



# THE SCOOP

February 2020



Thanks to all who attended our Winter Park 101 educational sessions! We had a great turnout for both events with engaged participants and insightful questions.

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## See How We Did: Survey Results Available

Last year we asked you to participate in a short Citizen Survey to help us get a pulse on community sentiment. Thanks to your responses, we're able to more clearly see what there is to be proud of and what needs improvements. We appreciate everyone who took time to complete the survey! [See the full results](#)

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## Meet Our New Assistant Town Manager!

Hello Winter Park! I am Alisha Janes, the new Assistant Town Manager. I'm originally from small-town South Dakota and have already enjoyed escaping the city lights for the fresh air and starry skies of Winter Park. I'm happiest when working with a strong team to help improve the lives of others and create a stronger sense of community, which is why I love working in local government!

When I'm not at Town Hall, you'll likely find me enjoying a wide variety of outdoor activities or curled up with a good book. Unless a curling team has an open spot, in which case you may find me sweeping and shouting at the icebox. I look forward to getting settled in with my husband Andy and our gregarious orange cat, Oliver. [Learn more about Alisha](#)



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## Tax Collection Changes for Short-Term Rentals

The Town entered into Voluntary Collection Agreements with both Homeaway (VRBO) and Airbnb that were effective Feb. 1. With these agreements come some changes for short-term rental owners and managers regarding how local sales taxes are collected.

As a property owner or manager, you're responsible for collecting and remitting local sales tax to the Town of Winter Park on any reservations made before Feb. 1., regardless of the stay dates or when you receive payment. For any reservation made on or after Feb. 1, Homeaway (VRBO) or Airbnb will be responsible for the tax collection. [Get more details](#)

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## Community Development Updates



### Downtown Plan Coming Soon!

Since getting your feedback last year, our team has been hard at work developing a Downtown Plan that will shape the future of our downtown. A draft of the plan will be released to the public on March 2.



### Unified Development Code in Progress

One 2020 goal is to consolidate the various Town codes into a comprehensive document. That document is currently being reviewed internally and a public meeting will take place in the spring.

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## Quick Updates & Reminders

### Removing Snow Takes Time

How many hours do you think it takes to remove the snow after it has fallen? Well, we're trying to track that! In December we got a total of **40.3 inches** of snow and that equated to **653.3 staff hours** to clear the roads and sidewalks – that's a lot of time!

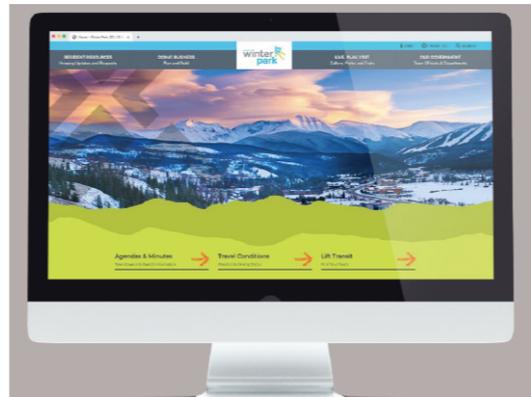


### Election is Approaching, Register to Vote!

We have an important municipal election coming on April 7 where residents will vote on four Council member seats. Make sure you [register to vote](#) so you can make your voice heard in the election!

### Check Out Our Website Makeover!

We're very excited to have launched a [redesigned Town of Winter Park website!](#) The site has a design that embodies the character of our community as well as a mobile-friendly layout and system that's easy for our staff to update.



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## We're Hiring!

We're currently [hiring for a Deputy Transit Manager](#) who will assist in overseeing our ever-growing transit system. They'll help with public transit operations, financial tracking of funding sources, and applying for grant funding through state and federal venues.



## Upcoming Events

**All events take place in Winter Park Town Hall, 50 Vasquez Road, unless otherwise noted.**

**Transit Advisory Committee**

Monday, February 3, 4 p.m.

**Town Council Workshop**

Tuesday, February 18, 3 p.m.

**Town Council Workshop**

Tuesday, February 4, 3 p.m.

**Town Council Meeting**

Tuesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m.

**Town Council Meeting**

Tuesday, February 4, 5:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, February 25, 8 a.m.

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Tuesday, February 11, 8 a.m.

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