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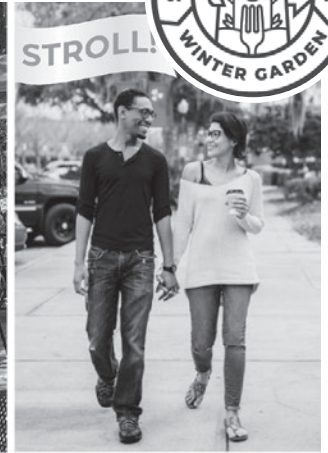
## SHOP, DINE & STROLL at Downtown Event



Shop the outdoor sidewalk sale, dine al fresco, and stroll through the spring-flowered streets. To top off the perfect springtime day, there will be an outdoor live music performance at Centennial Plaza.

Come out to support your local businesses to commemorate National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day!

Saturday, March 25  
All Day | Historic Downtown



## FARMERS MARKET HOSTS FARM DAY

Visit with lambs, goats, bunnies, a pig, chicken, and other animals at Farm Day at the Market. The free petting zoo will be a fun opportunity for all ages to see farm animals up close and learn about their important contribution on a farm.



Saturday, March 18 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Petting Zoo, 9:00 am – 12:00 | Free  
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue

## Batter, Batter Swing for WGPAL Softball Tournament

Gather your team and Batter, Batter Swing to support the Winter Garden Police Athletic League (WGPAL). This one-pitch coed softball tournament will be a fun time while raising funds to support WGPAL programs that benefit local youth. Players must be at least 18 years old to participate.



Saturday, April 22 | Veteran's Park, 420 S. Park Avenue  
Team Entry Fee | \$300

Registration ends on Friday, April 7. Registration and details at [wgpal.org](http://wgpal.org).  
Questions, call 407.656.5416.

## New City Hall Exhibit Celebrates Local Women

Hosted by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, a new exhibit premieres this month at City Hall that celebrates the women of Winter Garden and West Orange County who made their mark in history — from the pioneers that helped cultivate the land to the women business leaders, politicians, and community leaders of today.

*Celebrating the Women of Winter Garden and West Orange County*  
March 1 – 31 | Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm | Free  
Art in Public Places Gallery at City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street

## EVENING AT THE POPS

Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy an outdoor concert performed by the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, March 25. Evening at the Pops will be held at the shore of Lake Apopka. Presented by Rotary Club of Winter Garden; co-sponsor City of Winter Garden. Ticket required, [rotaryclubofwintergarden.org](http://rotaryclubofwintergarden.org).

Saturday, March 25 | 6:00 pm (Rain date: March 26)  
Newton Park, 31 W. Garden Avenue

# FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Orange County will host a collection event for Winter Garden/Orange County residents. This event allows residents to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics Waste (E-Waste) safely and at no charge.

Saturday, March 11 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm | FREE | Orange County Services Center, 475 Story Road, Ocoee

## What to Bring:

Household Products	Outdoor Products	Paint Products	Automotive Products	Electronic Waste
Cleaners	Pesticides	Latex & Oil-Based Paints	Used Motor Oil	Computers/Laptops/Monitors
Solvents	Fertilizers	Thinner & Stripper		Radio, Stereos, DVD Players
Cooking Oil	Herbicides	Varnish & Stain	Used Oil Filters	Cell Phones
Fire Extinguishers	Propane Tanks		Automotive & Rechargeable Batteries	Printers
Mercury Lamps & Devices				Televisions (Rear-Projection TVs are NOT ACCEPTED)



## Do NOT Bring:

- Household electrical items such as toasters and irons
- Radioactive materials
- Ammunition
- Explosives & Fireworks
- Smoke Detectors
- Medicines
- Biomedical Waste

For more information, call 407.877.5193.



## WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE

Change your CLOCKS...



Change your BATTERIES!

- As daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 12, remember to change your clocks AND change your smoke alarm batteries!
- Smoke Alarms save lives (photoelectric alarms are recommended).
- To learn about our Smoke Alarm Program or for fire safety information, call 407.877.5175.

## Golf Cart & Bicycle Registration Day

The Winter Garden Police Department offers designated days throughout the year for residents to register golf carts and/or bicycles. It is important to have this information on file in case your golf cart or bicycle is stolen.

Monday, March 27 | 2:30-4:30 pm | Free

Winter Garden Police Department (back parking lot off Henderson Street), 251 W. Plant Street

Bring golf cart/bicycle and proper form of identification for verification.

Questions, contact Officer Gail Michaud at 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

## Watering Days Change With Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time 2023 (March 12 - November 5)

Water only when needed and not between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Odd # Homes	Wednesday/Saturday
Even # Homes	Thursday/Sunday
Nonresidential Properties	Tuesday/Friday

# SPRING into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Systema, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities & Trips, Art Classes, Kickball, Preschool Activities, Cardio Drumming, 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](http://cwgd.com) or call 407.656.4155. **Register at [enroll.wgplay.com](http://enroll.wgplay.com).**

## AARP TAX – AID

AARP is offering free tax help to low- to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older, at the Jessie Brock Community Center. Please book your appointment at [tinyurl.com/JBrockWG](http://tinyurl.com/JBrockWG).

