

# WINTER GARDEN BULLETIN

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# Tucker Ranch Park and Nature Preserve Phase Two Construction to Commence this Spring/Summer



*Mayor John Rees*

Your community's keystone natural asset, Tucker Ranch Park and Nature Preserve, is about to get even better! Phase two of the existing 209-acre park will carve out a 25.6-acre Tucker Ranch Holistic Health, Wellness, Teaching Farm and Family Activity Center. This addition will provide personal health and wellness amenities to residents and visitors. Construction of the \$31 million park addition will commence this spring/summer and is estimated to be completed in approximately two years.

Tucker Ranch Holistic Health, Wellness, Teaching Farm and Family Activity Center will include a trail system with multiple exercise nodes, outdoor fitness equipment, retreat center for programming and classes, greenhouse, outdoor teaching kitchen, and edible and teaching gardens.

Walking paths will connect this state-of-the-art holistic health and wellness facility with the existing offerings of Tucker Ranch Park and Nature Preserve, which includes a playground, nature trails, picnic areas, and canoe/kayak launch.

Since phase one of the Tucker Ranch and Nature Preserve opened in 2018, this sprawling conservation park serves as a welcome respite for residents and visitors to unwind and enjoy the park's authentic scenery, natural vegetation, and amenities. Overall, the converted cattle ranch estate provides 209 acres of "Old Florida" for the community to nourish their mind, body, and spirit.

Located at 100 Avalon Road, Tucker Ranch Park and Nature Preserve has free admission and is open daily 8:00 am – 6:00 pm during the months of March – October, and 8:00 am – 5:00 pm during the months of November – February. Leashed dogs are welcome. Be sure to visit now and throughout the phases of new openings as this is a crown gem in your backyard that all ages will enjoy.



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Cover photo: Pictured are the City of Winter Garden Pickleball Courts at Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue. There are 10 public pickleball courts open daily 7:00 am – 10:00 pm for Open Play only. The Parks & Recreation Department will host a St. Paddle's Day Pickleball Tournament & Event, March 14 – 16 (details on page 10), and offers Pickleball Group Lessons throughout the year (details on page 19).

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## Earth Day Poetry Competition for Youth & Adults

### *Why Earth Day Is Still Important*

The City of Winter Garden is pleased to announce an Earth Day Poetry Competition, *Why Earth Day Is Still Important*. The competition is intended to highlight the importance of protecting our natural resources and how this can be accomplished by ordinary people, every day.

The Earth Day Poetry Competition is open to all ages. Submissions will be broken into four categories: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Adult. On Earth Day, April 22, one winner will be selected from each category and awarded a \$100 Visa Gift Card. In addition, the winning poems will be placed on the City of Winter Garden website.

**The deadline to enter is Friday, March 22, 2024, at 5:00 pm.**

For entry form and poem requirements, please visit our website: [cwgd.com/611/Sustainability](http://cwgd.com/611/Sustainability).

For more information, call 407.877.5193 or email [dcorbus@cwgd.com](mailto:dcorbus@cwgd.com).



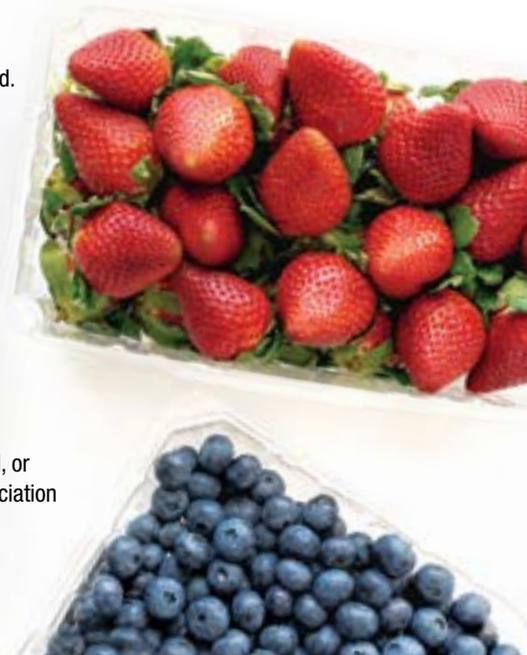
## Produce and Bakery Plastics Can't Be Recycled

Plastic produce and bakery containers from the grocery store cannot be recycled. These plastics cause the most confusion for most people. The main reason is that most of them have the number one (1) inside the recycling emblem on the containers. This type of plastic can be called a "has been." It has already been recycled many times and is now at the end of its life, meaning that there is no good reuse market for this food container.

Please do not place produce and bakery plastics in your recycling cart. These plastics flatten easily when crushed and often end up in with the paper recyclables. They also melt at different temperatures than other plastics. This can create ash, ruining an entire batch of good plastic. These plastics are often coated with food and adhesive stickers which could lead to contamination issues.

So, next time you empty a plastic container that once held fruit, tomatoes, salad, or delicious bakery pastries and desserts, give that container a quick nod of appreciation for the productive life it has led, and lay it to rest inside the trash can.

For more information on recycling, call 407.877.5193.



# Storm Drains Are for Rain Only

With storm season approaching, extra precautions need to be taken to keep debris and chemicals from entering storm drains along with the runoff rain. This will help avoid polluting local waterways.

After a rainstorm, stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, picking up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater either flows directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water, or into a storm sewer system, most often referred to as a storm drain. Anything that enters a storm drain is discharged, untreated, directly into the waterbodies we use for fishing, swimming, and providing drinking water. Remember, only rain in storm drains!

