TIME TO PAINT WINTER GARDEN PURPLE FOR RELAY FOR LIFE!

Get your purple ribbon out and hang it proudly at your home and business for American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life of Winter Garden the week of April 20 – April 26. Purple is the official color for Relay For Life.

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GARDEN THEATRE

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Hairspray
Music by Marc Shaiman;
Lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman
Book by Mark O’Donnell and Thomas Meehan

Produced by Garden Theatre
April 25 - May 25
Fridays at 8 pm,
Saturdays at 2 pm & 8 pm,
Sundays at 2 pm
Tickets: $29 ($25 seniors/students),
child discount on select performances

It’s 1962, and the lovable plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire - to dance on the popular Corny Collins show. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network, all without denting her ’do!

Florida Film Festival Audience Choice Award-Winning Films

Thursday, May 1 & Thursday, May 8
It’s your chance to catch the audience choice award-winning films from this year’s Florida Film Festival. The 2014 Florida Film Festival ran from April 4 - 13, and screened more than 170 films from across the globe.

For tickets visit gardentheatre.org or call 407-877-GRDN (4736)

“Orange Blossom Special” Art Exhibition
On exhibition during April is “Orange Blossom Special,” a focus on all things Florida. Artists select features of the landscape and local iconography that showcase the beauty of region. This is a great opportunity to find a unique art treasure to decorate a living room or inviting guest room.

Imagination in Acrylics
April 24 & 25 • 10 am – 6 pm
National artist Rudy Drapiza will lead students in the creation of an imaginative landscape inserting their individual experiences to create an original work of art in acrylic paint.

“Ther’s Not Weirder Than Folk” Art Exhibition
Opening Reception: Thursday, May 1, 5:30 pm - 8 pm
Artworks in all media that focus on people such as portraits, figurative works and folk art showing the unique qualities of “folks” and personalities. On display through June 1

“She Sells Sea Shells” Art Exhibition
Call to Artists for the June Exhibition “She Sells Sea Shells: Water and Nautical Subjects”: send images of your artwork that fit the theme to wgartsubmissions@wgart.org between May 18 and May 24.

Evening Studio
Walk in Wednesday nights • 6:30 pm - 9 pm
Life drawing sessions: $10 members and $15 guests • No fee for still life sessions
First Wednesdays of the month are dedicated to still life compositions, second and fourth Wednesdays will have live models in nude poses and third Wednesdays are clothed models.
No instruction. No reservations needed. Bring your own supplies. Chairs and easels available on a first come, first serve basis. Donations collected for sessions including flower arrangements.
Spring into Fun with WINTER GARDEN PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Martial Arts, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities, Special Olympics Activities, Trips, Horticulture Lectures, Guitar Lessons, Art Classes, Kickball, Pre-School Activities, Cooking Classes, Belly Dance and More! Find dates, details and prices at www.wintergarden-fl.gov or call 407.656.4155

ACTIVE 50+ CAPONE’S DINNER & SHOW
Thursday, May 15 • 12 pm - 5 pm
$30 City Resident / $32 Non-Resident

Knock three times, give the secret password and discover the mysterious world of 1931 gangland Chicago. This entertaining show delivers loads of laughs, gangster action, audience interaction and toe-tapping musical productions.

START SMART YOUTH SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Registration opens May 5 - June 6
Thursdays, June 19 - July 24 • 6 - 6:45 pm
$48 City Resident / $60 Non-Resident (Includes Start Smart Participant Manual)
Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

Start Smart Sports Development Programs are designed to help children 3-5 years and parents develop the skills necessary to have a positive start with organized sports and learn basic motor skills. Parents will work one-on-one with their child during classes. Age appropriate equipment is provided to learn throwing, catching, batting and kicking.

PRE-SUMMER RED CROSS LEARN TO SWIM MINI-SESSIONS
Monday - Thursday
Session 1: May 19 - May 22
Session 2: May 27 - May 30 (*Tuesday - Friday)
Session 3: June 3 - June 5
$32 City Resident / $40 Non-Resident
Please refer to website for specific times for each session
http://www.cwgdn.com/resident/recreation/aquatics/

These sessions are designed as refresher courses for young swimmers who have been out of the water since the previous summer. Each session offers four classes to help the participants regain confidence in the water.

TAI CHI
Tuesdays & Thursdays • 9 - 10 am
Monthly sessions offered beginning May 6, June 3
$50 City Resident / $55 Non-Resident per month

An ancient Chinese exercise that emphasizes relaxation, breath control, correct posture, balance and flexibility to develop the mind and body. For more information please visit www.returntogoodhealth.20fr.com.

NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK
MAY 4 – 10

During Drinking water week, think about what water means to you and your family. A clean and reliable water supply is a basic and essential need for every living creature. Our health and standard of living depend on an abundant supply of safe drinking water.

The City of Winter Garden is calling upon each of you to help protect our water supply from pollution in order to keep our drinking water safe and to conserve water to ensure it continues to be available for essential uses for years to come.

Keep Drinking Water Safe
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Pick up after your pets.
- Never dispose of any pharmaceuticals down the drain or toilet.
- Don’t pour chemicals (e.g. paint, oil, fertilizer, etc.) into storm drains or water bodies.

Conserve Water Supply
- Water plants and turf only when they show signs of stress.
- Repair leaky faucets and toilets as soon as possible.
- Choose water-efficient appliances. Look for WaterSense and/or Energy Star labelled products.

More information about protecting drinking water is available on the City’s water conservation webpage: http://www.cwgdn.com/cityhall/departments/water-conservation/

2014 SUMMER FILM CAMP SCHEDULE AT FLORIDA FILM ACADEMY
270 West Plant Street

Want to learn what it takes to make a movie? During summer camps, students learn how to develop stories, edit, learn various film techniques, cast one another in their films, act in front of the camera and each week ends with a family premiere party to showcase students’ films.

