



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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MARCH 2020



## March at the Market

There will be an abundance of local fresh produce at the market in March. You will find a variety of citrus, many different types of lettuce, bell peppers, cucumbers, spinach, cabbage, broccoli, eggplant, squash, papaya, strawberries, guava, potatoes, corn, cauliflower, celery, mushrooms, snap beans and tomatoes.

March is the last cool month of the year here in Winter Garden. So come out and celebrate the beautiful weather, local food and community every Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, rain or shine.

Here is a list of some of the wonderful local farms participating at the market:

- Bekemeyer Family Farm
- Bountiful Farms
- Frog Song Organics
- Barefoot Farmer
- Lake Meadow Naturals
- Sandhill Farm
- Whispering Leaves Farm
- Gardners Fresh Produce
- Goats and Whatnot Farm
- Kalera
- Le Koope
- Magic Greens
- Nearby Naturals
- Pure Produce
- Thorpes Organic Family Farm

*Please be sure to support them!*



*Presented by the Rotary Club of Winter Garden*

The Rotary Club of Winter Garden is excited to announce its 17th Annual Evening at the Pops' Event! This community-based, family friendly event has become a fun-filled tradition in West Orange County for the past 17 years. Come sit under the stars and hear the talented UCF Symphony perform. Bring your picnic blanket and basket as you lounge in your lawn chairs.

Saturday, March 28  
Newton Park, 31 W. Garden Avenue

## Free Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Waste Collection Event

This event allows Winter Garden residents to dispose of HHW and E-Waste safely and at no charge.

**What to Bring:** Household Products: Cleaners, solvents, cooking oil, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, mercury-containing lamps and devices and rechargeable batteries

**Outdoor Products:** Pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides

**Automotive Products:** Used motor oil, used oil filters, automotive batteries, antifreeze and other automotive fluids

**Paint Products:** Latex and oil-based paints, thinners, strippers, varnish and stains

**E-Waste:** Computers, monitors, radios and stereos, printers, fax machines, VCRs and televisions (no rear-projection TVs)

**Do Not Bring:** Household electrical items, radioactive materials, ammunition, explosives and fireworks, smoke detectors, medicines, biomedical waste and rear-projection televisions

Saturday, March 21 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Orange County Ocoee Services Center, 475 Story Road

# 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

## AQUATICS

\* Registration for Swim lessons and other aquatic programming begins April 8

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Arts and crafts, activities, sports and much more! Spend this year's spring break with your friends, counselors and the Winter Garden Parks and Recreation staff. 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.

March 13, 16 – 20 | 7:00 am – 6:00 pm  
 Holiday camp is open to children kindergarten through 8th grade  
 \$21 City Resident; \$26 Nonresident per day

## SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Summer Day Camp 2020 is upon us! Registration will be available online as well as in office. To avoid any registration issues, please contact the center to verify your camper's information by March 31. Payment for the first two weeks will be due by the end of registration on May 1. Payments not made by May 3 will result in cancellation of weeks registered. Camp is offered from June 1 – July 31. Space is extremely limited.

City residents register April 8 – May 1.  
 Nonresidents register April 15 – May 1.  
 (First two weeks payment due by May 1)

Camp is open to children entering 1st through 8th grade

	City Resident	Nonresident
1st Camper	\$105 per week	\$135 per week
2nd Camper	\$85 per week	\$115 per week
3rd + Campers	\$65 per week	\$95 per week

(Please note there is a \$1.50 transaction fee online per transaction)

Limited scholarships are available through the Winter Garden Parks & Recreation Department. Scholarships are based on the Income Eligibility Guidelines. Applications for scholarship will be available beginning Monday, February 17, 2020 and must be returned by March 20, 2020. Scholarships will be awarded on March 31, 2020. To obtain an application please contact the Recreation Office or email [recinfo@wintergarden-fl.gov](mailto:recinfo@wintergarden-fl.gov).

