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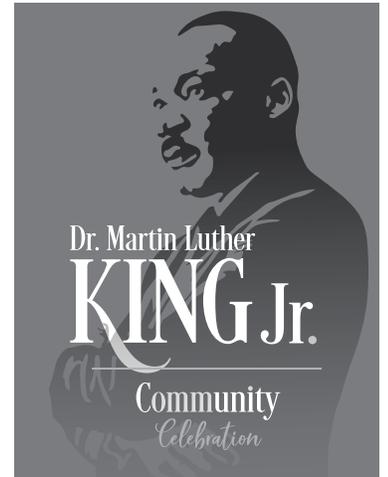
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration

Monday, January 17, 2022 – Downtown Winter Garden

Commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King with a celebration featuring speeches from the community, including those by Dr. King, as well as displays, family friendly activities, and food vendors. Live stage performances, including a concert throughout the day, will be a part of festivities.

To kick off the remembrance, there will be a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Parade along Plant Street, in which all are welcome to participate. Visit cwgd.com for details about this free community event.

In addition, to celebrate Dr. King's legacy, Garden Theatre will host a live production of *The Mountaintop* that depicts a stunning imagining of Dr. King's last night on Earth. The play will run from January 21 – February 6. Purchase tickets at gardentheatre.org/plays.



Community Moonlight Movie

Head to downtown for a Moonlight Movie to watch Buzz Lightyear, Woody, and their new friend, Forky, in a carnival adventure! Hosted by the the City and produced by the Florida Film Academy, *Toy Story 4* (G, 100 minutes) will be shown on Saturday, January 15, at the Downtown Pavilion. Preshow activities will include old-fashioned carnival entertainment for the whole family. Bring blankets and chairs and get cozy under the stars. Refreshments will be available to purchase.



Saturday, January 15 | Preshow activities: 5:30 pm | Movie: 7:10 pm | Downtown Pavilion | 104 S. Lakeview Avenue | Free

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION 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.*

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17.
- There will be Regular Collection Services of Garbage/ Recycling/Yard Waste on Monday, January 17.

For more information and a yearly Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule, please contact 407.656.2256 or visit cwgd.com/315/ Garbage-Recycling.

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

YOUTH & ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Highly skilled instructor brings years of experience and knowledge to participants. Class space is limited, advanced registration required.

Six-week sessions beginning February 7 & April 11
5 years and older
Fee Varies – check cwgd.com for details
Chapin Station Park, 501 West 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 4-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 4-week session



Notify City to Fix Issues Through the Mobile Citizen APP

Anytime you have a question or discover an issue such as a leaky hydrant, a broken streetlight or sidewalk, a pothole, a damaged street sign, or even a code enforcement concern, you can now use the “Mobile Citizen” app to submit a service request to the City of Winter Garden to have it resolved.

Look for this icon on Apple Store or Google Play and download the Mobile Citizen app today to save you time while improving your hometown.

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW ABOUT DOWNTOWN WINTER GARDEN HAPPENINGS

The City of Winter Garden has several communication tools to keep you aware of the latest happenings and developments in Downtown Winter Garden. Take a moment to subscribe to the tools below to be the first to know about 2022 events and announcements:

- Follow @OfficialDowntownWinterGarden on Facebook and Instagram.
- Subscribe to the official Downtown Winter Garden website at downtownwg.com to receive periodic e-blasts about events, special offers, and news to your inbox. The website is also a handy official guide to the Downtown shops, restaurants, cultural and recreational venues, community sites, and much more.

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.

Kick Start 2022 by Visiting the Winter Garden Farmers Market

The Winter Garden Farmers Market can help you live well in 2022. Visit on Saturdays to find the freshest local produce. Seasonal fruits and vegetables are plentiful this time of year. Please take advantage of the health and wellness classes and food demonstrations offered this month starting on January 8. Weekly family-fun games on the lawn along with live music add to the market fun.

Saturdays | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (closed December 25 and January 1)
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue





Art in Public Places Exhibit at City Hall

Visit City Hall this month to see a fascinating exhibit curated by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation.

There's a Map for That! Find Your Way Home: A Cartographic Survey of West Orange County presents a cartographic survey of Winter Garden, West Orange County, and Florida, with reproductions dating back to the 1850s. See how maps across the decades defined a growing city, documented the rapid expansion of orange groves through aerial photography, promoted tourism, and much more.

Donated by businesses and residents, this comprehensive exhibit will give viewers a new perspective of our region.

Through January 31

Monday-Friday | 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

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

Are You a Wish-Cycler?

