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NOVEMBER 2019

SHOP SMALL AND SHOP LOCAL NOVEMBER 30!

Mark this date on your calendar to kick-off your seasonal shopping in Historic Downtown Winter Garden with a day-long celebration of special discounts, raffle giveaways and live outdoor music performances. Be sure to also visit the annual Holiday Market at the Farmers Market.

The month of November is declared Shop Small Month culminating into the nationally-recognized **SHOP SMALL AND SHOP LOCAL NOVEMBER 30!** Shop with your heart and your wallet by shopping local in November and throughout the holiday season. Shopping at any of the 2,000 independently-owned businesses in Winter Garden helps the local economy, which makes your community stronger and the good feeling from doing so is priceless.

Saturday, November 30 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Downtown Winter Garden



2019 *Tis the* SEASON

Tis the Season is Around the Corner in Winter Garden

Anticipation is in the air as the City of Winter Garden will present a line-up of holiday events next month that will capture the magic of the season for all ages. From breathtaking light shows, Santa hayrides, Dicken's era carolers, to horse-drawn carriage tours, live holiday musical performances and Very Merry Farmers Markets with Santa, Downtown Winter Garden is the perfect place to create memories.

The festive, picturesque downtown area, lined with unique stores and restaurants, will be transformed into a holiday postcard with a variety of holiday photo vignettes located throughout to capture memorable photos. Stay tuned to www.cwgd.com for event dates and times.

Showcase Winter Garden

The Showcase Winter Garden event hall, located on West Colonial Drive, is presenting "Music, Music, Music" a cutting-edge musical written by award-winning Producer John Natoli. This two-hour program/show will feature some of the best performers in Central Florida including Orlando Elvis Steve Greer and Vocal Specialist Deanna Giron.

Along with fine art performances, Showcase Winter Garden offers dinner and comedy shows every Sunday. For more information and updates on events and promotions, visit www.showcasewg.com and follow them on Facebook at Showcase Winter Garden or Instagram @showcasewintergarden. 407.598.8014.

Sundays | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | \$32

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

On Thursday, November 28, there will be no trash, recycling or yard waste collection services. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

On Friday, November 29, waste collection services will run as scheduled.

City Government Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

FALL into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

enroll.wgplay.com | 407.656.4155

USSSA SOFTBALL - ADULT POLAR BEAR LEAGUE

Hit, run and slide with the adult USSSA softball leagues. Church, Men's and Co-ed leagues offered Monday – Thursday. Registration is open for returning teams November 4 – December 6 and for new teams November 18 – December 6. Registration may close early due to limited availability.

**A returning team is classified as a team that has participated in any of our softball leagues within one of the past three consecutive seasons.*

Leagues begin the week of January 6
Games at 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm & 8:45 pm
\$370 per team for season
Braddock Park,
13460 Lake Butler Boulevard
Veterans Memorial Park,
420 S. Park Avenue

KICKBALL - ADULT POLAR BEAR LEAGUE

It's not just for recess anymore! Join in the fun and relive your elementary school glory days! Get friends, family or co-workers to come out and kick it with our Thursday night Co-Ed Kickball league!

Registration is open for returning teams November 4 – December 6 and for new teams November 18 – December 6. Registration may close early due to limited availability.

League begins January 9
Games at 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm & 8:45 pm
\$300 per team for season
Braddock Park,
13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

YOUTH & ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Highly skilled instructor brings years of experience and knowledge to participants. Class space is limited, advanced registration required. Private lessons available upon request.

Beginning November 4
Six-week sessions
5 years & older
Fee varies

Chapin Station Neighborhood Park,
501 W. Crown Point Cross Road

CRAFT AFFAIR

Arts & crafts lovers will enjoy shopping for unique and one-of-a-kind items made exclusively by our 50+ creative friends. Although our vendors are 50 & older, everyone of all ages is invited to shop the fair for unique hand-crafted items. If you are interested in being a craft vendor at this event and you are 50+, call 407.656.4155.

Saturday, November 9
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Free to attend

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Winter Garden Recreation Holiday Camp is an awesome experience for your school aged child to attend during the holiday break. Campers will enjoy various outdoor activities, themed related craft projects and explore the many parks of Winter Garden! A qualified, well-trained staff will provide a safe and outstanding break for your child. Camp is open to all children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks and a water bottle to camp every day.

November 25 – 27,
December 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31 &
January 2 – 3
7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Camp is open to children in kindergarten through 8th grade
\$21 per day City Resident;
\$26 per day Nonresident



LIGHT UP WINTER GARDEN

Sponsored by Duke Energy, the West Orange Ministerial Association and the City of Winter Garden

Join us in welcoming the season with this annual event. Enjoy live entertainment, vendors, shopping and children's activities. Ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm and the street lighting will take place at 6:15 pm.

Friday, December 6 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Free
Plant Street

WINTER GARDEN CHRISTMAS PARADE

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and head to your favorite spot for this annual event. A long-standing Winter Garden holiday tradition will delight spectators and bring in holiday cheer! Don't forget to look for the Big Guy himself at the end of the parade!

Saturday, December 7 | 1:00 pm
Free
S. Dillard Street & Plant Street

DE-LIGHT-FUL DECORATIONS CONTEST

Drag out the lights, hang up the garland, put up the glowing Santa and enter your home to win! Festive presentations of outdoor decorations could win up to \$100!

Judging: Tuesday, December 17
& Wednesday, December 18 | 5:30 pm
Free



Farmers Market Introduces Weekly Special Events

Saturdays | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Downtown Pavilion

YOGA CLASS

Come dressed for exercise, bring a mat and join in on the lawn adjacent to Pavilion.

