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Learning Garden ribbon-cutting ceremony

WINTER PARK, FL (March 31, 2026) The city's [Natural Resources & Sustainability Department](#) (NR&S) along with city officials and community partners, will celebrate the opening of the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Learning Garden Tuesday, April 14, at 9 a.m.**, located beside the Winter Park Library at 1050 W. Morse Blvd. This ribbon-cutting ceremony will coincide with National Gardening Day, making it a fitting occasion to welcome a vibrant new community space. The Learning Garden was made possible through the Keep America Beautiful Martin Luther King, Jr. Corridor Community Grant, which supports revitalization and beautification projects along Martin Luther King, Jr. corridors nationwide. The city is grateful to be selected as a grant recipient.

This project was brought to life through the collaboration and hands-on support from the city's NR&S and Parks & Recreation departments, Winter Park Library and University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Services Extension Orange County. Special thanks to O-Town Compost for generously donating compost to nourish the garden. Together, these partners transformed the site into a thriving edible landscape designed to support ongoing education and community engagement.

The Learning Garden features seasonal vegetables in the raised garden beds along with a variety of fruit trees including mango, starfruit, fig and Barbados cherry. Visitors can also enjoy an outdoor tree stump classroom area. Educational programs for all ages will be led by the Winter Park Library and various community partners, offering learning opportunities in edible gardening, composting, local foods and understanding how aquatic plants help protect shorelines.

Community members are invited to celebrate the garden's opening and learn about how to get involved. Attendees can enter a raffle to win a free backyard composter. Light refreshments will be served and free seed packets will be available from the Winter Park Seed Library, while supplies last.

For more information regarding this event, please contact sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org or 407-599-3479. ###

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