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FRIDAY NIGHTS ARE FOR CHILLIN' DOWNTOWN

In case you did not know or have not been in a while, there is live music every Friday night year round from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in historic downtown. Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, the weekly Friday outdoor concert features a variety of musical genres.

Grab a nearby swing, bench, or bring your own chair to the Centennial Plaza gazebo to enjoy the music that fills the night air. A great way to kick off your weekend!

Fridays on the Plaza
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Centennial Plaza Gazebo
Historic Downtown | Free



NEW EXHIBIT PREMIERES AT CITY HALL

Curated by the Winter Garden Art Association, the *¡Viva El Arte!* exhibit features various forms of 2-D and 3-D artistic expressions from Central Florida Hispanic Artists. Visit the gallery in the City Hall lobby to see these colorful and amazing works of art.

¡Viva El Arte!
September 1 – October 30

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Art in Public Places Gallery at City Hall,
300 W. Plant Street | Free

Register Now for Recycling 101

Are you still confused about what can be recycled? Are you a wish-cycler, hoping everything you put in the container will be recycled? Do you wonder what those numbers mean on plastics? Find out the answers to those questions and more when the City's sustainability folks host a Recycling 101 presentation on Friday, November 3, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, at City Hall.

Join us to learn why certain items should not be placed in the recycling cart and about the challenges faced by municipalities and recycling processors. The class is free, but you must register. Space is limited so sign up early!

Recycling 101
Friday, November 3 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
City Hall, Commission Chambers, 300 W. Plant Street | Free

Register by phone, 407.877.5193 or by email, dcorbus@cwgd.com.



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

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

Mobile Citizen App can also be used for Storm-Related Requests



The height of hurricane season is upon us. Now is a great time to download the Mobile Citizen app, if you've not done so already, to have a quick and easy means for making the City aware of non-emergency issues related to a hurricane event.



During last year's storm season, the City responded to over 100 service requests reflecting concerns like a fallen tree in the roadway, damaged street signs, damaged light poles, street flooding, traffic signal outage, and downed power lines. With this Mobile Citizen app, in a few easy steps - including taking a photo - you can quickly alert the City about these storm issues to ensure the safety of all in our community. Just select the "Hurricane/Storm Disaster" service option to properly route your specific concern.

Remember as always, for all emergencies, please dial **9-1-1**.

Scan the QR code now to download the free Mobile Citizen app from Apple Store or Google Play.

Flushable Wipes Can Damage Plumbing and Sewage System

Wipes are convenient — they smell fresh and feel nice. However, wipes, even the flushable ones, are not good for plumbing and should never be discarded into a toilet.

Wipes are made of a type of paper pulp that is held together with non-degradable materials like polyester and polymers (plastics). This is unlike toilet paper, which is designed to breakdown immediately in the toilet bowl to prevent obstruction. Wipes stay intact as they make their way through your home's plumbing. Eventually, those wipes get stuck in your pipes or the City's sewage system. Wipes can lead to clogs, backups, blockages, and even flooding.

Only flush human waste and toilet paper down your toilet. Throw everything else in the trash.

Golf Cart & Bicycle Registration

The Winter Garden Police Department will host golf cart and/or bicycle registration days on September 21 and October 16. It is important to have this information on file in case your golf cart or bicycle is stolen.

Thursday, September 21 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Monday, October 16 | 2:30 - 4:30 pm

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

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

Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.



SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT MONTH'S DOWNTOWN EVENTS:

- National Night Out: Tuesday, October 3
- Halloween Experience: October 20 – 31



Schools are back in session, so please pay extra attention to speed limits on City streets.

Thank you for keeping your community safe.

FALL FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Systema, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities & Trips, Art Classes, Kickball, Preschool Activities, Cardio Drumming, Zumba, 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 <https://enroll.wgplay.com>.

Recreation classes are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.

BEGINNER ARCHERY - YOUTH & ADULTS

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 1 | September 20 & 21

Session 2 | October 4 & 5

Session 3 | November 1 & 2

6:00 – 6:50 pm

\$25 City Resident / \$30 Nonresident, per class

\$50 City Resident / \$60 Nonresident,

per 2-class 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 program will conclude with an in-class versatility contest that will test their abilities in a 100-meter and a 1-mile race.

Tuesdays | September 5 – 26 | 6:00 – 6:50 pm

11 – 14 years old

\$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident

TENNIS LESSONS — YOUTH & ADULT

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

Session 1 | September 11 – October 20

Session 2 | October 30 – December 15

Session 3 | January 22 – March 2

5 years and older

Lesson time and fees vary, visit cwgd.com/Parks & Recreation/Athletics

Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Road

BALLET BASICS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

A basic level traditional ballet class for teens and adults with no previous experience or those looking to rediscover ballet after a long break. Class concentrates on proper body mechanics and barre work.

Wednesdays | September 13 – October 11,

October 18 – November 15 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

Teens & Adults

\$80 City Resident / \$85 Nonresident,

per 5-week session

BEGINNING TAP DANCE - YOUTH

Students will learn the beginning fundamentals of tap dance with making rhythmic sounds with their feet. Upon completion, students will have a basic understanding of tap dance and rhythm with and without music.

Wednesdays | October 4 – November 8

4:15 – 5:00 pm

5 – 8 years old

\$80 City Resident / \$85 Nonresident, per session

CREATIVE MOVEMENT - YOUTH

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 | September 13 – October 11,

October 18 – November 15 | 9:30 – 10:15 am

Saturdays | September 9 – October 7

10:15 – 11:00 am

2 – 4 years old

\$70 City Resident / \$75 Nonresident,

per 5-week session

GENEALOGY – DISCOVERING WHO YOU ARE

Looking for ways to discover clues related to your family's history? Join June Kelly on her quest to teach you how to interpret and utilize public sources in finding out more about who you are and where you came from.

Tuesdays | September 26 – November 14

5:30 – 7:00 pm

18 years and older

\$40 Resident / \$45 Nonresident, per 8-week session

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)

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XTREME HIP HOP WITH TARCIA

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays

6:00 – 7:00 pm

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



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EXHIBITION

“Free Expression” Abstract Exhibition

This exhibit of amazing 2D and 3D abstract art represents free expression, void of a specific theme.

Now – September 30

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.

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

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

NEW EXHIBIT PREMIERES TREASURED WARDROBE COLLECTION



Over the years, the people of West Orange County have donated prom dresses, wedding gowns, sports uniforms, military dress, and more to our Archive. In the newest exhibit, the Winter Garden Heritage Museum presents a selection of these treasured clothing items.

Dressing the Part: Selections from the Wardrobe Collection

September 1 - December 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 resident George McMillan's Flying Tigers jacket



160 W. Plant Street
407.877.4736 | gardentheatre.org

LIVE THEATRE

Every Brilliant Thing

Presented by Garden Theatre | Produced by Victory Productions

September 8 - 24 | Matinee and Evening Performances

Written by Duncan Macmillan, with Jonny Donahoe

Starring the incomparable **JOHN O'HURLEY**, renowned for his memorable portrayal of J. Peterman in the hit show “Seinfeld,” a first-year finalist on “Dancing with the Stars,” and former host of the beloved game show “Family Feud.” *Every Brilliant Thing* is a moving, insightful, and hilarious one-person play leading audiences through a remarkable journey that truly examines what makes life worth living, and the power of theatre to bring people together. O’Hurley draws audience members into the story collaboratively to weave a message of hope by focusing on life’s small joys and our love for others, even in the darkest of times.



Visit gardentheatre.org for tickets. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more, military, first responders, teachers, seniors, and students.

Railroad Museum to Host History Series Presentation

The Central Florida Railway Historical Society will host its quarterly Saturday History Series on September 16. The presentation will feature a guest speaker to discuss Florida’s history and the role that railroads played in the development of the region. Visit cfrhs.org for details on the September presentation.

Quarterly Saturday History Series Presentation
Saturday, September 16 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm | Free

Central Florida Railroad Museum
101 S. Boyd Street | www.cfrhs.org | 407.656.0559
Operating Hours: Tuesday – Saturday
Free Admission