November 2 & 16; December 7 & 21
9:30 – 10:15 am & 10:30 – 11:15 am | Free

FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

Chefs will prepare scrumptious seasonal recipes center stage right before your eyes!

November 9 & December 14
12:00 – 1:00 pm | Free

FOODIE PODCASTS

Watch a live, original podcast be recorded center stage and learn how to incorporate healthy eating into all different lifestyles.

November 23 & December 28
11:00 am – 1:00 pm | Free

The Farmers Market's annual holiday events always make the season more festive:

HOLIDAY MARKET

Shop for holiday/gift-related hand-crafted items at special guest vendors.

November 30 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

HOLIDAY WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

Hosted by Driftwood Market

Learn the art of wreath making using a variety a materials and take home your very own oversized hand-crafted wreath. Reservations at www.driftwoodmarket.net or walk-ups if space allows.

December 7 | 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
\$25, includes all materials

VISIT SANTA AT A VERY MERRY FARMERS MARKET

Visit with Santa while enjoying the festive market bursting with holiday gifts and treats.

December 14 & 21
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Free

FRIENDS OF LAKE APOPKA (FOLA)

BIKE RIDE

8, 16, 32 mile routes from Magnolia Park and 40 mile loop around Lake Apopka starts/ends in Winter Garden

Sunday, November 10
Go to active.com and search for "Connect the Trails"

Celebrate America Recycles Day with Free Shredding Event

The City of Winter Garden will host a free document shredding event for its residents to commemorate America Recycles Day. Crown Information Management will provide safe and secure document shredding. You can watch your documents get shredded, plus all shredded material will be recycled! For more information, call 407.656.4111 Ext. 5193.

YES, these items are allowed	No, these items are NOT allowed
Paper Clips	No Binder Clips
Rubber Bands	No Batteries
Chart Fasteners	No 3-Ring Binders
Spiral Notebooks	No Medication
Staples	No Plastics
Credit Cards	No Sharps or Needles
Paper	No Bio-waste
Envelopes with Fasteners	No Large Metal Objects

Saturday, November 16 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
848 E. Plant Street (Across from the WG Library)
Please bring proof of residency with you.

CITY COMMISSION 2020 ELECTION

The 2020 City election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and is a piggyback of the Orange County Supervisor of Election's Presidential Preference Primary Election. The qualifying period for this City election will begin 12:00 Noon Tuesday, November 5, 2019 and end 12:00 Noon Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

The seats to be elected include District 1 Commissioner and District 5 Mayor/Commissioner (At Large); term of office is three (3) years and is nonpartisan. For those interested in running for a municipal office, contact the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the City Clerk at 407.656.4111 Ext. 2297 or CityClerk@cwgd.com.

For information regarding your voter registration, early voting or vote-by-mail (absentee) voting, please contact the Orange County Supervisor of Elections directly at 407.836.2070.



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Garden Theatre

gardentheatre.org | 407.877.4736

A Christmas Carol - A Ghost Story of Christmas

By Charles Dickens, adapted by Michael Wilson

This spirited version of *A Christmas Carol* puts the ghostly qualities of Charles Dickens' classic tale center stage. A swirling and dancing chorus of ghosts weave through this uplifting holiday story of redemption, magic, and hope as the greedy Scrooge learns the error of his ways.

This show contains mildly scary content and is suitable for general audiences. We encourage you to use your judgment based on your child's age and maturity level.

November 22 – December 22
\$35 – \$37

Discounts available for youth, seniors, groups, and military
gardentheatre.org/plays

Interactive Movie

Home Alone 2 (1992, PG)

The Wet Bandits are back! Can Kevin stop them from ruining Christmas in *The Big Apple*?

December 15 | 7:30 pm | \$15
gardentheatre.org/movies



Winter Garden Art Association

SoBo Art Gallery | 127 South Boyd Street | www.wgart.org

EXHIBITION

Wild, Wild West, Florida Style

The focus will be on WEST Orange County. Scenes from locations such as Gotha, Oakland, Ocoee, Windermere and Winter Garden.
November 5 – December 28

Opening Reception:
Thursday, November 7
5:30 – 8:00 pm | Free

The Art of Architecture at Winter Garden City Hall

Architectural structures and features in small town settings.
October 1 – November 30

WORKSHOPS

Go to www.wgart.org/workshops/ for more details

Bracelet and Earrings Wire Jewelry

With Jan Jowers-Stephens
November 5 | 4:30 – 8:30 pm
\$75 Member; \$95 Nonmember

Color Theory and Exploration

With Michael Grecian
November 9 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
\$100 Member; \$125 Nonmember

Sculpting with Air Dry Clay

With Regine Dossche
November 15 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
\$180 Member; \$195 Nonmember

Macramé Art

With Alyssa Foxson
November 16 | 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
\$80 Member; \$90 Nonmember

Palette Knife Oil Painting

With Noreen Coup
November 22 & 23 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
\$150 Member; \$165 Nonmember

Programs for Alzheimer's and Dementia:

Paint-A-Memory

With Gaby West
Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month
10:00 am
Register in advance: 407.347.7996

Musical Minds

With Central Florida Community Arts
Mondays | 10:30 am
Register in advance: 407.937.1800 ext. 719



Winter Garden Heritage Foundation

Praise! From Tents to Temples: West Orange County Houses of Worship

Faith communities representing a wide spectrum of traditions were established in West Orange County by the region's settlers. Services held in private residences or even outdoors sustained and nourished pioneers challenged by life in their new home. Small wooden church buildings soon gave way to brick buildings erected in the towns and communities of Winter Garden, Oakland, Gotha, Ocoee, Windermere, and Beulah. This exhibit features images of religious structures in West Orange County dating from the 19th century through today.

Through November 30 | Winter Garden Heritage Museum, 1 N. Main Street | Free