Turn these practices into eco-friendly habits:

- Use a commercial carwash or wash your car on an unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain. Commercial carwashes recycle their water.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Don't dump motor oil or other chemicals down a storm drain or dispose of them in your trash. Take these items to a household

hazardous waste disposal location. (For HHW disposal locations, contact Orange County at 407.836.6601.)

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain, otherwise chemicals will be washed into the local stream. Per Orange County ordinance, the use of fertilizers that contain nitrogen and phosphorus are banned from use June 1 - September 30 each year.
- Don't blow or rake grass or leaves into storm drains. Their decomposition pollutes waterways.
- Don't overwater your lawn or let water run off into the storm drain.
- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program or donate used paint to a local organization.
- Clean up pet waste in your yard and when walking your pet. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

For more information, call 407. 877. 5193.

## Conserve Water with Landscape Irrigation Schedule

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.

Be sure to know the correct days to water your lawn during Daylight Saving Time (March 10 – November 3, 2024)

City of Winter Garden Conservation Ordinance Sec. 94-163 for Landscape Irrigation (Second Sunday in March until the First Sunday in November)

Odd # Homes	Wednesday/Saturday
Even # Homes	Thursday/Sunday
Nonresidential Properties	Tuesday/Friday



## UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE Available for Low Income Seniors

The City of Winter Garden offers a Utility Bill Assistance Program for Low Income Seniors. Qualified candidates can receive a reduction of up to \$35 on their monthly utility bill. Proof of income must be provided to qualify.

### Program Qualifications:

- 65 years of age, or
- 62 years of age and receiving Social Security benefits, and
- CITY resident continuously for the past five years, PRIOR to your application date, and
- Utility bill must be in applicant's name and billed directly to applicant, and
- Income for ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD MUST NOT EXCEED:

**WIDOW • DIVORCED • SINGLE**  
**\$1,616.94 – Month**  
**\$19,403.27 – Year**

**MARRIED • OTHER**  
**\$2,260.52 – Month**  
**\$27,126.29 – Year**

### Copies of the following must be submitted with application:

- Current identification, and
- 2024 Social Security Benefit Statement, or
- 2023 Federal Income Tax Return, and
- ALL other proof of income for entire household

Those qualified for the program will see the reduction of up to \$35 each month on their utility bill, beginning May 2024.

Only applicants that do NOT qualify will be notified.

Application is available at Winter Garden City Hall Reception Desk, 300 W. Plant Street, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, or by contacting the City Clerk's office 407.656.4111 ext. 6327.

**APPLICATION and PROOF OF INCOME DEADLINE is MAY 1, 2024.**



## Get Quicker Service with Mobile Citizen APP

*24/7 Access to Submit a Service Request to the City*

The Mobile Citizen App is your virtual customer service concierge – a convenient platform providing a fast and efficient response to both service needs and questions. With the snap of a photo and a few clicks, you will be able to connect with the right service area for immediate attention for an array of service concern options including a damaged streetlight, a sidewalk defect, a bothersome pothole, a downed street sign, a code enforcement issue, or even a missed trash pickup.

The App is also very handy and timely for reporting non-emergency public safety issues resulting from storms or hurricane events like fallen trees, street flooding, or power outages along the roadways and in our neighborhoods. For all emergencies, please dial 9-1-1.

Scan the QR code to download your Mobile Citizen App today. *It's Free!*



## Calling All Soon-To-Be and Recent Graduates and Those Seeking a New Career Path

### Explore Joining the City of Winter Garden Team

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.

In addition, if your goal is to pursue a college degree, the City covers tuition and educational expenses to complete associate and bachelor degrees. Full-time employee benefits include 100% paid medical insurance, additional health benefits, among others, as well as a Pension Retirement Plan for those interested in building long-term careers with the City.

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DEGREES.

### CHECK OUT OUR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS!

- Educational reimbursement and career development program
- Medical Insurance - 100% City paid employee-only medical coverage
- Dental, vision, flexible spending, and dependent care accounts
- City-paid long term disability and life insurance benefits
- Clothing allowance and uniforms supplied
- Vacation and sick leave banks with 10 paid holidays
- Free gym membership
- 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
- 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

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

View all our job postings, including those that are entry level, and submit your employment application by visiting the City of Winter Garden website ([cwgdn.com](http://cwgdn.com)) or scanning the QR code provided.

Questions? Email [wgrecruiter@cwgdn.com](mailto:wgrecruiter@cwgdn.com) or call 407.877.5428.



## New tip411 Anonymous Crime Fighting Tool for Residents

Residents can now submit anonymous, nonemergency crime tips 24/7 to the Winter Garden Police Department through a new technology crime fighting tool, Winter Garden PD tip411.

Anonymous crime tips can be submitted via any of the following three options:

1. **Download the free “Winter Garden PD” app** from Apple Store or Google Play to your personal device and submit through the app. (Scan QR code provided to download.)
2. Submit via **text message** to the Winter Garden Police Department by texting the keyword **WGPD** and your tip to **847411**.
3. Submit **online** through the Winter Garden Police Department website, [wgpd.com](http://wgpd.com), or the City of Winter Garden website, [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com).



Residents can also sign-up to receive public safety alerts through the app or website.

*The technology utilizes a third party to protect your identity and contact information, keeping tips anonymous. The tip411 service is strictly for nonemergency use. For emergencies, always contact 911.*

## Winter Garden PAL Youth Summer Camp

The Winter Garden Police Athletic League (WGPAL) will host an eight-week summer camp for qualifying youth. The camp is available AT NO COST to children ages 5-15 residing within the City limits and receiving government assistance.

