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MAY 2022

## Ways to Celebrate National Preservation Month

May is dedicated to National Preservation Month, also known as Historic Preservation Month, to celebrate the nation's heritage through historic places. During the month, organizations across the country promote a variety of activities on the local, state, and national levels. Here in the City of Winter Garden, there are several ways to celebrate the origins of your hometown and become involved in preserving it:

- Visit the history exhibits currently on display at City Hall and the Winter Garden Heritage Museum. Visit the Central Florida Railroad Museum to see amazing artifacts. Free admission always.
- Learn about volunteer opportunities at downtown's two history museums and the history center dedicated to preserving our community's history.
- Sign up for a walking or biking history tour through the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation.
- Take the self-guided Winter Garden Heritage Trees Walking Tour. Maps available at City Hall, downtown museums, and at bloomandgrow.club.
- Check your attic, basement, garage, or other outbuildings for historical documents or photos that may contribute to your community's history, and share them with the history center.

For information about the museums, history center, tours, and volunteer opportunities, visit [wghf.org](http://wghf.org) or call 407.656.3244.

### **National Preservation Month Exhibit at City Hall | *HISTORY PRESERVED: New Images of the Historic District***

During the City's recent re-survey of the Downtown Historic District, local photographers submitted images of the iconic structures that have been standing for more than a century. The exhibit features 24 photographs that pay homage to our architectural legacy, including the winning entries of the 2021 Historic Preservation Photo Contest.

May 2 – June 30 | Monday – Friday | 7:30 am – 5:30 pm | Winter Garden City Hall Art in Public Places Gallery | 300 W. Plant Street

### **Pioneer Family Exhibit at Winter Garden Heritage Museum | *TILDEN: The Story of a Family***

Be sure to visit this exhibition showcasing photographs and artifacts donated by the pioneer Tilden family. The exhibition traces the 150-year historical legacy of an agricultural dynasty that greatly contributed to West Orange County's growth.

Now – May 31 | Tuesday through Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission | 1 N. Main Street

### **History Research, Education, and Visitors' Center is Open**

The archive is open to conduct research on West Orange County history, including thousands of family files. Call 407.656.3244 to make an appointment.

In addition, as a Certified Visitors' Information Center for the State of Florida, the Visitors' Center has maps, brochures, and information on the area to share with walk-in guests. It services thousands of travelers yearly with the help of volunteers.

Tuesday through Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission | 21 E. Plant Street

## Memorial Day Community Ceremony

The community is invited to a Roll Call of Veterans, placement of wreaths, and patriotic songs to honor and respect our local veterans who gave their lives during times of war. May we always honor and remember them.



Monday, May 30, 2022 | 8:30 am  
Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

## Memorial Day Office Closure & Solid Waste Collection Schedule

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30.
- There will be NO trash, recycling, yard waste, or bulk Collection Services on Monday, May 30. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

## Winter Garden Fire Rescue Now Provides Local Ambulance Service

The ambulances that you see around town are now led by Winter Garden firefighters! The Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department (WGFRD) has become the emergency medical transport agency for the community. In this role, WGFRD provides emergency medical services along with ambulance transportation to local hospitals for the entire City area, both within city limits and the unincorporated enclaves.

WGFRD has a long-standing reputation of providing exemplary emergency medical services, including basic and advanced life support, prior to adding ambulance transportation to their list of services.

## Use QR Code to Download Your Mobile Citizen App

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 can also be used to inform the City that your trash was missed, schedule a pick-up for a discarded appliance or large electronic, inquire about a code enforcement concern, and more.

Use the QR code provided to download the free Mobile Citizen app from Apple Store or Google Play to have a super convenient way to reach the City.



## How to Dispose of Appliances and Large Electronics

The City of Winter Garden will gladly dispose of old TVs, appliances, computers, and other large electronics you no longer want at no charge; however, you must schedule a pick-up. Many residents mistakenly think the bulk truck will get these items on their large item collection day; but a special appliance/electronics-only truck is assigned to remove them. To keep your neighborhood tidy, please schedule a pick-up before placing at the curb.

**Schedule a pick-up for the following appliances/electronics or they won't be collected:**

- TVs
- Refrigerators & Freezers
- Dishwashers
- Computers
- Monitors
- Water Heaters
- Treadmills
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Lawn Mowers

Appliances and large electronics pick-up can be scheduled via the Mobile Citizen App or by calling 407.656.2256.