## 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

# Batter.... Batter... Swing for PAL

Winter Garden Police Athletic League is hosting a "One-Pitch" Coed Softball Tournament. Register a team and come out to play in this one-pitch tournament! Registration ends on Wednesday, March 6. 407.656.3636 ext. 5416

Saturday, March 23  
 Entry Fee: \$300  
 Register Online: [wgpal.org](http://wgpal.org) or fill out the registration form and mail payment.  
 Braddock Park:  
 13460 Lake Butler Blvd.  
 Winter Garden, FL. 34787



## WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE – FIRE AND SAFETY ZONE

KEEP THE POISON CONTROL HOTLINE NUMBER 1.800.222.1222 AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES.



National Poison Prevention Week is March 15 – 21. Every year, America's 55 poison centers receive millions of calls, the majority of which are about people coming into contact with dangerous or potentially dangerous substances. National Poison Prevention Week is an opportunity to learn about the dangers of poisonings for people of all ages and for community involvement in poisoning prevention.

### Remember:

- Know at least two ways out of every room and make sure all windows and doors open easily.
- Smoke alarms save lives (photoelectric alarms are recommended). 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 is a free nine-week course meeting every Wednesday evening at the Winter Garden Police Department training room. The 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 23, 2020. Seats fill up fast so turn in your application quickly! For questions, contact Officer Michaud or Officer Rivera at 407.656.3636 ext. 4405 or 4456.

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



## Don't Flush those Flushable Wipes

Cleansing wipes and baby wipes should never be flushed down the toilet. They do not break down and disperse like toilet paper and they clog the sewer system. Really, they do. It's a nasty mess!

Wipes can also clog the plumbing in your home. They should go in the garbage. If you have really soiled wipes, treat them like a dirty diaper and wrap them in a plastic bag before throwing in the trash. This is a perfect opportunity to reuse those plastic bags you get from the stores. Keep some in your bathroom.

**Just because wipes are labeled flushable, doesn't mean they should be.**

Questions? 407.656.4111 ext. 5193



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## Winter Garden Art Association

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

### EXHIBITION

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

This exhibition runs from February 4 – March 28. Collection of Watercolors from CFWS & a curated group of 3-dimensional artworks.

### WORKSHOPS

Please visit the website for more details: [wgart.org/workshops/](http://wgart.org/workshops/)

#### The Basics of Watercolor

With Susan Donohoe  
March 6 – 7 | 10:30 am – 4:30 pm  
\$165 Member; \$185 Nonmember

#### Chasing the Light

With Sharon Repple  
March 14 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
\$80 Member; \$95 Nonmember

#### KIDS CAMP – Three-day Spring Art Camp

With Lenore Eastham  
March 17 – 19  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
\$35 per day, \$95 for three days

#### Lecture: Modern Art Madness, v2.2

With Adrienne Lee  
March 21 | 12:00 – 1:30 pm  
\$10 Member; \$15 Nonmember

#### Kids Workshop: Cartooning and Anime for Youth

With Mike Goodge  
March 28 | 10:00 – 11:30 am  
\$25 Member; \$30 Nonmember

#### PROGRAMS FOR ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA:

##### Paint-A-Memory

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



## Garden Theatre

[gardentheatre.org](http://gardentheatre.org) | 407.877.4736

### Theatre

#### 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)

### Movies

#### Monty Python and the Holy Grail Sing-Along

Nil! Dress up as your favorite character and act along as King Arthur and his motley crew struggle to find the Holy Grail in this British cult classic film.

March 29 | 7:30 pm | \$15

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

## Winter Garden Heritage Foundation

### Dr. Henry Nehrling and His Gotha Legacy

Sponsored by LaPorte Financial LLC



On property he purchased in the German colony of Gotha, Florida in 1885, Wisconsin-born Henry Nehrling established Palm Cottage Gardens and began to experiment with both native and introduced plants. He went on to hybridize thousands of plant varieties that significantly helped Florida's foliage industry to flourish. Nehrling's estate, considered one of Florida's first botanical gardens, was rooted in horticultural and environmental traditions that led to the official re-opening of Nehrling Gardens in 2011.

Exhibit runs through March 31 | Winter Garden Heritage Museum, 1 N. Main Street