June 9 - 20   Film School Musical
June 23 - 27   Action Movie Week
Jun 30 - Jul 2   “On Location Filming”
July 7 - 11    Movie Magic
July 14 - 18   Make up Pro
July 21 - 25   Camp SFX
Jul 28 - Aug 1  Zombie Takeover
August 4 - 8   Stunt Week

407.654.8400 • FLFilmAcademy.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter Garden Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19 • 1 pm • Newton Park, 29 West Garden Avenue

The Winter Garden Lions Club will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Newton Park. The event is free to the public for children ages 0 to 12. For children attending with special requirements, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 407.656.4155 or recinfo@wintergarden-fl.gov at least one week prior to the event.

8th Annual Run in the Garden 5k Run/Walk
Saturday, April 19 • 7:30 am start

Come join us for the 8th Annual Run in the Garden 5k Run/Walk in Historical Downtown Winter Garden. The event starts and finishes in the downtown area. The race course take you through surrounding neighborhoods and finishes by the splash pad at the corner of Plant St/Lakeview Ave. Overall/Age group/Masters (40+) awards provided. Jogging strollers are welcome. Special rates for 15 & under/65 & over.

The event is presented by Health Central Hospital and benefits the City of Winter Garden Kids’ Café. The Kids’ Café is a free dinner program designed for children of low-income families in the Winter Garden area. Register: www.trinrun.com

Healthy Kids Day at the Roper YMCA
Saturday, April 26 • 11 am - 3 pm

Roper YMCA, 100 Windermere Road
Come out for a day of fun to promote healthy activity and eating in kids of West Orange County. Complimentary and open to the community with a bounce house, face painting, balloon artist, games, kids Fun Run, a DJ, snacks, crafts and more! 407.656.6430 • Dawn at dbonic@cfymca.org

Salsa Festival: Spicy Music and Fun Times
Saturday, May 10 • 9 am - 2 pm • Winter Garden Farmers Market

Celebrate the many of the delicious crops currently in season. There will be tastings for 10 -14 different salsas featuring fresh peppers, tomatoes and many other fresh produce items available from Florida.

MOONLIGHT MOVIE:
Despicable Me 2 (Rated PG)
99 Minutes

Presented by Florida Hospital and the City of Winter Garden.

Saturday, May 3 • Sunset, Pre-show starts at approximately 7:30 pm Downtown Pavilion

Family friendly fun for all! Bring a chair and a blanket. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

THE 7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Benefiting the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation

Monday, May 12 • 1 pm Tee off West Orange Country Club, 3300 West Orange Country Club Road

Come and enjoy a great day of golf while supporting the programs of WGHF. The event includes a 4-person Scramble, light lunch, beverage cart and full dinner.

Awards will be given in men’s and ladies’ divisions, as well as a 60+ men’s senior division. In addition, prizes will be awarded for hole-in-one, closest to pin, longest drive and longest putt contests. This year’s tournament will also feature the popular Helicopter Golf Ball Drop! $5 buys one numbered ball; $20 buys you five. The numbered ball dropped closest to the designated hole wins $1000!

wghfgolf.com • 407.656.3244

UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE FOR CITY OF WINTER GARDEN LOW INCOME SENIORS

New applications or renewals are now being accepted. Those eligible will receive up to a $35 reduction in their city utility bill starting in May 2014. You must have been a City resident continuously for 5-years prior to submitting an application.

Applications are available at the City Hall Reception Desk. You must be 65 years of age, or 62 years of age and receiving Social Security. Your monthly income may not exceed $1,236.43 (Single) or $1,728.57 (Married). Copies of your 2013 Federal Income Tax Return OR your 2014 Social Security Benefit Statement and ALL other sources of income MUST BE PROVIDED.

Deadline for submitting your application AND proof of your income: Thursday, May 1, 2014. 407.656.4111 ext. 2297

RELAY FOR LIFE OF WINTER GARDEN

Benefitting American Cancer Society
Friday, April 25 • 6 pm - Saturday, April 26 • Noon

5 pm - Cancer Survivor Recognition Check in on Friday
The Cancer Survivor Recognition will begin at 6 pm during the Opening Ceremony. We ask each Cancer Survivor to pre-register by going to the event website, www.RelayForLife.org/WinterGardenFL. Relay registration will begin at 5 pm at City Hall. Cancer Survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer) are invited to walk the first lap of the Relay. Caregivers will join their Survivors halfway through their lap to symbolize the journey they have been on together. There will be a reception following the Opening Ceremonies for the Cancer Survivors and one of their Caregivers.

6 pm - Opening Ceremony on Friday
A time to honor the community for their commitment to the American Cancer Society & Relay For Life. This ceremony kicks off the 18-hour overnight event with inspiring speakers. Entertainment and musical acts follow while Relay participants begin their walking after the Survivor and Caregivers lap.

9 pm - Luminaria Ceremony on Friday
The Luminaria Ceremony recognizes those touched by cancer. Individuals or companies can make contributions in memory of those who have lost their fight with cancer and in honor of those who have survived. Each will be recognized by a lighted Luminaria displayed at the Relay. You can pre-order your Luminaria by visiting the event website or directly at the Relay.

11:30 am - Closing Ceremony on Saturday
The Closing Ceremony provides a time to reflect on the last 18-hours as we recognize and honor the teams for all their hard work. It is also a time where we commit to Fight Back against Cancer next year!

www.RelayForLife.org/WinterGardenFL • 407.581.2520