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Farmers Market 15th Birthday Celebration



The Winter Garden Farmers Market is celebrating its 15th birthday, and you are invited to its party! Visit on Saturday, June 3, for free birthday-related activities such as face painting, kids' crafts, giant lawn games, and live music.

In addition, the first 120 guests to visit the Information Tent at the entrance of the Pavilion will be gifted the City's commemorative 120th anniversary tote bag.

A visit to the Winter Garden Farmers Market has become a weekly ritual to many residents since it premiered in June 2008. What started with 20 vendors has grown to 110 booths. It is a convenient option to shop locally and sustainably, while providing a communal meeting place to gather and enjoy the market's recreational offerings such as live music, lawn games, and monthly special events.

Voted the Best Farmers Market in the state and in the country by the American Farmland Trust, it attracts 4,000+ locals and visitors each week. Its offerings are vast from locally sourced produce, gourmet provisions, baked goods, and delicacies to handmade crafts, artwork, jewelry, home decor, apparel, pet supplies, seasonal items, and more.

The market is open every Saturday year-round from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Leashed pets are welcome! EBT/SNAP benefits are accepted for eligible items. Follow @WinterGardenFarmersMarket on Facebook and Instagram for announcements and updates.

Be sure to stop by to celebrate this special milestone!

Saturday, June 3 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm / 15th Birthday Activities | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue



“Slow Down Winter Garden” is the City’s new public safety message to remind motorists to drive at a safe speed through neighborhoods and city streets. By coming together, citizens can help prevent accidents and save lives within their hometown.

The “Slow Down Winter Garden” campaign is an extension of the City’s recently adopted transportation policy plan that addresses safety, speed management, and traffic calming. Phase one of the plan will include increasing police presence on City roads to monitor speeding, erecting two speed cameras and warning notice systems at select locations, and temporarily installing speed cushions and speed tables on designated roads to monitor their effectiveness.

Please share the “Slow Down Winter Garden” message with all drivers in your household to avoid speeding tickets, property damage, and physical harm.

Voice Your Opinion through City Survey

The City is mailing surveys to random-selected residents to effectively gauge residents’ opinions regarding the quality of community characteristics, services, and governance. Should you receive this survey, please be sure to complete it quickly and offer your voice to make Winter Garden an even better place to live, work, and play. Surveys may be submitted by mail or online option.

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS) survey is conducted every two years in partnership with an independent consultant. The survey is scientific in methodology and results are used to shape City services, your quality of life, and City’s overall direction. In fact, over the last 12+ years, resident feedback has affected improvements in nearly every aspect of City operations.

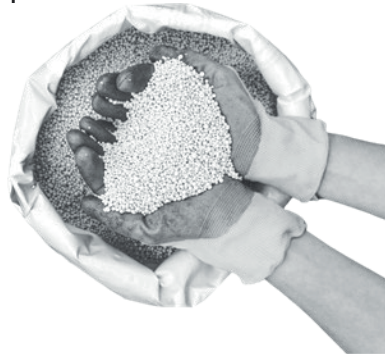
FERTILIZER USE RULES TO PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

Effective June 1 – September 30

From June 1 – September 30, you may only apply fertilizer with zero nitrogen and zero phosphorus. This ordinance was enacted to help protect our rivers, lakes, and springs from nutrient pollution caused by excessive use of nitrogen fertilizers.

Remember the following when fertilizing:

- All areas of property covered by lawn, turf, and landscape plants are subject to the fertilizer ordinance.
- Deflector shields must be in place when using broadcast spreaders next to streets, inlets, ditches, conveyances, and waterways.
- No fertilizer or grass clippings shall be deposited on streets, driveways, or in storm drains.
- No fertilizer can be applied within 25 feet from waterways.
- Application sites should maintain a 10-foot low maintenance zone — planted area with no fertilizing, mowing, or maintenance – adjacent to water bodies.
- No fertilizer shall be applied when the National Weather Service issues any advisory for severe thunderstorm, flood, tropical storm, or hurricane.



For more detailed information, visit www.ocfl.net/FertilizeRespon

Call First for Collection of Bikes and Large Toys

Residents sometimes place bikes, recreational equipment, and toys out for bulk disposal and are disappointed when they are not picked up on collection day. Our waste workers do not know if those items are trash, or if they were mistakenly left at the curb. For that reason, residents must schedule collection of bikes, basketball hoops, large motorized children's vehicles, and large toys.

To schedule, call 407.656.2256.

How to Dispose of Appliances and Large Electronics

The City of Winter Garden will gladly and free-of-charge dispose of old TVs, appliances, computers, and other large electronics you no longer want; however, you must schedule the pick-up.

Many residents think the bulk truck will get these items on their large item collection day; however, a special appliance/electronics only truck is assigned to remove them. To keep your neighborhood tidy, please schedule electronics before placing at the curb.

Schedule appliances/electronics or they will not be picked up.

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

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

Railroad Historian & Author Presentation

A renowned railroad historian and author, Seth H. Bramson, will present *THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY: FOR MORE THAN 125 YEARS AMERICA'S SPEEDWAY TO SUNSHINE*. Please join us for this Saturday History Series on Saturday, June 24, at 1:30 pm to hear about the impact and legacy of Henry Flagler and the Florida East Coast Railway.

