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DECEMBER 2020

Tis the Season in Winter Garden*

Our charming downtown, lined with unique shops, restaurants and outdoor dining patios, is transformed into a winter wonderland. Downtown Winter Garden is aglow with festive light displays and decorations as well as a host of outdoor seasonal activities that will capture the magic of the season for all ages. This is a perfect opportunity for creating holiday memories!

* Please visit www.cwgd.com and click on "Special Events" for up-to-date information.



Holiday Boutique Stroll & Sale

The unique shops in Downtown Winter Garden will spill out into the sidewalks to provide outdoor shopping (and savings) while strolling in a decorated winter wonderland with holiday music filling the air. Expanded outdoor patio areas are perfect for enjoying seasonal food and beverages and the festive surroundings.

Thursday, December 10 | Downtown Winter Garden

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!

Judging takes place: Tuesday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 16 | Starting at 5:30 pm

To enter, please visit www.cwgd.com and click on Special Events.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Winter Garden Fire Rescue's annual "SANTA RUN" brings Santa and his sleigh through city neighborhoods! This moving parade takes place between 5:45 – 9:00 pm each night as Santa, along with his firefighter, police and city helpers spread holiday music, treats and good cheer along the way. Watch the City's website for maps of Santa's nightly route.

Santa will be in the following areas on the following dates:

- Monday, December 14 | Northwest Winter Garden
- Tuesday, December 15 | Northeast Winter Garden
- Wednesday, December 16 | South Winter Garden: West CR 545 Corridor
- Thursday, December 17 | South Winter Garden: East CR 545 Corridor
- Friday, December 18 | South Winter Garden: CR 535 and Daniel's Road Corridor
- Saturday, December 19 | South Winter Garden: Beulah and Windermere Road Corridor

An alternate date is scheduled for December 21 if weather interrupts one of Santa's visits. For more information, please visit www.cwgd.com.



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.cwgdn.com or call 407.656.4155.

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 eight-week season, an end of season award and a team jersey.

We want you! Coaches pay only \$10 for one child's registration. Paid officials are also needed.

City resident registration opens November 30 – December 31;
Nonresident registration opens December 14 – December 31.

Registration may close early due to limited availability in each age division.

Practices begin the week of January 25; games begin February 13.

3 – 12 years old (age as of September 1, 2020)

\$90 City Resident; \$110 Nonresident

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

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

6 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

RECYCLING TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Do Recycle:

- Boxes (gift, shoe and shipping)
- Plain wrapping paper
- Holiday cards (without embellishments)
- Real Christmas trees (remove all lights and decorations, place at curb on yard waste collection day)

Don't Recycle: (Reuse or Dispose)

- Bubble wrap
- Ribbons and bows
- Gift bags (laminated, coated or dyed)
- Foil or glitter wrapping paper
- Cellophane
- Foam packing peanuts
- Artificial Christmas trees (should be placed out for bulk collection)
- Holiday string lights
- Toys
- Electronics (call to schedule pickup)

For more information, call 407.656.4111 ext. 5193.



EXHIBITION

Hand Made

View unique fine crafts and artisan works - sculpture, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, etc. in this new exhibit. 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 24, 2020 – January 30, 2021.

Outdoor Opening Reception: Thursday, December 3 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Free

WORKSHOPS

Please visit the website for more details and updates: www.wgart.org/workshops/

Paint and Sip

Enjoy a relaxed, socially distanced environment as we listen to music and paint outside the gallery at this lively, fun, and

creative class for anyone over 18. Winter Garden Art Association Members receive discounts. This class is suitable for all levels. Art supplies included. Please feel free to bring an adult beverage of your choosing and some snacks to enjoy as you paint.

Thursday, December 10
\$35 Member; \$40 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.

Join the waitlist at wgart.org/waiting-list

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

Love Local

The City of Winter Garden has launched Love Local, a campaign that includes a number of activities and programs through the end of 2020. Love Local features monthly sidewalk sales, a partnership with HOWND revenue-generation platform and other pop-up events.



The intent of the Love Local campaign is to build awareness on the importance of shopping local and supporting the business community to help small businesses recover from financial losses due to the pandemic. Loving local bolsters the local economy since for every \$100 spent at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community, whereas, only \$43 remains in the community when shopping at a national chain, according to the Independent We Stand organization.

The City of Winter Garden is partnering with community organizations such as the Orange Observer Group, the West Orange Chamber of Commerce and the Winter Garden Village at Fowler Groves to assist the local business community.

Holiday Closures

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

No trash, recycling, yard waste or bulk collection. City Government Offices closed. Make-up pickup day for recycling only: Saturday, December 26

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

No trash, recycling, yard waste or bulk collection. City Government Offices closed. Make-up pickup day for recycling only: Saturday, January 2

If you have questions, please call 407.656.2256.



Downtown has a new website!

Please visit <https://downtownwg.com/> to learn more.



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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, 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

MOVIES

It's A Wonderful Life (1946, PG)

Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings! In this Christmas classic, George Bailey discovers a costly mistake that closes the family business. His guardian angel arrives just in time to show him what the town would have been like if George had never been born.

December 6 | 6:30 pm | \$15

Join in to watch your favorite classics on the big screen!

The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992, G)

Bah humbug! This Dickens classic comes to life on the big screen as Kermit, Gonzo, Fozzie, and the rest of the Muppets attempt to change the fate of grumpy Ebenezer Scrooge.

December 13 | 7:30 pm | \$15

Interactive movies feature pre-show games, trivia, and costume contests hosted by live actors.

gardentheatre.org/movies

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/

Did you know?

The avenue of oak trees arching across State Road 438 / Oakland Avenue were planted by the Sadler family almost a century ago; hence their nickname, the Sadler Oaks.

Courtesy of the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation

WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE FIRE AND SAFETY ZONE

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



- Always unplug decorative lights when leaving home or going to bed.
- Keep your holiday tree stand full of water. A fresh green tree poses less of a fire hazard than a dry tree.
- Before use, inspect all electrical lights, decorations and extension cords for damage.
- Never string multiple extension cords together or run them under rugs.

Things to remember:

Wash hands with soap and water regularly to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Get a flu shot and keep vaccinations current. Know at least two ways out of every room. Close bedroom doors before going to sleep. Smoke alarms save lives (photoelectric alarms are recommended). To learn about the smoke alarm program or for fire safety information, call 407.877.5175.

REMINDER: FIREWORKS

Recreational use of fireworks is legal for only Independence Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day, per Florida Statute 791.08.