Wednesdays | Now – April 12  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free

## CREATIVE MOVEMENT

This unique program introduces basic dance ballet techniques 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 | March 22 – April 19 or  
April 26 – May 24 | 9:30 – 10:15 am  
Saturdays | March 25 – April 29 (no class April 8)  
10:15 – 11:00 am  
2 – 4 years  
\$70 City Resident / \$75 Nonresident,  
per 5-week session

## INTRO TO BALLET

This program is designed to teach children, ages 5 – 8, basic ballet positions and techniques as well as proper terminology. Children will work with the barre while developing their learned positions and techniques.

Wednesdays | March 22 – May 24  
10:30 – 11:30 am  
5 – 8 years  
\$150 City Resident / \$175 Nonresident,  
per 10-week session

## MIDDLE SCHOOL RUNNING AND CONDITIONING PROGRAM

Participants will receive training that develops speed, stamina, and an understanding for fast-twitch/slow-twitch muscle fibers. The four-week program will conclude with an in-class versatility contest that will test their abilities in the 100-meter and a 1-mile race.

Tuesdays | February 28 – March 28 (no programming the week of March 13)  
6:00 – 6:50 pm  
11 – 14 years old  
\$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident

## 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 & 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)

## XTREME HIP HOP WITH TARCIA

This is a revamp of traditional step aerobics and includes routines set to hip-hop and R&B that will give you a great caloric burn. Please note, steps are not provided.

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 6:00 – 7:00 pm

## POWER YOGA FLOW

Utilizing flexibility as a means to focus on linking poses together with continuous movement, Power Yoga Flow will bring awareness to one's body and breath, all while increasing cardio vascular health and muscular strength.

Thursdays | 6:30 – 7:20 pm  
Monthly | \$30 City Resident / \$34 Nonresident  
Single Day | \$12 City Resident / \$14 Nonresident  
\$10 City Resident / \$12 Nonresident, per class

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

Spend this year's spring break playing games, making crafts, playing sports, and participating in fun activities while spending time with friends.

A qualified, well-trained Parks & Recreation staff will provide a safe and entertaining school 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.

Space is limited. Advance registration required at [enroll.wgplay.com](http://enroll.wgplay.com). Questions, call 407.656.4155.

March 10, 13 – 17 | 7:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Age | Kindergarten through 8th grade  
Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street  
\$22 City Resident / \$27 Nonresident, per day

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## 2023 Municipal General Election Update

Due to no opposition, Mayor John Rees – District 5 (At-Large) and District 1 Commissioner Lisa L. Bennett will resume their elected positions (effective March 23, 2023) for four years. Therefore, a Municipal General Election will not be held in March. To view list of commissioners and the newly-redrawn district boundaries (effective December 14, 2022), visit [cwgd.com/329/City-Commission](http://cwgd.com/329/City-Commission).





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## SOBO Art Gallery

127 S. Boyd Street | wgart.org | 407.347.7996

Tuesday – Friday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm | Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Free Admission

### EXHIBITION

#### Art in Motion

A variety of 2D and 3D artwork that celebrates movement and motion. From sports and exercise to concepts like energy, fluidity, and mechanics, this theme has a broad range!

Now – March 25

#### CALL TO ARTISTS

March 1 - 8 | Top Choice Annual Awards: Open to all types of artistic entries. We are looking for your best 2D & 3D Works. Awards: Best of Show, People's Choice, Curator's Choice, and Multiple Medium Category Winners. The exhibit will be highlighted during Arts in April and will be on display April 1 - May 27. Send online submissions to [wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists](http://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](http://wgart.org/adults).

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

Instructor: *Stacy Barter*

Wish your paintings popped from across the room? In this three-day workshop, you will learn how to 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.

April 15 – 17 | Fee required

#### Technique Tuesday at 2PM

A weekly "CREATE" event and opportunity for ALL SKILL LEVELS to learn, grow, and be inspired through the talents of other artists. Free for members, first-time visitors, and guest of members. Schedule and details, [wgart.org/tuesdays](http://wgart.org/tuesdays).

Tuesdays | 2:00 pm | Studio Room

#### Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model is available to draw every Wednesday night.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only

\$10 member / \$15 nonmember (collected at sign in)

#### Open Studio Saturdays for Members

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](http://wgart.org/studio-time).

Saturdays | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Members Only

#### ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration, [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

#### LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM FOR ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA ADULTS

##### Musical Minds with Central Florida Community Arts

Free live music sing along program for adults with early stages of dementia and Alzheimer's Disease and their care partners.

Thursdays | 10:30 am – 11:30 am

For more information and to RSVP, visit [cfcarts.com/musicalminds](http://cfcarts.com/musicalminds) or call 407.937.1800 ext. 719.

## New Exhibit Pays Tribute to West Orange County's World War II Contributions

A new exhibit premieres this month at the Winter Garden Heritage Museum that features objects, archived letters, and photographs attesting to the World War II contributions of the citizens of West Orange County.



World War II service personnel on Plant Street.

World War II, which began with the Nazi invasion of Poland in September 1939, was fought thousands of miles from American shores. On December 7, 1941, the attack on our base at Pearl Harbor brought our country into what became a global conflict.

Winter Garden and West Orange County contributed to the war effort by supplying military personnel and healthful citrus products. Citizens volunteering on the home front trained as plane spotters for the Ground Observer Corps and recycled metal objects for use by the armed forces. The exhibit showcases the local efforts to an international war.

March 1 - May 31 | Winter Garden Heritage Museum | 1 N. Main Street | [wghf.org](http://wghf.org) | 407.656.3244

Tuesday - Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission