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JULY 2022

City Booming with Fourth of July Celebrations

The City will host multiple free community celebrations to commemorate America's birthday. From live music and a parade to a patriotic movie, fireworks show, and more, there is something for all ages!



Red, White & Blues on the Plaza



The Grimes Alley Blues Band will usher in the holiday weekend singing the blues.

Friday, July 1 | 7:00-9:00 pm | Centennial Plaza

Winter Garden Farmers Market Independence Day Celebration

Visit the patriotic-decorated market for some good old-fashioned fun including live music, kids' crafts, lawn games, and one-stop shopping for your holiday barbecue.

Saturday, July 2 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Ave.

18th Annual All American Kids Parade & Breakfast

Decorate your bike, scooter, or your walking shoes and join us for a red, white, and blue stroll through Downtown Winter Garden! Immediately prior to the parade, kids eat free at a Pancake Breakfast (\$5 donation for adult meals). Kids activities and free decorations available.



Monday, July 4
Pancake Breakfast (Kids eat free!) | 8:00 – 9:30 am
Parade | 10:00 am (Line up at 9:45 am)
Winter Garden Masonic Lodge, 230 W. Bay St.

Film Screening of WWII Documentary

The feature film, *History Speaks: Diary of a Generation*, makes a stop at the exquisite Garden Theatre during its national tour. The documentary highlights the "Greatest Generation" telling their stories on how ordinary people become extraordinary when faced with the realities of living in a world at war. A Q&A with local filmmaker will follow the second screening.

Monday, July 4
Two Showings | 11:00 am and 1:15 pm
Garden Theatre, 160 W. Plant St.

Party in the Park

Keep your eyes on the sky for one of the best firework displays in West Orange County. Live music, games, crafts, food, vendors, and fun for all ages! Parking available at several locations on North Dillard Street. Bring a chair, blanket, or have a seat on the grass for this annual Winter Garden tradition! No personal fireworks nor alcohol permitted.



Monday, July 4
Festivities start at 6:00 pm | Fireworks 9:15 pm
Newton Park, 29 W. Garden Ave.

Holiday Office Closure & NO Solid Waste Collection Services for Independence Day

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.
- There will be NO Collection Services for trash, recycling, yard waste, nor bulk items on Monday, July 4. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

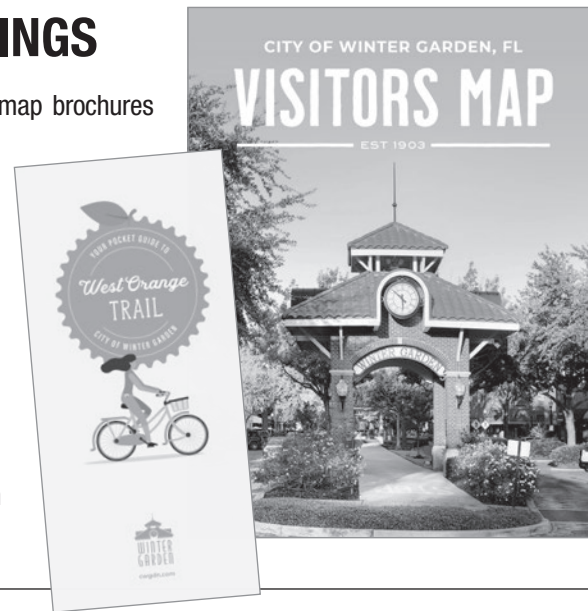
NEW CITY GUIDES TO PLAN SUMMER OUTINGS

If you are looking for summer adventures right in your hometown, then two new map brochures produced by the City can serve as handy reference guides to plan fun outings.

Your *Pocket Guide to West Orange Trail* outlines the West Orange Trail stations and parks stretching west from Clermont and northeast to Apopka. It includes top things to see along the trail and highlights the many amenities and recreational venues in downtown Winter Garden.

