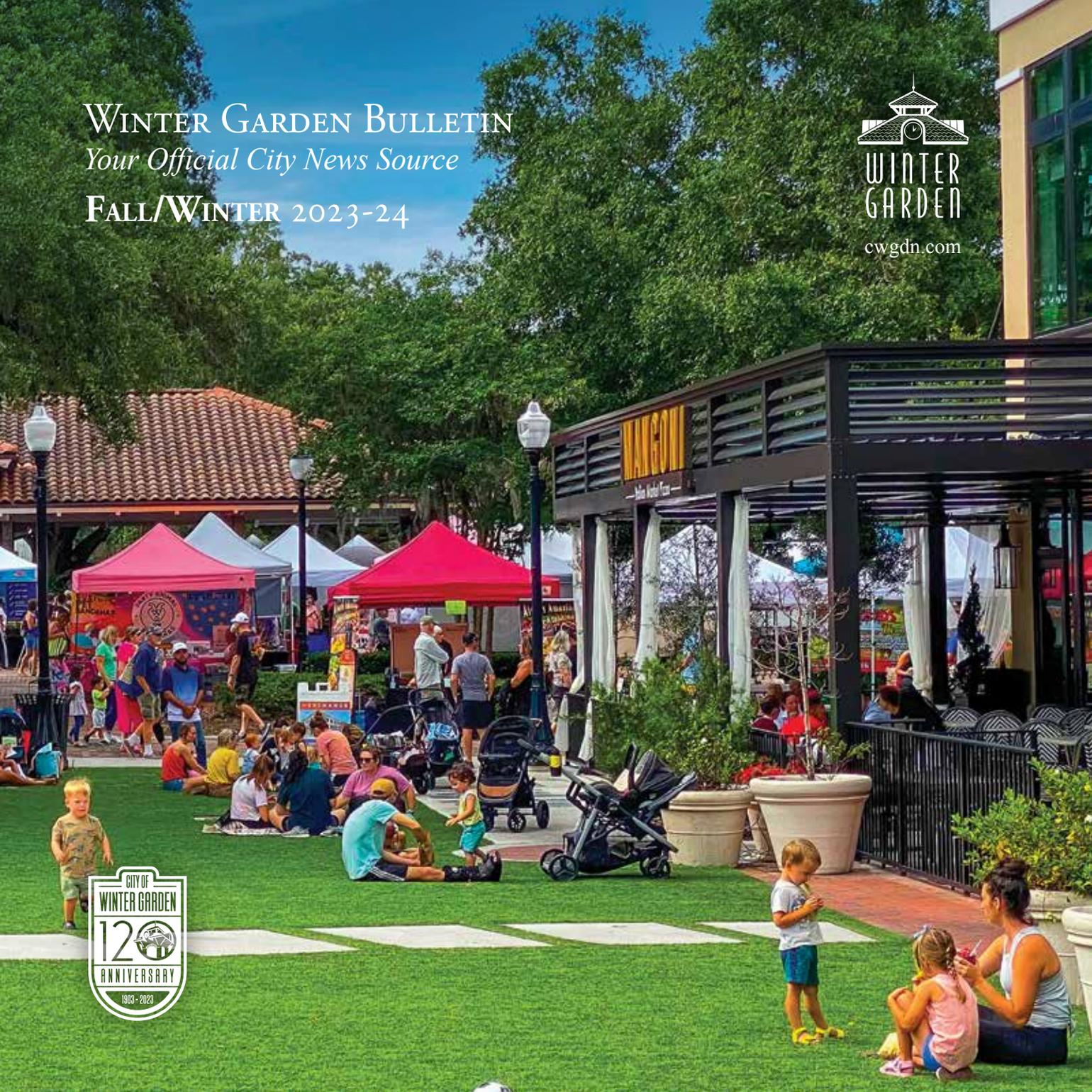


WINTER GARDEN BULLETIN

Your Official City News Source

FALL/WINTER 2023-24



Please, SLOW DOWN Winter Garden

Speeding through Winter Garden streets is a major issue and a top grievance of our residents. Driving at excessive speeds not only occurs on major thoroughfares but also within neighborhoods. To be responsive to the public's requests and concerns, a transportation policy plan is being developed to address safety, speed management, and traffic calming to improve walkability, quality of life, and citizens' well-being.

Measures of the plan include increasing public safety presence on city roads to monitor speeding, placing speed cameras and warning notice systems at select locations, and installing speed cushions/tables on designated roads to monitor their effectiveness. The goal of the plan is Vision Zero, which aims for zero fatalities and serious injuries.

"Slow Down Winter Garden" is a public safety campaign urging motorists to drive at a safe speed through neighborhoods and City streets. The message is being conveyed through signage and the City's communication outlets. I urge all residents to abide by the speed limit. At the very least, by slowing down you catch more of the charm and beauty of your hometown.



Mayor John Rees



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Tap Water: There When You Need It!

Learn More with Our Water Plant Tours

Like many folks, most mornings you are in a hurry as you make coffee, take a quick shower, and brush your teeth. Do you ever think about the tap water that is just waiting to help you start your day? Do you ever wonder how it gets to your home?

Find out with our free water plant tours:

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

Several tours will be offered each day.

Advance registration is required. Space is limited.

Register by email: dcorbus@cwgd.com or call 407-877-5193.



For information about recycling; water conservation; and sustainability programs, events, and community participation opportunities, call 407.877.5193.



Free Shredding Event to Commemorate America Recycles Day

Winter Garden residents are invited to participate in a free document-shredding event hosted by the City of Winter Garden. Crown Information Management will provide safe and secure document shredding. Participants are welcome to watch the shredding of their documents. The shredded paper will then be recycled!

You must be a Winter Garden resident to participate. Please bring proof of residency with you.

Saturday, November 11 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free
848 E. Plant Street (across from the Winter Garden Library)

Shred Event Guidelines

YES, these items are allowed	NO, these items are NOT allowed
Paper Clips	No Binder Clips
Rubber Bands	No Batteries
Chart Fasteners	No 3-Ring Binders
Spiral Notebooks	No Medication
Staples	No Plastics
Credit Cards	No Sharps or Needles
Paper	No Bio-waste
Envelopes with Fasteners	No Large Metal Objects

Ho! Ho! Ho! Recycle or No?

Tips on Discarding Holiday Waste

Are you nervous that you will be on the “naughty list” if you do not place your holiday trash in the correct waste bin? If reuse is not an option, following these disposal tips will get you on the “nice list” in no time at all.

Recycle it:

- Plain Wrapping Paper
- Cardboard and Gift Boxes (no packing material and flatten please)
- Plain Gift Bags
- Holiday Cards and Envelope (no glitter/foil)

Trash it:

- Foil and Cellophane Wrap
- Tissue Paper
- Holiday Lights
- Ribbons and Bows
- Toys
- Paper Towels and Napkins
- Shiny/Glittery Holiday Cards
- Plastic Gift and Credit Cards
- Styrofoam

Special Handling:

- Bubble Wrap, Air Pillows, and Plastic Bags - take to retailer, or trash
- Large Electronics - call 407.656.2256 to schedule free City pickup
- Batteries (9 volt, C, D, AA and AAA) - place in plastic bag and put in trash
- Rechargeable Batteries – take to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site (Orange County Landfill, Porter Transfer Station, 407.836.6601)



Recycle your Christmas Tree

Give Mother Earth a holiday present by recycling your Christmas tree. Before placing curbside on your yard debris collection day, remove the tree from the stand and make sure all ornaments, lights, and garland are removed.

Your tree will be picked up by City solid waste personnel on your designated yard debris collection day, taken to Vista Landfill, and turned into mulch for landscapes around your community.

Water Lawns Once a Week during Eastern Standard Time

(First Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March)

Odd # Homes	Saturday
Even # Homes	Sunday
Nonresidential Properties	Tuesday

November: Time to Reset Your Irrigation System

When you set your clock back for Eastern Standard Time on November 5, it's also a good time to reset your irrigation system. From November until March, it should run only one day a week to comply with the conservation ordinance for landscape irrigation. Remember: water only when needed, not between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, and irrigate no more than one hour per zone. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems must have a functioning rain sensor device.

REMINDER:
FROM NOVEMBER
TO MARCH, IRRIGATION
SYSTEM SHOULD
RUN ONLY ONE
DAY A WEEK!

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.

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.

Winter Garden News You Can Use

MOBILE CITIZEN APP

24/7 Access to Place a Request to the City

The Mobile Citizen App allows residents to submit a request or concern 24/7 to the City. It truly is a convenient way for residents to reach the City regardless of operating hours. Requests through the app are monitored daily and treated with priority for a speedy turnaround time.