The camp’s mission is to create and build relationships among camp staff, Winter Garden police officers, area youth and their parents. The camp provides a safe, welcoming, and fun place to interact through sports, communication, and the introduction of experiences that encourage community ownership, leadership, education, and personal growth.

Camp Dates | June 3 – July 26 | Free  
Monday – Friday | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Location | TBD

When registering for the WGPAL Youth Summer Camp, the following documents are required:

- child’s birth certificate or court/custody paperwork – only parent or legal guardian can register a child (Children must be ages 5-15 and have completed Kindergarten.)
- child’s medical insurance card
- current water or utility bill for the Winter Garden address residence
- proof of government assistance (WIC, food stamps, etc.)
- form of identification (driver’s license, ID card, passport, etc.)
- camp application

Visit the following locations on dates specified to complete a 2024 WGPAL Summer Camp application and bring the required documents:

**Maxey Center:** May 6 | 3:00-5:00 pm  
May 7 | 3:00-5:00 pm

**Westside Townhomes:** May 8 | 2:00-5:00 pm

**Country Gardens:** May 9 | 2:00-5:00 pm

**Promenade:** May 10 | 2:00-5:00 pm

**Village Grove:** May 13 | 2:00-5:00 pm

**West Pointe Villas:** May 14 | 2:00-5:00 pm

**Winter Garden Police Dept.:** May 16 | 2:00-5:00 pm  
(Back Parking Lot-Office Door May 17 | 3:00-5:00 pm  
is on Henderson St.)

**Deadline to register is May 17, 2024.** Space is limited so do not delay.

For more information, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416 or visit [wgpal.org](http://wgpal.org).



## 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.

The program will cover:

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

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

Pre-registration is required, and space is limited to 12 participants. To register, visit <https://enroll.wgplay.com> and click on "Recreation Classes" or scan QR code provided. Registration opens two months prior to class date.

Saturday | March 16, May 18, July 20 (select one date)  
9:30 – 11:00 am or 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (select one session)  
Fire Department Headquarters Training Room,  
1 East Cypress Street | Free



## Citizens Police Academy

### Accepting Applications for 2024 Classes

If you are curious about police department operations, you can learn firsthand about crime prevention, investigations, and police procedures at the Winter Garden Citizens Police Academy. This free, nine-week course covers these topics and more during weekly discussions hosted by Winter Garden police officers and staff. Class participants will also be eligible to go on a ride along with an officer!

Academy Dates (select one):

March 6 – May 1 (Make-up date, if needed: May 8)

August 7 – October 2 (Make-up date, if needed: October 9)

Wednesdays Only | 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Winter Garden Police Department, Training Room, 251 W. Plant Street | Free

Eligibility requirements:

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

Applications are available at [wgpd.com](http://wgpd.com) and at the Winter Garden Police Department, 251 W. Plant Street. Seats fill quickly so submit your application today.

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.

Class Dates (select one):

Thursday, April 4

Thursday, August 22

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Winter Garden Police Department Training Room, 251 W. Plant Street | Free

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](mailto:gmichaud@wgpd.com). Classes fill quickly so reserve your spot today.

# Spring Events

## ST. PADDLE'S DAY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT & EVENT 2024



Thinking about entering your first tournament but not ready for the overwhelming pressure to win? Or looking to watch, learn, and check out what all the craze over pickleball is about? Look no further, the City of Winter Garden Parks and Recreation Department will be celebrating 10 years of pickleball and hosting its first Recreational Pickleball Tournament & Event at Veterans Memorial Park. Test your skills in our round robin tournament (March 14 – 16) open to all beginners, intermediate, and advanced players.

Not ready for tournament play? Stop by on the final day of the tournament (March 16) from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm as we celebrate the sport of pickleball with free lessons from local instructors or inquire about group lessons offered through the Winter Garden Parks and Recreation Department.

### DIVISIONS:

Men's and Women's Doubles | Thursday, March 14  
Mixed Doubles | Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16

Tournament grouping is limited to six (6) teams max with winners being determined by highest win total.

Ages: 18+ | First matches begin 8:00 am daily  
End of Tournament Celebration | March 16, 12:00 – 3:00 pm  
Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

### REGISTRATION:

City Resident | January 29 – February 21 / Nonresident  
February 12 – 21  
\$90 Resident / \$100 Nonresident Team Registration per event, limited to 2 events per individual participant

Advance tournament registration required. Space is extremely limited.

Please contact the Winter Garden Parks and Recreation Department for more details: 407.656.4155, [recinfo@cwgd.com](mailto:recinfo@cwgd.com), Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street.

## EVENING AT THE POPS

Enjoy an outdoor concert performed by the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra while picnicking under the stars on the shore of Lake Apopka. Bring a blanket or chair. Presented by Rotary Club of Winter Garden, co-sponsor City of Winter Garden.



Saturday, March 23 | 6:00 pm (rain date: March 24)  
General Admission: \$10 / VIP Admission: \$75  
Children 8 and under: Free  
Newton Park, 31 W. Garden Avenue  
For details and online ticket purchase: [rotaryclubofwintergarden.org](http://rotaryclubofwintergarden.org)

## SPRING FEVER IN THE GARDEN

Presented by the Bloom & Grow Garden Society in conjunction with the City of Winter Garden, the 22nd annual two-day festival has a wide array of flowers and foliage for sale, a sidewalk chalk art contest, live music, a Kid Zone, nature-related arts and crafts, and more!



Saturday, April 6 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm | Sunday, April 7 | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Historic Downtown Winter Garden | Free

## ARTS IN APRIL

A month-long celebration of the arts with complimentary community events such as art exhibitions, kids' art sessions, and more. In addition, an Art Night VIP immersive art experience event to serve as annual fundraiser. Hosted by the Winter Garden Art Association in partnership with the City of Winter Garden. Visit page 13 for schedule and details.