The *City of Winter Garden, FL, Visitors Map* is a colorful, compact guide that unfolds to a ledger-size map of historic downtown. It features a directory of attractions, nature parks, and recreational amenities, as well as a list of shops and restaurants.

The maps are free and available in the lobby of City Hall, 300 W. Plant St., during operating hours, and can be downloaded from the City's websites, downtownwg.com and cwgdn.com.



International Plastic Bag Free Day — July 3

July 3 is International Plastic Bag Free Day, a global initiative to help eliminate the use of plastic bags. Though plastic bags may seem convenient, they are a huge strain on the environment. They stay in our landfills and pollute our waterways. It can take up to 500 years for plastic bags to disintegrate!

How to Observe the Holiday:

1. Stop using plastic bags. Wherever you are on July 3 – a grocery store, park, or restaurant - make sure not to use and do not ask for any plastic bags. Use reusable bags, if needed.
2. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! If you have plastic bags lying around, do not throw them away. Use them as extra trash bags!
3. Practice your green thumb. Use the day to help the earth. You can plant a new tree or some nice flowers. The planet and the wildlife around your home will thank you.

For more information, call 407.877.5193.

REGISTER FOR A WATER PLANT TOUR

Coming up August 12 & 13

Do you ever wonder how the water in your home is always there when you need it? You can learn more about your H₂O with a tour of the Winter Garden Water Plant. Find out how water travels from the source to your faucet. You will also learn how the Utilities Division keeps the water safe and free of germs, and how they make the water taste so good!

Tours are scheduled for Friday, August 12, and Saturday, August 13, at 10:00 am. Tours are free, but you must register in advance. If popular, additional tours will be scheduled.

To register or for more information, call 407.877.5193 or send email to dcorbus@cwgdn.com.

Reminder about Fireworks Usage

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



Mobile Citizen App Provides Convenience

The Mobile Citizen app is a convenient tool to alert City personnel that something needs fixing, your trash was not picked up, and to have issues addressed.

Scan the QR code provided to download the free Mobile Citizen app from Apple Store or Google Play to your personal device. In a few clicks, your notification will reach the appropriate City department to be resolved.



SUMMER FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Systema, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities & Trips, Art Classes, Kickball, Pre-School Activities, and more! For details about programs, classes, and athletic leagues, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at cwgdn.com. Register at enroll.wgplay.com. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Umpires and Scorekeepers Needed

The City of Winter Garden is currently looking for paid Adult Slowpitch USSSA Softball Umpires and Scorekeepers to participate in games at Braddock Park (13460 Lake Butler Blvd.) and Veterans Memorial Park (420 S. Park Ave.) on the evenings of Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Experience for these roles is preferred but not mandatory. Training will be provided. These positions are open to ages 18 and up.

For more information on these positions, please contact the Winter Garden Parks and Recreation office at 407.656.4155 or email recinfo@cwgdn.com.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Registrations may close early due to limited availability.

USSSA Softball - Adult Fall League

Snag a line drive, make a diving catch, and crush a game winning homerun in our adult softball leagues. Church, Men's and Co-ed leagues offered.

Returning Teams Registration* | July 5 – July 29
 New Teams Registration | July 18 – July 29
 League begins the week of August 15
 Monday – Thursday Games | 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, & 8:45 pm
 \$460 per team for season
 Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Blvd. / Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Ave.

*A returning team is classified as a team that has participated in any of our softball leagues within one of the past three consecutive seasons.

Kickball - Adult Fall League

Your favorite game during grade school recess just turned into your weeknight get-together. Come out and KICK IT with our co-ed league.

Registration | July 5 – July 29
 League begins August 18
 Thursday Games | 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, & 8:45 pm
 \$300 per team for season
 Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Blvd.

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.

Saturdays beginning July 9 and August 6
 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
 Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard St.

Youth & Adult Tennis Lessons

Highly skilled instructor brings years of experience and knowledge to participants. Class space is limited, advance registration required. Private lessons available upon request.