The app provides a comprehensive drop down menu of issues to select from to place your request. Next time you see a broken streetlight, a cracked sidewalk, an annoying pothole, a fallen street sign, or a missed trash pickup, please notify the City through the app to help us keep Winter Garden beautiful. Even matters concerning garage sale permits and reserving facility rentals can be facilitated through the app.

Scan the QR code to download the free Mobile Citizen app today (Apple Store or Google Play) and add this awesome convenience to your life.



CITY OF WINTER GARDEN IS HIRING

Are you looking to find a great employer, learn a trade, find on-the-job training, secure financial assistance for college?

If this sounds like you, the answer is City of Winter Garden!

The City of Winter Garden has current openings for entry level candidates. While getting paid, you will receive training to learn and develop new skills that will enable you to chart a career path that has opportunity for advancement.

The City will support your ongoing learning and growth in a career with our City, and if your goal is to pursue a degree, the City covers tuition and educational expenses to complete Associate and Bachelor degrees. The City offers excellent benefits for our full-time employees that include not only health benefits, but also a great Pension Retirement Plan for those interested in building long-term careers with our City!

OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

View all of our job postings, including those that are entry level, and submit your employment application by visiting the City of Winter Garden website (cwgd.com) or scanning the QR code provided. Questions? Email wgrecriuter@cwgd.com or call 407.877.5428. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

CHECK OUT OUR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS!

- Educational reimbursement and career development program
- Clothing allowance and uniforms supplied
- Free gym membership
- Vacation and sick leave banks with 10 paid holidays
- Medical Insurance – 100% City paid employee-only medical coverage
- Partial City contribution for the cost of dependent care medical coverage
- Health Savings Account - A City contribution of \$1,454.24 to the HSA annually
- City paid long term disability and life insurance benefits

- Dental, vision, flexible spending, and dependent care accounts
- Optional additional retirement savings with a 457(b) plan
- Employee Assistance Program
- Legal Shield
- Retirement pension with 5 year vesting for General Employees and 6 year vesting for Fire and Police



Community Programs

Golf Cart & Bicycle Registration

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.

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 and proper form of identification for verification. Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

Smoke Alarm Program

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department offers a Smoke Alarm Program, a community outreach initiative to improve fire safety. A smoke alarm is provided at no cost, while supplies last, to residents meeting the following requirements:

1. Reside within the City limits of Winter Garden.
2. Do not currently have a working smoke alarm in your home.
3. Agree to let the Winter Garden Fire Rescue Dept. personnel install the smoke alarm.
4. Agree to test and maintain the smoke alarm once it is installed.
5. Agree to follow the smoke alarm instructions found in the owner's manual at all times.

As a reminder, be sure to test your home's smoke alarms when you reset your clocks for Daylight Saving Time on November 5. Push the test button on your smoke alarms to make sure the units are functioning. Smoke alarms older than 10 years should be replaced.

If you are in need of a smoke alarm, batteries, or would like your smoke alarm tested, please contact Winter Garden Fire Inspector Victoria Rutherford at 407.877.5175 ext. 2020.

Special Events

National Night Out

Join the Winter Garden Police Department for a Night Out Against Crime. The free annual event includes children's activities, food, music, raffles, meet and greet with your local police officers, crime prevention tips, and lots of fun!

Tuesday, October 3 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm | Free

Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue



Donut Dash 5K Run/Walk 2023

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

Run or walk – and eat donuts – through the timeless neighborhoods of historic Winter Garden. Start and finish at scenic Lake Apopka and enjoy live music, sponsor tents, and giveaways. Prizes awarded for top runners plus a prize for best donut costume! Every donut eaten subtracts 30 seconds from final run time!

Fee includes a t-shirt, race medal, and free Krispy Kreme donuts. Kids (5-10 years old) race free in a half-mile mini-donut fun run with adult entry. Proceeds from this event support WGPAL in providing programs to underprivileged and at-risk kids in your community.

Saturday, November 4
Race starts at 8:00 am | Event ends at 11:00 am
(Kids Fun Run, 8:15 am – while regular race is in progress)
Newton Park, 1 Surprise Drive

Registration: Now – November 2
Sign up at wgpal.org or runsignup.com.
In-person late registration available starting at 6:00 am on race day.

Questions, call 407-656-3636 ext. 5416.



Community Classes

Citizens CPR Class

Interested in learning how to take a hands-on approach towards saving lives? The City of Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department is offering a free, 90-minute Citizens CPR Class to the community on the third Saturday of every odd month.

The program will cover:

- Hands Only Adult and Child CPR
- Proper AED use
- Adult and Child Choking

Upcoming Classes:

September 16 | Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street

November 18 and January 20 | Fire Department Headquarters Training Room, 1 E. Cypress Street

9:30 – 11:00 am or 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (select one session) | Free

Pre-registration is required and available one-month prior to class date. Space is limited to 12 participants. To register, visit <https://enroll.wgplay.com>.

Upon completion, participants will earn a certificate acknowledging their successful demonstration and learned concepts detailed in the program.



Citizens Police Academy

During this free, nine-week course, Winter Garden police officers and staff host weekly discussions on such topics as crime prevention, investigations, and police procedures. Class participants will also be eligible to go on a ride along with an officer!

Curious about what goes on inside your police department? Get your questions answered at the next Citizens Police Academy class!

Class Dates | February 28 - April 24 | Free
Wednesdays Only | 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Winter Garden Police Department, Training Room, 251 W. Plant Street

Eligibility requirements:

- at least 18 years old
- live or work in City of Winter Garden
- no criminal record

Applications are available at wgpd.com and at the Winter Garden Police Department, 251 W. Plant Street. Seats fill quickly so act now.

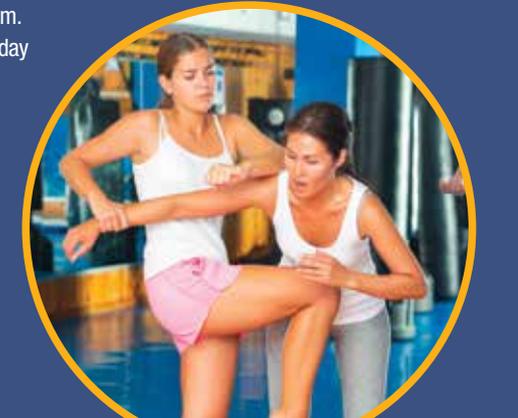
Questions, contact Officer Gail Michaud or Officer Timothy Thatford at 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

Women's Basic Self Defense Class

The Winter Garden Police Department hosts free basic women's self-defense classes throughout the year. The class is instructed by a police officer certified using S.A.F.E. self-defense techniques.

Thursday, October 26 | 6:00 – 8:30 pm | Free
Winter Garden Police Department Training Room, 251 W. Plant Street
Eligible Participants | Women only, ages 13 and up

To register, contact Officer Gail Michaud at 407.656.3636 ext. 4405 or at gmichaud@wgpd.com. Reserve your spot today as class fills quickly.



HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

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

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

Registration dates: November 20 – December 1

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. For additional information, cwgd.com/464/Holiday-Gifts-for-Kids.

HOW TO DONATE

WGPAL fundraisers held throughout year partially fund this program, but donations from our generous community are needed. All donations help children right in your own community.

Donation Ideas:

- Board Games • Sport Balls • Puzzles • Remote Control Vehicles • Legos
- Matchbox Cars • Dolls • Bicycles for All Ages • Arts & Crafts Sets • Jewelry Kits
- Infant Toys • Action Figures • Gift Card

Donation Drop Off:

November 1 - December 8

Winter Garden Police Department, 251 W. Plant Street

Donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions about Holiday Gifts for Kids, please call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.



Fall Events

WINTER GARDEN HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE

Why celebrate Halloween on one day when the fun can last 12 days? The City's Halloween Experience provides daily frightening family-friendly festivities in downtown Winter Garden, including a hay maze, holiday-themed photo locations, spooky/fall decorations and light displays, a fall-themed Farmers Market, as well as the fan favorite — seven nights of an outdoor animated Halloween Light Show on City Hall!

October 20 – October 31
Historic Downtown | Free

Halloween Light Shows | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
October 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 31
City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street | Free



CRAFT AFFAIR

Arts & crafts lovers of all ages are invited to shop for unique and one-of-a-kind items handmade by our 50+ creative friends. If you are 50+ years old and interested in being a craft vendor, please call 407.656.4155. The craft fair is perfect timing for holiday shopping!

Saturday, November 4 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street | Free to attend



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Visit historic downtown on Small Business Saturday (November 25) for a holiday shopping kick-off! Besides special sales and promotions, the downtown atmosphere is festive with holiday decorations and photo ops. It is a great day to love local and show support for the independently owned local businesses in downtown, and throughout Winter Garden, that truly make our community unique.