April 1 – 30 | Historic Downtown Winter Garden | Multiple Venues

## SHOP, DINE & STROLL

SHOP the quaint boutiques, DINE al fresco at the scenic patios, and STROLL the picturesque streets while music fills the air with live performances in the center of downtown. Look for the raffle signs at participating stores and restaurants for chances to win free prizes. With Mother's Day around the corner, the event is a fun way to celebrate – and to shop for – the special women in your life.



Saturday, May 4 | All Day | Historic Downtown

*Events listed are City-sponsored/co-sponsored and are subject to change. Visit [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) and [downtownwg.com](http://downtownwg.com) for up-to-date event information.*

# Summer Events

## SUMMER SHOPPING SPREE

A great time to snag boutique apparel, accessories, home décor, and more at discounted prices. The outdoor/indoor sale provides special savings and promotions as merchants close out the season. You won't want to miss this shopping spree of savings!

Saturday, August 3 | All Day | Historic Downtown



## 20TH ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN KIDS PARADE

Start Independence Day with this annual fun-filled parade! Decorate your bike, scooter, or your walking shoes and join us for a red, white, and blue stroll through historic downtown Winter Garden!

Thursday, July 4

Pancake Breakfast (Kids eat free!) | 8:00 – 10:00 am

Parade | 10:00 am

Winter Garden Masonic Lodge, 230 W. Bay Street | Free



## PARTY IN THE PARK

Keep your eyes on the sky for one of the best fireworks displays in West Orange County! Live music, family activities, food vendors, and more keep the evening fun for all ages! Festivities begin at 6:00 pm. Fireworks show at 9:15 pm. Bring a chair, blanket, or have a seat in the grass for this annual Winter Garden tradition! Parking is available at Dillard Street Elementary.

Thursday, July 4

Festivities start at 6:00 pm | Fireworks, 9:15 pm

Newton Park, 29 W. Garden Avenue | Free



## RED, WHITE AND BLUE: MAY – JULY

Downtown Winter Garden is adorned in red, white, and blue from Memorial Day through Independence Day, making it a festive venue to celebrate America's patriotic holidays as well as enjoy its colorful historic charm daily.

May – July



# Spring Fever IN THE Garden

*Join us for the 22nd annual Spring Fever in the Garden festival hosted by the Bloom & Grow Garden Society, in partnership with the City of Winter Garden. The event is a favorite of locals and visitors alike with gardening vendors lining the downtown streets, in addition to entertainment and activities for all ages.*

**Saturday, April 6 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm • Sunday, April 7 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm • Historic Downtown • Free Admission**

For event schedule and more information, visit [springfeverinthegarden.org](http://springfeverinthegarden.org).

*Please note the festival is a rain or shine event. There are no rain dates.*

Spring Fever in the Garden is the cornerstone of the Society's fundraising efforts, with proceeds supporting higher education scholarships as well as local planting and educational initiatives.

*Thank you to this year's co-presenting sponsors: Healthy West Orange and Orlando Health*

## **FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

### **CHALKIN' IT UP SIDEWALK ART CONTEST**

One of the most popular events of the festival, contestants of all ages create nature-related art in front of City Hall. The amazing creations will remain for viewing throughout the weekend, weather permitting.

The contest is free to enter, but preregistration is required, and space is limited. Prizes will be awarded in numerous categories. To register and for details, visit [springfeverinthegarden.org/chalk](http://springfeverinthegarden.org/chalk). Registration deadline is March 15, 2024.

### **LIVE MUSIC**

Music will fill the festival air with an eclectic group of entertainers performing throughout the day.

### **KID ZONE**

Booths and activities geared to children with fun ways to learn about nature and the environment. There will be craft making, face painting, fairy hair, balloon animals, and more!

### **ASK THE EXPERTS BOOTH**

Seize the opportunity to get your questions answered by some of the best horticulturalists and nursery experts in Florida.

### **AVIAN RECONDITIONING CENTER**

See owls and raptors up close and learn about Florida's magnificent birds of prey and their natural habitats. The Center specializes in raptor reconditioning and education.



In celebration of World Art Day, the Winter Garden Art Association and community partners will host "Arts in April," a series of events throughout the month to raise awareness for local art organizations and artists, while providing opportunities for the community to explore and create art.

## EXHIBITIONS

### TOP CHOICE ANNUAL AWARDS

SOBO's Annual Awards Exhibition showcases the best 2D & 3D works of art. Awards are presented for Best of Show, People's Choice, Curator's Choice, and Multiple Medium Category Winners.

April 2 – June 1

Opening Reception | April 4, 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Public Invited

SOBO Art Gallery, 127 S. Boyd Street | Free

Tuesday – Friday | 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm



### HIGH SCHOOL TOP CHOICE ART AWARDS SHOW

A selection of 2D and 3D works of art from area high school students.

April 1 – May 31 | Monday – Friday,

7:30 am – 5:30 pm (City Hall operating hours)

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CHALKIN' IT UP SIDEWALK ART CONTEST

As part of Spring Fever in the Garden hosted by the Bloom & Grow Garden Society, contestants of all ages create 6' x 6' chalk art nature-inspired masterpieces in front of City Hall. Visit page 12 for details.

Saturday, April 6 (Contest & Viewing)

Sunday, April 7 (Viewing) | City Hall,

300 W. Plant Street | Free

### KIDS ART SESSIONS AT THE WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET

Kids will enjoy the free art activities hosted by the Winter Garden Art Association under the Art

Tent at the Winter Garden Farmers Market.

