicks in the Park,** featuring ***It's a Wonderful Life*** preceded by ***Mickey's Christmas Carol*****,** will take place in Central Park, **Friday, December 4,** at 7 p.m. Bring your family and friends, and don't forget to pack a blanket, lawn chair and snacks. For more information, please call 407-599-3342.

On **Saturday, December 5,** Park Avenue comes to life at 9 a.m., with the **74th Annual Winter Park Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.** This family-friendly occasion showcases holiday-themed floats, marching bands, Santa Claus and well-known local figures as they make their way down the avenue. The parade begins at Canton Avenue and will travel down Park Avenue, ending at the intersection of Lyman and Park avenues. Emceed by FOX 35's John Brown, the parade will be live-streamed on the Chamber's Facebook page and broadcast on FOX 35 Live Now. For more information, please call 407-644-8281 or access winterpark.org.

Before and during the Christmas Parade **Saturday, December 5,** Leadership Winter Park will host its **Annual Leadership Winter Park Pancake Breakfast,** on the Central Park Main Stage from 7 to 10 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and beverages for just $7 per person. Proceeds benefit the Winter Park Improvement Foundation to provide scholarships for adult and youth leaders enrolled in Leadership Winter Park programs. For more information and to purchase tickets, please access winterpark.org.

Chabad of Greater Orlando will present **Chanukah on the Park** **Saturday, December 5,** at 6:30 p.m., in Central Park. The event will feature an exciting stunt show by Kirill Rebkovets, known as the "Balance Ninja," a professional circus performer and veteran competitor on NBC's American Ninja Warrior, stilt walkers, a snow experience, live music, kids' activities, food and Grand Menorah Lighting Ceremony. For more information, please access chabadorlando.org.

A special **Holiday Pops** concert, performed by the **Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra,** will take place **Sunday, December 6,** at 6 p.m., on the Central Park Main Stage. Bring your blanket and a picnic for a concert program of holiday favorites that will be sure to put everyone in the spirit of the season. This free concert is made possible by the Charlotte Julia Hollander Trust. For more information, please call 407-599-3342.

On **Wednesday, December 9,** from 5 to 7 p.m., bring the kids to the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department's Station 61, located at 343 W. Canton Ave., for a **Santa Shift Open House.** Enjoy arts and crafts, explore the trucks, and meet Firefighter Claus! For more information, please call 407-599-3317.

On **Friday, December 11**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., wear your favorite holiday sweater and head to Hannibal Square Heritage Center for **Light Up Hannibal Square.** The holiday light countdown will begin at 6:45 p.m. outside the Hannibal Square Heritage Center. Bring your camera for a free photo with Santa Claus, and after the lighting, enjoy a holiday concert by international vocalist Maria O. Bryant and a performance from the Winter Park Community Center carolers in Shady Park. For more information, please email recreation@cityofwinterpark.org.

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The holiday festivities set sail **Saturday, December 12,** at 6 p.m. on Lake Virginia for the **Winter Park Holiday Boat Parade,** presented by the Winter Park Rotary Club and the city's Natural Resources & Sustainability Department with city event boats provided by the Scenic Boat Tour. Before the boat parade launches, Natural Resources & Sustainability will be hosting a **Boat Parade Watch Party** at 5 p.m. in Dinky Dock Park. Enjoy music, giveaways and festive treats while you watch the boat parade cruise by. Bring your own lawn chair or grab a seat on the bleachers. To register a boat in the parade, please access winterparkboatparade.com. For more information about the watch party, please call 407-599-3463.

The Great American Big Band will be bringing the sounds of Christmas to Central Park Main Stage at 7 p.m., **Friday, December 18**. Grab your chairs, pick up food from your favorite restaurant, and enjoy a holiday concert under the stars. For more information, please access greatamericanbigband.com.

Wreaths Across America will be at Palm and Pineywood cemeteries **Saturday, December 19,** at noon, to remember and honor veterans by the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the markers of our country's fallen heroes. To order a wreath or volunteer to participate, please access bit.ly/PalmWreaths or bit.ly/PineywoodWreaths.

Enjoy the rich sounds of Christmas as tuba, euphonium, sousaphone and baritone players of all ages gather to perform a FREE concert from the Central Park main stage at 1 p.m., **Saturday, December 19.** Hosted by the city's Natural Resources & Sustainability Department, Winter Park's **Merry Tuba Concert** is a must-see on the holiday list of things to do. Registration for musicians begins at 9 a.m., with rehearsal at 10 a.m. Performers, please bring a folding chair and music stand. For more information, please call 407-599-3463.

On **Saturday, December 26,** from 5 to 9 p.m., the Equity Council Corp. is hosting its **Annual Kwanzaa Celebration** at the Winter Park Community Center, supported by the city's Parks & Recreation Department. Enjoy food, drumming, special dance and musical performances, and support small businesses by shopping the SOKO Marketplace. Tickets are available in advance or at the event. For more information, please access equitycouncilcorp.org.

To wrap up the holiday season with a bright red bow on top, the City of Winter Park will proudly host the **Pop-Tarts® Bowl Parade of Bands** **Monday, December 28,** at 3:30 p.m., as a prelude to the Pop-Tarts Bowl game Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m., at Camping World® Stadium. College bands will march through downtown Winter Park and perform a "Bandtastic Game Day Preview" in Central Park. For more information, please call 407-599-3463.

If you are visiting Winter Park this holiday season and wondering where to park, please access the city's parking page to plan ahead. Many of the city's holiday events require road closures. To stay informed, please access our Closures & Construction page.

Also remember, SunRail® will drop you off at the Winter Park Train Station next to Central Park, making it the perfect mode of transportation to come shop the avenue or attend our weekday holiday events. To check the train schedule or purchase a ticket, please access sunrail.com.

The City of Winter Park wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season!