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OCTOBER 2021

Living Local

WINTER GARDEN



Halloween Experience

Why celebrate Halloween on one day when the fun can last 10 days! The City's Halloween Experience, October 22 – 31, provides frightening family-friendly festivities in Downtown Winter Garden, which includes six nights of outdoor animated Halloween Light Shows on City Hall, a hay maze, holiday-themed photo locations, decorations and light displays throughout downtown, merchant themed decorations and food items; a Harvest Sidewalk Sale & Stroll, fall themed Farmers Markets, Halloween movies at the Garden Theatre, plus an outdoor movie for the community and more!

October 22 – October 31 | Downtown Winter Garden

Halloween Light Shows

7:00 – 9:00 pm | October 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31
City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street

Halloween Outdoor Movie

October 23 | 6:30 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Ave.

October is Declared Outdoor Dining Month

The City of Winter Garden proclaims October as Outdoor Dining Month! Enjoy the refreshing weather while dining al fresco at the multitude of restaurant patios available in all corridors of the City.

In addition, the expansive dining patios in Downtown Winter Garden not only provide a close-up view of the historic charm, but also of the festive Halloween Experience (October 22 – 31).

Fall is also the perfect time for an outdoor picnic. Make it easy by ordering take-out from your favorite local restaurant as you head to one of the City's nature parks.

Harvest Sidewalk Sale & Stroll

Shop the outdoor racks of sale and fall merchandise while enjoying the Halloween Experience decorations and festivities. It is a great time to purchase what you need for the new season and get a head start on holiday shopping. You will find distinctive apparel, jewelry, home décor and greenery, cycling/running/sporting equipment and accessories, gourmet foods, health and beauty products, pet supplies, furniture, and much more. Enjoy seasonal menus at Downtown restaurants while dining at the outdoor patios surrounded by Halloween nirvana.

Saturday, October 23 | All Day | Downtown Winter Garden

Create a Haunted House

This popular family event fills up quickly! You will be amazed as you and your creative partner work together to transform a prepared plain cereal box on a base into an awesome "Haunted House." All materials and step-by-step guidance are provided. \$30 per house for 1 adult with 1 child. Additional artists working on the same house are \$6 each. To register, visit wgart.org/kids.

Saturday, October 9 | 4:00 – 5:30 pm
SOBO Art Gallery, 127 S. Boyd Street

Events may be postponed or cancelled due to public health and safety concerns. Please check the City's websites (downtownwg.com, cwgd.com) for the most up-to-date special event information.

SAVE THE DATE

- Winter Garden Heritage & Music Festival – November 6
- Masonic Lodge Fall Festival and the Arts – November 6
- Health & Harvest Festival at the Farmers Market – November 6
- Donut Dash 5K Run/Walk presented by WGPAL – November 6
- Challenge 22: RuckWalk 2021, American Legion Post #63 – November 13
- Craft Affair hosted by Parks & Recreation – November 20
- Shop Small Business Saturday – November 27
- Living Local Month — Shop & Dine Local to Support Small Businesses – November 1-30
- Fridays on the Plaza are back! – Every Friday | 7:00 – 9:00 pm

For more information, visit the Event Calendar at downtownwg.com.

Winter Garden Farmers Market Showcases the Local Harvest

The nationally award-winning Winter Garden Farmers Market continues to enhance its offerings to the community. Vendors have increased to more than 100 providing a broad spectrum of fresh produce, plants and flowers, unique foods, creative local artisan wares, and more.

The Winter Garden Farmers Market will have our local farmers back in October selling their fall harvest every Saturday. Moreover, starting in October, live music is back along with an expanded market to include weekly family games on the lawn, a kid's zone with children-oriented merchandise and food, as well as an arts farm showcasing local artist.

With the cooler weather and prime harvest season, there is no better time than to enjoy your local outdoor market and its fall and holiday-season décor and offerings. The big pumpkins will be back again this year.

The Winter Garden Farmers Market accepts EBT/SNAP helping to provide nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of those in need. Visit the EBT/SNAP Tent located by the Pavilion. In addition, select produce vendors accept Fresh Access Bucks.

Saturdays | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm | Downtown Pavilion,
104 S. Lakeview Avenue

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Keep these Out of the Recycling Cart this Halloween

Not sure how to handle the extra waste from Halloween parties and trick-or-treaters? These tips should help you keep a smart recycling cart.

Pumpkins: Bake the seeds. Use the filling to make pumpkin bread, pies, cakes, beer or pumpkin soup. After Halloween, the jack-o-lantern can be used as compost.

Candy Wrappers: Unfortunately, these little wrappers are made with materials mixed with plastic and aluminum, which are too expensive and too hard to separate. Don't put them in the recycling cart. They could contaminate the rest of your recyclables. If you are creative use them in art work, otherwise toss them in the trash.

Costumes: Before the big night, reuse things you already have in the house or closets. Shop at thrift stores to assemble costumes and save money. After Halloween, instead of tossing the costume in the trash for a journey to the landfill, save it or donate it.

Inflatable Decorations: These are typically made of nylon and hard to recycle. Save them for next year. If you no longer want them, throw them in the trash, not in the recycling cart.

Have questions about recycling? Call 407.877.5193

More on Recycling Plastics

Plastics are the most confusing items residents deal with when it comes to curbside recycling. Not all plastics are the same, particularly # 1 plastics. Instead of concentrating on the number on the bottom of the plastic, consider the product that was in the container. This month we'll focus on the main plastics we want you to recycle, and a few of those we don't want to see in your recycling cart.

