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## CITY OF WINTER PARK ANNOUNCES ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENTS LINEUP



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**(November 14, 2016)** – The City of Winter Park is once again preparing to welcome a garland of festive events this holiday season. Gather with friends, family and loved ones to experience these annual holiday traditions in Winter Park, the “City of Culture and Heritage.”

The season of events begins with **“Winter in the Park”** holiday ice skating rink in Central Park West Meadow from **Friday, November 18, 2016, through Sunday, January 8, 2017**. “Winter in the Park” will include a full calendar of festivities including holiday music, movies, giveaways, and so much more. The rink will be open Monday thru Thursday, from 3 to 9 p.m.; Friday, from 3 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, from noon to 8 p.m. For more information, please call 407-599-3203. For extended school fall and winter break hours, visit [cityofwinterpark.org/WITP](http://cityofwinterpark.org/WITP).

A special **Holiday Pops** concert performed by the **Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra** will take place **Sunday, November 27**, at 4 p.m., in beautiful Central Park. Bring a blanket and a picnic for a concert program of holiday favorites that will be sure to put everyone in the spirit of the season. Michael Andrew will lead the Philharmonic in a beautiful program of holiday favorites for all ages. This free concert is made possible by the Charlotte Julia Hollander Trust. For more information, please call 407-770-0071.

The City of Winter Park and The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art continue a holiday tradition with the **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in the Park Thursday, December 1**. The two-hour program begins at 6:15 p.m. Central Park creates the beautiful backdrop for the lighting of nine turn-of-the-century Tiffany windows as the Bach Festival Choir performs in concert on the main stage. For more information, please call 407-645-5311.

On **Friday, December 2**, from 5 to 10 p.m., the festivities continue as the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winter Park host **Winter on the Avenue**, presented by Westminster Winter Park. This holiday street party will feature a flurry of activities including the **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Popcorn Flicks in the Park, The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art Open House, Park Avenue Merchant Association Holiday Open House, live music, globes of light, and so much more. For more information, please call 407-644-8281.

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On **Saturday, December 3**, Park Avenue comes to life at 9 a.m. with the **64<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Park “Ye Olde Hometown” Christmas Parade**, presented by Bright House® Networks and hosted by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce. This family-friendly occasion showcases holiday-themed floats, Santa Claus, and well-known local figures as they make their way down the avenue. For more information, please call 407-644-8281.

Before, during and after the Christmas Parade **Saturday, December 3**, Leadership Winter Park Class 27 will host the **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Winter Park Pancake Breakfast**, presented by Florida Power & Light®, Re/max Town Centre and FBC Mortgage, at the Central Park main stage from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy hot pancakes, sausage and beverages for just \$6 per adult and \$4 per child. Proceeds benefit the Winter Park Improvement Foundation in its efforts to develop adult and youth leaders through Leadership Winter Park programs. For more information, please call 407-644-8281.

Friends of Casa Feliz will present **Christmas at the Casa**, sponsored by Commerce National Bank and Trust, **Wednesday, December 7**, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Casa Feliz located at 656 N. Park Ave. Santa Claus will be on hand to greet everyone, the house will be decorated for the season, and costumed carolers will lead attendees in holiday favorites. For more information, please call 407-628-8196.

Enjoy the rich sounds of Christmas as tuba, euphonium, sousaphone and baritone players of all ages gather to perform a FREE concert from the main stage in Central Park beginning at 1 p.m., **Saturday, December 17**. Winter Park’s **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Merry Tuba Christmas** has become a must-see on the holiday list of things to do. Registration for musicians begins at 9 a.m., with rehearsal from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call 407-599-3463.

New this year, Dr. Phillips Charities will present **“Peter and the Wolf and Holiday Favorites”** with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, **Sunday, December 18**, from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Central Park. Pre-show activities include Mr. Richard and the Pound Hounds, instrument try-out stations, and other fun family activities. For more information, please call 407-770-0071.

The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will hold a FREE **Christmas Eve Open House** **Saturday, December 24**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live music will be presented from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, please call 407-645-5311.

Chabad of Greater Orlando will present **Chanukah on the Park** **Sunday, December 25**, at 5:30 p.m., in Central Park. The evening will include singing performances, live music, dancers, face painting, jugglers and food. For more information, please call 407-644-2500.

To wrap up the holiday season with a bright red bow on top, the City of Winter Park will proudly host the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Russell Athletic Bowl® Parade of Bands** **Wednesday, December 28**, at 11 a.m. As a prelude to the Russell Athletic Bowl game on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Camping World® Stadium, school bands from the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) and Big 12 Conference teams will march through downtown Winter Park and perform a “Bandastic Game Day Preview” in Central Park. For more information, please call 407-599-3463.

For information regarding additional events in the City of Winter Park, please visit the city’s official website at [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org).

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