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SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY – November 25 *Live Music & Festive Fun Downtown*

Make downtown Winter Garden a “must-stop” to celebrate Small Business Saturday. Visit the downtown mom-and-pop stores to kick off your holiday shopping, and discover unique finds for your gift list.

Live musical entertainment will perform at Centennial Plaza from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, adding to downtown’s merry ambiance as you shop, dine, and stroll through the festive streets.

When you shop local, a greater portion of every dollar spent remains right in your community to make it stronger. Remember to shop small citywide to make a big impact!

Saturday, November 25 | Daylong | Historic Downtown & Citywide



Craft Affair – November 11

Hosted by City of Winter Garden Parks & Recreation, visit the annual Craft Affair to shop for unique items handcrafted by your 50+ creative friends. From jewelry, holiday décor, to crafts, artwork, and more, the arts and crafts show is great for holiday shopping!

Saturday, November 11
10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Free Admission
Jessie Brock Community Center,
310 N. Dillard Street



FREE SHREDDING EVENT FOR WINTER GARDEN RESIDENTS – November 11

The City of Winter Garden will host a free document-shredding event for its residents to commemorate America Recycles Day. 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 City of Winter Garden resident to participate. Please bring proof of residency.

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

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

For more information, call 407.877. 5193.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day, November 23 & Friday after Thanksgiving, November 24

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services (trash, recycling, yard waste, 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.

Donut Dash 5K – November 4

Run, walk, and/or eat donuts through historic downtown for the 2023 Donut Dash 5K! Prizes awarded for top runners plus a prize for best donut costume.



Register for this fun event online at wgpal.org or runsignup.com, or in-person at the race.

Proceeds support the Winter Garden Police Athletic League (WGPAL) Holiday Gifts for Kids program as well as other community programs for underprivileged and at-risk kids. Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

Saturday, November 4 | 8:00 – 11:00 am
Newton Park, 1 Surprise Drive

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE IN WINTER GARDEN ART EXHIBIT AT CITY HALL

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. Be sure to stop in!

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

Fall Events at the Winter Garden Farmers Market

The weather is crisp and the harvest is ripe! Visit the Winter Garden Farmers Market on Saturdays for fall favorites, and do not miss this month's two free events.

HEALTH & HARVEST FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 4

Hosted by Healthy West Orange and the City of Winter Garden, activities include fitness and cooking demonstrations, health screenings, games, and more.



THANKSGIVING AT THE MARKET | Saturday, November 18

Celebrate Thanksgiving at the market with holiday craft making for kids (Parking Garage Plaza), live music, and more!

Market Hours | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue

Time to Reset your Irrigation System

Water Lawns Only 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

For more information on the irrigation ordinance, call 407-877-5193.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR KIDS PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Presented by the Winter Garden Police Athletic League, Inc. (WGPAL), the annual Holiday Gifts for Kids program provides presents to Winter Garden youth in need, ages newborn – 12 years old.

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.

Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

HOW TO DONATE TO HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR KIDS

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. Donations are tax deductible.

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



FALL into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

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

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

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 two sports (flag 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!

Flag Football | Thursdays, November 2 – 30
(no programming November 23)

Baseball | Thursdays, December 7 – 28
2 – 4 years old | 5:00 – 5:50 pm
\$100 City Resident / \$110 Nonresident,
1-Sport Rate (4 weeks)
\$176 City Resident / \$186 Nonresident,
2-Sport Rate (8 weeks)

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.

Mondays | November 13 – December 18
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 | \$45 Esports Jersey

AMAZING ATHLETES KARATE ZOO

In Karate Zoo, we teach the fundamentals of martial arts to children ages 3 - 6 in a high-energy, progression-based program. Students learn & practice the traditions & 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 & practices of martial arts, Karate Zoo is designed to benefit a child's physical, social, & emotional development while building confidence & teaching practical life lessons. Hi-yah!

Mondays | November 27 – February 5
(no programming December 25, January 1,
and January 15)
3 – 6 years old | 5:00 – 5:50 pm
\$191 City Resident / \$201 Nonresident,
8-week session (Belt included in fee)
Optional purchases | \$25 Karate Zoo Jersey /
\$40 Karate Gi

PICKLEBALL GROUP LESSONS

Beginners

This course will introduce players to pickleball beginning with the very basics, and 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, with an understanding of the game along with possessing the skills necessary for open play.

Saturdays | November 4 – 18
Tuesdays | November 7 – 21
12:30 – 2:00 pm
\$100 Residents / \$125 Nonresidents,
per 2-week session
Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

Intermediate

The course is 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 – 18
Tuesdays | November 7 – 21
2:30 – 4:00 pm
\$100 City Resident / \$125 Nonresident,
per 2-week session
Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

XTREME HIP HOP WITH TARCIA

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:00 – 7:00 pm
\$10 Residents / \$12 Nonresident, per class

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

The Parks & Recreation staff will provide a safe and fun camp for kids in kindergarten through 8th grade during holiday school closures. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day.

Camp Dates

Thanksgiving Break | November 20 – 22
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
Jessie Brock Community Center,
310 N. Dillard Street

Advance registration required at
<https://enroll.wgplay.com>.
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SOBO Art Gallery

127 S. Boyd Street | wgart.org | 407.347.7996
Tuesday – Friday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Free Admission

EXHIBITION

Epic Art

From big personalities to big ideas, this exhibit of 2D and 3D art makes an impact.

Now – November 31

CALL TO ARTISTS

wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists

Visit the “Call or Artists” website page regularly for themes of upcoming exhibitions and submit online the FIRST through the EIGHTH of the month prior to an exhibition.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Details and registration, wgart.org/adults.

Technique Tuesday at 2PM

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

Tuesdays | 2:00 pm | Studio Room

Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model is available to draw every Wednesday night.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm | 18 years and older only
\$10 member / \$15 nonmember (collected at sign in)

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

BECOME A MEMBER

Winter Garden Art Association Membership Dues:

Individual Annual Membership: \$45

Family Annual Membership: \$65



WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE MUSEUM EXHIBIT

DRESSING THE PART: SELECTIONS FROM THE WARDROBE COLLECTION

Relive the styles of the times, as well as local history, by visiting the treasured wardrobe collection from the Archive of the Winter Garden History Research and Education Center.

Now – 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



160 W. Plant Street
407.877.4736 | gardentheatre.org

LIVE THEATRE

Moonshine & Mistletoe: An Appalachian Christmas Tale

World Premiere! Presented by Garden Theatre

Produced by Victory Productions & Jessica Huckabey Theatricals

November 24 - December 23, 2023 | Matinee and Evening Performances

By DJ Salisbury | Arranged by Larry Moore

The Ballards, Lessy Boy and Curleen, welcome family and friends into their Appalachian mountain home to celebrate Christmas Day. In the midst of the Great Depression, they have no gifts to exchange, but instead, they share their love of Appalachian hymns and carols. Unexpectedly, the Ballard's son who'd left the fold to escape a certain fate in the coal mines, returns to make amends with his parents. With him is his very-soon-to-be-a-mother wife. Though Curleen seems incapable of negotiating a peaceful reconciliation with her son, a Christmas miracle opens up a new possibility of forgiveness. *Moonshine & Mistletoe* is a musical valentine to a bygone era and is a wholesome holiday theatrical event for the entire family.

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

CLASSIC MOVIE

It's a Wonderful Life (1946, PG)

November 28 at 7:00 pm | \$12

An angel is sent from heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

Visit gardentheatre.org for all tickets!