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## City Booming with Fourth of July Celebrations

The City will host multiple Independence Day weekend celebrations that are fun for all ages. The festivities kick off on Friday, July 2, with Red, White & Blues on the Plaza. A live band will perform blues music from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. On Saturday, July 3, from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, the Farmers Market will turn red, white, and blue for a vendor booth patriotic decorating contest. A musician will perform popular patriotic tunes while families enjoy a life-size game zone. While there, pick up watermelon and all the essentials for your holiday barbecue. On Sunday, July 4, the Annual All American Kids Parade returns. Sponsored in conjunction with the Winter Garden Masonic Lodge, patriotic-decorated bikes, scooters, and participants will parade down Plant Street starting at 10:00 am. Patriotic bicycle decorations will be given out by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation so you can proudly wave the red, white, and blue! The weekend ends with a boom at the July 4 Fireworks Display starting at 9:15 pm at Newton Park. In addition, Downtown is fully decorated and bursting with patriotic small town charm. It is the perfect backdrop for holiday photos and enjoying expansive outdoor dining and shopping.

**Red, White, & Blues on the Plaza**  
Friday, July 2 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Centennial Plaza

**Farmers Market Independence Day Celebration**  
Saturday, July 3 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Downtown Pavilion

**All American Kids Parade**  
Sunday, July 4 | Kicks-off at 10:00 am  
Downtown Winter Garden (meeting location: TBD)

**Fireworks Display**  
Sunday, July 4 | 9:15 pm  
Newton Park

Please visit [www.cwgd.com](http://www.cwgd.com) for event details and locations.



### Holiday Closure: Independence Day Observed: July 5

Regular waste and recycling collection services provided on Monday, July 5. Place all waste material at the curb by 7:00 am. City government offices are closed. If you have questions, please call 407.656.2256.

### 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.

## Do Your Part to Keep Our Waterways Clean

Stormwater runoff occurs when the rain pours over all surfaces. Stormwater from lawns or landscape is partially absorbed by the soil, with the remainder becoming runoff, flowing over impervious surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, and roads. Along the way, the runoff picks up pollutants such as litter, oil, and chemicals. Stormwater flows from streets and gutters into storm drains, pipes, and ditches, then it goes directly into our waterways. These pollutants can be harmful to frogs, fish, and other aquatic animals and plant life, and can lead to the uncontrolled growth of algae in our lakes, streams, rivers, and coastal waters.

Here's how you can help:

- Scoop the poop. Pet waste contains nitrogen and bacteria, which is harmful to waterways.
- Use a commercial carwash to wash your car or wash your car on the grass. Grass stops soap and grime from reaching the waterways.
- Drain pool water and clean filters in grassy areas. Grass will absorb and filter the chemicals and dirt.
- Pick up litter. Litter decreases property value, clogs storm drains, helps breed mosquitoes, and pollutes local waterways.
- Dispose of hazardous waste properly. Find a facility that accepts household hazardous waste. Never put it in a storm drain.

If you have questions, please call 407.877.5193.

# Summer Fun with Winter Garden 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.cwgdn.com](http://www.cwgdn.com) or call 407.656.4155

## USSSA Softball - Adult Fall League

Snag a line drive, make a diving catch, and crush a game winning homerun in our adult softball leagues. Church, Men's, and Co-ed leagues offered Monday – Thursday. Registration is open for returning teams July 5 – August 2 and for new teams July 19 – August 2. Registration may close early due to limited availability.

*\*A returning team is classified as a team that has participated in any of our softball leagues within one of the past three consecutive seasons.*

Leagues begin the week of August 16  
Games at 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, and 8:45 pm  
\$460 per team for season  
Braddock Park,  
13460 Lake Butler Boulevard  
Veterans Memorial Park,  
420 S. Park Avenue

## Kickball - Adult Fall League

Your favorite game during grade school recess just turned into your weeknight get-together. Come out and KICK IT with our Thursday night co-ed league. Registration is open July 5 – August 2. Registration may close early due to limited availability.

League begins August 19  
Games at 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, and 8:45 pm  
\$300 per team for season  
Braddock Park,  
13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

## Super Soccer Stars

Super Soccer Stars is a soccer development program for children 12 months – 3 years old. All classes teach soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, and educational environment. Through the age-specific curriculum, they use soccer to nurture, build self-confidence, and develop teamwork. The low child-to-coach ratio and positive reinforcement will ensure that each child improves at their own pace while having a blast! This program operates on a monthly basis. Each month long session includes four Saturdays. Session begins July 10.

Saturdays, beginning July 10  
four-week session each month  
18 – 24 months | 10:00 – 10:30 am  
2 – 3 years old | 10:40 – 11:20 am  
\$56 City Resident; \$64 Nonresident  
Jessie Brock Community Center,  
310 N. Dillard Street

## Youth & Adult 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.

July 12 – 28 | three-week session  
5 years and older  
Varies – check [www.cwgdn.com](http://www.cwgdn.com)  
for details  
Chapin Station Neighborhood Park,  
501 W. Crown Point Cross Road

## 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  
\$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 and older  
\$15 per class  
\$45 City Resident; \$55 Nonresident  
per four-week session



## Download Your Mobile Citizen App

Potholes, fallen street signs, damaged garbage bin, sewer back-ups, broken street lights, or damaged park equipment

*Have you ever seen any of these concerns and were unsure where or whether to report it?* In a few clicks on your mobile device, you will now have an easy and convenient way to report and route a concern for a prompt response.

