

Buy a Brick and Be a Part of Winter Park History

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The Keep Winter Park Beautiful committee has taken over the responsibility for the design and funding of the grounds beautification, landscaping and parking lot redesign of the historic Winter Park Farmers Market renovation. To fund the project, the committee, together with the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, are co-sponsoring the sale of personalized engraved walkway bricks to raise capital for the project. The bricks will be permanently placed on display in the grounds to commemorate support of the sponsors.

Booths for the sale of bricks and other items will be set up at the Saturday markets, at the home games of Winter Park

High School and at other city events.

According to fundraising chairman Charlie Price, a booth at the recent Park Avenue Sidewalk Sale sold over \$2,000 of bricks.

Bricks are great for birthdays, memorials, births, anniversaries, thank yous and a beautiful way to leave your mark in Winter Park's history.

Single bricks (4x" x8") are available for \$25; double bricks (8"x8") are available for \$100; and corporate bricks with a prominent location, certificate of appreciation and special community recognition are available for \$250.

The Winter Park City Commission recently approved the plan presented by the committee for the grounds and parking lot. Scott Moore,

the landscape architect, presented the plan to the commission at a commission work session earlier this month. The design, as presented, maintains the site's vintage rustic character and preserves the established vendor space for Saturday's market. Work, to begin early next year, is scheduled for completion in the spring.

The Winter Park Rotary Club, as the first Keep Winter Park Beautiful/Adopt-a-Spot participant, has chosen to landscape and maintain the north entrance of the market facing the Historical Society Museum.

The renovation of the Farmers Market building, made possible under the bond issue of the 1992 voter referendum, will be completed no later than mid-October.

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Price states that the effort will include a grand opening gala, acquisition of corporate sponsors, a tennis tournament, and sale of memorabilia. The Grand Opening Gala at the Farmer's Market is tentatively set for the evening of Oct. 28, preceding a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday morning, Oct. 29. According to Mayor Gary Brewer, proceeds from the Opening Gala will go toward the grounds beautification project. "We hope to make this a major fundraising event," said Brewer, noting that the committee is currently seeking a major sponsor for the Gala. They already have a number of corporate sponsors. "The brick sale is only a part of the fundraising," noted Brewer, who said that the committee would like to sell at least 3,000 bricks.

Lynda Storer, chairman of the Keep Winter Park Beautiful committee said, "In order to complete the project, our committee needs to raise \$150,000." She said the Winter Park Chamber will help by selling the corporate bricks, while the committee will sell individual bricks at the Farmer's Market and other areas. They hope to complete the brick sales by the end of the year in order to start on the beautification project by the first of next year.

Brewer reflected upon the community spirit that exists in Winter Park and said that the citizens always rally to complete a community project. "Time and time again the com-

munity has come together to enhance the quality of life here in Winter Park," said Brewer, noting specifically the library, civic center and play grounds. He also cited a tie-in with last weekend's very successful Winter Park in Perspective conference which was attended by hundreds and garnered support from almost every civic organization in Winter

Park, "a perfect example of this community's desire to enrich the city," said Brewer.

The historic Winter Park Farmers Market is a landmark downtown site and home of Central Florida's most successful outdoor weekend market. After the renovation, the building and grounds will become available for civic, club and private affairs.