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# PRESS RELEASE

## City to host Mother Earth Day Celebration

**WINTER PARK, FL (April 23, 2026)** The City of Winter Park's [Natural Resources & Sustainability Department](#) and [Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable \(KWPB&S\)](#) are excited to announce **Mother Earth Day Celebration** taking place **Saturday, May 9**. Kick off the morning at 7:30 a.m. by participating in the **33<sup>rd</sup> Run for the Trees Jeannette Genius McKean Memorial 5k** hosted by the city and Track Shack Events. Runners and walkers will enjoy once-a-year access to Genius Drive where peacocks roam. This is a sustainability-focused, cupless race experience. Register for the race by accessing [trackshack.com](https://trackshack.com) and don't forget to bring your old running shoes to recycle through Track Shack's Sneaker Seekers Program.

The **Mother Earth Day Celebration** will be held from **8 to 11 a.m.**, in Ward Park located at 250 Perth Lane. The event will provide fun for all ages including sustainability educators and artisan vendors, food, crafts, music, kid and family activities, free raffles and giveaways, live animal encounters, face painting, FREE Kona Ice, and more. Certified arborists from the city's [Urban Forestry Division](#) will also be available to answer questions and provide one-gallon containerized Dahoon holly trees for each Run for the Trees 5K participant.

Throughout the day, attendees can look forward to a series of lively raffles to add extra excitement to the festivities. FREE prizes will include an eGift card for a paddle board adventure with [Otter Paddle](#), a foursome round of golf at [Winter Park Pines Golf Club](#) and [Winter Park Golf Course](#), a basket of goodies from [Goodfills](#), and a voucher for the [Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour](#). All race participants will receive a tear-tab on their bib to bring to the KWPB&S table for entry. Non-race participants are also welcome to stop by the table to enter the raffles.

In honor of Earth Day, the **2026 KWPB&S Green School Grant Program** winners will be recognized for their projects that are implemented at local schools.

For a full list of Mother Earth Day Celebration activities, parking information, and road closure details, please access [cityofwinterpark.org/earthday](https://cityofwinterpark.org/earthday) or call 407-599-3479.

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