Saturday | April 6, 13, & 20

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Winter Garden Farmers Market/Parking  
Garage Plaza, 160 S. Boyd Street | Free

### WINTER GARDEN URBAN SKETCHERS COMPETITION

Urban Sketchers Competition plus Plein Air Event at the Winter Garden Farmers Market. Free to participate or visit to watch their creations come to life.

Saturday, April 13 | 9:00 am – 6:00 pm | Free

Check-in starts at 9:00 am at SOBO Art  
Gallery, 127 S. Boyd Street

Winter Garden Farmers Market, 104 S.  
Lakeview Avenue / Along West Plant Street

### ART CLASSES TECHNIQUE TUESDAYS @ 2 PM

Sponsored by Duke Energy

A weekly "create" event and opportunity for all skills levels to learn, grow, and be inspired through the talents of other artists.

Tuesdays | 2:00 pm | SOBO Art Gallery Studio Room

Free for members, first-time visitors, and guests of members.

April 2 | "Tar Paper" with Julie Kessler

April 9 | "Acrylic Abstracts" with Artist Cindy Vener

April 16 | "Alcohol Ink" with Artist Susan Grogan

April 23 | "Pastels" with Artist Nicora Gangi

### ART NIGHT VIP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Immerse yourself in the arts on this special night that includes a variety of art experiences, beverages, light appetizers, and a silent art auction. This is a ticketed event to benefit the Winter Garden Art Association.



Saturday, April 27 | 6:00 – 10:00 pm | Historic Downtown

Ticket \$75, purchase at [wgart.org/vip](http://wgart.org/vip)



For an up-to-date Arts in April schedule, visit [wgart.org/April](http://wgart.org/April) or scan QR code.

# Weekly Events



## FRIDAYS ON THE PLAZA

Kick back and enjoy live music under the stars every Friday night year-round in historic downtown. Courtesy of the City of Winter Garden, different genres are featured weekly. The musical lineup is available at [cwgdn.com/324/Fridays-on-the-Plaza](http://cwgdn.com/324/Fridays-on-the-Plaza).

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

## WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET

Your hometown farmers market boasts more than 100 vendors offering a variety of fresh produce, baked goods, gourmet provisions, artisan crafts, and more. Held every Saturday year-round, the award-winning market serves as a community hub and a fun local outing.

Live music fills the market air each week providing a festive atmosphere. In addition, free special events are held at the market on select dates providing fun children's activities and more. Please monitor [cwgdn.com](http://cwgdn.com) for an up-to-date event schedule.

Every Saturday | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm | Free Admission  
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 for details.



# Youth Camps

Advance reservations required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>.

Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Camps are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street.

## SPRING BREAK SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Arts and crafts, activities, sports, and much more! Spend this year's spring break with your friends and the Winter Garden Parks and Recreation staff. Qualified, well-trained camp counselors will provide a safe and outstanding school holiday break for your child. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp 2024 is almost here so mark the registration dates in your calendar as space is extremely limited. To avoid any registration issues, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department by March 29 to verify your camper's information, 407.656.4155.

### REGISTRATION:

Day Camp Registration will begin for City residents the week of April 1, all nonresidents will open on April 15. Please see schedule below for grade level specific dates of availability. Each grade will open at 8:00 am on their corresponding day.

Grade	City Resident Date
First	April 1
Second	April 2
Third	April 3
Fourth	April 4
Fifth	April 5
Sixth	April 8
Seventh & Eighth	April 9

\$130 Resident / \$160 Nonresident, per week

\$10 weekly discount for each additional child enrolled per week.

*(First two weeks payment due at time of registration)*

Camp is open to children entering 1st through 8th grade.

Registration will be available online at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>, as well as at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street. Payment for the first two weeks will be due at the time of registration. Minimum payment not made will result in cancellation of weeks registered.

### CAMP DATES:

March 15, 18 – 22 | 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Age | Kindergarten through 8th grade

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

Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street

### CAMP DATES:

May 28 – August 9 (no camp on July 4)

Monday – Friday | 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Age | Entering 1st through 8th grade

This extremely popular camp is a fun way for youth to spend their summer. Campers will enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, as well as field trips on select dates. Qualified, well-trained Winter Garden Parks & Recreation staff members host the camp.

*Limited scholarships are available through the Winter Garden Parks & Recreation Department. Scholarships are based on the Income Eligibility Guidelines. Applications for scholarship will be available beginning Monday, February 29, 2024, and must be returned by March 22, 2024. Scholarships will be awarded on March 29, 2024. To obtain a scholarship application, please contact the Recreation Office, 407.656.4155 or [efischer@cwgdn.com](mailto:efischer@cwgdn.com).*

## SUMMER DAY CAMP COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is specifically designed to develop the skills needed to be a positive leader and role model in the Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camp program. All interested teens must apply and interview for an opportunity to participate in this program.

May 28 – August 9 (no camp on July 4)

Monday - Friday | 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Age | 14\*– 16 years old (\*Eligible CIT must be 14 years old by May 28, 2024, or entering 9th Grade at start of 2024-25 school year.)

\$100 Supply Fee and \$30 Each Field Trip Week

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

Programs are tentative and subject to change. Please check [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) for the most current information.



### BOOT CAMP WITH BRAD

Looking for cardio and strength training exercises that utilize both weights and body weight? Join this biweekly boot camp to learn how to develop a more physically healthy body and the mental well-being that comes with exercise.

