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## Shop Small and Save Local November 28

Kick-off the holiday preparations in November as we celebrate Shop Small Month!

Shopping at local businesses is more appreciated this holiday season than ever before. The 2,000+ independently-owned businesses in Winter Garden are counting on this shopping season to overcome the challenges caused by the pandemic.

One-stop shopping for all your holiday needs can be found at the unique shops that are the heart of Downtown Winter Garden's small-town charm. Mark your calendar for the nationally observed **Small Business Saturday on November 28**.

Visit Downtown Winter Garden for great savings and special promotions. Stroll the brick-lined street shopping and enjoy the fresh air with plenty of outdoor dining and seating to enjoy the winter wonderland decorations (perfect backdrop for family photos).

When shopping local, more than half of every dollar spent in Winter Garden stays in Winter Garden, making our community stronger.



## CITY COMMISSION 2021 ELECTION Tuesday, March 9, 2021

The 2021 City election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The qualifying period for this City election begins 12:00 pm Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and ends 12:00 pm Tuesday, January 26, 2021. The seats to elect include Districts 2, 3 and 4; term of office is three (3) years and is nonpartisan.

Those interested in running for a municipal office may contact the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street. For additional information or to set an appointment, please contact the City Clerk at 407.656.4111 Ext. 2297 or CityClerk@cwgd.com.

For information regarding voter registration, early voting or vote-by-mail (absentee) voting, please contact the Orange County Supervisor of Elections at 407.836.2070.

## Thanksgiving Holiday

On Thursday, November 26, there will be no trash, recycling or yard waste collection services. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

On Friday, November 27, there will be normal collection services.

City Government offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.



# Fall into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Martial Arts, Tennis, Softball, Active 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. Class size is limited, pre-registration is required.

## 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 and older

\$9 City Resident; \$10 Nonresident per class

## Zumba

Move your hips and exercise in disguise! An exciting, dance-fitness class that features exotic rhythms set to high energy international beats!

Mondays and Wednesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am

\$5 City Resident; \$6 Nonresident per class

## Zumba Gold

For active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower-intensity. Zumba Gold introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination.

Mondays and Thursdays | 11:30 am – 12:15 pm

\$3 City Resident; \$4 Nonresident per class

## Youth Tennis Lessons

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

Beginning November 9 | Six-week session

5 years and older | Varies – check [www.cwgd.com](http://www.cwgd.com) for details

Chapin Station Neighborhood Park, 501 W. Crown Point

Cross Road

## Free Shredding Event for Winter Garden Residents

The City of Winter Garden will host a free document shredding event for its residents to commemorate America Recycles Day. Crown Information Management will provide safe and secure document shredding. You can watch your documents get shredded, plus all shredded material will be recycled!

Saturday, November 14 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm | 848 E. Plant Street (across from the library) | Please bring proof of residency with you.

### Shred Event Guidelines

YES, these items are allowed	No, these items are NOT allowed
Paper Clips	No Binder Clips
Rubber Bands	No Batteries
Chart Fasteners	No 3-Ring Binders
Spiral Notebooks	No Medication
Staples	No Plastics
Credit Cards	No Sharps or Needles
Paper	No Bio-waste
Envelopes with Fasteners	No Large Metal Objects

### What To Do With Those Packing Peanuts?

Packing peanuts help protect fragile items from damage during shipment, but what should be done with them after the package is opened? Made of expanded polystyrene (EPS), they're often confused with Styrofoam. Foam plastic has a very limited recycling market and should not be placed inside your recycling cart. You should reuse packing peanuts or donate them. Check with local shipping stores to see if they will accept them for reuse. If you have to throw them away, put them in a bag to contain them before placing in your trash container, otherwise all those packing peanuts become litter. For more information, please call 407.656.4111 Ext. 5193.

## EXHIBITION

### Hand Made

Unique fine crafts and artisan works (sculpture, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, etc.). 2-D works relate to craftsmanship, or the creation of a craft, or include a 3-D aspect such as relief. This exhibition runs from November 2 – December 31.

Outdoor Opening Reception:

Thursday, November 5

7:00 – 9:00 pm | Free

## WORKSHOPS

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

### ONLINE Discussion & Study Group:

#### *The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron* With Joy Wolff

Weekly lectures discussing *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron which will include strategies on breaking through creative blocks, figuring out what we love to do, finding our true creative selves and exploring our inner child artist. This course will include weekly meetings in an online discussion group, reading and journaling. Assignments include working with collages, multi-media, and personal art journals.

12-week online course: available until November 30

\$200 Member; \$245 Nonmember

### Paint and Sip

#### With Gaby West

Enjoy a relaxed, socially distanced environment as we listen to music and paint outside the gallery at this lively, fun, creative class for anyone over 18. This class is suitable for all levels. Tuition & art supplies included. Please feel free to bring an adult beverage of your choosing and some snacks to enjoy as you paint.