The City of Winter Garden announces the launch of our New Mobile Citizen App. This app allows you to ask a question if you're planning to modify your property or submit a work request for service issues encountered at your home, in your neighborhood or throughout our community – even allowing you to snap a quick photo to submit an attachment. It is an enhanced way to engage and be involved in City affairs.

Visit [www.cwgdn.com](http://www.cwgdn.com) or download it today on the App Store or Google Play.

## EXHIBITIONS

### Top Choice Exhibition

SOBO's annual awards exhibition is open to all types of artistic entries. SOBO is looking for the best 2D & 3D works. Awards: Best of Show, People's Choice, Curator's Choice, and multiple medium category winners.

## 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 website for more details and updates:

[wgart.org/workshops](http://wgart.org/workshops)

## CALL TO ARTISTS

### Unconventional Beauty

SOBO Gallery is looking for 2D & 3D work that responds to the theme of Unconventional Beauty. 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 2nd – 6th grade and 6th 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. Four camp sessions run from June 7 through July 2. Please 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)

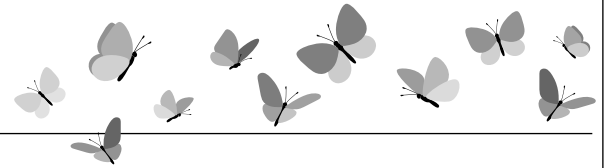
## PROGRAMS FOR ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

\*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

### Firework Safety Tips

- Only adults should handle fireworks.
- Never attempt to re-light or pick up a defective firework.
- Set fireworks up in a clear, open space.

During hurricane season, make a difference by preparing a hurricane kit and having an emergency preparedness plan in place.

Smoke alarms save lives (photoelectric alarms are recommended). To learn about the Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department's smoke alarm program or for fire safety information, call 407.877.5175.

## *Have you been to the Butterfly Garden on the West Orange Trail?*

July is National Park and Recreation Month so why not celebrate with a trip to a place filled with colorful flowers and lush greenery here in our community?

Retired Master Gardener Becki Lynch volunteered her green-thumb talents to redevelop and maintain Orange County Parks and Recreation's West Orange Trail Butterfly Garden at Tildenville School Road in Winter Garden. Stop by this beautiful location for a few peaceful moments with nature!

## A Permit Is Required Before Cutting Down a Tree

Trees produce oxygen, reduce the levels of carbon monoxide in the air, dilute pollution, and reduce noise. Trees are also important in citywide soil conservation, soil enrichment, and erosion control. Trees enhance the value of property, provide wildlife habitats, and offer welcome shade in the Florida heat.

Trees are vital and must be protected; therefore, residents must apply for a tree permit BEFORE cutting down a tree on their property. City staff will inspect the tree to determine if it meets criteria for removal. Residents must also contact their HOA before they begin to cut.

For questions regarding major limb trimming or tree removal, contact the Building Department at 407.656.4111 ext. 5136.



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## Garden Theatre

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### LIVE THEATRE

#### The Bodyguard

Book by Alexander Dinelaris

Based on the Warner Bros. film screenplay by Lawrence Kasdan

Directed by Sara Catherine Barnes

Superstar Rachel Marron refuses to believe she's in danger, but her newly hired bodyguard Frank Farmer thinks otherwise. Each one expects to be in charge, but what they don't expect is to find their home in one another. An exhilarating romantic thriller, *The Bodyguard* features a list of irresistible hits including "One Moment in Time," "I Have Nothing," "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," and one of the best-selling songs of all time: "I Will Always Love You."

July 9 – August 1 | Matinee and evening performances

Tickets start at \$35

Discounts for youth, seniors, groups, and military members

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

### EDUCATION

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

#### Forkie's Shorts

July 5 – 9 | 8:30 am – 2:00 pm | Grades 1st – 3rd

#### Broadway Bootcamp (Pre-Teen)

July 5 – 9 | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm | Grades 3rd – 6th

#### Musical Adventures in Bikini Bottom

July 12 – 16 | 8:30 am – 2:00 pm | Grades 1st – 3rd

#### This is the Way: A Space Western

July 12 – 16 | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm | Grades 3rd – 6th

#### It's a Circus!

July 19 – 23 | 8:30 am – 2:00 pm | Grades 1st – 3rd

#### Digital Play-ground

July 19 – 23 | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm | Grades 3rd – 6th

#### What Comes Next: History Rewind

July 19 – 23 | 2:00 – 6:00 pm | Grades 7th – 12th

#### Puppet Adventures

July 26 – 30 | 8:30 am – 2:00 pm | Grades 1st – 3rd

#### Classic Broadway

July 26 – 30 | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm | Grades 3rd – 6th

#### The Art of the Audition

July 26 – 30 | 2:00 – 6:00 pm | Grades 7th – 12th

Garden Theatre also offers extended day programming for parents who need more schedule flexibility. The extended day runs from 2:00 – 5:30 pm. Extended day programming is supervised and may include crafts, movies, or games.

[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 combed through its vast collection to present this exhibit. Rare maps from the Foundation's archive trace West Orange County's development from its agricultural beginnings to today's tourism and history-driven economy.

Through July 2021 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm,

or by appointment: 407.656.3244

Go to [wghf.org](http://wghf.org) for more information

Winter Garden Heritage Museum, 1 N. Main Street