Small Business Saturday | Saturday, November 25 | Daylong | Historic Downtown

Events are subject to change. Visit cwgd.com and downtownwg.com for up-to-date event information.

'TIS THE SEASON

TO

MAKE MEMORIES

Historic downtown is the perfect gathering spot to make holiday memories with family and friends. For 39 days (December 1 – January 8), the sights and sounds of the season come to life at this Winter Garden Wonderland. The City provides colorful light displays and decorations, themed photo locations, holiday music, and a variety of holiday events and entertainment for the community to enjoy.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

LIGHT UP WINTER GARDEN

Join us in welcoming the holiday season with this annual event to kick off the City's 39 days of Tis the Season. Enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, vendors, and shopping. Sponsored by Duke Energy

Friday, December 1 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Ceremony begins at 6:00 pm
Street Lighting at 6:15 pm
West Plant Street | Historic Downtown | Free

WINTER GARDEN CHRISTMAS PARADE

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and head to your favorite viewing spot for this annual event. This long-standing Winter Garden holiday tradition will delight spectators and bring in holiday cheer! Look for the Big Guy himself at the end of the parade!

Saturday, December 2 | 10:00 am
South Dillard Street & West Plant Street | Free

WINTER GARDEN CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE

Grab a good viewing spot along West Plant Street because you won't want to miss this parade of elaborately-decorated golf carts through downtown. Look for event details and golf cart registration information on the City's website in late fall.

Saturday, December 2 | 6:00 pm
West Plant Street | Historic Downtown | Free



HOLIDAY MARKET AT DOWNTOWN

Wander freely through the pedestrian-only streets of downtown aligned with booths to shop for holiday gifts, décor, and more. Gather friends and family for a festive holiday shopping experience – conveniently timed during the street closures following the Christmas Parade and before the Christmas Golf Cart Parade.

Saturday, December 2 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm | Historic Downtown | Free

A MERRY WINTER GARDEN LIGHT SHOW

Spectacular animated holiday-themed light show synchronized to music projected onto the front façade of Winter Garden City Hall.

December 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23
6:00 – 9:00 pm | Winter Garden City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street | Free

HORSE DRAWN HOLIDAY CARRIAGE TOURS

A 20-minute tour experience in a horse-drawn carriage through festive-decorated downtown.

December 3, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
5:30 – 9:30 pm | Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue
Fee and reservation required: soulhavenranch.com

HOLIDAY FRIDAYS ON THE PLAZA

Musical acts take the stage in December for special holiday performances:

December 1 – Light Up Winter Garden
December 8 – Roots & Rosin (Duo)
December 15 – Paint it Black Quartet
December 22 – Dickens Carolers
December 29 – Gilly & The Girl (Duo)
Fridays | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Centennial Plaza, Historic Downtown | Free

A VERY MERRY FARMERS MARKET

Visit with Santa to take photos and share your wish list. Write a letter to Santa at the kids' crafts tent and hand deliver it. The festive-decorated market is ideal for shopping for gifts, seasonal décor, as well as for fresh produce and artisan foods for your celebrations.

Santa Visits | December 9, 16 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Market Open Every Saturday | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue | Free

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE IN WINTER GARDEN ART EXHIBIT

Collaborating to create a cozy small town feel, Crealdé School of Art and the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation will highlight artwork and photographs paying tribute to the holidays. This exhibit is sure to help you slow down, reminisce, and find the wonderful during this busy time of year.

November 1 – January 5
Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm (excluding holidays)
Art in Public Places Gallery in City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street | Free

Holiday happenings listed are limited to those sponsored/co-sponsored by the City of Winter Garden. For additional downtown holiday happenings, continue to monitor cwgdn.com and downtownwg.com.

Events are subject to change.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE ANNUAL SANTA RUN

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue annual "SANTA RUN" brings Santa and his sleigh through neighborhoods located within City limits. This moving parade takes place on select nights as Santa – along with elves of firefighters, police, and City staff – spread holiday music, treats, and good cheer along the way!

Santa will be in the following areas from 5:45 – 9:00 pm on the following dates:

- Monday, December 11 – North West Winter Garden
- Tuesday, December 12 – North East Winter Garden
- Wednesday, December 13 – South Winter Garden: CR 545 Corridor (West Side)
- Thursday, December 14 – South Winter Garden: CR 545 Corridor (East Side)
- Friday, December 15 – South Winter Garden: CR 535 / Daniel's Road Corridor
- Saturday, December 16 – South Winter Garden: Beulah / Windermere Road Corridor

An alternate date is scheduled for December 18 if weather interrupts one of Santa's visits.

Due to safety concerns, please refrain from parking on the street during your neighborhood's Santa Run. Street parking, especially parking on both sides of street, may prohibit the parade from going down a street.

Santa's nightly route maps will be available on cwgdn.com closer to the event. Please check to see the estimated time of Santa's arrival and/or to find a nearby viewing location. Due to significant community growth, not all neighborhoods/streets can be accommodated.



DE-LIGHT-FUL DECORATIONS CONTEST

Drag out the lights, hang up the garland, put up the glowing Santa, and enter your home in the De-Light-Ful Decorations Contest. Contest categories are Best Overall, Best Theme, Most Original, and Best Apartment or Townhome. The Best Overall winner receives \$100; and prizes are awarded in each category: 1st place winners: \$75 and 2nd place winners: \$50. Look for the winning residences on the City website.

Hosted by Winter Garden Parks & Recreation, the contest is free to enter and all residences must be within City limits.

Judging | Tuesday, December 12, & Wednesday, December 13
5:30 pm | Registration form will be available on cwgdn.com in late fall.
Deadline to enter is December 8. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

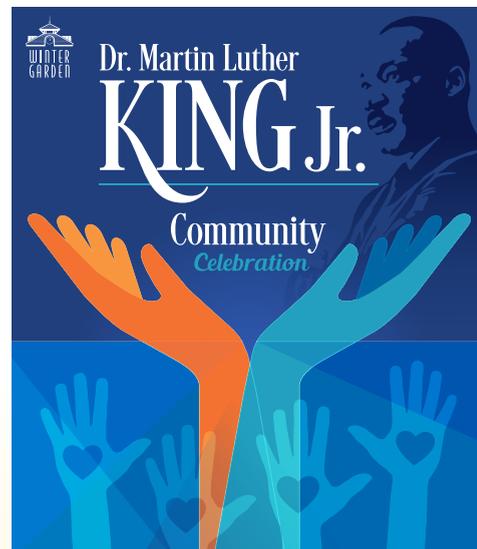
Winter Events

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

Commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King at this free annual celebration featuring a parade, live music, and speeches from the community, including the reciting of Dr. King's inspiring speeches. There will be a concert with live stage performances throughout the day, as well as family-friendly activities, displays, and food vendors.

This signature City event kicks off with a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Parade at 11:00 am along Plant Street. Due to limited space, preregistration is required and must be submitted no later than Tuesday, January 9. For parade application, visit cwgdn.com/Special Events closer to event, or call 407.656.4155.

Monday, January 15 | Parade: 11:00 am
 Celebration: 11:30 am – 4:00 pm
 Historic Downtown | Free



WINTER GARDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

A multi-stage outdoor concert throughout historic downtown featuring high caliber musicians. Hosted by the City, the event features a variety of entertainment and musical genres performing continuously and simultaneously for 11 hours. You will not want to miss this amazing event! Stay tuned to cwgdn.com and downtownwg.com for entertainment schedule.

Saturday, February 24 | 11:00 am – 10:00 pm
 Historic Downtown | Free



Weekly Events



FRIDAYS ON THE PLAZA

Kick-off your weekend with live music in picturesque historic downtown Winter Garden! Grab a nearby seat or swing and sing along as music fills the air. Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, Fridays on the Plaza is held weekly year-round and features a variety of genres. Entertainment schedule is available at cwgdn.com/Special Events.

Fridays | 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Centennial Plaza, 101 W. Plant Street | Free

WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET

More than 100 vendors provide a variety of fresh produce, baked goods, gourmet provisions, artisan crafts, and more at this weekly community hub. The live music and family-friendly atmosphere make this award-winning market a fun Saturday outing for all (including the four-legged).

