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DECEMBER 2021

It's the SEASON 2021

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN DOWNTOWN WINTER GARDEN

☼ Light Up Winter Garden ☼ Christmas Parade ☼ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show ☼ Moonlight Movie ☼
☼ Holiday Live Music ☼ Horse Drawn Carriage Tours ☼ Holiday-Themed Photo Stations & Mural ☼
☼ A Very Merry Farmers Market ☼ Festive Light Displays & Decorations ☼ Holiday Boutique Stroll ☼ Much More! ☼

NOVEMBER 27

- ★ Shop Small Business Saturday and Downtown Sidewalk Sale, All Day
- ★ Holiday Moonlight Movie at Downtown Pavilion, *The Polar Express*, 7 pm

DECEMBER 3

- ★ Light Up Winter Garden, 6-9 pm

DECEMBER 4

- ★ A Very Merry Farmers Market, 8 am-1 pm
- ★ Winter Garden Christmas Parade, 10 am
- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*
- ★ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

DECEMBER 5

- ★ Garden Theatre presents *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, 7 pm*

DECEMBER 9

- ★ Holiday Boutique Stroll Downtown, 5-8 pm

DECEMBER 10

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*
- ★ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm
- ★ Live Holiday Music - Fridays on the Plaza, Juniper Club, 7-9 pm

DECEMBER 11

- ★ A Very Merry Farmers Market, 8 am-1 pm
- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tour, 5:30-9:30 pm*
- ★ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

DECEMBER 12

- ★ Golf Cart Holiday Parade, 5:30 pm
- ★ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm
- ★ Garden Choir's Holiday Concert at the Garden Theatre, 7:30 pm*

DECEMBER 17

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*
- ★ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm
- ★ Live Holiday Music - Fridays on the Plaza, The Caroling Company, 7-9 pm

DECEMBER 18

- ★ A Very Merry Farmers Market, 8 am-1 pm
- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*
- ★ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

DECEMBER 19

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*
- ★ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

DECEMBER 22

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*

DECEMBER 23

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*
- ★ A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

DECEMBER 24

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*

DECEMBER 26

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*

DECEMBER 27

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*

DECEMBER 28

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*

DECEMBER 29

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*

DECEMBER 30

- ★ Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm*

*reservation and/or fee required

EVENT DETAILS AND RESERVATION LINKS AT WWW.CWGD.COM AND WWW.DOWNTOWNWG.COM



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, Youth Soccer, and more! Advance reservations required at www.enroll.wgplay.com. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

BOOT CAMP WITH BRAD

Looking for cardio and strength training exercises that utilizes both weights as well as body weight? 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, visit www.returntooodhealth.20fr.com.

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

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

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 8-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 residents' registration:

December 6 – December 31

Nonresidents' registration:

December 20 – December 31

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

Practices begin the week of January 24

Games begin February 12

3 – 12 years old (age as of September 1, 2021)

\$100 City Resident; \$120 Nonresident

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

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! Qualified, well-trained Parks & Recreation staff will provide a safe and outstanding break for your child. Camp is open to all children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day.

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

Register at www.enroll.wgplay.com

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

This is such a joyous time of year; however, it is also a prosperous time for burglars and thieves. Below are some tips to avoid theft this holiday season.

- Purchase “big ticket” items at the end of your shopping trip so they are not left unattended in your vehicle.
- Break up boxes and packaging of large ticket items and dispose in appropriate waste bins instead of displaying your purchases on your curb. Also, place your bins curbside on the morning of trash pick-up days instead of the night prior.
- Keep your vehicles and residences locked at all times.
- To prevent “Porch Pirates” Holiday Package Theft:
 - Request packages be sent to a secure location, such as an Amazon Locker or your work.
 - Complete the delivery instructions box during your online checkout to indicate an out-of-sight location for your package delivery.
 - Retrieve packages immediately, and if you cannot be home for a delivery, ask a family member or neighbor to pick up for you.
 - Use tracking services provided by carriers. If you know when your packages arrive, it will be easier to retrieve packages quickly. Also, use tracking to notify gift recipients of expected deliveries so they can be on the lookout.

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 cheer, music, and treats along the way.

The Santa Run schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 13	North West Winter Garden
Tuesday, December 14	North East Winter Garden
Wednesday, December 15	South Winter Garden: West CR 545 Corridor (West Side)
Thursday, December 16	South Winter Garden: East CR 545 Corridor (East Side)
Friday, December 17	South Winter Garden: CR 535 / Daniel's Road Corridor
Saturday, December 18	South Winter Garden: Beulah / Windermere Road Corridor

An alternate date is scheduled for December 20 if weather interrupts one of Santa's visits. For maps of Santa's nightly route, visit cwgdh.com.

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 on Tuesday, December 14, and Wednesday, December 15, starting at 5:30 pm.

Free to enter and all homes must be within city limits. Pick up an entry form at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, or download from cwgdh.com. Entry forms must be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Department.



Holiday Office Closure & Collection Services Schedule

CHRISTMAS (Observed)

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24.
- There will be Regular Collection Services of Garbage/Recycling/Yard Waste on Friday, December 24.
- There will not be a Farmers Market on Saturday, December 25.

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Observed)

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Friday, December 31.
- There will be Regular Collection Services of Garbage/Recycling/Yard Waste on Friday, December 31.
- There will not be a Farmers Market on Saturday, January 1.

If you have any questions, please call 407.656.2256.

Reminder: Fireworks

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

Recycle your Real Christmas Tree

Follow these steps to get your real Christmas Tree recycled:

- Remove all ornaments, lights and garland
- Remove it from the stand
- Place the tree at the curb on your yard waste collection day

Your Christmas Tree will be taken to a yard waste facility where it will be transformed into mulch and used in landscapes in our area.

Questions? 407.877.5193

Fire Hydrant Flow Testing Begins in December

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department will begin fire hydrant flow testing the first week of December and will continue through mid-February. Residents may notice a brief reduction in water pressure and some discoloration of the drinking water. Discolored water poses no threat to the public's health. If you experience continued loss of water pressure or water discoloration, please contact the Public Services Department at 407.656.2256.



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SOBO Art Gallery

wgart.org | info@wgart.org
407.347.7996 | 127 S. Boyd Street

EXHIBITION

Fun and Functional

2D & 3D works that depict both the FUN and the FUNCTIONAL dimensions of art. It will make for a fun holiday season show, and an entertaining shopping experience since a one-of-a-kind creation by a local artist makes a great gift.

Exhibition: November 20 – January 29
Tuesday - Saturday | 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Opening Reception: December 2 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm
Free Admission

CALL TO ARTISTS

Submissions from artists are accepted between the FIRST and the EIGHTH of the month prior to the exhibition. Please check for monthly updates at wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists.

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 | Register at wgart.org/adults or by email to info@wgart.org

KID'S ART CLASSES

Register at wgart.org/kids

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

WEDNESDAY ART CLUBS

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

gardentheatre.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!

Through 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.
gardentheatre.org/plays

INTERACTIVE MOVIE

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.

Sunday, December 5 | 7:00 pm | Tickets \$15
gardentheatre.org/movies

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Garden Choir's Holiday Concert at the Garden Theatre
December 12 | 7:30 pm
Free Admission/Donation Recommended
Reservation required, gardentheatre.org

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. Camps and classes are tailored to fit the needs of each grade or skill level and are taught by experienced local theatre professionals. To learn more, visit gardentheatre.org/general-education-information.

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