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## Events to Celebrate National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

Winter Garden's small businesses make our community unique so come out to support them at two downtown events in celebration of the annual National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day.

### **DOWNTOWN BOUTIQUE WALK** | Thursday, March 24, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Join the downtown boutiques for a splendid evening of shopping, sips, and snacks. Participating shops will have in-store raffles, special sales, as well as new merchandise to kick off the spring season. Stay tuned to cwgd.com and downtownwg.com for details and participating stores.

### **SHOP, DINE & STROLL** | Saturday, March 26

A daylong outdoor shopping and dining experience in Downtown Winter Garden. Shop the sidewalk sales, spring fashions and merchandise, and enjoy seasonal menus at expansive outdoor patios. Stroll through blooming flowers along the historic brick-lined streets while enjoying the spring weather. Live music will fill the air in the evening with a special performance at Centennial Plaza.

## Work in Your Own Backyard! City of Winter Garden is Hiring

Tired of commuting? Looking for more time to do the things you love? Work where you live and add to your quality of life.

As our community continues to grow and thrive, the City of Winter Garden is seeking qualified individuals that exemplify the "Winter Garden Way" of providing top-notch service that residents expect, deserve, and appreciate. Candidates should possess a motivated mindset and a can-do attitude to find creative solutions, while always putting the citizens first.

Winter Garden is a great place to both live and work. Explore the job opportunities and the impressive benefit package at cwgd.com and click on "Jobs" at bottom of home page.

## Spring Break Camp

The Spring Break Camp, hosted by the Winter Garden Parks & Recreation Department, is a fun way for school-aged children to spend their time off from school. Campers will enjoy various activities, sports, arts and crafts, and more alongside their friends. A qualified, well-trained 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.

Camp dates | March 11, 14 – 18

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Camp is open to children Kindergarten through 8th grade

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

Jesse Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard St.

Register at enroll.wg.play.com. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

## *Farmers Market Hosts Farm Day on March 5*

The Winter Garden Farmers Market is all about the "farm" and on March 5, it will not only be the farm's produce and dairy at the market, but also farm animals!

A free petting zoo will be on the lawn for all ages to enjoy. Visit with lambs, goats, bunnies, a pig, chickens, and more. Learn about these animals that are an important component of a farm.

Farm Day at the Market

Saturday, March 5 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm | Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue



## Celebrate World Water Day – March 22

World Water Day highlights the importance of fresh water. Did you know that 2 billion people worldwide are living without access to fresh water? Working to protect our water is critical and it is everyone's responsibility. Conserving water saves a precious natural resource, avoids overdraft of reservoirs and groundwater, maintains future water supplies, and leaves more water for wildlife.

Interesting Water Facts (courtesy of St. Johns River Water Management District):

- Of the world's freshwater supply, over two-thirds is found underground.
- Only 3% of the water found on Earth is freshwater; 97% is salt water, found in oceans and salty lakes.
- The human body is 66% water.
- About 82% of our blood is water. Water helps digest our food, take in oxygen, transport body wastes, and control body temperature.
- Only 1% of the Earth's water supply is in a form that is usable by animals, plants, and humans.

For questions, call 407.877.5193.

## Upcoming April Events

**Spring Fever in the Garden** | April 2 & 3

**Central Florida Railroad Museum Open House** | April 2

**Arts in April Community Events** | April 1 – 30

**Art Night VIP** | April 30 (purchase tickets at wgart.org/vip)



## There's an App for Your City Work Requests

The Mobile Citizen app is a convenient tool to submit a work request to the City or have questions answered. For example, next time you see a pothole, a broken sign, a malfunctioning streetlight, or a leaky hydrant, you can notify the City through the app. The app also can be used to inform the City that your trash was missed, schedule a pick-up for a discarded appliance, inquire about a code enforcement concern, and more. Download the free Mobile Citizen app from Apple Store or Google Play to help keep our services top-notch and have faster access to a response.

## Recycle These Plastics – Just Not in the Curbside Recycling Cart

Many plastic bags, film packaging, and wraps are still showing up in the recycling carts. These items get tangled in the sorting equipment at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), which is why they are not allowed in the cart. However, they can be recycled; you just have to take them to a retailer that provides that service.

**Recycle these at the store (make sure they are clean & dry):**

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| • Plastic Carryout Bags      | • Produce Bags     |
| • Plastic Shipping Envelopes | • Bread Bags       |
| • Dry Cleaning Bags          | • Case Wrap        |
| • Air Pillows (Popped)       | • Newspaper Bags   |
| • Food Storage Bags          | • Product Overwrap |

*Candy bar wrappers, chip bags, six-pack rings, and degradable bags are NOT recyclable.*

For questions, call 407.877.5193.

## SPRING into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Martial Arts, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities, Trips, Horticulture Lectures, Art Classes, Kickball, Pre-School Activities, Pickleball, and more! All programs are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.

Advance reservations required at [enroll.wgplay.com](http://enroll.wgplay.com). For a detailed list of programs, classes, and sports leagues, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com). Questions, call 407.656.4155.

### BEGINNER ARCHERY

This is a course for youth and adults in barebow category archery (without sighting devices). All equipment is provided. Class welcomes beginner and advanced Archers, and provides a variety of skill development training and fun archery games.

Session 3: March 30 & 31 | 6:00 – 6:50 pm  
 Session 4: April 27 & 28 | 6:00 – 6:50 pm  
 \$25 City Resident / \$30 Nonresident, per class  
 \$50 City Resident / \$60 Nonresident, per 2-class session

### 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, we use soccer to nurture and build self-confidence and teamwork. Each session lasts four weeks, with new sessions starting each month.

