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Visit the Downtown Halloween Experience

Halloween is celebrated for 11 days – not just one — in Winter Garden! The City's Halloween Experience extravaganza provides family-friendly festivities in Downtown Winter Garden, including seven nights of an outdoor animated Halloween Light Show on City Hall; a hay maze; fall- and spooky-themed photo locations; decorations and light displays throughout downtown; a Spooky Caboose; a Halloween Celebration at the Farmers Market; a Harvest Sidewalk Sale & Stroll; and more!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

HALLOWEEN LIGHT SHOW

A Halloween animated light show synchronized to music projected onto the front façade of City Hall. In addition, you never know what entertainment surprises are lurking downtown on these evenings.

October 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street

HARVEST SIDEWALK SALE & STROLL

Stroll and shop the outdoor sidewalk sale surrounded by spooky and fall-themed ambiance. Stores will feature special sales, promotions, and seasonal merchandise so be sure to pop inside as well. Dine at the outdoor patios to enjoy the fall weather and festive decor.

Saturday, October 22 | Daylong
Historic Downtown

HALLOWEEN AT WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET

Come out to the Farmers Market for some Halloween fun and the fresh fall harvest. Free Halloween craft making at the KidZone tent (next to the Parking Garage), live music, and family-friendly

games on the lawn. A great place to get your pumpkins for carving with a large assortment of sizes and shapes. Makes a great photo opportunity as well!

Saturdays | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, October 29 | Halloween at the Market
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue

SPOOKY CABOOSE AT THE HISTORY CENTER

Enter the Spooky Caboose – if you dare – stationed outside the Winter Garden History Center. The spooky-decorated caboose has fun frights for all ages. Free to enter / donations appreciated.

Monday, October 31 | 3:00 – 8:00 pm
Winter Garden History, Education, and Visitors' Center
21 E. Plant Street

AVAILABLE ALL-DAY, EVERY DAY

- Hay Maze at City Hall
- Themed Photo Stations
- Seasonal Decorations & Light Displays



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY EVENT

Join the Winter Garden Police Department for a Night Out Against Crime. Free food, children's activities, meet and greet with your local police officers, demonstrations, crime prevention, and fun!

Tuesday, October 4 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue | Free

LEGO DAY AT THE RAILROAD MUSEUM

Join us as we host the Greater Florida Lego User Group to see their large Lego display, loaded with buildings, people, and working trains!

Saturday, October 8 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Free

Central Florida Railroad Museum
101 S. Boyd Street | cfrhs.org | 407.656.0559
Tuesday – Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission



HOLIDAY GIFTS for Kids Program: Registration Opens this Month

Presented by Winter Garden Police Athletic League, Inc. (WGPAL)

The Winter Garden Police Athletic League, Inc. (WGPAL) annually conducts a Holiday Gifts for Kids program to provide presents to Winter Garden youth (newborn – 12 years old) in need.

To register, pick up and return an application at one of the following locations or hand it to a police officer on patrol.

Winter Garden Police Department – 251 W. Plant Street
City Hall – 300 W. Plant Street
Maxey Center – 830 Klondike Street
Mildred Dixon Activity Center – 303 S.W. Crown Pointe Road
Jessie Brock Community Center – 310 N. Dillard Street

When registering, ALL of the following documents are required and must be verified:

- Birth certificate or court/custody paperwork (only parent or legal guardian can register a child)
- Current water or utility bill for the Winter Garden address they reside
- Proof of government assistance (WIC, food stamps, etc.)
- Some type of identification (driver's license, ID card, passport, etc.)
- Child must be age 12 or younger

Note: You are not registered for the program until you have been contacted by the Community Liaison Unit and given a HGFK ticket with a scheduled pick-up date and time.



PET WASTE: SCOOP IT UP TO HELP OUR WATERWAYS

When your dog leaves a “calling card” on the ground, it will find its way into storm drains, ditches, and our waterways. Your pup’s waste affects marine life, seafood; and, yes, even people swimming in those waters. Dog waste contains parasites and leads to bacteria formation. Rain and other water moves pet waste, and its bacteria, from your yard to shared waters. That is why we encourage you to pick up your pet’s waste, whether it is in a public space or your own yard.

For more information call, 407.877.5193.

FALL into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Systema, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities & Trips, Art Classes, Kickball, Preschool Activities, Zumba, and more! All programs are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.

For details about programs, classes, and athletic leagues, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at cwgd.com or call 407.656.4155. Register at enroll.wgplay.com.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Youth Running and Conditioning Program

This four-week program uses games and activities focused on developing skills when attempting short and long distance running. Emphasis is placed on breathing techniques, gait analysis, core and strength, injury prevention, and overall running mechanics for speed and endurance.

6 – 12 years old
Tuesdays | October 4 – 25
6:00 – 6:50 pm
\$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident

Youth & Adult Tennis Lessons

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

Session 2 | October 31 – December 16
Session 3 | January 23 – March 3
5 years and older
Lesson times and fees vary, visit [cwgd.com/Parks & Recreation/Athletics](http://cwgd.com/Parks&Recreation/Athletics)
Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Road

HEALTH & WELLNESS CLASSES

Boot Camp with Brad

Looking for cardio and strength training exercises that utilize both weights and body weight? Join this biweekly boot camp to learn how to develop a more physically healthy body and the mental well-being that comes with exercise.