FREE special events at the market on the following dates:

- **Halloween at the Market | October 28**
- **Thanksgiving at the Market | November 18**
- **A Very Merry Farmers Market (Santa Visit) | December 9, 16**
- **Valentine's Day Celebration at the Market | February 10**

Every Saturday | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Special Event Activities | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free
 Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue



SNAP BENEFITS AVAILABLE AT WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET

The Winter Garden Farmers Market accepts EBT/SNAP helping to provide nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of those in need. Visit the EBT/SNAP Tent located at Pavilion entrance. In addition, select produce vendors accept Fresh Access Bucks.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS SPRING EVENT:

ST. PADDLES DAY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, March 14 – Saturday, March 16 | Advance registration required. Please monitor cwgdn.com closer to event date for more details.

Events are subject to change. Visit cwgdn.com for up-to-date event information.

All programs are held at the Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise. Register online at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Programs are tentative and subject to change. Please check cwgdn.com for the most current information.



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 & older

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

\$64 City Resident / \$69 Nonresident, per month

CARDIO DRUMMING

This Cardio Drumming beginner's class is a cardiovascular-based, full-body workout that requires you to move and play drums along to music. Except it does not actually involve any drums! It will raise your heart rate, burn hundreds of calories, improve coordination and ability to focus, and help strengthen many muscle groups, including your core. Advance registration required, must contact prior to start of class for cancellations. Space is limited.

Monday | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$4 Resident / \$5 Nonresident, per single class

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 & older

\$9 City Resident / \$10 Nonresident, per class

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

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

TAI CHI

An ancient Chinese exercise that emphasizes relaxation, breath control, correct posture, balance, and flexibility to develop the mind and body. One free introductory lesson in Tai Chi is offered for all first timers. For more information, visit returntogoodehealth.20fr.com.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am

\$50 City Resident / \$55 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 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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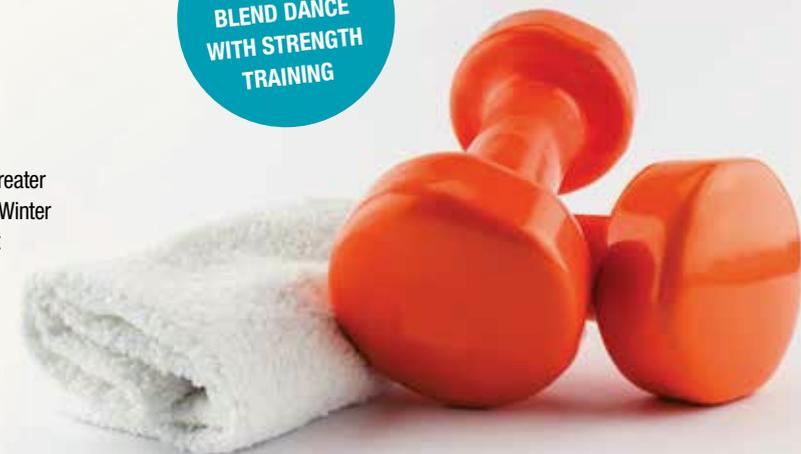
Move your hips and exercise in disguise! An exciting, dance-fitness class that features exotic rhythms set to high energy international beats!

Mondays & Wednesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am

\$6 City Resident / \$7 Nonresident, per class

\$45 City Resident / \$51 Nonresident, per month



Recreation Programs

All programs are held at the Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.

Advance reservations required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Program dates are tentative and subject to change. Please check cwgd.com for the most current information.

BALLET BASICS FOR TEENS AND 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

BEGINNER 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 of 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.

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

SEWING

Have you always wanted to be able to sew on a button or make your own clothes? Now is the time to learn! Please bring your own fabric and patterns.

Mondays & Tuesdays | 3:00 pm | Free

PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

All preschool holiday programs are free!

Programs are for children ages 3 to 5.

Bring a friend or a group.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Advance registration required | Free

Jesse Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street

Halloween Spooktacular | Friday, October 27

Enjoy fall carnival games while dressed in your spookiest costume. Finish the morning off with holiday-themed crafts and office trick or treating!

Cocoa & Cookies with Santa | Friday, December 15

Come enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and story time with Mrs. Claus, holiday-themed crafts, and a meet and greet with Santa Claus.

Little Cupid's Carnival | Wednesday, February 14

Join us for arts & crafts, fun games, face painting, and fun holiday-themed activities!

FREE
Kids
Programs!

Athletic Programs

All programs are held at the Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.

Advance reservations required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407.656.4155. Registration may close early for all programs due to limited availability. Programs are tentative and subject to change. Please check cwgd.com for the most current information.

AMAZING ATHLETES SPORT DISCOVERY - YOUTH

Explore, learn, develop, and play with Amazing Athletes Sport Discovery! For ages 2 – 4 years old, this four-week mini season is designed to empower kids to discover their inner athlete and their love of the sport. Together, we explore three sports (basketball, football, & baseball) with four weeks of concentrated play & practice, followed by a finale game. Your Amazing Athlete will have the opportunity to develop skills with practice, apply what they have learned with confidence, have fun with gameplay, and discover sports they love!

Basketball | Thursdays, October 5 – 26

Flag Football | Thursdays, November 2 – 30

(no programming November 23)

Baseball | Thursdays, December 7 – 28

\$100 City Resident / \$110 Nonresident, 1-Sport Rate (4 weeks)

\$176 City Resident / \$186 Nonresident, 2-Sport Rate (8 weeks)

\$252 City Resident / \$262 Nonresident, 3-Sport Rate (12 weeks)

2 – 4 years old | 5:00 – 5:50 pm

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 and 21

Session 2 | October 4 and 5

Session 3 | November 1 and 2

6:00 – 6:50 pm

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

\$50 City Resident / \$60 Nonresident, per 2-class session



ESPORTS CLUB - YOUTH

Look no further, Esports Club Orlando has made it to Winter Garden. Upon joining the program, children 8 - 14 years old will learn leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork, and the opportunity to interact with other peers their age, all while engaging in video game play. Children will be coached by trained Rocket League and Fortnite coaches.

Monday Sessions |

October 2 – November 6, November 13 – December 18,

January 8 – March 4 (no programming January 15)

5:30 - 6:30 pm

8 – 14 years old

\$120 City Resident / \$130 Nonresident, 6-week session

\$160 City Resident / \$170 Nonresident, 8-week session

Optional purchase | Esports Jersey (\$45)

KARATE ZOO - YOUTH

In Karate Zoo, we teach the fundamentals of martial arts to children ages 3-6 years old in a high-energy progression-based program. Students learn and practice the traditions and skills of the sport and receive colored belts and stripes for their achievement. Each skill introduced is designed for progression with beginner, immediate, and advanced modifications, allowing each student to progress at their own pace in a mixed ability group setting. Inspired by the traditions and practices of martial arts, Karate Zoo is designed to benefit a child's physical, social, and emotional development while building confidence and teaching practical life lessons. Hi-yah!

Mondays | October 2 – November 20

Mondays | November 27 – February 5

(No Programming December 25, January 1, and January 15)

\$191 City Resident / \$201 Nonresident, per 8-week session

(belt included in fee)

Optional purchases | Karate Zoo Jersey (\$25),

Karate Gi uniform (\$40)

3 – 6 years old | 5:00 – 5:50 pm

Youth Camps

Advance reservations required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Arts and crafts, activities, sports, and much more! Spend school holiday break with friends, counselors, and the Winter Garden Parks & Recreation staff for a fun time. A qualified, well-trained staff will provide a safe and outstanding break for your child. Camp is open to children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Fall Camps

Student Holiday | October 16 and 27
Thanksgiving Break | November 20 – 22

Winter Camps

Winter Break | December 26 – 29 and January 2 – 5
Student Holiday | January 8
President's Day | February 19

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Grades | Kindergarten through 8th grade

\$24 City Resident / \$30 Nonresident, per day

Camp Location: Jessie Brock Community Center,
310 N. Dillard Street



KICKBALL - ADULT LEAGUE

It's not just for recess anymore! Join in the fun and relive your elementary school glory days! Get friends, family, or co-workers to come out and kick it with our Thursday night Co-Ed Kickball League! Registration may close early due to limited availability.

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

POLAR BEAR LEAGUE

League begins January 11 | Registration, November 13 – December 8

SPRING LEAGUE

League begins March 28 | Registration, January 29 – February 23

PICKLEBALL GROUP LESSONS

\$100 Resident / \$125 Nonresident, per 3-class session
Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

Beginners

This course will introduce players to pickleball beginning with the very basics. It will include instruction on rules, equipment, shots, strategies, skills, and techniques associated with pickleball. The goals of the course are to enable the students to participate confidently, gain an understanding of the game, along with possessing the skills necessary for open play.

