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— CITY OF  WINTER GARDEN —

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2023



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4th of July Community Celebrations



FARMERS MARKET INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

- SATURDAY, JULY 1 • 8 AM-1 PM**
- Kids Crafts • Live Music • Lawn Games
 - Patriotic Decorated Booths • Summer Produce & BBQ Essentials
 - Downtown Pavilion - 104 S. Lakeview Ave.



ALL AMERICAN KIDS PARADE & BREAKFAST

- TUESDAY, JULY 4**
- PARADE AT 10 AM** (LINE UP 9:45 AM)
- Kids Pancake Breakfast (Free) - 8 am
 - Entertainment, Activities, and Fun!
 - Winter Garden Masonic Lodge - 230 W. Bay St.



PARTY IN THE PARK FIREWORKS DISPLAY

- TUESDAY, JULY 4 • 6-10 PM**
- Fireworks Display on Lake Apopka - 9:15 pm
 - Festivities begin at 6 pm - Live Music, Games, Crafts, Vendors, & More
 - Pack a picnic, chairs/blankets (No alcohol or personal fireworks permitted.)
 - Newton Park - 29 W. Garden Ave.

Fireworks Usage & Tips

Fourth of July is one of three days a year that the recreational use of fireworks is legal in the City of Winter Garden (per Florida Statute 791.08).

Winter Garden Fire Rescue offers the following tips to prevent firework-related injuries:

- Only adults should handle fireworks.
- Never attempt to re-light or pick-up a malfunctioning firework.
- Set up fireworks in a clear, open space.
- Light fireworks one at a time, never placing any body part directly over the device, and move away quickly once lit.
- Keep a bucket of water handy and douse used and malfunctioning fireworks in water before discarding.



However, the safest way to enjoy the holiday is by watching a professional fireworks show, such as the Party in the Park fireworks display at 9:15 pm on July 4 at Newton Park. No personal fireworks are permitted at the event.

Free Women's Self-Defense Class for Residents

Registration is Open

The Winter Garden Police Department is hosting a free basic women's self-defense class on Thursday, August 24, 6:00 – 8:30 pm. A police officer certified in using S.A.F.E. self-defense techniques will instruct the class. Make it a "ladies night" and learn some self-defense!

Thursday, August 24 | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm | Free
Winter Garden Police Department, Training Room
Women only, ages 13 and up

To register, contact Officer Gail Michaud: 407-656-3636 ext. 4405, gmichaud@wgpdp.com. The class fills quickly so act now.

Children's Art Exhibit Premieres at City Hall

Take the kids to City Hall for a summer outing to see an art exhibit created by children. This cheerful exhibit, composed by child artists and curated by the Winter Garden Art Association, displays what summertime really means through the eyes of children. The exhibit may evoke a few happy summer memories of your own.

Summertime in Winter Garden – Children's Art Exhibit

June 30 – August 31

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm | Free

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



Reminder to abide by the speed limit when driving on City streets. Speeding is being closely monitored and citations will be issued.

Citizens Police Academy

Accepting Applications for Next Course

Ever wonder what goes on inside your police department? Get your questions answered at the next Citizens Police Academy!

This is a free nine-week course conducted from August 2 to September 27 on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, at the Winter Garden Police Department training room. The classes are instructed by Winter Garden police officers and staff who will discuss such topics as crime prevention, defensive tactics, and investigations. Class participants will also be eligible to go on a ride along with an officer!

Anyone 18 years or older interested in participating can download an application at wgpdp.com or pick one up at the Winter Garden Police Department, 251 W. Plant Street. You must be a resident or work in the City of Winter Garden in order to attend. Additional eligibility requirements are listed on the website. Seats fill fast so submit your application quickly!

For questions, contact Officer Gail Michaud or Officer Timothy Thatford at 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.



Independence Day Office Closure & No Solid Waste Collection

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services for trash, recycling, yard waste, or bulk items on Tuesday, July 4. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

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 cwgdn.com or call 407.656.4155. **Register at <https://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.

THE INK AND QUILL WRITING GROUP

Enjoy writing? Regardless of your ambitions or goals, you will find stimulating fellowship and writing encouragement. Learn different styles of writing and share ideas to develop plots, characters, and scenes to bring stories to life.

1st & 3rd Monday of each month
2:00 – 4:00 pm | Free

KICKBALL – ADULT FALL LEAGUE

The playground game we all remember from grade school has evolved into today's hottest get-together sport for adults. Anyone can play from the less experienced to the diehard. This is a great way to stay in shape, meet new people, and have fun! Come out and KICK IT with our Thursday night co-ed league. Registration may close early due to limited availability in each league.

Thursday Games | 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, & 8:45 pm
\$300 per team for season
Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

FALL LEAGUE begins August 17
Registration | July 3 – July 28

USSSA SOFTBALL - ADULT FALL LEAGUE

Our adult softball Leagues are available for all skill levels. Church, Men's and Co-ed leagues offered Monday - Thursday. Play, be active, and most importantly, have fun! Registration may close early due to limited availability in each league.

Games at 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, & 8:45 pm
\$460 per team for season
Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard
Veterans Memorial Park, 420 South Park Avenue

FALL LEAGUE begins the week of August 14
Registration: Returning Teams* | July 3 – July 28
New Teams | July 17 – July 28

*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.

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 | 5:30 – 6:20 pm
16 years and older

\$16 City Resident / \$18 Nonresident, per class
\$55 City Resident / \$65 Nonresident,
per month (8 classes)

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
\$32 City Resident / \$36 Nonresident, per month

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
\$10 Residents / \$12 Nonresident, per class

AQUA BOOT CAMP

Based on speed, power, and strength rather than rhythm and choreography, this class 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 | Now – 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 | Now – 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

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level. Aqua fitness provides a great workout while putting minimal stress on the body.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | Now – August 3
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Saturdays | Now – 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 | Now – August 3
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Monday – Thursday | June 5 – July 27
8:00 – 9:00 am
Saturdays | Now – August 5
8:00 am – 10:00 am
16 years & older | \$3 per visit



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



The Winter Garden Fire Department building, constructed in 1938 and shown here c.1965, serves today as the home of the Winter Garden Art Association (SOBO Art Gallery) located at 127 S. Boyd St.

The exhibit features the men and women that served in public safety capacities in Winter Garden and the surrounding communities whose devotion to the rule of law has left its mark on the region — often at the expense of their own lives.

Now – 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



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.

Now - July 31

CALL TO ARTISTS

Visit the "Call to 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)

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



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LIVE THEATRE

Dreamgirls

Presented by Victory Productions and Garden Theatre

July 7 - August 6 | Matinee and Evening Performances

Tickets \$35 – \$75 | Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more, military, first responders, teachers, seniors, and students.

Book and Lyrics by Tom Eyer | Music by Henry Krieger

Meet the Dreams: Effie, Lorrell, and Deena, three young and talented singers of color in the revolutionary 1960s. *Dreamgirls* will take you on a journey as the three friends embark on a musical roller coaster through the ruthless world of show business. Their relationships will be put to the test by fame, fortune, and romance as the young women discover that their dreams come at a cost. Featuring iconic songs including "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," "Family," and "I Am Changing," *Dreamgirls* explores themes of ambition, hope, and betrayal to a soundtrack of gospel, R&B, pop, disco, and more.

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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.

gardentheatre.org/education