Mondays and Thursdays | 5:30 – 6:20 pm
16 years and older
\$16 City Resident / \$18 Nonresident, per class
\$55 City Resident / \$65 Nonresident, per month (8 classes)

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

RECREATION PROGRAMS

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 2 | October 12 & 13, 6:00 – 6:50 pm
Session 3 | November 9 & 10, 6:00 – 6:50 pm
\$50 City Resident / \$60 Nonresident, per session

Creative Movement

This unique program introduces basic dance ballet technique and movement through dance, games, and song. Class focus is on gross motor skills, left/right, body awareness, ballet positions, and beginner ballet technique and language. Advance registration required.

Wednesdays | October 19 – November 16,
10:00 – 10:45 am
Saturdays | October 15 – November 12,
10:15 – 11:00 am
2 – 4 years
\$70 City Resident / \$75 Nonresident,
per 5-week session

ACTIVE 50+ PROGRAMS

Participants may bring a "sealed" snack to share and personal non-alcoholic beverage.

Bunco

A fun and entertaining dice game for all to play! No skill required!

First Wednesday and Fourth Monday of each month | 1:30 – 4:00 pm
\$3 per person

Games, Cards & More

Enjoy an afternoon with friends who are playing Mexican Train Dominoes, Hand and Foot, Liverpool Rummy, Euchre, Rummikub, Mah Jongg, Corn Hole, and more!

Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth Wednesday each month
1:30 – 4:30 pm | Free

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HERITAGE MUSEUM EXHIBIT CELEBRATES WOMEN

West Orange Women

Visit the Winter Garden Heritage Museum to celebrate the West Orange County women who made their mark on history – from the pioneer days to now.

Now – November 30

Winter Garden Heritage Museum
1 N. Main Street | wgfh.org
407.656.3244
Tuesday – Saturday
11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission



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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

Good, Bad & the Ugly

October 4 – November 19

Opening Reception | October 6, 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Public Invited

The exhibition features 2D & 3D artwork representative of “good,” “bad,” and “ugly.”

CALL TO ARTISTS

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

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 Orit Reuben: Creating Pastel Studio Paintings from Photograph

Learn how to use soft pastels and the steps to create a studio painting from a photograph. We will cover materials, values, temperature, edges, and more.

October 15 - 16 | Fee Required

Artist Nicora: The Fine Art of Mixed Media

The Art study is the attempt to perceive and create fine relations of line, mass, and color. This class technique session will begin training through appreciation and observation, and color

harmonies will be worked out through the medium of pastel paints.

November 4 - 5 | Fee Required

Master Class: Henry Yan

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 shape, planes change, anatomy, and value by using lines and value rendering. Class by invite only.

Technique Tuesday at 2PM

A weekly “CREATE” event and learning opportunity at SOBO Gallery that allows people of ALL SKILL LEVELS in our community to learn, grow, and be inspired through the talents of other artists. Free for members, first-time visitors, and guest of members. Kicks off at 2:00 pm every Tuesday in the Studio Room. Schedule and details, wgart.org/tuesdays.

Life Drawing

Model is available to draw every session.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only

\$10 member / \$15 nonmember

(collected at sign in)

Open Studio Saturdays

Saturdays at SOBO is our OPEN STUDIO day for MEMBERS ONLY. Bring your own supplies and enjoy creating in our studio room – or on our

outdoor front patio with the Farmers Market (open through 1:00 pm) just steps away. Must bring your own drop cloth (and shading if necessary) when painting outside. Reserve your space today at wgart.org/studio-time.

ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration, 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

HOLIDAY FAMILY EVENTS

Register at wgart.org/kids.

Create a Haunted House

You will be amazed as you work together to transfer a prepared cereal box on a base into an awesome “Haunted House.” All materials and step-by-step guidance are included. This popular family event fills up quickly!

Saturday, October 22 | 4:00 – 5:50 pm

\$30 per house for 1 adult with 1 child

VOLUNTEER

Currently accepting applications for volunteer opportunities at SOBO for Saturdays!

Sign up at wgart.org/volunteer.

Take a Guided Tour of Art Exhibit at City Hall

A guided tour of the latest art exhibit at City Hall, **The Lake: A Documentary Exploring the Land and People of Lake Apopka**, will be presented on Thursday, October 13, at 5:30 pm. Peter Schreyer, Project Director and CEO/Executive Director of Crealdé School of Art, will lead the tour. A reception will immediately follow the tour. No reservation is required.

The exhibit is a culmination of work by documentary photographers and plein air painters who captured the culture and landscape of Lake Apopka. It explores the relationship between the lake and the diverse people who call the shore of Florida’s second largest lake their home and place of work. Discover how the lake changed from the early 1900s to the current era. The Crealdé School of Art, in partnership with the Winter Garden Art Association, host the exhibit.

Exhibit | Now – October 31

Monday – Friday | 7:30 am – 5:30 pm / Tour | Thursday, October 13, 5:30 pm

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