Saturdays | September 9, 16, 23 Tuesdays | November 7, 14, 21
Tuesdays | September 12, 19, 26 Saturdays | January 13, 20, 27
Saturdays | November 4, 11, 18 Tuesdays | January 16, 23, 30
12:30 – 2:00 pm

Advanced Beginners

Course is for players who have been playing for less than a year or desire to elevate their game. Players are interested in improving their shots, knowledge of the game, developing game strategies, working on techniques, and gaining confidence to a point they feel they are participating equally with players during open play.

Saturdays | September 9, 16, 23 Saturdays | January 13, 20, 27
Tuesdays | September 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays | January 16, 23, 30
2:30 – 4:00 pm

Intermediate

The course would be for those who have been playing and fit into open recreational play comfortably and desire to advance to competitive play by further developing skills with an emphasis on court strategies.

Saturdays | November 4, 11, 18
Tuesdays | November 7, 14, 21
2:30 – 4:00 pm

RUNNING & CONDITIONING PROGRAMS - YOUTH

\$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident
Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street

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 3 - 24 | 6:00 – 6:50 pm

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

USSSA SOFTBALL - ADULT LEAGUE

Hit, run, and slide with the adult USSSA softball leagues. Church, Men's and Co-ed leagues offered Monday – Thursday. Registration may close early due to limited availability.

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

POLAR BEAR LEAGUE

League begins January 8
Returning Teams Registration* | November 13 – December 8
New Team Registration | November 20 – December 8

SPRING LEAGUE

League begins March 18
Returning Teams Registration* | January 29 – February 23
New Team Registration | February 5 – February 23

*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.

SUPER SOCCER STARS - YOUTH

Super Soccer Stars is a soccer development program for children 18 months – 3.5 years old. All classes teach soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, and educational environment. Through our age-specific curriculum, we use soccer to nurture and build self-confidence and teamwork. Each session lasts eight weeks.

Tuesdays | October 3 – November 21
Saturdays | October 7 – December 2
Tuesdays | December 5 – January 23
Saturdays | December 9 – January 27
18 – 24 months old | Weekdays 5:00 – 5:35 pm, Weekends 9:00 – 9:35 am
2 – 3.5 years old | Weekdays 5:50 – 6:30 pm, Weekends 9:50 – 11:30 am
\$176 City Resident / \$186 Nonresident, per 8-week session
Optional purchase at start of program | Super Soccer Stars Jersey (\$30)
Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street

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](http://cwgd.com/Parks%20&%20Recreation/Athletics)
Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Road

SOCCER - YOUTH SPRING LEAGUE

Cheer your child on 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 and socks.

City Resident Registration | December 6 – January 3
Nonresident Registration | December 20 – January 3
Registration may close early due to limited availability in each age division.

Practices begin the week of January 29 | Games begin February 10
3 – 13 years old (age as of September 1, 2023)
\$110 City Resident / \$130 Nonresident
Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

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

Since 2010, Crealdé School of Art, in partnership with the City of Winter Garden, has offered a selection of Painting & Drawing, Ceramics, and Photography classes for adults and youth at the Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street.

Register through Crealdé School of Art at crealde.org or by phone 407.671.1886 (first-time students are eligible for a Winter Garden resident discount when calling.) With parental permission and a signed waiver, self-motivated young adults (ages 16–17) are welcome to enroll.

FALL/WINTER 2023-24 CLASS SCHEDULE • Fall II Classes begin October 16 • Winter Classes begin February 5

YOUTH CLASSES

PINT-SIZE PICASSOS (AGES 4-8)

WG/YAP101

Instructor: *Mike Goodge*

Fall II & Winter I Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | 6 weeks

\$125 Member/WG Resident | \$145 Nonmember

Like to draw and paint? Explore the many ways to make art by using pastels, paints, watercolors, and other materials. A fun introductory experience for fledgling artists.

PAINTING & DRAWING I (AGES 8-12)

WG/YAP202

Instructor: *Mike Goodge*

Fall II & Winter I Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:30 am | 6 Weeks

Members/WG Residents \$145 | Non-members \$165

Learn the fundamentals of art-making and discover how to see as an artist. Create with a variety of painting and drawing media and explore new techniques to enhance your artistic skills!

CREATING WITH CLAY (AGES 8-13)

WG/YAP204

Instructor: *Belinda Glennon*

Fall II | Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm | 6 Weeks

\$145 Member/WG Resident | \$165 Nonmember

We will create snow dwelling animals from the artic. Is your polar pal a puffin, caribou, or a bear?

BRUSH AND PEN FOR TEENS (AGES 11-16)

WG/YAP303

Instructor: *Mike Goodge*

Fall II & Winter I Wednesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm | 6 Weeks

\$175 Member/WG Resident | \$195 Nonmember

Calling all young artists who love to paint and draw! Explore your creative potential through acrylic paint, watercolors, charcoal, and pastels on canvas and paper. Experiment with painting and drawing techniques, composition, and color theory. Say it with art!

WHEEL THROWING AND MORE! (AGES 11-16)

WG/YAP208

Instructor: *Belinda Glennon*

Winter I Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm | 6 Weeks

\$145 Member/WG Resident | \$165 Nonmember

Experience the magic of the potter's wheel as you create clay forms then combine and embellish them with hand building to create decorative sculptures or functional ware. Pottery, it's more than a pretty vase!

ADULT CLASSES

FUNCTIONAL POTTERY

WG/TD137

Skill Level: All

Instructor: *Belinda Glennon*

Fall II & Winter I Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30 pm | 6 weeks

Fall II & Winter I Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 6 weeks

\$190 Member/WG Resident | \$210 Nonmember

Jars, jugs, platters, and bowls! Explore form and surface decoration as you create pottery vessels to gather, store, and present food. Suitable for all levels. Hand builders and throwers are welcome!

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY I

WG/PH147

Skill Level: Beginner

Instructor: *Dylan Baker*

Fall II & Winter I Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$245 Member/WG Resident | \$265 Nonmember

Build a strong foundation for your photography and make better images by understanding exposure, metering, focus, file formats, depth of field, and basic composition. Hands-on demonstrations and assignments with personalized image reviews reinforce camera systems such as shutter speed, aperture, ISO, and their artistic impact on the final photograph. Single lens reflex or mirrorless cameras are recommended. The instructor is available for camera recommendations if necessary.



REGISTER
FOR CLASSES ONLINE
AT CREALDE.ORG
OR CALL
407.671.1886

DRAWING I

WG/PD103

Skill Level: Beginner

Instructor: *Prayong Deeying*

Fall II & Winter I Mondays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$250 Member/WG Resident | \$270 Nonmember

Develop skills for measuring proportions and angles, drawing tones to show light and volume, perspective, and composition. The goal is to learn techniques to draw realistically and develop perceptual awareness.

WATERCOLOR

WG/PD104

Skill Level: All

Instructor: *Prayong Deeying*

Fall II & Winter I Mondays, 3:00 – 5:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$250 Member/WG Resident | \$270 Nonmember

Explore the classical world of watercolor and develop a firm grounding in traditional approaches and techniques. Intermediate and advanced students will work independently on personal projects with instructor's guidance.

INTRO TO OIL PAINTING

WG/PD119

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Instructor: *Cathy Hempel*

Fall II & Winter I Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$250 Member/WG Resident | \$270 Nonmember

Learn basic techniques and methods used in a representational oil painting by developing skills of observing, rendering, color matching, and applying paint through practice. Demonstrations and discussions will emphasize the importance of composition, shapes, edges, brushwork, and ways to manipulate the value and intensity of color.

INTRO TO DRAWING/PAINTING

WG/PD102

Skill Level: Beginner

Instructor: *Cathy Hempel*

Fall II & Winter I Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$260 Member/WG Resident | \$280 Nonmember

Explore the fundamentals of drawing and painting. Sample various drawing and painting techniques using different media, including watercolors, acrylics, and oils. Most supplies are provided.



SOBO Art Gallery & Studio

127 S. BOYD STREET | wgart.org | 407.347.7996

Tuesday – Friday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

SOBO Art Gallery & Studio is located in a historic building that once served as the City's original fire station. It houses the galleries, classes, educational programs, and events of the Winter Garden Art Association, which provides public access to art and culture.

EXHIBITIONS

Visit the SOBO Art Gallery to see the following lineup of exhibits. Admission is always free.

Free Expression Abstract Exhibition

This exhibit of amazing 2D and 3D abstract art represents free expression, not restricted by a specific theme.

Now – September 30

Epic Art

From big personalities to big ideas, this exhibit is comprised of 2D & 3D art that makes an impact.

October 3 – November 25

Opening Reception | October 5, 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Public Invited

Mix & Match Mixed Media

The craftsmanship of combining mediums is highlighted in 2D and 3D art forms.

November 26 - January 27

Opening Reception | December 7, 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Public Invited

RetroMod

Looking back in love and looking forward with excitement as both retro and modern ways of life are represented in 2D and 3D artwork.

