

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

WINTER GARDEN FEBRUARY 2010

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## Living GREEN

### BAG THE BAGS

- Approx. 380 billion plastic bags are used in the United States every year.
- An estimated 12 million barrels of oil is required to make that many plastic bags.
- Only 1 - 2% of plastic bags in the USA end up getting recycled.
- Plastic bags are often mistakenly ingested by animals, clogging their intestines resulting in death by starvation. Other animals or birds become entangled in plastic bags and drown or can't fly.
- Thousands of marine animals and more than 1 million birds die each year as a result of plastic pollution.
- Toxic plastic particles can enter the food chain when they are ingested by unsuspecting animals.
- Chemicals used to make plastic are highly toxic and pose serious threat to all living beings.
- Americans consume more than 10 billion paper bags per year. Approximately 14 million trees are cut down every year for paper bag production.
- Paper production requires hundreds of thousands of gallons of water as well as toxic chemicals like sulphurous acid, which can lead to acid rain and water pollution.

...choose reusable bags!

### CENSUS 2010 - IT'S IN OUR HANDS

**April 1, 2010 is Census Day.** Census 2010 questionnaire forms will be mailed to your home in February and March. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. Your participation is very important to your community!

If you need help completing the form, Questionnaire Assistance Centers and additional forms will be available at Winter Garden City Hall, 300 W Plant Street and the Jesse Brock Community Center, 310 North Dillard Street. [census2010.gov](http://census2010.gov) • 1.866.861.2010



### Utility Bill Assistance for Winter Garden low income Seniors

*Apply or re-apply for a \$35 savings each month beginning in May 2010*

Applications are available at City Hall at the Receptionist Desk. You must have been a city resident continuously for 5-years prior to submitting your application with a copy of your 2009 Federal Income Tax Return OR your 2010 Social Security Benefit Statement and all other sources of income. **The deadline for submitting your application and providing the proof of your income is May 3, 2010.** City Clerk's office: 407.656.4111 ext. 2297

## GARDEN THEATRE

LIVE PERFORMANCE

### Driving Miss Daisy

Written by Alfred Uhry  
produced by Beth Marshall Presents  
February 12 - 28  
Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm  
Tickets: Fridays and Saturdays \$22  
\$18 seniors/students  
Sundays \$18 • \$10 kids under 12  
Recommended for children 12 and up

### WMFE at the Garden

February 17 • 7 pm  
Join WMFE and Garden Theatre for a presentation of American Experience "Wyatt Earp." FREE; donations appreciated. Tickets will be distributed at 5 pm the day of show. First-come, first-served.

### WMFE Kids at the Garden

February 20 • 10 am  
Join WMFE and Garden Theatre for an hour long presentation of your favorite episodes of Dinosaur Train. FREE; donations appreciated. Tickets will be distributed at 8 am the day of show. First-come, first-served.

Box Office: 407.877.GRDN (4736)  
[www.gardentheatre.org](http://www.gardentheatre.org)

### MOVE OVER DRIVERS!

Please help protect those who serve us by MOVING OVER. In 2002, the Florida Legislature passed Florida State Statute Ch. 316.126 (1)(b), which requires drivers to vacate the travel lane nearest any stopped emergency vehicle. If unable to safely move over, the law requires drivers to reduce speed by 20 mph under the posted speed limit or drive 5 mph when the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less. We appreciate your help in keeping emergency personnel safe.

### Extended Hours for City Services at City Hall

7:30 am - 5 pm Monday through Friday  
Planning & Zoning • Building Permits and Inspections • Business Tax • Code Enforcement  
[wintergarden-fl.gov/Business](http://wintergarden-fl.gov/Business) • 407.656.4111

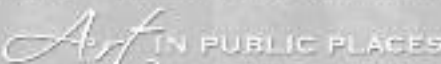
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THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MUSEUMS OF WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS:



**Art IN PUBLIC PLACES**

## THE LOST DECADES: Winter Garden in the 1980s and 90s

Documentary photographer Peter Schreyer found enchantment in the forlorn structures of the mostly abandoned downtown historic district during a time when consumers migrated to the large-scale shopping centers.

This free exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, February 26, 5:30 – 7 pm in City Hall and will continue through May 31 in the City Hall lobby.



Photographs by PETER SCHREYER

### Every Day Food Pantry Drive Success

Thank you to City residents, businesses and employees for donating 88 groceries bags of food for the Christian Service Center in December. The City employees also raffled off holiday gifts, raising \$184 in cash to donate. Look for the next Food Pantry Drive in the month of June.

### The 10th annual Spring Fever in the Garden festival,

presented by Bloom & Grow Garden Society and co-sponsored by the City of Winter Garden will be held **April 10 and 11** in beautiful downtown Winter Garden. The streets will be filled with vendors selling garden, nature and wildlife items for your garden. There will be live entertainment and many food vendors. The KIDZONE will attract children of all ages with their environmental educational activities. Join us for a beautiful two day event. [springfeveringarden.com](http://springfeveringarden.com)

### Triathlon Training at Tri & Run

Join local World Champion Triathlete and Coach for Tri & Run Marc Bonnet-Eymard and his wife Amy, Reebok Sprint Champion, for a ten week triathlon training program. This program will be focused toward Disney's Danskin Tri and other spring races and runs from Feb. 23 to May 9. Cost is \$199. For more information and meet the coach night, call Tri & Run at 407.905.4786

### MONTHLY EVENTS

#### in Historic Downtown Winter Garden

**Fridays on the Plaza** • Featuring a different music genre each week  
Every Friday • 7 – 9 pm • Centennial Gazebo

**Farmers Market** • Every Saturday • 8 am - 1 pm  
W. Plant Street & North Lakeview Avenue

#### Make This Your Hometown

Learn about historic downtown Winter Garden  
*Hosted by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation*  
2nd Thursday of every month, through May  
Next tour on March 11 • 7 - 8:30 pm • \$10 per person  
Starts at Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street  
Reserve your spot by calling 407.656.3244



#### Cruz-N-Car Show

3rd Saturday of every month • 7 - 9 pm • West Plant Street

## Parks & Recreation Corner

#### Fun with Parks and Recreation

Complete list of programs at [wintergarden-fl.gov](http://wintergarden-fl.gov) or 407.656.4155.

#### Adult Co-ed Kickball League – NEW!

Come out and KICK IT. Your favorite childhood game is now your new weekend team sport. Registration begins February 22.  
Fee: \$280 per team; \$30 per individual for 6 game season and tournament

#### Adult Softball Leagues

Hit a homerun in our Spring League. Men's C & D, Church, and Co-ed leagues offered. Registration begins March 1.  
Fee: \$460 per team for 10 game season

#### Adult 6 v 6 Beach Volleyball League – NEW!

Bump, Set, Spike – DIVE. Relax on the sand and enjoy a game of recreational volleyball. League begins March 4.  
Fee: \$200 per team for 8 game season

#### Middle School Dance

Enjoy friends, music, games and prizes. Middle school dances are fun, exciting and safe. February 26 • 7 - 10 pm; Fee: \$5 per student

#### Active 50+ Day Trip

Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City  
March 4 • 8:30 am - 5:30 pm; Fee: Residents \$14 • Non-Residents \$16

#### Now Hiring Instructors

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for instructors in the areas of cooking, pre-school classes, inclusive recreation for special populations and others. If you have a talent to share, please call 407.656.4155 for more information.