Mondays & Thursdays | 5:30 – 6:20 pm | 16 years & older  
\$16 City Resident / \$18 Nonresident, per class  
\$55 City Resident / \$65 Nonresident, per month (8 classes)

### 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.

Mondays | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
March 4 – May 20 | Jesse Brock Community Center  
June 3 – August 5 | Tanner Hall  
\$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

### 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

### 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 [returntogoodhealth.20fr.com](http://returntogoodhealth.20fr.com). Free t-shirt with registration.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am  
\$50 City Resident / \$55 Nonresident, per month

### ZUMBA

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.

Enroll at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Program dates are tentative and subject to change. Please check [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) for the most current information.

## AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE

AARP is offering free tax help to low-to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older, at the Jessie Brock Community Center. Reserve an appointment at [www.tinyurl.com/JBrockWG](http://www.tinyurl.com/JBrockWG). (NO walk ins available.)

Wednesdays Only | February 7 – April 10 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm | Free

## BALLET BASICS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

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

Wednesdays | April 3 – May 1  
10:30 – 11:30 am or 5:45 – 6:45 pm  
Teens & Adults

\$80 City Resident / \$85 Nonresident, per 5-week session

## BEGINNER TAP DANCE

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

### 3 – 6 years

Wednesdays | March 6 – April 17 (no class March 20)  
3:00 – 3:45 pm  
\$80 City Resident / \$85 Nonresident, per 6-week session

### 7 – 10 years

Wednesdays | March 6 – April 17 (no class March 20)  
4:00 – 5:00 pm  
\$85 City Resident / \$90 Nonresident, per 6-week session

### Adults (18 +)

Tuesdays | March 5 – April 16 (no class March 19)  
5:45 – 6:45 pm  
\$90 City Resident / \$95 Nonresident, per 6-week session

## CREATIVE MOVEMENT - YOUTH

This unique program introduces basic dance ballet technique and movement through dance, games, and song. Class focus is on gross motor skills, left/right, body awareness, ballet positions, and beginner ballet technique and language. Advance registration required.

Wednesdays | April 3 – May 1 | 9:30 – 10:15 am  
Saturdays | April 20 – May 18 | 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 | April 2 – May 21 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm  
18 years and older  
\$50 Resident / \$55 Nonresident, per 8-week session



Enjoy snacks, crafts, face painting, and photos with Hop the Easter Bunny! Conclude the morning with an egg hunt in search for the Golden Egg!

Hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department, all preschoolers ages 3 -5 and their friends are welcome. Local preschool classes are also invited, but first need to send an email to [recinfo@cwgd.com](mailto:recinfo@cwgd.com) for participation information.

Wednesday, March 27  
Event begins at 10:00 am and will conclude after the egg hunt at 11:30 am  
Ages 3 – 5 years old | Free  
Jessie Brock Community Center,  
310 N. Dillard Street



# Athletic Programs

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](http://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 – 3 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!

2 – 3 years old | 5:30 – 6:20 pm

Basketball | Thursdays, March 7 – 28 and  
June 6 – 27

Flag Football | Thursdays, April 4 – 25 and  
July 11 – August 1

Baseball | Thursdays, May 2 – 23 and  
August 8 – 29

\$56 City Resident / \$60 Nonresident, 1-Sport Rate

\$112 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident,  
2-Sport Rate

\$168 City Resident / \$180 Nonresident,  
3-Sport Rate

Jessie Brock Community Center,  
310 N. Dillard Street

## 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.

6:00 – 6:50 pm

Session 1 | March 6 & 7

Session 2 | March 27 & 28

Session 3 | April 24 & 25

## Youth & Adults

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

\$50 City Resident / \$60 Nonresident,

per 2-class session

Jessie Brock Community Center,  
310 N. Dillard Street

## 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.

5:30 - 6:30 pm | 8 – 14 years old

Session 1 | Mondays, March 11 – May 20

(no programming March 18)

Session 2 | June 3 – August 12

(no programming May 27)

\$140 City Resident / \$150 Nonresident,

per 10-week session

Jessie Brock Community Center,  
310 N. Dillard Street

Optional purchase | Esports Jersey (\$45)

## AMAZING ATHLETES 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!

3 – 6 years old | 5:30 – 6:20 pm

Session 1 | Mondays, March 4 – May 13

(no programming March 18)

Session 2 | Mondays, May 20 – July 29

(no programming May 27)

\$140 City Resident / \$150 Nonresident,

per 10-week session

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

(\$40) Karate Gi uniform

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.

Registration | July 10 – 31

League Begins August 15

Games | 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, 8:45 pm

\$300 per team for season

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard



**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, with an understanding of the game along with possessing the skills necessary for open play.

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Tuesdays | April 2, 9, 16

Saturdays | April 6, 13, 20

**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.

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Tuesdays | April 2, 9, 16

Saturdays | April 6, 13, 20

**SUPER SOCCER STARS – YOUTH**

Super Soccer Stars is a soccer development program for children 18 months – 4 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 is 10 weeks.

18 months – 3 years old | Tuesdays,

5:00 – 5:40 pm / Saturdays, 10:00 – 10:40 am

3 – 4 years old | Tuesdays, 5:50 – 6:30 pm

Saturdays, 10:50 – 11:30 am

Session 1 | Tuesdays, March 5 – May 14

(no programming March 19)

Session 1 | Saturdays, March 9 – May 18

(no programming March 23)

Session 2 | Tuesdays, May 21 – July 30 (no July 2)

Session 2 | Saturdays, May 25 – August 3

(no programming July 6)

\$150 City Resident / \$160 Nonresident,

per 10-week session

Optional purchase at start of program

Super Soccer Stars Jersey (\$30)

Jessie Brock Community Center,

310 N. Dillard Street

**RUNNING & CONDITIONING PROGRAMS**

\$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 | 6:00 – 6:50 pm

Tuesdays | April 23 – May 14

**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 the 100-meter and a 1-mile race.

11 – 14 years old | 6:00 – 6:50 pm

Tuesdays | February 27 – March 25

**USSSA SOFTBALL – ADULT LEAGUE**

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

Returning Teams Registration\* | July 10 – 31

New Team Registration | July 17 – 31

League begins week of August 12

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

*\* 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.*

**TENNIS LESSONS – YOUTH & ADULT**

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

5 years and older

Session 1 | April 1 – May 10, 6-week session

Session 2 | May 28 – June 13

(Tuesday/Thursday, 3-week morning session)

Session 3 | July 9 – 25

(Tuesday/Thursday, 3-week morning session)

Lesson time and fees vary, visit

[cwgdn.com/Parks & Recreation/Athletics](http://cwgdn.com/Parks&Recreation/Athletics)

Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Road

**SOCCER – YOUTH FALL 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.

City Resident Registration | June 12 – July 17

Nonresident Registration | June 26 – July 17

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

4 – 13 years old (age as of September 1, 2024)

Practices begin the week of August 19

Games begin August 31

\$110 City Resident / \$130 Nonresident

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

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

# Aquatics

Program dates are tentative and subject to change. Please check [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) for the most current information.

Farnsworth Pool Hours  1 Surprise Drive	May 4 – August 17	Saturdays	1:00 – 5:00 pm
	May 28 – August 9	Monday – Thursday	2:00 – 6:00 pm
Fraturdays		2:00 – 5:00 pm	
General Admission   \$2 ages 12 & up   \$1 ages 2 - 11 Family Pass: \$55 City Resident / \$80 Nonresident (up to 6 family members) Adult Individual Pass   \$30 City Resident / \$35 Nonresident Any group admission must be scheduled in advance. Pool Hours subject to change.			
Bouler Pool Hours  362 11th Street	May 4 – August 17	Saturdays	1:00 – 5:00 pm
	May 28 – August 9	Tuesday – Friday	1:00 – 5:00 pm
General Admission   Free   Any group admission must be scheduled in advance. Pool hours subject to change.			

Advance reservations required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com> for all types of swim lessons, swim league, water polo clinic, and junior lifeguarding. Questions, call 407.656.4155. Aquatic program dates are tentative and subject to change. Please check [www.cwgd.com](http://www.cwgd.com) for the most current information.

## AQUA BOOT CAMP

Based on speed, power, and strength rather than rhythm and choreography, Aqua Fitness Boot Camp incorporates pyramid training, kickboxing drills, interval training, power drills, speed bursts, and strength exercises. While this class requires no coordination, it does demand a lot of stamina and is great for participants who need a new challenge and prefer intense, athletic workouts. This class will push you to your limits!

Monday – Thursday | May 28 – August 8  
 12 – 12:45 pm  
 16 years & older  
 \$3 per visit

## AQUA ZUMBA

Activate your urge for variety! Aqua Zumba offers fun, shallow-water movement to improve agility and flexibility while addressing cardiovascular, strength, and endurance conditioning. This 60-minute class combines some of the traditional elements of aqua fitness with the upbeat, Latin-infused dance moves. You don't want to miss this pool party!

Mondays | May 6 – August 5  
 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
 16 years & older  
 \$3 per visit

## AQUA FITNESS

A stress-free exercise that works the cardiovascular system, respiratory system, and major muscle groups in one workout. Water surrounds the body resisting every move, and muscle workouts are balanced at your own level. Aqua fitness provides a great workout while putting minimal stress on the body.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | May 7 – August 8  
 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
 Saturdays | May 4 - August 10  
 8:00 – 9:00 am  
 16 years & older  
 \$3 per visit

## FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

*Every Wednesday Night*

Join us Wednesday nights for Family Swim Night! A great way to relax during a busy week, enjoy your children, and have fun in the water. Let your kids show you their latest skills or just splash in the pool together!

Wednesdays, May 8 – August 7

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Fees: \$2 for 12 years & Older;

\$1 for 2-11 years old

(Family & Individual Passes permitted)

## LAP SWIMMING

The outdoor lap swim program gives adults the chance to take to the water for health and fitness without interruption from other swimmers. Participants who swim 25 miles or more over the summer will receive a free Aqua Exercise Flex Pass for the following summer.

Monday – Thursday | May 6 - August 8

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Monday – Thursday | June 3 – August 8

8:00 – 9:00 am

Saturdays | May 4 – August 10

8:00 am – 10:00 am

16 years & older

\$3 per visit

## PRE-SUMMER RED CROSS LEARN TO SWIM MINI-SESSIONS

These sessions are designed as refresher courses for young swimmers who have been out of the water since the previous summer. Each session offers four classes to help the participants regain confidence in the water.

Monday – Thursday | Evening, times vary

Session 1 | May 6 – May 9

Session 2 | May 13 – May 16

Session 3 | May 20 – May 23

\$42 City Resident / \$50 Nonresident

## RED CROSS LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

The Learn to Swim Program is designed to teach children, teens, and adults to swim in a positive, fun, and safe environment. Lessons emphasize skill progression, water safety awareness, and endurance. Please visit the Aquatics webpage at [cwgdn.com/251/Aquatic-Programs](http://cwgdn.com/251/Aquatic-Programs) for more detailed information.

Beginning June 3 | Fee varies based on session

## PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

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

Monday – Thursday | May 6 – July 27

\$140 City Resident / \$160 Nonresident

## YOUTH SWIM LEAGUE

Join the team! Participants will learn about sportsmanship, team camaraderie, endurance, and stroke development while enjoying a fun and healthy environment. Prerequisite: Participants must be able to swim 50 yards without stopping.