January 30 – March 23

Opening Reception | February 1, 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Public Invited

CALL TO ARTISTS

Are you an artist? Would you like to see your art on display at SOBO Art Gallery? The rotating exhibits at the SOBO Art Gallery are comprised of artwork submitted through a Call to Artists. Interested artists may submit works for consideration for featured exhibitions. Submissions are accepted online between the FIRST and the EIGHTH of the month prior to an exhibition.

Visit the "Call to Artists" website page regularly for exhibition themes and to submit, wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists.

WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

For details and to register, visit wgart.org/adults.

Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model is available to draw every session.

Bring your own drawing/painting materials.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only

\$10 Member / \$15 Nonmember (collected at sign-in)

Technique Tuesdays at 2PM: Sponsored by Duke Energy

A different instructor and technique is featured every week. Pick up new tips and techniques while enjoying Open Artist Studio Space. For schedule and details, wgart.org/Tuesdays.

Tuesdays | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | Open to All | Free to Members & First-Time Visitors

HOLIDAY FAMILY EVENTS

These popular family events fill up quickly! Register at wgart.org/kids.

CREATE A HAUNTED HOUSE

Work together to turn a prepared cereal box on a base into an awesome "Haunted House." You will be amazed by your finished creation! All materials and step-by-step guidance are provided.

Saturday, October 21 | 4:00 – 5:30 pm

\$30 per house for 1 adult with 1 child

CREATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Create a Gingerbread House together – a perfect decoration for the holiday! SOBO provides one preassembled base, house, and EVERYTHING you could want to design your masterpiece! Step-by-step guidance is provided.

Saturday, December 2 | 4:00 – 5:30 pm

\$42 per house for 1 adult with 1 child

\$6 each for additional artists working on the same house

ART FOR KIDS

For updates and to register, visit wgart.org/kids.

Wednesday Art Clubs

2nd - 5th grade | 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Middle and High School | 4:00 - 5:00 pm

\$15 each session, includes all materials

Offsite Classes

Custom classes can come to your location.

Instructed by Lenore Eastham, Certified Art Educator.

Sessions start at \$75 per hour.

CUSTOM SPECIAL EVENT CELEBRATIONS

wgart.com/custom

Celebrate a birthday or a milestone with a custom-designed experience at SOBO Art Gallery. Your child can choose their theme and age appropriate media options will be presented. All art-related supplies, tables and chairs, inspiration, and a certified art educator are included. Food, decorations, and set up are the responsibility of the individual booking the event.

Basic Celebration Packages: \$175 for 2.5-hour room rental including 30-minute set up and 30-minute clean up. Package is for up to 10 artists. The art activity generally lasts 50-55 minutes. Additional time and artists may be added for a fee.

BECOME A MEMBER, DONATE, AND/OR VOLUNTEER

wgart.org/join

Members of the Winter Garden Art Association receive discounts on classes and programs as well as additional benefits. Annual individual annual membership is \$35 and a family membership is \$50.

Please donate to the Winter Garden Art Association (501c3) to support local arts.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the gallery and with programs. It is a great opportunity to get to know this vibrant art community.

Visit wgart.org for a complete list of workshops and events.



All Active 50+ programs are held at the Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.

Register online at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407.656.4155. Programs are tentative and subject to change. Please check cwgd.com for the most current information.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Insurance reduction and driver refresher course! Up to 10% discount after completion of course depending on your insurance provider. Advance registration required as classes could be cancelled due to low enrollment.

Select one, two-day class option:

Monday, October 9 & Tuesday, October 10

5:00 – 8:00 pm (both days)

Monday, November 27 & Tuesday, November 28

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (both days)

Monday, January 22 & Tuesday, January 23

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (both days)

Monday, February 12 & Tuesday, February 13

5:00 – 8:00 pm (both days)

\$20 AARP Members / \$25 Non-AARP Members

AARP SMART DRIVER TEK WORKSHOP

Learn how new high-tech features in today's cars can help make driving safer and easier. You will learn how the benefits of these technologies may enhance your driving safety and extend your safe driving years. You will receive a technology checklist and learn to identify the safety technologies that best suit your needs. Space is limited, so register now for this course by calling 1.877.805.0458.

Monday, October 23 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Monday, January 29 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Monday, February 26 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Free



Up to 10% discount after completion of course!

ADVENTURES IN CRAFTDOM

Let your creativity run wild as you create a unique craft item each month. Supplies furnished. You will walk out with a finished product. Registration required as availability is limited.

Tuesday, September 12 | *Mermaid Glass Bracelet*: Use the new Mermaid Glass beads to string a bracelet that will glow in the sun. Add some sea worthy charms for fun.

Tuesday, October 10 | *Yarn Pumpkin*: Learn how to finger knit a soft pumpkin that you will stuff and add a wood stem and leaves. A perfect fall decoration for your home.

Tuesday, November 14 | *Beaded Ornament Hangers (set of 6)*: You will use large and small sparkly beads on wire that will be twisted into beautiful hangers for your cherished ornaments. You will make a set of six hangers that will be 2-3 inches long.

Tuesday, December 12 | *Holiday Sparkle Necklace*: Using crystal drops in two sizes, you will create an 18" necklace that will make all your outfits sparkle.

Tuesday, January 9 | *Alcohol Ink Art*: You will create a piece of art using vivid alcohol inks with special paper. You will end up with the art attached to a canvas for your home.

Tuesday, February 13 | *Wood Shaker*: Select a pre-cut wood shape that you will emboss, paint, and glue before adding fun, sparkle bits to "shake" inside. You will be able to hang it in a window or on a wall.

Second Tuesday of every month | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

\$15 fee to be paid day of each class

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

It's time to party! Come celebrate your life's achievements with a deserving celebration! Any senior citizen resident is invited to attend and enjoy the celebration. It does not have to be your birth month to attend.

Friday, November 3 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm | Free

BOCCIA BALL

Boccia is a precision ball sport like Bocce Ball and is played inside. You sit next to your opponent on the Boccia Court. It can be played one-on-one or in teams. The object of the game is to throw or roll leather-like balls so that they land as close as possible to the target ball.

Tuesdays | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Free



BUNCO

A fun and entertaining dice game for all to play! No skill required! Participants are encouraged to bring a "sealed" snack to share and personal non-alcoholic beverage.

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

CARD-OLGY

In this make and take card-making class, you will create one or two beautiful greeting cards each month. There will be cards designed for you, but you are welcome to add your own twist. There is nothing like receiving a handmade card, which is a gift in its own right. Registration must be completed by the Thursday prior to each class.

First Tuesday of each month | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

\$3/one card or \$5/two cards (collected at sign in)

CHAIR YOGA

Start experiencing the many benefits of yoga. This instructor led chair yoga exercise video is safe and gentle and includes low impact stretching, strengthening, and breathing routines.

Mondays | 9:00 – 10:00 am | Free

CHAIR-O-BICS

Get moving in this recreational, self-guided chair exercise class! Participants are encouraged to use light hand weights to build strength. Use of weights is not required and is at your own risk.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am | Free

GAMES, CARDS, & MORE

Enjoy an afternoon with friends who are playing Mexican Train Dominoes, Hand and Foot, Liverpool Rummy, Euchre, Rummikub, Mah Jongg, and more! Participants may bring a “sealed” snack to share and personal non-alcoholic beverage.

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

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. Writers below the age of 50 who are looking to improve their writing skills are welcome to attend.

First & Third Monday of each month | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | Free

I WANT TO KNOW

This activity will address different topics that may be of interest to you. Register for one or multiple presentations below and walk away with a new idea, a new thought, and/or just a reminder of something you once knew and want to know more about. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

Last Tuesday of each month (no presentation in December)
12:00 – 1:00 pm | Free

October 31 | “*Hypnosis for Health and Happiness: Unlock the Secret of Success*” by Kellie Smith, Hypnotist at Winter Garden Hypnosis

November 28 | “*Creating a Charcuterie Board*” by Karem Rodriguez, owner of The Modern Host Life on Dillard Street in Winter Garden

January 30 | “*The ABC’s of Probate*” by Dave Cannella, Tom Sculco, Rebecca Smith-Hameroff, and Ed Foster of the Elder Law Community Service Group

February 27 | “*Go Team Therapy Dogs*” by Lizette Wagoner, Regional Coordinator for the Orlando, Florida team

LITERARY LADIES BOOK CLUB

Join friends to read the top 10 and the classics.

Second Saturday of each month | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free

LUNCH AND LEARN – GOLDEN POND COMMUNITIES, WINTER GARDEN

We will meet at Golden Pond, which is a neighborhood of communities each dedicated to providing the best life in senior living. From independent living to assisted living and memory care, Golden Pond is fully dedicated to you, living your best life. Arrive at Golden Pond Communities, 402 Lakeview Road in Winter Garden, where they will give a presentation, a tour, and provide lunch. No transportation available.

Friday, January 12 | 11:30 am | Free
Golden Pond Community, 402 Lakeview Road

A MATTER OF BALANCE

This four-week Matter of Balance class is a nationally recognized program that emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Empowering the participant to view falls as controllable, the class will teach exercises specifically designed to help prevent falls, as well as the small changes one can make which will increase confidence in the future. Space is limited; registration required.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | October 3 - 26
Tuesdays & Thursdays | February 6 - 29
1:30 – 3:30 pm | Free

MY CRITIC’S CHOICE

Travel each month to a new restaurant for a casual lunch and critique the overall dining experience. Trip cost includes transportation only. Lunch is Dutch treat. Advance registration required.

Last Friday of each month (except in November, join us on the third Friday, November 17) | 10:30 am
\$8 City Resident / \$10 Nonresident

**SIT, STITCH ‘N GIVE**

Does life have you all tied up in knots? Join us for a chance to unwind. Come chat, knit, crochet, embroider, etc., and laugh with those who understand your desire to take a long piece of thread fiber and create a beloved “work of heart.” Beginners are welcome.

Wednesdays | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free

TRAVEL WITH US!

Our community has been around the world and back. Each month someone from the senior community will share photos and interesting facts from their excursions. Come and travel with us around the world! Dessert and coffee/tea will be available. To be a presenter, please call 407-656-4155 ext. 4311.

Fourth Monday of each month | 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Free

WEST ORANGE PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Bring a friend and discover current and classic authors. New members and titles are always welcome.

Second Monday of each month | 1:30 – 4:00 pm | Free

WII BOWLING LEAGUE

Do you still have a passion for bowling, but do not have the time, energy, or strength to make it to the lanes? Teams of two are forming now for a new Wii bowling league. Teams will choose their weekly bowling time and partners at the first meeting and pay their fees.

Session 1 | September 11 – November 17 (10 weeks)
Session 2 | January 8 – March 1 (8 weeks)
Start-up meeting | September 8 and January 5 | 1:30 pm
\$1 per person, per week (due at the startup meeting or the first week of bowling)

ZUMBA GOLD

Active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. Zumba Gold introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion, and coordination.

Thursdays | 11:00 – 11:45 am
\$4 City Resident / \$5 Nonresident, per class

Active 50+ Day Trips

Transportation in accordance to ADA regulation is available upon request. In order to provide accommodations, please have your request ready upon registration, 10 business days prior to scheduled trip date. Trip fees are subject to change dependent upon venue and number of participants. All registrations are final one full week prior to the trip. *Trips are subject to change. Please check cwgd.com for the most current information.*

SHINE AND DINE – WINTER GARDEN, FL

Winter Garden Parks & Recreation Department presents lunch downtown and a matinee at the historic Garden Theatre. Come join us for this fun filled afternoon with friends. Meet at the Centennial Plaza fountain/gazebo on Plant Street at 11:45 am. Group lunch is Dutch treat at 12:00 pm at a local restaurant, with the performance immediately following at 2:00 pm. Program cost includes show ticket only. No transportation is available. Visit gardentheatre.org for show descriptions.

September 10 | **Every Brilliant Thing**
October 8 | **Queen: Rhythm & Rapsody**
December 17 | **Moonshine & Mistletoe: An Appalachian Christmas Tale**
February 18 | **Sweet Dreams: The Air Supply Musical**
May 5 | **Always ...Patsy Cline**
Meet, 11:45 am | Lunch, 12:00 pm | Show, 2:00 pm
\$40.50 City Resident / \$42.50 Nonresident

ALBIN POLASEK MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDENS – WINTER PARK, FL

Explore the inspired world of internationally acclaimed Czech sculptor, Albin Polasek. Tour his home, galleries, and sculpture gardens located in the heart of Winter Park on Lake Osceola. The one-hour group tour includes Albin Polasek’s historic home and studios, where you will learn about Albin Polasek’s inspirational story, his life, and his art. You will also have access to Albin Polasek’s private chapel. Dutch treat lunch. Trip includes transportation, museum park admission, and tour.

Thursday, September 14 | 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
\$25 City Resident / \$29 Nonresident



FESTIVAL AT SOUTHERN HILL FARMS – CLERMONT, FL

It's the 8th Annual Fall Festival at Southern Hill Farms! What fall adventure would be complete without mouth-watering apple cider, pumpkin muffins donuts, and jolly jumbo jack carving pumpkins? Explore the five-acre corn maze, U-pick sunflower and zinnia fields, live music from local artists, and farm wagon rides. Dutch treat lunch at food trucks that are available onsite.

Thursday, October 12 | 11:00 am – 5:30 pm
\$38 City Resident / \$42 Nonresident

A DAY AT CEDAR KEY – CEDAR KEY, FL

Enjoy this unique coastal city, where time stands still. This quiet island community is nestled among many tiny keys on the gulf coast of Florida. It is a haven for local artists, writers, and adventure tourists. In addition, Cedar Key offers a variety of art galleries and eclectic shops with a small town feel. A perfect way to spend a day in one of the Florida's unspoiled locations. Cedar Key Island Boat Tour is optional. Dutch treat lunch.

Tuesday, November 14 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
\$15 City Resident / \$19 Nonresident (transportation only)
\$50 City Resident / \$54 Nonresident (transportation and boat tour)

SUNCOAST BROADWAY DINNER THEATRE – HUDSON, FL

Have you been dreaming of a White Christmas, without the chilly temperatures? Let Irving Berlin's *White Christmas: The Musical* transport you to a winter wonderland filled with love, laughter, and heart-warming melodies. Based on the classic film, the musical adaptation follows two WWII veterans and a pair of singing sisters to a Vermont Inn. Hum along to iconic songs such as "White Christmas," "Sisters," and "Blue Skies." This is a dinner show, so there is a buffet featuring American-style cuisine of show palace favorites and show-themed entrees prior to the performance.

Wednesday, December 13 | 10:30 am – 5:30 pm
\$79 City Resident / \$83 Nonresident

OLD SUGAR MILL PANCAKE HOUSE AND BOAT TOUR – DE LEON SPRINGS, FL

Get ready to break one of your New Year's resolutions inside the Old Sugar Mill Pancake House, where you can enjoy unlimited build-your-own-pancakes! You get to prepare your very own pancakes right at your table, so they are piping hot and just how you like them. After brunch, you can take a relaxing and educational Fountain of Youth boat tour. During the boat tour, through the Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge, guests will see

animals that call the area home, learn about the area's rich 6,000-year history, the spring's "healing waters and how the "Fountain of Youth" story originated. Dutch treat lunch.

Thursday, January 11 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
\$30 City Resident / \$34 Nonresident

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT ARCHITECTURE – LAKELAND, FL

The Florida Southern College Historic District was designated a National Historic Landmark* for being the largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world. The 90-minute guided walking tour begins with an overview of the campus project, detailing how Frank Lloyd Wright assembled his vision for the college as well as the unique method of construction he chose for his 13 Wright-designed structures. You will visit the interiors of the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel, the Danforth Chapel, and the new Usonian Faculty House. Dutch treat lunch.

* Because FSC is a National Historic Landmark, it does not conform to ADA Accessibility Guidelines, so tours are not accessible to visitors in wheelchairs, scooters, or walkers — a "modified" tour will be given, if requested.

Thursday, February 22 | 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
\$40 City Resident / \$44 Nonresident



160 W. PLANT STREET
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WINTER GARDEN
407.877.4736 | GARDENTHEATRE.ORG

For current programming information, visit gardentheatre.org.

LIVE THEATRE**Garden Theatre's Broadway on Plant Series**

Garden Theatre and producing partner Victory Productions continue their **Broadway on Plant** theatre series for the 2023-2024 season. The lineup includes a **world premiere** holiday musical *Moonshine & Mistletoe: An Appalachian Christmas Tale*, the **U.S. premiere** of a musical featuring the much-loved songbook of a Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame duo, *Sweet Dreams: The Air Supply Musical*, and a season opener starring the beloved actor, **John O'Hurley** (renowned for his portrayal of J. Peterman in "Seinfeld"), *Every Brilliant Thing*.

The season will also include concerts, movies, and comedy events, including **Bo Bice: In Concert** and **Queen: Rhythm & Rhapsody Featuring Broadway Rock Star Justin Matthew Sargent**.

You won't want to miss these incredible events! Visit gardentheatre.org for show information and for tickets.