November 12

\$40 Member; \$45 Nonmember

### Sunset Plein Air Class

#### With Noreen Coup

Join Artist Noreen Coup to paint *plein air* near Lake Apopka (two miles from Downtown Historic Winter Garden) with its enchanted cypress trees and views. You will mix colors together, sketch the horizon line and landscape to capture the sunset with all of the glorious colors.

TBD | \$105 Member; \$120 Nonmember

## ON-GOING EVENTS

### Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model available to draw every Wednesday night. No preregistration, no commitment, no instruction, just drop in.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only

\$10 Member; \$15 Nonmember

## PROGRAMS FOR ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

Due to current restrictions for those at risk, please check the website for more information.

### Paint-A-Memory

Register in advance: 407.347.7996

### Musical Minds

#### With Central Florida Community Arts

Register in advance: 407.937.1800 ext. 719

## Fourth Annual FOLA 40 Bike Ride — Still on!

Due to the coronavirus, the event will be virtual to protect the cyclists and volunteers. This year, there is not a formal start, no t-shirts, and no organized party.

Come ride one of these great local trails on Sunday, November 8, 2020:

- West Orange Trail
- South Lake Trail/Hancock Road Trail
- Lake Apopka Loop Trail on the North Shore Restoration Area (gravel)

Sunday, November 8

Register: <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/30718/foia-40>

The FOLA 40 is the primary annual fundraising event for Friends of Lake Apopka (FOLA). Please consider a tax-deductible donation of \$25 so FOLA can continue to advocate for the continued restoration of Lake Apopka; raise awareness about our amazing trail systems around the lake; and continue advocating to "Connect the Trails" into a safe 40-mile loop around our lake.

As always, because the ride falls on Veterans Day weekend, FOLA will support a local Veterans organization with a portion of your registration fee to thank our veterans for their service to our country.



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## Garden Theatre

gardentheatre.org | 407.877.4736

### THEATRE SERIES

#### **Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical**

Book by Dennis Kelly; Music & Lyrics by Tim Minchin

Presented by AdventHealth

Roald Dahl's beloved story of an extraordinary young girl comes to life in *Matilda the Musical*. Unloved by her parents, tormented by Headmistress Trunchbull, and armed with a vivid imagination, five-year-old Matilda finds solace in stacks of library books. With the help of her caring teacher, Miss Honey, Matilda's magic appears as she dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

November 19 – December 20

Matinee and evening performances

Best seats at \$40. Discounts for youth, seniors, groups, and military members.

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

### EDUCATION

#### **Monday Night Teen Workshops**

In Garden Theatre's newest program, teens will work with professional artists through a series of workshops designed for the budding performer. Starting with the audition process, monologue work, musical theatre voice and dance, students will learn the fundamental techniques for bringing heartfelt work onto the stage.

Mondays | October 19 – December 21 | 5:00 pm

\$37 per class or \$300 for all 10 classes

#### **Friday Night Improv (Adults)**

This class introduces students to the fundamentals of improvisation. Through exercises and games, students will learn the basic skills of improv and have fun developing their spontaneity, playfulness, imagination, and confidence. Improv is an essential skill for any actor, and it's a useful one for life, as well. No experience necessary.

Fridays | November 6 – 20 | 7:00 pm

Tuition: \$125

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

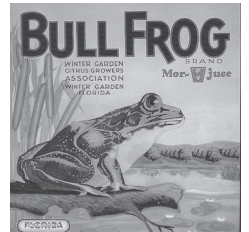
### COVID-19 UPDATE

To best protect the health of guests, volunteers, performers, and staff, Garden Theatre will implement several safety precautions including but not limited to: physically-distanced seating, online playbills, paperless tickets, wearing face coverings inside the theatre, temperature checks, and no concessions.

[gardentheatre.org/plan-your-trip/](http://gardentheatre.org/plan-your-trip/)

## Did you know?

In the mid-20th century, Winter Garden was the busiest citrus and vegetable shipping center on the planet.



Courtesy of the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation

## WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE FIRE AND SAFETY ZONE

### HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



- Use caution when deep-frying a turkey. Do not deep-fry indoors.
- Keep children and pets away from hot surfaces.
- Don't forget to turn off the oven and burners when you're finished cooking.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Use battery-operated candles whenever possible.

### Things to remember:

Wash your hands with soap and water regularly to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Get a flu shot and keep vaccinations current. Contact your doctor by phone, virtual visit using an online portal, or a smartphone app before going to the office or a clinic. 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 the smoke alarm program or for fire safety information, call 407.877.5175.