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CITY OF WINTER PARK ANNOUNCES ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENTS LINEUP

WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner with accredited fire-rescue, police and parks & recreation agencies (November 5, 2018) – The City of Winter Park is preparing to welcome a garland of festive events this holiday season. Gather with family, friends and loved ones to experience these annual holiday traditions in Winter Park, the “City of Culture and Heritage.”

The season of exciting events begins with **Christmas Movie in the Park, featuring *Christmas with the Kranks***, in Central Park **Saturday, December 1**, at 6:30 p.m. Produced by Enzian Theater, this event will include free hot chocolate and popcorn for all attendees. For more information, please call 407-599-3342.

A special **Holiday Pops** concert performed by the **Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra**, will take place **Sunday, December 2**, at 4 p.m., in beautiful Central Park. 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 407-599-3463.

Friends of Casa Feliz will present **Christmas at the Casa**, sponsored by Commerce National Bank and Trust, **Wednesday, December 5**, from 4 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 carolers by Winter Park High School Belle Chanson will lead attendees in holiday favorites. For more information, please call 407-628-8196.

The City of Winter Park and The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art continue a holiday tradition with the **40th Annual Christmas in the Park Thursday, December 6**. 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 7**, 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 and Massey Services, Inc.® and supported by Fannie Hillman + Associates. This holiday street party will feature a flurry of activities including the **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** presenting the city's new 20-foot-tall southern red cedar holiday tree that was just planted in Central Park in January of this year, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Popcorn Flicks in the Park, The Morse Museum 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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Presented by Winter Park CRA and produced by Enzian Theater. **Popcorn Flicks in the Park, featuring *Miracle on 34th Street***, will take place in Central Park, **Friday, December 7**, at 6:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends, and don't forget to pack a blanket, picnic or snacks. For more information, please call 407-599-3397.

On **Saturday, December 8**, Park Avenue comes to life at 9 a.m. with the **66th Annual Winter Park "Ye Olde Hometown" Christmas Parade**, presented by The Grafton Family 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 8**, Leadership Winter Park Class 29 will host the **20th Annual Leadership Winter Park Pancake Breakfast**, presented by PNC Bank and LunDev Custom Homes, at the Central Park main stage from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy hotcakes, sausage and beverages for just \$5 per person. 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.

Chabad of Greater Orlando will present **Chanukah on the Park Sunday, December 9**, at 4:30 p.m., in Central Park. The event will include singing performances, live music, dancers, face painting, jugglers, food and grand menorah lighting. For more information, please call 407-529-5966.

Gather your family and friends for the city's inaugural **Snow in the Park, Friday, December 14**, from 6 to 9 p.m., and **Saturday, December 15**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Central Park West Meadow. This two-day, free, family-friendly holiday celebration will be packed with fun. Kids of all ages will be able to glide down giant ice slides, play in snow flurries, or tinker in the toymaker's workshop. Everyone will be able to warm up with free delicious s'mores and hot chocolate. For more information, please call 407-599-3342.

The holiday festivities move from our city streets to our beautiful city lakes as the **Winter Park Rotary Club Christmas Water Ski Show and Boat Parade** sets sail on **Saturday, December 15**, from 3 to 8 p.m. From Lake Virginia to Lake Osceola, family and friends can gather in their backyards or on the Rollins College campus behind the Cornell Fine Arts Museum to see the impressive boat and dock holiday decorations created by residents and local business sponsors. For more information, please call 407-399-1296.

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 22**. Winter Park's **23rd Annual Merry Tuba Christmas** has become a must-see on the holiday list of things to do. Registration for musicians begins at 8 a.m., with rehearsal from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call 407-599-3463.

The Morse Museum will hold a FREE **Holiday Open House Saturday, December 22**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and **Sunday, December 23**, from 1 to 4 p.m., featuring live music. For more information, please call 407-645-5311.

To wrap up the holiday season with a bright red bow on top, the City of Winter Park will proudly host the **12th Annual Camping World[®] Bowl Parade of Bands Friday, December 28**, at 11 a.m. As a prelude to the Camping World Bowl game on Friday evening at 5 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 more information regarding the City of Winter Park, please visit the city's official website at cityofwinterpark.org. Like, follow and watch us on [Facebook[®]](#), [Twitter[®]](#), [Instagram[®]](#), [Vimeo[®]](#), and [YouTube[®]](#).

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

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