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City Launches New Website to make Utility Bill Payments

The City of Winter Garden has launched a new Utility Billing website to make water/trash bill payments: <https://UBPay.WGFL.gov>. Please note that this is a new website address, so be sure to update any saved bookmarks on your computer to reflect the new website.

The new Utility Billing website can also be accessed from the City's main website, cwgd.com, by clicking the "Pay Utility" water drop icon at the bottom.

- **If you were enrolled in re-occurring payments from your credit card OR had scheduled payments set up on the City's previous Utility Billing website, you will be required to re-enroll using the new website.** You will need to create a user name and password to set up recurring/scheduled payments. Check out our tutorial linked at the bottom of the new Utility Billing website. For security, your login and wallet information did not migrate to the new website.
- **If your utility bill automatically drafts from your bank account,** no action is necessary. We encourage you to set up a username and password on the new website to check payment/consumption history and/or to download previous bills.
- Alternatively, paying by phone is available 24/7. Call 407.656.5437 and have your account number ready.

If you have questions or encounter any issues, please call the Utility Billing Department at 407.656.4100.

Utility Bill Assistance Available for Low Income Seniors

The City of Winter Garden is currently accepting applications for the Utility Bill Assistance Program for Low Income Seniors. Qualified candidates can receive a reduction of up to \$35 on their monthly utility bill.

Program Qualifications:

- must be 65 years of age, or 62 years of age and receiving Social Security benefits
- a CITY resident continuously for past 5 years
- monthly household income not to exceed \$1,441.40 (Single) or \$2,015.12 (Married)

Documents needed with application:

- copies of current identification
- 2022 Social Security Benefit Statement OR 2021 Federal Income Tax Return
- ALL other proof of income for entire household

Application is available at Winter Garden City Hall Reception Desk, 300 W. Plant Street, or contact City Clerk's office 407.656.4111 ext. 2297.

APPLICATION and PROOF OF INCOME DEADLINE is MAY 1, 2022.

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Subscribe to the City of Winter Garden website today to receive official notifications via email or text. Be the first to know about important news, City Commission and other meetings, special events, and much more.

Steps to subscribe:

1. Visit www.cwgd.com.
2. Click the "Stay Connected" icon at bottom left.
3. Enter your email address at the top and click the "Sign In" button.
4. Select if you want HTML emails and/or enter your cell phone number for text messages (if you enter your cell phone number, be sure to click the "Save" button).
5. Select all categories of interest to start your subscriptions. Categories include Agenda Center, Bid Postings, Calendar, and News Flash. Please note that within "News Flash," you can subscribe to "City News Updates" to receive important announcements as well as the monthly *City of Winter Garden E-News* electronic newsletter.

Now sit back and let the City news come to you.

WGPD Accepting Applications for Citizens Police Academy

Ever wonder what goes on inside your police department? Find out by enrolling in the next Citizens Police Academy to be held March 2 – April 27.



This free 9-week course will meet on Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00 pm, at the Winter Garden Police Department training room. Winter Garden police officers and staff will discuss topics such as crime prevention, defensive tactics, and investigations. Class participants can also go on a ride-along with an officer and take a tour of the Orange County Jail.

To participate, you must be at least 18 years old, be a resident or work in the City of Winter Garden, and not have a criminal record.

Deadline to register is February 18 and the course fills up quickly. To enroll, download an application at www.wgpd.com or pick one up at the Winter Garden Police Department, 251 W. Plant Street.

Questions, contact Officer Gail Michaud at gmichaud@wgpd.com or 407.656.3636 ext. 4405.

WGPD Offers Women's Self Defense Class

The Winter Garden Police Department will host free basic women's self-defense classes throughout the year. A police officer certified in using S.A.F.E. self-defense techniques will instruct the class.

- Class dates | February 23, April 14, May 18, October 13, 2022
- Time | 6:00 – 8:30 pm
- Location | Winter Garden Police Department, Training Room, 251 W. Plant Street
- Eligible Participants | Women only, ages 13 and up
- Cost | FREE

Register by contacting Officer Gail Michaud at gmichaud@wgpd.com or 407-656-3636 ext. 4405.

Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater runoff carries sediment, nitrogen, phosphorous, and bacteria into our local waterways. The stormwater system takes rainwater away from homes and streets through the stormwater openings you see on your curbs and the grates in the pavement. Stormwater is different from wastewater because stormwater is not cleaned at a treatment plant. Instead, it flows directly to our local waterways.

Here's how you can help:

- Scoop, bag and trash the poop - It's not a fertilizer. It is raw sewage and releases bacteria and nitrogen into our waterways.
- Keep grass and yard waste out of the street- Know your yard waste collection day. Only place leaves and yard debris out no earlier than the night before your designated day. Keep loose leaves and yard debris out of the street so that they are not washed or blown into the storm drain, which will cause flooding.
- Don't pour paint, grease or anything down the storm drain. Remember, stormwater goes directly into our waterways.

For questions, call 407-877-5193.



Submit a Work Request to the City Using an App

Was your trash not picked up? Do you see a leaky hydrant, a broken streetlight, a cracked sidewalk, a damaged street sign, or a pothole that needs the City's attention? Do you have a code enforcement concern? The "Mobile Citizen" app provides a convenient way for residents to notify the City to have issues resolved or questions answered.

The Mobile Citizen app is free to download from Apple store or Google Play.

The Recycling Cart is Not for Bulk Items

Never place bulk trash inside the recycling cart. Large or improper items can damage the recycling trucks and the sorting equipment at the recycling facility.

The following non-acceptable items were recently found in our City's recycling carts:

- Baby Car Seats
- Computers
- Lights
- Wood
- Metal TV Trays
- Tarps
- Inflatable Decorations
- Large Tires (on or off the rim)
- Construction Material
- Yard Waste

Articles in good condition can be donated. If materials are ready for disposal, they should be placed out for bulk collection.

If large items are found inside your cart, it will not be emptied. Please place only accepted recyclables in your recycling cart to prevent costly damage.

For questions, call 407-877-5193.

FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Martial Arts, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities, Special Olympics Activities, Trips, Horticulture Lectures, Guitar Lessons, Art Classes, Kickball, Pre-School Activities, Cooking Classes, Belly Dancing, 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 - 3 years old. All classes teach soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive and educational environment. Through our age - specific curriculum, soccer is used to nurture and build self-confidence and teamwork. Each session lasts four weeks, with new sessions starting each month.

Tuesdays beginning February 1, March 1, and April 5
Saturdays beginning February 5, March 5, and April 9
18 - 24 months; weekdays 5:15 – 5:45 pm,
weekends 10:00 - 10:30 am
2 - 3 years; weekdays 5:50 – 6:35,
weekends 10:40 - 11:20 am
\$56 City Residents; \$64 Nonresidents

YOUTH & ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

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

6-week sessions beginning February 7 & April 11
5 years and older
Fee varies – check www.cwgdn.com for details
Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Road

BOOT CAMP WITH BRAD

Looking for cardio and strength training exercises that utilize 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 Resident / \$36 Nonresident per 4-week session

ACTIVE 50+ PROGRAMS & DAY TRIPS

ADVENTURES IN CRAFTDOM

Let your creativity run wild as you create a unique craft item each month. Supplies provided. You will walk out with a finished product. Registration required as availability is limited.

Tuesday, February 8—Crystal Heart Earrings: learn how to make small heart earrings
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | \$10

BOCCIA BALL

Boccia is a precision ball sport similar to Bocce Ball. The game is played inside and you sit next to your opponent on the Boccia Court. It can be played one-on-one or in teams. The object of the game is to throw or roll leather-like balls so that they land as close as possible to a target ball.

Spring (February-May) | Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Summer (June-July) | Thursdays, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Free!

I WANT TO KNOW

This activity will address different topics that may be of interest to you. February's topic is Hearing Health by Daniel Troast, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology).

Tuesday, February 22 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Free!