## City is Hiring 911 Dispatchers

The City is hiring trainees & experienced 911 Dispatchers, both Full-Time and As Needed positions, to ensure our citizens are provided with prompt, safe, and effective emergency and non-emergency services. 911 Dispatchers coordinate incoming calls for service with Police resources, assess/prioritize calls, dispatch officers, maintain/monitor officer responses, conduct/enter inquiries, relay information, and help with lifesaving instructions for a 24/7 operation.

- **911 Dispatchers – Full-Time** – 12-hour shifts (may include weekends, varying shifts, holidays, and extended hours). **New hires are eligible for a \$2,000 sign-on bonus!**
- **911 Dispatchers – As Needed** – For those interested in occasional shifts with varying schedules to fill-in when operationally needed.

For more information on position responsibilities, minimum qualifications, and benefits, visit [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) and click on “Jobs” or scan the QR code.



The City of Winter Garden is observing Drinking Water Week, May 1 – 7, by recognizing the vital role tap water plays in daily life, the infrastructure that is required to carry it to and from homes and businesses, and the critical work that our water professionals accomplish to ensure the delivery of quality tap water.

Your water department works diligently around the clock to ensure high-quality drinking water is “there when you need it.” It produces your morning coffee, cools you off after a workout, warms you up in a bath, cleans your fruit and vegetables and is just there when you need it. Drinking Water Week is a good opportunity to recognize the vital role tap water plays in our daily lives.

Visit the City Hall lobby during the month of May to learn more about your water’s journey, from source to tap. Water Plant Tours are coming in August so please stay tuned!

Call 407.877.5193 for more information.

# SPRING into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Aquatics, Tai Chi, Yoga, Systema, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities & Trips, Art Classes, Kickball, Pre-School Activities, Pickleball, and more! For details about programs, classes, and sports leagues, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com). Register at [enroll.wgplay.com](http://enroll.wgplay.com). Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Aquatics Fitness Programs are held at Farnsworth Pool, 1 Surprise Drive. Gentle Yoga and Systema classes are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street.

## AQUA BOOT CAMP

Based on speed, power, and strength rather than rhythm and choreography, Aqua Fitness Boot Camp incorporates pyramid training, kickboxing drills, interval training, power drills, speed bursts, and strength exercises. While this class requires no coordination, it does demand a lot of stamina and is great for participants who need a new challenge and prefer intense, athletic workouts. This class will push you to your limits!

Mondays – Thursdays | May 31 – August 4  
12:00 – 12:45 pm  
16 years & older | \$3 per visit

## AQUA ZUMBA

Activate your urge for variety! Aqua Zumba offers fun, shallow-water movement to improve agility and flexibility while addressing cardiovascular, strength, and endurance conditioning. This 60-minute class combines some of the traditional elements of aqua fitness with the upbeat, Latin-infused dance moves. You don't want to miss this pool party!

Mondays | May 9 – August 1  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
16 years & older | \$3 per visit

## AQUA FITNESS

A stress-free exercise that works the cardiovascular system, respiratory system, and major muscle groups in one workout. Water surrounds the body resisting every move, and muscle workouts are balanced at your own level. Aqua fitness provides a great workout while putting minimal stress on the body.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | May 10 – August 4  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Saturdays | May 7 – August 6  
8:00 – 9:00 am | 16 years & older  
\$3 per visit

## LAP SWIMMING

The outdoor lap swim program gives adults the chance to take to the water for health and fitness without interruption from other swimmers.

Participants who swim 25 miles or more over the summer will receive a free Aqua Exercise Flex Pass for the following summer.

Mondays – Thursdays | May 9 – August 4  
5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Mondays – Thursdays | June 6 – July 28  
8:00 – 9:00 am  
Saturdays | May 7 – August 6  
8:00 am – 10:00 am  
16 years & older | \$3 per visit

## PRE-SUMMER RED CROSS LEARN TO SWIM MINI-SESSIONS

These sessions are designed as refresher courses for young swimmers who have been out of the water since the previous summer. Each session offers four classes to help the participants regain confidence in the water.

