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DECEMBER 2019



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. The 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 | Plant Street | Free

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 | S. Dillard Street & Plant Street | Free

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.

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

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS AND CITY CLOSURES

There will be no trash, recycling, yard waste or bulk collection on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 or New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1.

However, if your recycling pick-up day falls on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, set out your recycling container on Saturday, December 28 and Saturday, January 4, respectively. The Wednesday recycling routes will be serviced on those dates.

If you have questions, please call 407.656.4111 Ext. 2256.

City Government offices will be closed on Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1.

WIZARDING WEEK IN WINTER GARDEN

Join the Winter Garden Library for a week of magic and wizardry as they bring Hogwarts crafts and classes to you. Discover and learn in the magical world of Harry Potter!

Here are just a few of the highlights.

- Tuesday, December 3: Little Hogwarts
- Wednesday, December 4: First Year Potion Class
- Thursday, December 5: DIY Magic Wand Pencils
- Friday, December 6: Wizarding Crafts

Winter Garden Branch Library, 805 E. Plant Street

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue's annual "SANTA RUN" brings Santa and his sleigh through city neighborhoods! This moving parade takes place at night as Santa, along with his firefighter, police and City helpers spread holiday music, treats and good cheer along the way. Santa will be in the following areas on the following dates between 5:45 – 9:00 pm:

- Monday, December 9: Northwest Winter Garden
- Tuesday, December 10: Northeast Winter Garden
- Wednesday, December 11: South Winter Garden CR 545 Corridor (West Side)
- Thursday, December 12: South Winter Garden CR 545 Corridor (East Side)
- Friday, December 13: South Winter Garden CR 535 / Daniels Road Corridor
- Saturday, December 14: South Winter Garden Beulah / Windermere Road Corridor

If the weather interrupts one of Santa's visits, an alternate date is scheduled for December 16. For more information, please visit our website at www.cwgdn.com.

A Very Merry Farmers Market

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



The holiday spirit can be found throughout the festive-adorned Farmers Market held on Saturdays, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Enjoy the seasonal produce and goods provided by local farms, snag distinct handmade gifts, and pick-up delectable prepared foods for your holiday parties. In addition, a line-up of holiday activities will delight all ages:

HOLIDAY WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

Hosted by Driftwood Market, learn the art of wreath making using a variety of 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

YOGA CLASS

Take a deep breath from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, and take a complimentary yoga class. Come dressed for exercise and bring a mat to the lawn adjacent to the Pavilion.

December 7, 21 | 9:30 – 10:15 am and 10:30 – 11:15 am

FOOD DEMONSTRATION

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

December 14 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm

FOODIE PODCAST

Watch a live, seasonal-related original podcast be recorded center stage.

December 28 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Youth Soccer: Spring League

Cheer on your child while they have a great time with friends! This recreational program emphasizes an environment that is fun for all ages. We focus on each child through positive coaching, teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development and more! Fee includes an 8-week season, an end of season award and a team jersey. City resident registration opens December 2 – January 10; Nonresident registration opens December 16 – January 10. Registration may close early due to limited availability in each age division.

Practices begin the week of January 27

Games begin February 15

3 – 12 years old (age as of September 1, 2019)

\$90 City Resident; \$110 Nonresident

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

WE WANT YOU!
Coaches pay only
\$10 for one child's
registration.
Paid officials are
also needed.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Real Christmas trees get recycled by being ground into mulch. Ensure that your tree gets a second chance by doing the following:

- Place Christmas trees at curb on your yard waste collection day.
- Remove all lights, ornaments, decorations and stands before placing out.
- Once it's on the curb, separate the tree from other trash, boxes and bags.

Artificial trees are not collected with yard waste and should be placed out for bulk collection. 407.656.4111 Ext. 5193

2019 'Tis the SEASON

Downtown Winter Garden transforms into a winter wonderland with all the holiday trimmings for family fun! From spectacular light shows, horse drawn carriage tours, to live music, Dickens carolers, Santa hayrides, holiday theatre shows, very merry farmers markets, photo vignette stations, as well as unique stores to find that one-of-a-kind gift and a variety of restaurants to enjoy. Downtown Winter Garden is a one-stop holiday central!

A MERRY WINTER GARDEN LIGHT SHOW

Spectacular animated light show projected onto the front façade of Winter Garden City Hall.

December 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21

6:00 – 9:00 pm

HOLIDAY CARRIAGE TOURS

Horse-drawn carriage tours through festive downtown Winter Garden.

December 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 | 5:30 – 9:30 pm

Fee and reservations required,

www.cwgd.com

OLD-FASHIONED HAYRIDE WITH SANTA

Join Santa on an old-fashioned hayride

December 14 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Free, but space is limited and reservations required, 407.656.4111

HOLIDAY GOLF CART PARADE

Golf carts adorned with impressive holiday decorations will parade through downtown Winter Garden to amaze viewers.

Details at www.facebook.com/wgchristmasgolfcartparade.

December 15 | 5:45 pm

DICKENS CAROLERS HOLIDAY SHOW

Quartet of traditional Dickens-era carolers performing repertoire of holiday favorites.

December 21 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Centennial Plaza

A VERY MERRY FARMERS MARKET

Visit Santa (Dec. 14 & 21) and shop for seasonal food and gifts and enjoy live holiday music.

December 7, 14, 21 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Downtown Pavilion

HOLIDAY MUSIC AT FRIDAYS ON THE PLAZA

Line up of talented musicians performing favorite holiday tunes.

December 13, 20, 27 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Centennial Plaza



RECREATIONAL USE OF FIREWORKS

Recreational use of fireworks is in violation of Florida Statutes (791.06, 775.082 and 775.083) and City Code of Ordinances (section 50-62).

The City of Winter Garden may not be able to strictly enforce this law on December 31 due to heavy demand. These laws will be strictly enforced leading up to December 31 and following December 31.

The following applies on December 31: The City provides outstanding law enforcement, fire rescue services through the year. However, on December 31, when readiness to respond and heavy demand make it difficult to provide for comprehensive and prompt enforcement of the law against illegal fireworks, enforcement may be intermittent.

FIRE AND SAFETY ZONE INFORMATION FROM WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE

- Inspect electrical decorations before use and never overload outlets
- Keep holiday trees hydrated and water daily
- Use battery-operated candles

For safety information or smoke alarms, call 407.877.5175



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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 chorus of ghosts weave through this uplifting holiday story of redemption, magic, and hope as the greedy Scrooge learns the error of his ways.

November 22 – December 22

\$35 – \$37

Discounts available for youth, seniors, groups, and military

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.

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*? Dress up for the costume contest and get ready to play trivia!

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

WORKSHOPS

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

Abstract Painting with Cold Wax

With Regine Dossche

Create two abstract paintings using cold wax media and creative techniques.

December 6 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

\$150 Member; \$165 Nonmember

Basic Portraits

With Delores Williams-Browne

Learn the basics of drawing portraits.

December 7 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$50 Member; \$60 Nonmember

Butterflies

With Mindy Lighthipe

Working from actual specimens, learn to draw and color butterflies.

December 13 & 14 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

\$210 Member; \$225 Nonmember

Build a Gingerbread House

With Lenore Eastham

Families get together to create a gingerbread house.

December 14 | 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

\$25 for two people and \$3 for each additional person

Programs for Alzheimer's and Dementia:

Paint-A-Memory

With Gaby West

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 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



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.

December 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020 | Winter Garden's Public Art Gallery at City Hall