Yes, toss these plastics in the recycling cart:

- Water bottles, juice bottles, soda bottles
- Milk jugs
- Detergent jugs
- Dairy tubs (sour cream, yogurt, cottage cheese)

No, don't toss in the recycling cart:

- Plastic containers used for produce, baked goods and takeout foods
- Plastic bags or plastic wrap
- Styrofoam

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Winter Garden Art Association

SOBO Art Gallery | 127 S. Boyd Street | wgart.org

Chasing the Light and the Dark

A variety of 2D and 3D images that highlight the Light and Dark sides of the October seasonal traditions.

Exhibition: October 5 – November 20

Opening Reception: October 7 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm

SOBO Art Gallery

For the Love of Trees

2D and 3D works that reflect our love for trees and the need to keep planting them.

Now – October 29

Art in Public Places Gallery, City Hall

CALL TO ARTISTS

Interested artists can submit online between the FIRST and the EIGHTH of the month prior to the Exhibition. Please check our Call to Artists page for monthly updates at wgart.org

WORKSHOPS

Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

A model is available to draw every Wednesday night

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only | \$10 members; \$15 non-members

To register, visit wgart.org/adults

KID'S CUSTOM PARTY

Special Event Artful Celebrations

Custom Parties Are Back! Create wonderful memories for that incredibly special young artist in your life. Imagine celebrating that birthday or milestone in a beautiful gallery setting. While standard paint on canvas may be your choice of art activities, we will custom design a unique experience for your group. Your child can choose their theme and age-appropriate media options will be presented. SOBO provides all art related supplies, tables and chairs, inspiration, and a certified art educator. Food, decorations and related set up are the responsibility of the individual booking the event.

Basic Celebration Package: \$175 for 2 ½-hour room rental including 30-minute set up and 30-minute cleanup. Package is for up to 10 artists. The Art Activity will generally last 50 - 55 minutes. Additional time and artists may be added for a fee.



Garden Theatre

gardentheatre.org | 407.877.4736
160 W. Plant Street

LIVE THEATRE

Looped

By Matthew Lombardo | Directed by Beth Marshall

If nothing else you need, no, you MUST live the life you want to live. The year is 1965, and famed stage and screen diva Tallulah Bankhead stumbles into the recording studio to record the single line needed to complete her upcoming gothic horror film, *Die! Die! My Darling!* As the session stretches to eight hours, the inebriated actress clashes and then connects with the producer behind the studio glass. Irreverent, hilarious, and heartbreaking, *Looped* reveals the fragility of the stories we tell ourselves in order to survive.

October 8 – 24 | Matinee and Evening Performances

Tickets start at \$20

Discounts available for youth, seniors, groups, and military members.

To purchase tickets, visit gardentheatre.org/plays.

INTERACTIVE MOVIES

Hocus Pocus (1993, PG)

I put a spell on you! Tag along as Max, Dani, and Allison try to stop the witchy Sanderson Sisters from casting a spell on the whole town of Salem.

October 10 | 6:30 pm | Tickets \$15

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975, R)

It's just a jump to the left! Sweethearts Brad and Janet are in for a shock when they discover a creepy castle filled with oddball characters like Riff Raff and Magenta. Can they escape before the evil Dr. Frank-N-Furter holds them captive forever?

October 30 at 9:30 pm | Tickets \$15

October 31 at 7:30 pm | Tickets \$15

REWIND MOVIE

Die! Die! My Darling! (1965, NR)

Tallulah Bankhead stars as Mrs. Trefoile, a deranged mother who torments her daughter-in-law and blames the young woman for her son's untimely death.

October 17 | 6:30 pm | Tickets \$5

To purchase tickets, visit gardentheatre.org/movies.

For the latest COVID-19 Health and Safety information, please visit gardentheatre.org/plan-your-trip.



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FALL 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! Advance reservations required at www.enroll.wgplay.com.

Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Super Soccer Stars

Super Soccer Stars is a soccer development program for children 18 months to 3 years old. All classes teach soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive and educational environment. Through our age-specific curriculum, we use soccer to nurture and build self-confidence and team work. Each session lasts four weeks, with new sessions starting each month.

Tuesdays beginning September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7

Saturdays beginning September 11, October 9, and November 6

18 – 24 months | weekdays 5:15 – 5:45 pm
weekends 10:00 – 10:30 am

2 – 3 years | weekdays 5:50 – 6:35 pm
weekends 10:40 – 11:20 am

\$56 City Residents; \$64 Nonresidents

* First time participants require a new jersey, purchased at first session for \$25

Go to www.enroll.wgplay.com to register!

Craft Affair

Arts & crafts lovers will enjoy shopping for unique and one-of-a-kind items made exclusively by our 50+ creative friends. Although our vendors are 50 or older, everyone of all ages is invited to shop the fair for unique hand-crafted items. If you are interested in being a craft vendor at this event and you are 50+, call 407.656.4155 no later than October 20 to sign-up.

Saturday, November 20

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Free to attend!

Boot Camp with Brad

Looking for aerobics and strength training exercises that utilizes both weights as well as body weights? Join this boot camp to learn how to develop a more physically healthy body and the mental well-being that comes with exercise.

Mondays and Thursdays

5:00 – 5:50 pm

16 years and older

\$16 City Residents;

\$18 Nonresidents per class

\$55 City Residents;

\$65 Nonresidents per month (8 classes)

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 4-week session

Tai Chi

An ancient Chinese exercise that emphasizes relaxation, breath control, correct posture, balance and flexibility to develop the mind and body. One free introductory lesson in Tai Chi is offered for all first timers. For more information, please visit www.returntogoodhealth.20fr.com.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00 – 10:00 am

\$55 City Resident;

\$60 Nonresident per month

Each month offers 8 classes.

COMMUNITY SAFETY — HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- When decorating your home, keep exits clear and free of clutter.
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Use battery-operated candle or glow stick in jack-o-lanterns.