Mondays - Thursdays  
Session 1 | May 9 – May 12  
Session 2 | May 16 – May 19  
Session 3 | May 23 – May 26  
\$32 City Resident | \$40 Nonresident

## 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

## 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

## City Government Serving You

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## Red, White and Blue Americana

Downtown turns red, white, and blue from Memorial Day through Independence Day! The patriotic decorations are a colorful backdrop for patronizing the local shops, dining at the outdoor patios, and for capturing holiday photos.



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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

#### Top Choice Annual Awards Exhibit

The annual juried competition features the best 2D and 3D works from Central Florida artists competing for Best of Show, People's Choice, Curator's Choice, and Multiple Medium Category Awards.

Now – May 28

### CALL TO ARTISTS

**May 1 – 8** | Submit 2D & 3D artwork featuring portraits and other plays on the theme "About Face." Creative interpretations of the theme are always appreciated. Send online submissions to [wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists](http://wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists).

### WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

Details and registration, [wgart.org/adults](http://wgart.org/adults).

#### Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model is available to draw every session.  
Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm  
18 years and older only  
\$10 member | \$15 nonmember

### 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 @ 2PM

A different instructor & technique is featured every week.

Tuesdays | 2:00 – 4:00 pm (during Open Artist Studio)

Open to all | Free for members & 1st time visitors  
Schedule and details, [wgart.org/Tuesdays](http://wgart.org/Tuesdays).

### ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration, [wgart.org/kids](http://wgart.org/kids).

### SUMMER CAMP at SOBO

SOBO Art Gallery & Studio will offer four high quality art camps this summer! Each camp session will explore a variety of topics and mediums.

Monday – Friday | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
\$150 per week | 2nd grade & up

### Camp Sessions:

- June 6 – 10 | Exploring Our Beautiful World! Land, Sea & Sky
- June 13 – 17 | Art Through the Ages
- June 20 – 24 | Exploring Traditions and Cultures
- June 27 – July 1 | America, The Beautiful... Travel around the USA!

Spaces fill quickly. Register at [wgart.org/kids](http://wgart.org/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

### JOIN

Individual membership is \$35 and a family membership is \$50. Consider becoming a member or donating to the arts, [wgart.org/join](http://wgart.org/join).



## Garden Theatre

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

### LIVE THEATRE | [gardentheatre.org/plays](http://gardentheatre.org/plays)

#### Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Now - May 22 | Matinee and Evening Performances  
ASL-Interpreted Performance, May 5  
Sensory-Friendly Performance, May 14  
Tickets start at \$25. | Discounts available for youth, seniors, groups, and military members.

*Music by Alan Menken | Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice*  
*Book by Linda Woolverton*  
*Directed by Roberta Emerson*

*There's been a change in me, a kind of moving on, though what I used to be I still depend upon. Trapped in her provincial life,*

an intelligent young woman risks everything to save her father from a terrifying Beast in an enchanted castle. Belle becomes the heroine of her own story as she discovers the power in daring to be different and breaks free from the expectations of her quiet village. Filled with dancing teapots, gorgeous costumes, and theatre magic, this international best-selling sensation will be reimagined like never before for the Garden stage.

### MOVIES | [gardentheatre.org/movies](http://gardentheatre.org/movies)

**Disney's Beauty and the Beast** (1991, G)  
Sunday, May 1 | 6:30 pm | Rewind Movie | \$5

A young prince is cursed after angering an enchantress, and only true love can break the spell. But who could ever love a beast?

#### **The Wiz** (1978, G)

Sunday, May 15 | 7:00 pm  
Interactive Movie Preshow at 6:30 pm | \$15

*Everybody look around, 'cause there's a reason to rejoice you see!* Harlem schoolteacher Dorothy has never traveled far away from home, but when a snowstorm magically transports her to the Land of Oz, she's in for a big adventure! Dorothy teams up with new friends to "ease on down" the yellow brick road and to find the one man who can help her get back home. Interactive Movies feature pre-show games and activities hosted by live actors.

### EDUCATION | [gardentheatre.org/classes](http://gardentheatre.org/classes)

Registration is now open for **2022 Summer Camps** for grades 3 - 12! Students are encouraged to try something new, develop their theatre skills, and become more confident in everything they do.

For health and safety information, visit [gardentheatre.org/plan-your-trip](http://gardentheatre.org/plan-your-trip).