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## Winter Garden Farmers Market Bursting with Fresh Produce and Fun

Everyone enjoys delicious Florida citrus from the Winter Garden Farmers Market during the winter months, but a plethora of other great Florida produce can also be found. From bell peppers and broccoli to star fruit and strawberries, come see what's bursting with freshness.



Bring the family to get breakfast or lunch from a large variety of vendors. Listen to live music while wandering through the market and discover local arts, crafts and confections.

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

## Valentine's Day Events

### LITTLE CUPID'S CARNIVAL

A special sweetheart filled morning for children ages 3 – 5 years old! Join us for arts & crafts, fun games, face painting and so much more! Bring a friend or a group. Group headcounts are required in advance.

Friday, February 14 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free  
Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street

### SERENADE UNDER THE STARS ON THE PLAZA

Enjoy live music performed by the dynamic *Forget Me Not* duo and celebrate Valentine's Day with romantic live music under the stars while surrounded by the historic charm of Downtown Winter Garden.

Friday, February 14 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm | Free  
Centennial Plaza Gazebo, Downtown Winter Garden

## City Food Drive for Hungry Month of February

Benefits Southeastern Food Bank, a division of Bread of Life Fellowship

Please consider donating food to help those in need in our community so they can start 2020 off right! Drop off your canned and non-perishable items to the City Hall Lobby. This month-long food drive helps support Southeastern Food Bank here in West Orange County.

Mondays – Fridays  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
City Hall  
300 W. Plant Street



# SPRING into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Martial Arts, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities, Special Olympics Activities, Trips, Horticulture Lectures, Guitar Lessons, Art Classes, Kickball, Preschool Activities, Cooking Classes, Belly Dance and More! Find dates, details and prices at [www.cwgd.com](http://www.cwgd.com) or call 407.656.4155

## YOUTH & ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

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

Six-week classes beginning February 3 & April 6  
5 years & older  
Varies – check [www.cwgd.com](http://www.cwgd.com) for details  
Chapin Station Neighborhood Park,  
501 W. Crown Point Cross Road

## AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Insurance reduction and driver refresher course! Up to 10% discount after completion of course depending on your insurance provider. Advanced registration required as classes could be cancelled due to low enrollment.

Monday, February 24 & Tuesday, February 25  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm both days or  
Monday, April 27 & Tuesday, April 28  
5:00 – 8:00 pm both days  
\$20 AARP Member; \$25 Non-AARP Member

## GENTLE YOGA

Great for beginners or anyone that wants to learn the basics of yoga. Yoga involves stretching and strengthening exercises, breathing techniques and relaxing meditation.

Tuesdays | 7:15 – 8:15 pm  
16 years & older  
\$9 City Resident; \$10 Nonresident per class  
\$32 City Resident; \$36 Nonresident per four-week session

## SYSTEMA

This Russian Martial Art focuses on self-defense methods, greater strength and endurance, patience and working with others. Winter Garden is the only place in Central Florida to practice this art used by Russian Special Forces!

Mondays | 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
18 years & older  
\$15 per class  
\$45 City Resident; \$55 Nonresident per four-week session

## TAI CHI

This ancient Chinese exercise emphasizes relaxation, breath control, correct posture, balance and flexibility to develop the mind and body. One free introductory lesson in Tai Chi is offered for all first-timers. For more information, please visit [www.returntogoodhealth.20fr.com](http://www.returntogoodhealth.20fr.com).

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am  
\$50 City Resident; \$55 Nonresident per month

## No Pizza Boxes in the Recycling Cart

We know you love your pizza, whether it is thick or thin crust. However, that gooey cheese, delectable sauce, pepperoni and other toppings, though tasty, ends up on the pizza box, making it non-recyclable.

Yes, it is cardboard, but grease and food products can contaminate an entire load of cardboard and paper products. We can't risk ruining other recyclable material and our recycling processor won't take your pizza box, even if you think it is spotless. Please keep it out of the recycling cart.

Hand toss that pizza box right into the trash! Questions?  
407.656.4111 Ext: 5193

## PHOTO CONTEST

The City of Winter Garden is hosting its Photo Contest. Artists will be able to submit photography. Suggested categories are Movement, Landscape and Connection. Up to three photos will be selected, and the respective artists will be awarded a prize of \$150. Once selected, the artwork becomes the property of the City of Winter Garden for publicity use. Showcase your artwork and your love for our beautiful city.

To enter, email the photo to [avaughn@cwgd.com](mailto:avaughn@cwgd.com) or post on Instagram with #wgphotospring2020

January 1 – March 30  
Selection announcements will be made by April 15.



## WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE – FIRE AND SAFETY ZONE

Smoke alarms save lives (photoelectric alarms are recommended). Working smoke alarms give you an early warning so you can get out quickly.

Create and practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year. Know at least two ways out of every room and make sure all windows and doors open easily.

To learn about our smoke alarm program or for fire safety information, call 407.877.5175.

## WINTER GARDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Ever wonder what goes on inside your police department? Get your questions answered at the next Citizens Police Academy class!

This nine-week course is free! Classes are instructed by Winter Garden Police Officers and staff who will discuss such topics as crime prevention, defensive tactics and investigations. Class participants will also be eligible to go on a ride along with an officer and a tour of Orange County Jail.

Anyone 18 years or older interested in participating can download an application at [www.wgpd.com](http://www.wgpd.com) or pick one up at the Winter Garden Police Department located at 251 W. Plant Street. You must be a resident or work in the City of Winter Garden in order to attend. Additional eligibility requirements are listed on the website. The deadline for applications is March 15. Seats fill up fast so turn in your application quickly! For questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 4076.

Wednesdays, March 25 – May 20 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm | Free  
Winter Garden Police Department training room, 251 W. Plant Street

## Down the Drain and After the Flush: Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours

What happens to the water that goes down your drain? Ever wonder what happens after you flush? Find out during the wastewater plant tour. Registration is required.

Saturday, February 29 | Various times  
Register: [dcorbus@cwgd.com](mailto:dcorbus@cwgd.com) or  
407.656.4111 Ext. 5193

## 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 February 17 | Winter Garden's Public Art Gallery at City Hall



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## Winter Garden Art Association

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



## Garden Theatre

gardentheatre.org | 407.877.4736

### EXHIBITION

#### Central Florida Watercolor Society: Annual Awards Show

Collection of Watercolors from CFWS & a curated group of three dimensional artworks. This exhibition runs from February 4 – March 28.

Opening Reception:  
Thursday, February 6  
5:30 – 8:00 pm | Free

### WORKSHOPS

Please see more information on the website: [wgart.org/workshops](http://wgart.org/workshops)

#### Wire Art Jewelry

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

#### Artist's Way Series

With Joy Wolff  
Mondays, January 13 – March 30  
7:00 – 9:00 pm | \$20 per week

#### Basic Portraits

With Delores Williams-Browne  
February 8 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
\$50 Member; \$60 Nonmember

#### Watercolor Painting

With Geri Hurlbut  
February 8 | 2:00 – 6:00 pm  
\$100 Member; \$125 Nonmember

#### Color Explorations

With Michael Grecian  
February 13 | 10:00 am – 4:30 pm  
\$125 Member; \$145 Nonmember

#### Stained Glass Painted

**Bottle Lamps**  
With Kathy Bee  
February 15 | 2:00 – 5:00 pm  
\$60 Member; \$75 Nonmember

#### Modern Art Madness, v2.1

With Adrienne Lee  
February 22 | 12:00 – 1:30 pm  
\$10 Member; \$15 Nonmember

#### Paint and Sip

With Gaby West  
Fourth Thursday of each month  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
\$35 Member; \$45 Nonmember

### PROGRAMS FOR ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

#### Paint-A-Memory

With Gaby West  
Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month | 10:00 am  
Free  
Register in advance: 407.347.7996

#### Musical Minds

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

### Theatre

**Violet** | Music by Jeanine Tesori | Lyrics and Book by Brian Crawley | Based on "The Ugliest Pilgrim" by Doris Betts

Years ago, a stray hatchet left its mark on Violet's face. She has spent a decade struggling to find a doctor to heal her disfigurement, with no success. *Violet* is a powerful folk musical that tells the story of a young woman who travels cross-country with one last hope to be healed by a minister, and how she discovers the meaning of true beauty along the way.

This show contains mature themes and limited use of strong language including racial slurs.

January 24 – February 9

\$35 – \$37, discounts available for youth, seniors, groups and military.

**Ben Hur** | By Patrick Barlow

What happens when an amateur theatre troupe tries to perform the epic story of *Ben Hur*? As the struggling actors rehearse the grand tale of the fictional Jewish prince and merchant, offstage rivalries and romances interfere with their chariot races and sea battles. Patrick Barlow's new adaptation of *Ben Hur* is a light-hearted comedic take on the timeless story.

This show contains limited use of vulgar language and is suitable for general audiences.

February 28 – March 15

\$30 – \$32, discounts available for youth, seniors, groups and military.

[gardentheatre.org/plays](http://gardentheatre.org/plays)