Tuesdays beginning March 1 and April 5  
 Saturdays beginning 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 Resident / \$64 Nonresident

### 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 & Thursdays | 5:00 – 5:50 pm  
 16 years & older  
 \$16 City Resident / \$18 Nonresident, per class  
 \$55 City Resident / \$65 Nonresident, 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 & older  
 \$9 City Resident / \$10 Nonresident, per class

### 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

### ACTIVE 50+ DAY TRIP

#### BREVARD ZOO—MELBOURNE, FL

This zoo's lush, open-air habitats are home to over 900 animals from around the world! The zoo is divided into four loops: Expedition Africa, Lands of Change: Australia and Beyond, Wild Florida, and Rainforest Revealed. Dutch treat lunch.

Tuesday, March 22  
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
 \$33 City Resident / \$37 Nonresident



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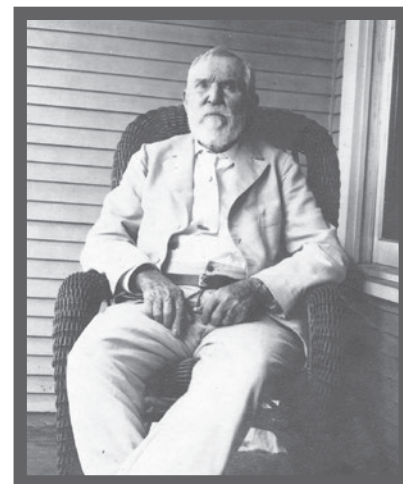


## Heritage Museum Premieres Exhibit about the Tilden Family

1 N. Main Street | [wgfh.org](http://wgfh.org) | 407.656.3244  
 Open Tuesday – Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission

**EXHIBITION: TILDEN: The Story of a Family**  
 March 1 – May 31

The "Tilden" name is preserved indelibly on roadways, a neighborhood, antique citrus crate labels, and a historical legacy stretching back for almost 150 years in West Orange County. An exhibit showcasing photographs and artifacts donated by the pioneer Tilden family traces the heritage of an agricultural dynasty that greatly contributed to the region's growth.



## Central Florida Railroad Museum

101 S. Boyd Street | [cfrhs.org](http://cfrhs.org) | 407.656.0559  
 Tuesday – Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission

**PRESENTATION: History Series: The Tug & Grunt, Our Beloved Tavares and Gulf Railroad**  
 Saturday, March 19 | 1:00 pm

One of two railroads serving Winter Garden during the city's earliest days, the Tavares & Gulf Railroad seemed plagued by an almost daily onslaught of challenges, the least of which was simply keeping the train on the track. However, despite its troubles, the railroad played a major role in the development of Winter Garden and West Orange County.





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## SOBO Art Gallery

127 S. Boyd Street | wgart.org | 407.347.7996  
Tuesday – Saturday | 10:00 am – 6:00 pm | Free Admission

### EXHIBITION | Free Admission

#### Women's Living Legacy

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

Now – March 26

### 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*, open to all types of artistic entries.

### WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

Details and registration, wgart.org/adults.

#### Expressive Floral & Still Life Painting in Oils

April 9 – 11 | Fee required

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. Gorgeous flowers and still life items will be provided for full on inspiration and visual excitement as we explore and learn through value, color, edges, and composition.

#### Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model is available to draw every session.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only

\$10 members / \$15 non-members

#### Open Artist Studio

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

Tuesdays | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Open to all | Free

#### Technique Tuesdays @ Two!

Tuesdays | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

(during Open Artist Studio)

A different instructor & technique every week.

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

Open to all | Free to members & 1st time visitors

Details and updates, wgart.org/tuesdays.

### ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration, wgart.org/kids.

### WEDNESDAY ART CLUBS:

2nd grade – 5th grade | 2:45 – 3:45 pm

Middle & High School | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

\$15 each session, includes all materials

### HOME SCHOOL CLASSES

SOBO offers 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 available in time blocks between

10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

### BECOME A MEMBER OR DONATE:

Interested in becoming a member or simply donating to the arts, visit wgart.org/join.



## Garden Theatre

160 W. Plant Street | gardentheatre.org | 407.877.4736

### LIVE THEATRE | gardentheatre.org/plays

#### Parade | Now – March 13

Matinee and Evening Performances

ASL-Interpreted Performance on

March 10 | 7:30 pm

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

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.

### MOVIES | gardentheatre.org/movies

#### Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975, PG)

Sunday, March 27 | 7:00 pm

Interactive Pre Show at 6:30 pm | Tickets \$15

Ni! Armed with coconuts and holy hand grenades, King Arthur and his motley crew struggle to find the Holy Grail in this British cult classic film.

### EDUCATION | gardentheatre.org/classes

#### Weekly Classes

##### Acting for Adults (Beginner)

Tuesdays | March 8 – 29 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Ages 18+

##### Beauty and the Beast Saturdays

Saturdays | March 26 – April 30 | 8:00 – 10:00 am  
Grades 1 – 3

##### Latin Dance

Saturdays | March 26 – April 30 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 pm  
Grades 3 – 6

#### Spring Break Camps | March 14 – 18

##### Schoolhouse Rock Live Production Experience |

Grades 1 – 3

##### Get Down With Six | Grades 3 – 6

##### Villains Musical | Grades 3 – 6

##### Musical Theatre Songwriting | Grades 7 – 12