Tuesday and Thursdays | Classes begin at 9:30 am and are held every hour
 3-week session beginning July 18
 (2 classes per week)
 5 years and older
 Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Rd.
 Pee Wee Resident Rate \$70 / Nonresident \$75, per session
 Adult Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Resident Rate \$120 / Nonresident \$128, per session

WELLNESS CLASSES

Boot Camp with Brad

Looking for cardio and strength training exercises that utilize both weights and 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

Jessie Brock Community Center,
 310 N. Dillard St.
 \$16 City Residents / \$18 Nonresidents, per class
 \$55 City Residents / \$65 Nonresidents, per month (8 classes)



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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
 Jessie Brock Community Center,
 310 N. Dillard St.

\$9 City Resident / \$10 Nonresident, per class
 \$32 City Residents / \$36 Nonresident, per month



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JULY 2022



SOBO Art Gallery

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

EXHIBITION

About Face

The exhibition features portraits and creative interpretations of the theme “about face.”

Now – July 30

CALL TO ARTISTS

Would you like to see your art on display at SOBO Art Gallery?

July 1 – 8 | Submit 2D & 3D artwork featuring the things we love, adore, and obsess over in life for upcoming *Objects of Affection* exhibition. Send online submissions to wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists.

Visit the “Call or Artists” website page regularly for themes of upcoming exhibitions, and submit online the FIRST through the EIGHTH of the month prior to an exhibition.

WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

Details and registration, 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 non member

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.

ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration, wgart.org/kids.

OFFSITE CLASSES

Custom art classes with Lenore Eastham, Certified Art Educator, starting at \$75/hr., are available.

Email info@wgart.org for more information.

CUSTOM PARTIES

Celebrate a milestone with a custom-designed experience at SOBO Art Gallery.

Details at wgart.com/custom.

JOIN

Annual individual membership is \$35 and a family membership is \$50. To join, donate to the arts, or volunteer, visit wgart.org/join.



Garden Theatre

160 W. Plant Street | gardentheatre.org | 407.877.4736

LIVE THEATRE | gardentheatre.org/plays

ON YOUR FEET! THE STORY OF EMILIO AND GLORIA ESTEFAN

July 8 - 31 | Matinee and Evening Performances

ASL-Interpreted Performance | July 21

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

Book by Alexander Dinelarlis; Featuring Music Produced and Recorded by Emilio & Gloria Estefan & Miami Sound Machine; Directed by Joshian Morales

This is what you're meant to do. You just don't know it yet. Before she captivated the world as Grammy Award-winning Latin pop icon Gloria Estefan, she was Glorita. Coming of age in 1970s Miami, young Gloria breaks from family expectations and embarks on a musical journey with bandmate Emilio. *On Your Feet!* tells the story of this power couple's rise from humble beginnings to international sensation. You'll be dancing in the aisles to “Rhythm is Gonna Get You,” “Conga,” “Oye Me Canto,” and “On Your Feet!”

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 2022 - 2023 SEASON ARE NOW ON SALE!

See all seven shows in our exciting season, including *A Bronx Tale* and *Dreamgirls*, or pick three of your favorites with a Garden Theatre subscription. Single tickets for the 2022 - 2023 Season will go on sale starting July 6.

gardentheatre.org/subscribe

EDUCATION | gardentheatre.org/classes

SUMMER CAMPS 2022

Registration is now open. Students are encouraged to try something new, develop their theatre skills, and become more confident in everything they do.

July 5 - 8

Video Game Legends | Grades 1 - 3

Jukebox Musical Review | Grades 3 - 6

Stars on Broadway | Grades 7 - 12

July 11 - 15

Mind, BODY, and Soul | Grades 3 - 6

Interactive Experiences | Grades 7 - 12

July 18 - 22

Those Other Fairy Tales | Grades 1 - 3

Broadway Boot Camp | Grades 3 - 6

July 25 - 29

We Don't Talk About Bruno (Newly Added!) | Grades 1 - 3

Tickle That Funny Bone | Grades 3 - 6

For health and safety information, please visit gardentheatre.org/plan-your-trip.