Saturday, June 24 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm | Free

Tickets are required and can be obtained at cfrhs.org (limited seating).

Central Florida Railroad Museum | 101 S. Boyd Street
www.cfrhs.org | 407.656.0559

Operating Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Free Admission

Time to Make a Splash – City Pools are Open!

The City's two public pools are open for the summer season! Stay fit and healthy with a range of aquatics classes, enroll in swimming lessons or the lap swim program, or just take a dip to cool down.

Both pools are open on Saturdays, 1:00-5:00 pm, through August 19. The Farnsworth Pool (1 Surprise Drive) is open Monday – Friday, 2:00-5:00 pm; and the Boulder Pool (362 11th Street) is open Tuesday – Friday, 1:00-5:00 pm (through August 4).

The Farnsworth Pool has a general admission charge of \$2 for ages 12 and up and \$1 for ages 2-11. Family and Adult Individual Passes are available.

The Boulder Pool is free admission.

The pools are a great place for refreshing summer family fun!

SUMMER FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

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

Recreation classes are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street.
Aquatics Programs are held at Farnsworth Pool, 1 Surprise Drive.

YOUTH SOCCER – FALL LEAGUE

Cheer on your child while they have a great time with friends! This recreational program emphasizes an environment that is fun for all ages. We focus on each child through positive coaching, teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development, and more! Fee includes an eight-week season, an end of season award, and a team jersey.

We want you! Head Coaches pay only \$10 for one child's registration.
Paid officials are also needed.

City Resident Registration | June 12– July 28

Nonresident Registration | June 26– July 28

\$110 City Resident / \$130 Nonresident

Registration may close early due to limited availability in each age division.

Practices begin the week of August 21 | Games begin September 9

3 – 13 years old (age as of September 1, 2023)

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

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!

Monday – Thursday | May 30 - August 3

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 8 – July 31

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 9 – August 3

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturdays | May 6 - August 5

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.

Monday – Thursday | May 8 - August 3

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Monday – Thursday | June 5 – July 27

8:00 – 9:00 am

Saturdays | May 6 – August 5

8:00 am – 10:00 am

16 years & older | \$3 per visit

RED CROSS LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

The Learn to Swim Program is designed to teach children, teens, and adults to swim in a positive, fun, and safe environment. Lessons emphasize skill progression, water safety awareness, and endurance. To fit your schedule, we offer morning and evening sessions. Each morning session offers eight classes and each evening session offers four classes. Please visit the aquatics webpage at cwgd.com for more detailed information.

Beginning June 5 | Fee varies based on session

One-week and two-week long sessions are offered.

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

One-on-one swim instruction is perfect for those who need more instructor attention. Private lessons are available for all ages and swimming levels. Each session includes four, 30-minute classes. Space is extremely limited, advance registration required.

Monday – Thursday | Now – July 28

Morning and Evening times available

\$140 City Resident; / \$160 Nonresident

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JAZZERCISE

Jazzercise is the original dance party workout. Blending dance with Pilates, yoga, kickboxing, and strength training, one 55-minute session can burn up to 800 calories. The results? Long, lean muscles and an undeniable mood boost.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturdays | 8:30 – 9:30 am

16 years and older

\$15 Resident / \$20 Nonresident,
per class

\$59 City Resident / \$64 Nonresident,
per month



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Heritage Museum Premieres New Exhibit: *Public Safety: The West Orange Police and Fire Departments*

For a healthy community to thrive, its police and fire departments must ensure the safety of its citizens. From its very beginnings as a city, Winter Garden and the surrounding communities' public safety organizations have kept pace with our rapid growth. The exhibit features the men and women whose devotion to the rule of law has left its mark on the region often at the expense of their own lives.

June 1 – August 31
Winter Garden Heritage Museum
1 N. Main Street | wghf.org | 407.656.3244
Tuesday - Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission



Winter Garden Police Officer Willie Welch,
1914-1961



CONCERT

The Landsharks: The Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band

Presented by Victory Productions and Garden Theatre

June 10 | 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm
June 11 | 2:00 pm

The Landsharks: The Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band has been widely known as one of the most entertaining and interactive party bands in the world, having performed for millions of people all over the globe. In addition to Jimmy Buffett, they have opened up for several prominent artists, including The Beach Boys, Patti LaBelle, Three Dog Night, War, and more.

If you're looking for fun, there is nothing like a Landsharks concert. A Landsharks performance is more than just music... It's an experience!

Tickets start at \$35. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more, military, first responders, teachers, seniors, and students.

gardentheatre.org



SUMMER CAMPS

The Garden Theatre is excited to welcome students for our fun and creative Summer Camps! Each engaging camp is taught by local, experienced theatre professionals, and is tailored to fit the needs of each grade and skill level.

Students entering grades 3-12 will have a blast singing, dancing, and acting their way through summer.

For camp descriptions and to register, visit gardentheatre.org/education.

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

Florida Water Ways & Wild Life

Artwork (2D & 3D) featuring Florida's wildlife from animals, flora, and fauna to the people and places that make this such a fun place to live.

June 1 - July 31
Opening Reception | June 1, 5:30 – 8:00 pm

CALL TO ARTISTS

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 & CLASSES

Details and registration, wgart.org/adults.

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.

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.

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

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