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NOVEMBER 2021



## Winter Garden Fall Heritage & Music Festival

Celebrate Winter Garden's founding 118 years ago by taking a trip back in time at a daylong festival of old-fashioned family fun.

The Winter Garden Fall Heritage & Music Festival will include numerous complimentary activities in the Downtown Historic District as well as at nearby parks:

- 5 stages of musical entertainment
- family fun (adult and youth) including baseball, softball, football, volleyball, soccer, and pickle ball at Sam Walker Little League Complex, Walker Football Field, and at Veterans Memorial Park
- fall-themed activities, decorations, and photo stations
- a hay maze
- historical interactive programs, presentations, and displays
- heritage tree walking tour

Hosted by City of Winter Garden and Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, visit [downtownwg.com](http://downtownwg.com) or [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) for event schedule.

Saturday, November 6 | 8:00 am – 10:00 pm  
Historic Downtown & Surrounding Parks

## Shop Small and Help Big

The nationally recognized **Small Business Saturday** tradition on **November 27** is the perfect way to kick-off seasonal shopping while supporting the more than 2,000 local businesses throughout the community. Historic Downtown Winter Garden will mark the occasion with a daylong outdoor sidewalk sale. Stroll the festive decorated brick-lined streets and enjoy special sales, in-store promotions, a vast selection of seasonal merchandise, and more. In addition, many restaurants will offer seasonal menu items and specials on this day, and the expanded outdoor dining patios throughout downtown are perfect for taking a shopping break and enjoying the fall weather.

When shopping this holiday season and throughout the year, please think of supporting those small mom-and-pop businesses that make your community such a special place. When you shop small, you help big since more than two-thirds of every dollar spent at a locally owned business remains in Winter Garden to make the community stronger. Thank you for supporting and Living Local.

Saturday, November 27 | All Day  
Support Small Businesses Citywide  
Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Sale/Historic Downtown

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE & COLLECTION SERVICES SCHEDULE

- All City Government Offices will be closed on both Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26.
- NO trash, recycling, or yard waste Collection Services on Thursday November 25. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.
- All Regular Collection Services will resume on Friday, November 26.

If you have any questions, please call 407.656.2256.

## FREE Shredding Event

The City of Winter Garden will host a free document shredding event to commemorate America Recycles Day. Crown Information Management will provide safe and secure document shredding. You can even watch your documents get shredded. All that paper gets recycled! You must be a Winter Garden resident to participate.

Saturday, November 13 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or until the truck gets full.  
848 E. Plant Street (across from the Library) | **Please bring proof of residency with you.**

### Shred Event Guidelines

#### YES, these items are allowed:

- Paper Clips
- Rubber Bands
- Chart Fasteners
- Spiral Notebooks
- Staples
- Credit Cards
- Paper
- Envelopes with Fasteners

#### No, these items are NOT allowed

- No Binder Clips
- No Batteries
- No 3 Ring Binders
- No Medication
- No Plastics
- No Sharps or Needles
- No Bio-waste
- No Large Metal Objects

For more information, call 407.877.5193.

# 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](http://www.enroll.wgplay.com). Questions, call 407.656.4155.

## School Holiday Camp

Winter Garden Recreation Holiday Camp is an awesome experience for your school-aged child to attend during the holiday break. Campers will enjoy various outdoor activities, themed related craft projects, and explore the many parks of Winter Garden! A qualified, well-trained staff will provide a safe and outstanding break for your child. Camp is open to all children entering kindergarten through 8th grade. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day.

November 22 – 24, December 20 – 23, 27 – 31, & January 3

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Camp is open to children kindergarten through 8th grade

\$21 per day City Resident; \$26 per day Nonresident

## Bootcamp with Brad

Looking for aerobics and strength training exercises that utilizes both weights as well as body weights? Join this bi-weekly 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)

## 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 Residents; \$36 Nonresident per month

## 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](http://www.returntogoodhealth.20fr.com).

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am

\$50 City Resident; \$55 Nonresident per month

## 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.

Six-week session beginning November 8  
5 years and older

Time varies – check [www.cwgd.com](http://www.cwgd.com) for details

Chapin Station Park, 501 West Crown Point Cross Road

## Annual Holiday Gifts for Kids | Presented by the Winter Garden Police Athletic League, Inc.

The Winter Garden Police Athletic League, Inc. is kicking off their annual Holiday Gifts for Kids program for Winter Garden residents.

If you would like to register a child between the ages of newborn and 12 years old, please complete the application found on our website or please pick up an application at one of the following locations. **Applications must be returned between November 1-30 to the Winter Garden Police Department or handed to a police officer on patrol.**

Application Pick-Up Locations:

Winter Garden Police Department – 251 W. Plant Street

City Hall – 300 W. Plant Street

Maxey Center – 830 Klondike Street

Mildred Dixon Activity Center – 303 SW Crown Pointe Road

Jessie Brock Community Center – 310 N. Dillard Street

When registering, ALL of the following documents are required and must be verified:

- Birth certificate or court/custody paperwork (only parent or legal guardian can register a child)
- **Current** water or utility bill for the Winter Garden address they reside
- Proof of government assistance (WIC, food stamps etc...)
- Some type of identification (driver's license, ID card, passport etc...)
- **Child must be age 12 or younger**

Note: You are not registered for the program until you have been contacted by the Community Liaison Unit and given a HGFK ticket with the pick-up date and time.

We rely on donations from our generous community and fundraisers to make this event successful. Your donation is tax deductible.

If you would like to donate or have any questions about our program, please call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416 or visit [cwgd.com/464/Holiday-Gifts-for-Kids](http://cwgd.com/464/Holiday-Gifts-for-Kids).

# Living Local

## WINTER GARDEN

The City of Winter Garden has launched a “Living Local” campaign to encourage residents to explore, take part in, and patronize your hometown’s offerings and locally owned businesses. Living Local leads to a greater sense of belonging to a community; and therefore, benefits both you and area businesses/organizations.

As part of the campaign, a number of upcoming events are planned that provide a great opportunity to enjoy and support your community.

## What’s Happening this Month:

- Winter Garden Fall 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: Ruck Walk 2021, American Legion Post #63 – November 13
- Craft Affair hosted by Parks & Recreation – November 20
- Small Business Saturday/Downtown Sidewalk Sale – November 27
- Living Local Month — Shop & Dine Local to Support Small Businesses – November 1-30
- Fridays on the Plaza – Every Friday | 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Next month’s issue will reveal the exciting line-up of December’s Tis the Season events. Visit [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) and [downtownwg.com](http://downtownwg.com) for event details.

## 2021 Donut Dash 5K hosted by WGPAL

This year’s Donut Dash 5K will take place in beautiful and historic Winter Garden. Run or walk through the timeless neighborhoods as you start/finish at Lake Apopka!

We will have music, kids fun run, t-shirts, medals, Krispy Kreme Donuts, and best donut costume prize.

Saturday, November 6 | 8:00 AM

For more information, visit us at Sommer Sports:

[www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) or please call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.



## Health & Harvest Festival

Enjoy family fun games, fitness and cooking classes, and much more at the annual Health & Harvest Festival at the Winter Garden Farmers Market. Hosted by Healthy West Orange, activities are complimentary and include health screenings, CPR classes, bike safety checks; nutrition, health and fitness classes, giant-sized yard games, hay maze, live DJ, and other seasonal-related fun.

Saturday, November 6

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Winter Garden Farmers Market

104 S. Lakeview Avenue

## Time to Reset Your Irrigation System

When you set your clock back to Eastern Standard Time on November 7, it is also a good time to reset your irrigation system. It should run only one day a week, from November until March, to be in compliance with the conservation ordinance for landscape irrigation. Remember: water only when needed, not between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, and irrigate no more than one hour per zone. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems must have a functioning rain sensor device.

**Water Lawns Once a Week during Eastern Standard Time** (First Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March)

Odd # Homes	Saturday
Even # Homes	Sunday
Nonresidential Properties	Tuesday

For more information, call 407.877.5193.





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## SOBO Art Gallery

wgart.org | 407.347.7996  
127 S. Boyd Street

### EXHIBITION

#### 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.

Now – November 20 | Free Admission, SOBO ART GALLERY

**Are you an Artist?** 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 [www.wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists](http://www.wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists).

### KID'S ART PROGRAMS

**ATTENTION HOME SCHOOLERS!** SOBO is excited to offer Standards Based Art classes for small groups of Home School artists led by Lenore Eastham, Certified Art Educator.

\$15 per child per 55-minute session.

Initial classes will be available in time blocks between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. | Email [info@wgart.org](mailto:info@wgart.org) for more information

**WEDNESDAY ART CLUBS:** Individuals can sign up for our Wednesday Art Club. Register at [www.wgart.org/kids](http://www.wgart.org/kids).

2nd grade – 5th grade: 2:45 – 3:45 pm

Middle and High School 4:00 – 5:00 pm

\$15 each session, includes all materials

**OFFSITE CLASSES:** Yes, we can come to your location. Custom classes with Lenore Eastham, certified art educator, starting at \$75 per hour are available. Call for more information.



## Garden Theatre

[garden theatre.org](http://garden theatre.org) | 407.877.4736  
160 W. Plant Street

### LIVE THEATRE

#### Big, the Musical

Book by John Weidman | Music by David Shire | Lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr  
Directed by Joseph C. Walsh

Presenting Sponsor: AdventHealth | Producing Sponsor: Duke Energy

When you're young, you can't wait to be grown-up... But being big and tall does not make you a grown-up. Thirteen-year-old Josh Baskin knows one thing: being a kid is no fun! So when a rusty arcade machine magically transforms him into a 30-year-old man, Josh knows this is his chance to have the time of his life! Still a kid at heart, Josh navigates a grown-up world and reminds his new colleagues and himself of the joys of childhood in this fun-filled musical based on the beloved 1980s film. Everyone grows old, but you don't have to grow up!

November 19 – December 19 | Matinee and Evening Performances

ASL-Interpreted and Sensory-Friendly Performances

Tickets start at \$25 | Discounts available for youth, seniors, groups, and military members

[garden theatre.org/plays](http://garden theatre.org/plays)

### REWIND MOVIE

#### Big (1988, PG)

After making a wish on a rusty arcade machine, 13-year-old Josh wakes up in the body of a 30-year-old man! Hilarity ensues as Josh navigates the grown-up world to find a job, a girlfriend, and a sweet new bachelor pad.

Sunday, November 28 | 6:30 pm | \$5

[garden theatre.org/movies](http://garden theatre.org/movies)

Visit our website to learn about health and safety protocols and educational programs. [garden theatre.org/general-education-information](http://garden theatre.org/general-education-information)



## Art in Public Places Exhibit at City Hall

The City of Winter Garden is pleased to announce the current Art in Public Places exhibit, *The Art of Mentorship IV*. This exhibit features works from Crealdé School of Art Winter Garden instructors and selected students.

On display through November 30

Monday-Friday | 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Art in Public Places Gallery in City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street

## Heritage Museum Premieres

### West Orange County at Work Exhibit



In West Orange County, work has taken many forms through the years: from picking oranges, running a railroad, working a cash register, or managing a business or hospital. All this labor has come together to create the town that we know and love today.

The *West Orange County at Work* exhibit tells the stories of the original pioneers; the citrus workers; and the people occupied in our modern, diversified economy; paying homage to all who worked in West Orange County.

November 15 – February 15 | Tuesdays through Saturdays | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Free Admission | Winter Garden Heritage Museum, 1 N. Main Street