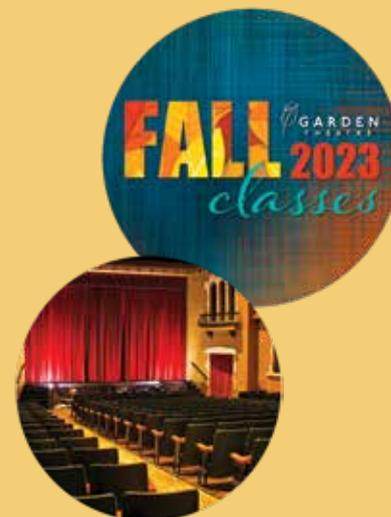
**EDUCATION**

Performing Arts Classes for the Young and Young-At-Heart
August – November 2023, January – February 2024

Garden Theatre's fun and exciting education offerings continue this fall and winter for both youth and adults – the young and young-at-heart! Classes will focus on movement, dance, acting, improv, and more. Be sure to stay up to date on all the great offerings by visiting gardentheatre.org/education.

VISIT THE GARDEN

Located in the heart of historic downtown Winter Garden on Plant Street, the Garden Theatre is a nonprofit organization committed to inspiring discovery through theatrical experiences that are innovative, impactful, and inclusive. Originally built in 1935 as a single-screen cinema, the Garden Theatre was restored and reopened in 2008, keeping the Mediterranean Revival style, modeled after a Spanish courtyard with "Romeo and Juliet" balconies and a dark blue ceiling resplendent with stars. Garden Theatre hosts live plays, concerts, movies, and more to the residents of and visitors to the City of Winter Garden.





WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

21 E. PLANT STREET | 407.656.3244 | WGHF.ORG

The Winter Garden Heritage Foundation preserves the heritage and architecture of West Orange County, while creating cultural experiences. The Foundation operates three locations in the heart of Downtown Winter Garden: the Heritage Museum, which features exhibits on the rich history of West Orange County; the History Research and Education and Visitors' Center, which houses an extensive archive of the area's past; and the Central Florida Railroad Museum, which showcases the influence of the railroad in the development of Florida.

Winter Garden Heritage Museum

1 N. Main Street
Tuesday – Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Free Admission

EXHIBITIONS

Dressing the Part: Selections from the Wardrobe Collection

September 1 - December 31

Over the years, the people of West Orange County have donated prom dresses, wedding gowns, sports uniforms, military dress, and more to our Archive. A selection of these treasured items will be presented in this exhibit.

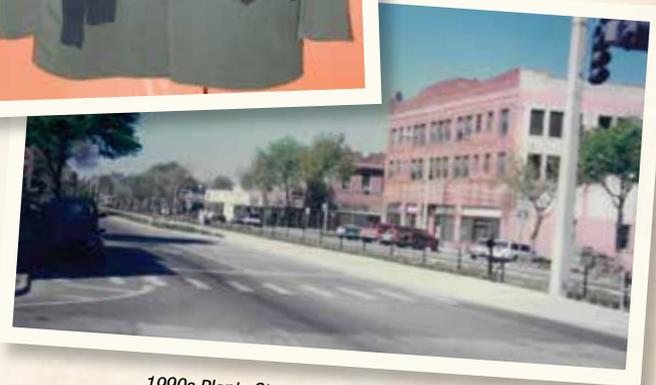
Modern Day Renaissance: The Winter Garden Story

January 1 – March 31

Winter Garden's rebirth is presented here in detail so that we may honor the people whose hard work brought about this remarkable story. From mayors to ordinary citizens, people banded together to ensure the preservation of a city that so many of us call home.



< Uniform of Winter Garden native Lt. Col. Sylvester Johnson. During his 1955-1975 career with the U.S. Army, he served in post-World War II Germany, Norway, Korea, and in Vietnam.



1990s Plants Street before its renaissance.



CENTRAL FLORIDA RAILROAD MUSEUM

101 S. BOYD STREET | 407.656.0559 | CFRHS.ORG
TUESDAY – SATURDAY | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM | FREE ADMISSION

Located in an over 100-year-old train depot, the Central Florida Railroad Museum boasts multiple galleries of extensive local and nationwide railroad artifacts and memorabilia. Its model train display is a fan favorite for all ages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are free. Visit cfrhs.org/events for more information on the following events as well as a full list of upcoming events and presentations.

SATURDAY HISTORY SERIES

These one-hour presentations feature the history of local railroads, the communities they served, plus topics of regional interest. Most events are free. Visit cfrhs.org/events for upcoming presenters.

Saturday, September 16 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Saturday, December 16 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm

LEGO DAY AT THE MUSEUM

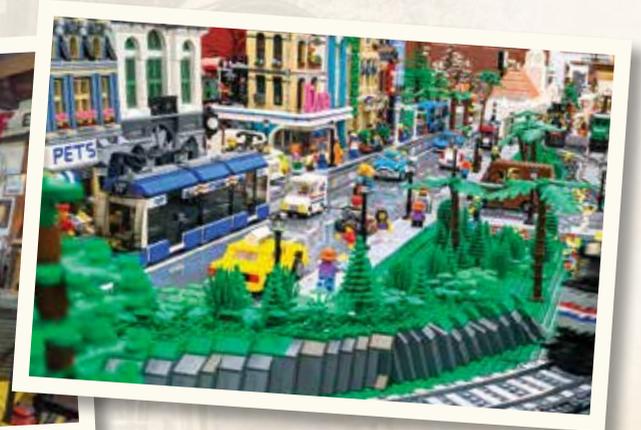
Join us as we host the Greater Florida Lego User Group and their wonderful Lego model railroad layout at the Museum.

Saturday, October 21 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (extended museum hours) | Free

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Visitors are welcome to attend the Central Florida Railway Historical Society monthly meetings. Each meeting features a railroad-related presentation. Visit cfrhs.org/events for upcoming presenters.

Second Monday Monthly | 7:00 – 8:00 pm





ART IN PUBLIC PLACES
GALLERY IN CITY HALL

300 W. PLANT STREET
MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM | FREE

The **Arts in Public Places (AIPP) program** provides rotating exhibits throughout the year that are easily accessible to the community using the first floor of City Hall as the Arts in Public Places Gallery to display various art mediums. Presented by the City of Winter Garden, the AIPP program features original artwork of paintings, photography, and ceramics. The exhibits highlight the places and people of Winter Garden and West Orange County.

Regular contributors to the program include the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, Crealdé School of Art, and the Winter Garden Art Association. In addition, the City of Winter Garden periodically hosts an Artists' Call encouraging the public to submit specified-theme art, which is juried and showcased.

The Art in Public Places Gallery at City Hall is open during regular operating hours (Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm). The public is invited to come see the amazing artwork that fills the walls of the City Hall lobby.



Holiday Office Closures and Solid Waste Collection Services Schedule

For handy reference, below is the City Government Office Closures and Solid Waste Collection Services Schedule for upcoming holidays (September 2023 – January 2024).

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.

Thanksgiving Day and Friday after Thanksgiving:

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services for trash, recycling, yard waste, or bulk items on Thursday, November 23. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.
- There will be Regular Solid Waste Collection Services on Friday, November 24.

Christmas (Observed):

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services for trash, recycling, yard waste, or bulk items on Monday, December 25. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.
- There will be a Recycling Only Make-up Pickup Day on Saturday, December 30.

New Year's Day (Observed):

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, January 1.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services for trash, recycling, yard waste, or bulk items on Monday, January 1. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.
- There will be a Recycling Only Make-up Pickup Day on Saturday, January 6.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15.
- There will be Regular Solid Waste Collection Services on Monday, January 15.



EXHIBITIONS

¡Viva El Arte!

September 1 – October 30

Curated by the Winter Garden Art Association, this colorful exhibit features various forms of 2-D and 3-D artistic expressions from Central Florida Hispanic Artists.

It's a Wonderful Life in Winter Garden

November 1 – January 5

Collaborating to create a small town, cozy feel, Crealdé School of Art and the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation will highlight artwork and photographs paying tribute to the holidays. Faculty and students from the Crealdé classes at the Jesse Brock Community Center will create plein-air paintings depicting familiar and lesser-known scenes of Winter Garden to be on display at this exhibit. This exhibit is sure to help you slow down, reminisce, and find the wonderful during this busy time of year.

Reflections of Time II

January 8 – February 29

This exhibition highlights African American artists from Winter Garden and the surrounding areas and demonstrates how their works serve as a testament in preserving time. Curated by Patrick Noze, Crealdé School of Art Senior Curator of Exhibitions, this exhibit displays artwork of a variety of disciplines.

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