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## Learn About Vaccine-related Scams

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is sharing these tips to avoid vaccine-related scams.

### Don't pay to sign up for the vaccine

Anyone who asks for a payment to put you on a list, make an appointment for you, or reserve a spot in line is a scammer.

### Ignore sales ads for the COVID-19 vaccine

You can't buy it anywhere, including online pharmacies. The vaccine is only available to federal and state approved locations, such as vaccination centers and pharmacies.

### Watch for unexpected or unusual texts

Don't click on links in text messages, especially messages you didn't expect. If your health care provider or pharmacist has used text messages to contact you in the past, you might get a text from them about the vaccine. If you get a text, call your health care provider or pharmacist directly to make sure they sent the text. Scammers are texting, too.

### Don't open emails, attachments, or links

Don't open them from people you don't know, or that come unexpectedly. You could download dangerous malware onto your computer or phone.

### Don't share your personal, financial, or health information

If you don't know them, don't share your information with them. No one from a vaccine distribution site – health care provider's office, pharmacy, health insurance company, or Medicare – will call, text or email you asking for your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number to sign you up for the vaccine.

In short, you can't pay to skip the line, reserve your spot, or join a clinical trial. Be wary of any inbound calls or texts that ask for your Social Security number, financial details, or insurance information to reserve your spot.

Report COVID-19 vaccine scams online at [www.reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov).

## HOLIDAY CLOSURE

### Memorial Day, Monday, May 31

No trash, recycling, yard waste or bulk collection on Monday, May 31. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection days. City government offices are closed. If you have questions, please call 407.656.2256.

## Memorial Day Service

This year's Memorial Day Service will feature a Roll Call of Veterans, placement of wreaths and patriotic songs as we invoke pride, honor and respect for our veterans.

The speaker is Scott Gration, Major General, USAF (Ret). Author of *Flight Path: Son of Africa to Warrior-Diplomat*, Scott grew up in Africa; he is the son of American missionaries. He became a decorated USAF fighter pilot with 274 combat sorties over Iraq. His leadership skills put him in a position to help lead the hunt for Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan and become the President's Special Envoy to Sudan and US Ambassador to Kenya.

Monday, May 31 | 8:30 am

Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

## RED, WHITE & BLUE AMERICANA

From Memorial Day through Independence Day, downtown Winter Garden will be decked out in patriotic colors and decorations accentuating its small town charm. It is an ideal holiday setting for patronizing the local shops and restaurants, enjoying the outdoor patios, and capturing great photos with family and friends!

## MAY IS OUTDOOR DINING MONTH

The month of May is officially proclaimed "Outdoor Dining Month" in Winter Garden! Enjoy spring weather and a side of sunshine with your meals at restaurants' outdoor dining patios throughout the City, including the umbrella-lined outdoor seating areas throughout downtown or, grab a to-go meal from your favorite local restaurant for an outdoor picnic. Share your outdoor dining photos at [#downtownwintergarden](https://www.instagram.com/downtownwintergarden).

# Spring into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Find dates, details and prices at [www.cwgd.com](http://www.cwgd.com) or call 407.656.4155

## AQUA ZUMBA

Activate your urge for variety! Aqua Zumba offers fun, shallow-water movement to improve agility and flexibility while addressing cardiovascular strength and endurance conditioning. This 60-minute class combines some of the traditional elements of aqua fitness with upbeat, Latin-infused dance moves. You don't want to miss this pool party!

Mondays, May 10 – August 2 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

16 years and older

\$3 per visit

Due to limited space, advanced registration is recommended online at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>

## AQUA FITNESS

A stress-free exercise, that works the cardiovascular system, respiratory system and major muscle groups in one workout. Water surrounds the body resisting every move, and muscle workouts are balanced at your own level. Aqua fitness provides a great workout while putting minimal stress on the body.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 11 – August 5 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Saturdays, May 8 – August 7 | 8:00 – 9:00 am

16 years and older

\$3 per visit

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## LAP SWIMMING

The outdoor lap swim program gives adults the chance to take to the water for health and fitness without interruption from other swimmers. Participants who swim 25 miles or more over the summer will receive a free Aqua Exercise Flex Pass for the following summer.

Mondays – Thursdays, May 10 – August 5 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Mondays – Thursdays, June 7 – July 29 | 8:00 – 9:00 am

Saturdays, May 8 – August 7 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

16 years and older | \$3 per visit

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## 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

## 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 and older

\$15 per class

## Drinking Water Week: May 2 – 8

Drinking Water Week, sponsored by the American Water Works Association, is observed in May to recognize the importance of water in our daily lives. Drinking water is the water that comes out of the tap or bottled water, and it's often taken for granted.

According to the CDC, the United States has the safest drinking water supplies in the world. The City of Winter Garden routinely monitors for contaminants in the drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, making sure it is safe. The sources of drinking water, for both tap and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. These sources must be protected to ensure there is water for the future.