Have you ever gone to throw away an item, and then realized you weren't sure if it should go in the recycling cart or in the garbage? It looked like it could possibly be recycled. You wanted to do the right thing, so you quickly opened the lid, tossed it in the recycling cart, and hoped for the best. In the curbside recycling world, that is called "wish-cycling." Wishing that someone else will figure out how to get it recycled.

Unfortunately, wish-cycling can contaminate an entire batch of recycling material, causing all of it to go to the landfill. Wrong items in the recycling cart can also damage the equipment at the materials recovery facility (MRF), where the recyclables are sorted.

Don't be a wish-cycler. When in doubt, throw it out!

Questions about what is accepted in your recycling cart, please call 407.877.5193.

Fire Hydrant Flow Testing Continues

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department will continue fire hydrant flow testing 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.

DROP SAVERS POSTER CONTEST OPEN TO WINTER GARDEN STUDENTS K -12

The City of Winter Garden cordially invites students to participate in our "Drop Savers" poster contest.

Students in grades K - 12 are encouraged to create a poster depicting a water conservation idea in slogan form, drawing form, or both. The contest allows students to promote water awareness and the importance of water conservation in their daily routines.

The contest is open to Public School, Private School, and Homeschool students.

Entry deadline is Friday, March 4, 2022. For complete details and entry form, visit cwgdh.com/365/Educational-Resources, or call 407-877-5193.

West Orange County at Work Exhibit at Heritage Museum



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.

Through February 15

Tuesdays through Saturdays | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Winter Garden Heritage Museum | 1 N. Main Street

Free Admission



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SOBO Art Gallery

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



Garden Theatre

gardentheatre.org | 407.877.4736
160 W. Plant Street

EXHIBITIONS | Free Admission

Fun and Functional

2D & 3D works that depict both the FUN and the FUNCTIONAL dimensions of art. It is an entertaining exhibit of one-of-a-kind creations by local artists.

Through January 29

Women's Living Legacy

2D & 3D works that celebrate the legacy and history of women on others, society, and the future.

February 1 – March 26

Opening Reception | February 3

5:30 – 8:00 pm

CALL TO ARTISTS

Interested artists can submit online between the FIRST and the EIGHTH of the month prior to an exhibition. Please check our "Call to Artists" page for monthly updates at wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists.

WORKSHOPS

Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

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

Open Artist Studio

Every Tuesday | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Come in and create your art surrounded by other local artists.

Open to all | Free

Technique Tuesdays @ Two!

Every Tuesday | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

(during Open Artist Studio)

A different instructor & technique will be featured every week.

Pick up new tips & techniques while enjoying the Open Artist Studio space.

Open to all | Free

Visit wgart.org/adults for monthly updates.

ART FOR KIDS

CUSTOM PARTY

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 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.

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

Register at wgart.org/kids

HOME SCHOOL CLASSES

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

Register at wgart.org/kids

OFFSITE CLASSES

We can come to you! Custom classes with Lenore Eastham, certified art educator, starting at \$75 per hour are available. Call 407-347-7996 for more information.

LIVE THEATRE

The Mountaintop

By Katori Hall | Directed by Felichia Chivaughn

At the most human level, we are all the same. Hours after delivering his iconic "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, Martin Luther King, Jr. returns to his room at Memphis' Lorraine Motel to plan for his next march. Soon after, a motel maid arrives at his door with a newspaper, a cup of coffee, and the news that he won't live past tomorrow. Her revelation spurs an all-night conversation that illuminates the humanity behind the Civil Rights icon as Dr. King reflects on the man he is and the man he hoped to be. Written in honor of the individuals that Dr. King inspired but never met, Katori Hall's Olivier Award-winning play is a stunning imagining of King's last night on Earth.

"Through this play, we gain access to the man behind the movement. We're gifted an intimate glance at what Dr. King constantly pushed aside in order to push society toward equality." - Felichia Chivaughn, Director

January 21 - February 6 | Matinee and Evening Performances

ASL-Interpreted Performance

Tickets start at \$20. Discounts available for youth, seniors, groups, and military members.

gardentheatre.org/plays

REWIND MOVIE

Malcolm X (1992, PG-13)

Follow the life journey of activist Malcolm X through Denzel Washington's Academy Award-nominated performance. From Malcolm's birth in rural Michigan to his role as spokesperson for the Nation of Islam, the minister's life is dramatized on the silver screen.

Sunday, January 30 | 6:30 pm | Tickets \$5

gardentheatre.org/movies

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.

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