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Police

Dear Artists:

On behalf of the officers of the Winter Park Police Department, I want to welcome you to the 2026 Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival. Our officers are here to assist you during your stay in Winter Park and look forward to working with you to make this a successful event. In order to avoid confusion, we have prepared the following instructions to assist you in setting up your displays.

All artists will enter the festival area from the intersection of Park and Canton Avenues at the allowed times during the weekend. No vehicles are allowed in Central Park or on the railroad side of Central Park to load or unload. Please avoid areas that are not designated for vehicle traffic. Please do not park or block the east/storefront side of Park Avenue, as this area is a designated Fire Lane and must be kept open for emergency vehicle access. Please remember that no pets are allowed in the park.

During Thursdays scheduled load-in 8 am to 3 pm, access to artists parking on Park Avenue will be from Canton Avenue. Please park along the parking lane located on the west (Central Park) side of Park Avenue to unload your art. Immediately after unloading, artists should exit southbound via Park Avenue to Lyman Avenue. Artists whose booths are on Park Avenue may start setting up at 5 a.m. Friday morning. Access to Park Avenue will be from Canton Avenue. Park Avenue will be closed to all other vehicular traffic from this time until Sunday evening after the load out is completed. **ALL ARTIST VEHICLES MUST EXIT PARK AVENUE BY 8 A.M. FRIDAY.**

Upon arrival, please proceed directly to Park Avenue to check in at Festival Headquarters (corner of Park and Morse). Pick up your parking pass when you check in and return to your vehicle to unload. Booths in the park will set up on Thursday, while booths on the street will set up on Friday.

Artist Parking is at City Hall. There are 135 spaces in the City Hall parking lot. The City of Winter Park requires the use of 25 spaces on Friday of the festival. After then, all 135 spaces will be available through Sunday evening. The lot can accommodate vehicles of all sizes. Please remember that **while in the artist parking lot, you must display your parking pass on your dashboard.** Overnight security is provided from 9:00 pm – 6:00 am, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Accessible parking for artists with a valid Disabled Parking Permit (blue placard) will be available in the public parking lot by the SunRail Station.

Your cooperation in these matters will be extremely helpful in assisting us to ensure the festival operates smoothly. Again, should you need assistance, please contact a uniformed officer in the festival area. My best wishes to you for a successful Art Festival.

Sincerely,

*Timothy R. Volkerson*

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Chief of Police