During Drinking Water Week, take the time to appreciate the water you use when you are handwashing, bathing, brushing your teeth, cooking, washing clothes, and drinking. Cheers! Questions? 407.877.5193

## Register your Golf Cart or Bicycle!

Bring your golf cart or bicycle to the Winter Garden Police Department (back parking lot) to get registered! It is important to have this information on file in case your golf cart or bicycle is ever stolen. Your golf cart or bicycle must be with you in order for the information to be verified. 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

Monday, May 3 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm

## CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

### The World Outside

2D & 3D Works related to getting outside again in life, thinking outside the box, or other fun interpretations of the “outside” theme. The exhibition runs from March 30 – May 29.

Opening Reception: April 1 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm

### Top Choice Exhibition

SOBO's Annual Awards Exhibition. Open to all types of artistic entries, submit your best 2D & 3D works. Awards: Best of Show, People's Choice, Curator's Choice, and Multiple Medium Category Winners.

Opening Reception: June 3 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm

## WORKSHOPS

### Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model available to draw every Wednesday night.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only

Register online at [wgart.org](http://wgart.org)

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

## CALL TO ARTISTS

Interested artists can submit online between the first and the eighth of the month prior to the exhibition. Please visit the website for monthly updates: [wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists](http://wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists)

## ART SUMMER CAMPS

Art educator Lenore Eastman will be conducting art camp for children from 2 – 6 grade and 6 grade – older at SOBO Gallery. Groups will be limited to 8 students, with required masks and temperature checks. Every week includes a variety of topics and mediums to explore.

4 camp sessions from June 7 – June 28

Visit [wgart.org](http://wgart.org) to register.

## VOLUNTEER

Currently accepting applications for volunteer opportunities at SOBO for Saturdays.

Sign up at: [wgart.org/volunteer](http://wgart.org/volunteer)

## PROGRAMS FOR ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

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

## Musical Minds

With Central Florida Community Arts

Visit [cfcarts.com/musicalminds](http://cfcarts.com/musicalminds) or call 407.937.1800, Ext. 719

## WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE *FIRE AND SAFETY ZONE*

May is National Water Safety Month. Please consider these Water Safety Tips:

- Actively supervise children in and around water.
- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Wear a life jacket if you can't swim or while on a boat.
- Buddy up! Never swim alone. Always designate a swimming buddy before visiting the beach or pool.

### Things to remember:

Wash hands with soap & water often for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of germs. Get a flu shot and keep vaccinations current. Have a cough & fever? Call your doctor, use an online portal or phone app (virtual visits) before going to the doctor's office.

Find two ways out of every room in your home (#1 a door or #2 a window). Smoke alarms save lives (photoelectric alarms are recommended). To learn about the smoke alarm program or for fire safety information, call 407.877.5175.



## *Did you know?*

The Edgewater Hotel opened in 1927 to cater to bass-fishing enthusiasts. Guests could gut and clean their catch at large sinks situated on each floor. — *Courtesy of the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation*



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## THEATRE SERIES

### *Godspell*

*Conceived and Originally Directed by John-Michael Tebelak  
Music and New Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz  
Originally Produced on the New York Stage by  
Edgar Lansbury / Stuart Duncan / Joseph Beruh  
Directed by Joseph C. Walsh*

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord!* In Stephen Schwartz's (*Wicked*, *Pippin*) lively and enlightening hit musical, Jesus and his followers gather to share parables from the Book of Matthew, celebrating unity, spirituality, and community. With an eclectic rock score including the international hit "Day by Day," *Godspell* is certain to entertain and inspire all who experience its message of acceptance, hope and love.

April 22 – May 23 | Matinee and evening performances  
ASL-Interpreted Performance: Thursday, May 6 | 7:30 pm  
Sensory-Friendly performance: Saturday, May 8 | 2:00 pm  
Tickets start at \$35  
Discounts for youth, seniors, groups, and military members

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

## MOVIES

### *The Sound of Music* (1965, G)

*I simply remember my favorite things!* Sing-along with the Von Trapp Family as their new governess Maria teaches them the joy of making music with classic songs including "Do-Re-Mi," "The Lonely Goatherd," and "Edelweiss." Interactive Movies feature pre-show games, trivia, and costume contests hosted by live actors.

May 9  
7:30 pm | \$15

## EDUCATION

*Talent is blooming at the Garden!* At every age level, our students are encouraged to try something new, develop their theatre skills, and become more confident in everything they do. Classes are tailored to fit the needs of each grade or skill level, and are taught by experienced local theatre professionals.

### Tuesday Night Adult Acting

Back by popular demand! Sharpen your acting skills and work with acclaimed Garden Theatre directors through scene work and character development. Some acting experience is helpful but not required.

Tuesdays, May 4 – 25  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
18 years and older

[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/)

## THERE'S A MAP FOR THAT! *Find Your Way Home: A Cartographic Survey of West Orange County*

The Winter Garden Heritage Foundation is combing through its vast collection of original maps to work on its next exhibit. The exhibit will showcase examples of rare maps from the Foundation's archive, some of which document West Orange County as it was settled in the late 19th century.

Thursdays and Fridays, April – July | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, or by appointment  
Winter Garden Heritage Museum, 1 N. Main Street