SHINE AND DINE—WINTER GARDEN

The Winter Garden Parks & Recreation presents lunch and a matinee at the historic Garden Theatre. Come join us for this fun-filled afternoon with friends. Meet at the fountain/gazebo on Plant Street at 11:45 am. Group lunch is Dutch treat at 12:00 pm at a local restaurant with the performance immediately following at 2:00 pm. Program cost includes theatre ticket only. No transportation is available.

The Mountaintop - 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 King reflects on the man he is and the man he hoped to be. Written in honor of the

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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.

Sunday, February 6 | 11:45 am
\$20 City Resident / \$22 Nonresident

THE RINGLING MUSEUM—SARASOTA, FL

Whether you are a fan of the circus, art, or history, the Ringling has something for everyone, including beautiful gardens. Take a tour of the Museum of Art, the Circus Museum, the Ca' d'Zan, and stroll through the estate. It all tells the story of the Ringling's, their circus, and its relationship to Sarasota. Dutch treat lunch.

Thursday, February 17
7:30 am – 6:00 pm
\$43 City Resident; \$47 Nonresident



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Celebrating Winter Garden's Black Heritage Exhibits

Visit two exhibits to celebrate the history and accomplishments of Winter Garden's African American people.

Winter Garden Heritage Museum

1 N. Main Street

Photographs and documents honor advances made in education, business, and politics over the past century, ultimately leading to social change.

Tuesday – Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
February 1 - 28

Art in Public Places Gallery in City Hall

300 W. Plant Street

A cooperative exhibit featuring historic and contemporary images provided by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation and the Crealde' School of Art.

Monday – Friday | 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
February 1 – March 31



SOBO Art Gallery

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



Garden Theatre

garden theatre.org
407.877.4736
160 W. Plant Street

EXHIBITION | Free Admission

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. wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists

March 1 – 8 | Submit your best 2D & 3D works to the Top Choice Annual Awards Exhibition. It is open to all types of artistic entries.

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

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 pm (during Open Artist Studio). A different instructor & technique every week. Open to all
Free to members & first time visitors
Visit wgart.org/tuesdays for updates and to register.

Master Class: Oliver Sin – March 6 -10

This workshop will help students to make competent portrait drawings. Step-by-step demonstrations will help students to understand the structure of the face in terms of shapes, planes change, anatomy, and value by using lines and value rendering.

Expressive Floral & Still Life Painting in Oils - April 9 - 11

Wish your paintings popped from across the room? Come learn how by painting still life and florals from life. Through demonstrations and discussion, followed by plenty of one-on-one instruction, you can learn to make your paintings sing with light, color, depth, and movement in this all-from-life class.

ART FOR KIDS

Register at wgart.com/kids

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

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

BECOME A MEMBER OR DONATE: Interested in becoming a member of the Winter Garden Art Association or simply donating to the arts, visit wgart.org/join.

LIVE THEATRE

Parade

Book by Alfred Uhry | Music & Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown
Directed by Joseph C. Walsh

I'm trapped inside this life and trapped beside a wife who would prefer that I'd say "Howdy!" not "Shalom!" This provocative Tony Award-winning musical explores the endurance of love, hope, and compassion against seemingly insurmountable odds. Ostracized for his faith, Leo Frank, a Brooklyn-raised Jewish man, is accused of murder in 1913 Atlanta. The whole town turns against him, leaving his wife Lucille as his only defender. A moving love story, a riveting murder mystery, and a gripping courtroom drama, *Parade* illuminates a circus of conflicting accounts, false testimony, and mishandled evidence in a town reeling with social and racial tension.

February 25 – March 13 | Matinee and Evening Performances

ASL-Interpreted Performance

Tickets start at \$25 | Discounts available for youth, seniors, groups, and military members. garden theatre.org/plays

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.

Teen Intro to Comedy Improv - Have a funny bone? Want to learn how to make the whole room laugh with you? In this introduction to improvisation, students will learn tips and tricks from industry comedians. This course is ideal for students with little to no previous improv experience.

Mondays | February 14 – March 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm | Grades 7 – 12
garden theatre.org/classes

For health and safety information, visit garden theatre.org/plan-your-trip.