6 - 16 years old

Monday – Thursday | 11:00 - 11:45 am

June 3 – July 25 | \$120 City Resident /

\$135 Nonresident

June 3 – June 27 | \$70 City Resident /

\$85 Nonresident

July 1 – July 25 | \$70 City Resident /

\$85 Nonresident (no class on July 4)

## JUNIOR LIFEGUARDING

This program helps teens build the knowledge, attitude, and skills that are required to be a responsible future lifeguard. Participants learn skills such as swimming, leadership, rescue response, drowning prevention, professionalism, and teamwork. Give your child the opportunity to train as a lifeguard and prepare for their first summer job!

13 – 15 years old

\$130 City Resident / \$145 Nonresident

Two, three-week sessions are being offered this summer:

Monday – Thursday

June 3 – June 13 | 12:00 – 2:00 pm

June 17 – June 20 | 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Monday – Thursday

July 1 – July 11 | 12:00 – 2:00 pm

(no class July 4)

July 15 – July 18 | 12:00 – 3:00 pm

## WATER POLO CLINIC

Learn how to pass, catch, dribble, and shoot a water polo ball this summer. This four-week clinic is designed to introduce your child to water polo or give them the extra experience needed to play at the high school level. This is a great introduction to the exciting game of Water Polo!

11 - 14 years old

Monday & Wednesday | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

June 3 – July 24 | \$120 City Resident /

\$135 Nonresident

June 3 – June 26 | \$70 City Resident /

\$85 Nonresident

July 1 – July 24 | \$70 City Resident /

\$85 Nonresident

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](http://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.

## SPRING/SUMMER/FALL | CLASS SCHEDULE

Spring Classes start April 15 • Summer Classes start June 17 • Fall I Classes start August 19

## YOUTH CLASSES

### PINT-SIZE PICASSOS (AGES 4-8)

WG/YAP101

Instructor: *Mike Goodge*

Spring, Summer, & Fall 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*

Spring, Summer, & Fall I

Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:30 am | 6 Weeks

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

Learn the fundamentals of artmaking 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: *Julie Ellington*

Spring & Fall I | Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm | 6 Weeks

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

Celebrate the wonders of spring! Use hand-building techniques to create nature inspired pottery and whimsical art for the garden. Embellish with glaze and fire for charming garden treasures.

### BRUSH AND PEN FOR TEENS (AGES 11 -16)

WG/YAP303

Instructor: *Mike Goodge*

Spring & Fall 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!

## ADULT CLASSES

### FUNCTIONAL POTTERY

WG/TD137

Skill Level: All

Instructor: *Camille Castronovo*

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

Spring, Summer, & Fall 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*

Spring, Summer, & Fall 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.



## **DRAWING I**

WG/PD103

Skill Level: Beginner

Instructor: *Prayong Deeying*

Spring | 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*

Spring | 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*

Spring, Summer, & Fall | 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 to Intermediate

Instructor: *Cathy Hempel*

Spring, Summer, & Fall | 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.

REGISTER  
FOR CLASSES ONLINE  
AT [CREALDE.ORG](http://CREALDE.ORG)  
OR CALL  
407.671.1886



# SOBO Art Gallery & Studio

127 S. BOYD STREET | [wgart.org](http://wgart.org) | 407.347.7996

Tuesday – Friday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Free Admission

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.

### **RetroMod**

Now – March 23

### **Top Choice Annual Awards**

April 2 – June 1

Opening Reception | April 4, 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Public Invited

### **Fun in the Sun**

June 4 – August 4

Opening Reception | June 6, 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Public Invited

### **Form and Figure**

August 6 – September 28

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

## CALL TO ARTISTS

Are 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 between the FIRST and 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](http://wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists).

## WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

For details and to register for workshops, visit [wgart.org/adults](http://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 are featured every week. Pick up new tips and techniques while enjoying Open Artist Studio Space. For schedule and details, [wgart.org/Tuesdays](http://wgart.org/Tuesdays).

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

### **3-Day Oil Workshop with Artist Stacy Barter**

April 6 – 8

For fee and registration details, visit [wgart.org](http://wgart.org).



## ART FOR KIDS

Registration and details, visit [wgart.org/kids](http://wgart.org/kids).

### **Wednesday Art Clubs**

2nd - 5th grade | 2:45 - 3:45 pm  
\$15 each session, includes all materials

### **Off-site Classes**

Custom classes can come to your location.  
*Instructed by Lenore Eastham, Certified Art Educator.*  
Sessions start at \$75 per hour

### **Sidewalk Chalk Art Workshop**

Learn sidewalk chalk techniques for possible participation in Chalkin' It Up Contest on April 6. Bring nature-themed image.

Saturday, March 2 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (open studio)  
Kids, Young Adults, Families | Free

## SPRING BREAK ART CAMP

March 18 – 22 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Ages | 2nd Grade – 6th Grade  
Fee \$150, per week / \$35, per individual day  
Space fills quickly. Register at [wgart.org/kids](http://wgart.org/kids).

## SUMMER ART CAMPS

June 3 – 7 | Wide World of Animals  
June 10 -14 | Famous Artists  
June 17-21 | Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water  
June 24-28 | America the Beautiful  
July 8-12 | Just My Imagination  
July 15-26 | It's Only Natural

9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Ages | 2nd Grade – 6th Grade  
Fee \$150, per week / \$35, per individual day  
Space fills quickly. Register at [wgart.org/kids](http://wgart.org/kids).

## ARTS in APRIL

The Winter Garden Art Association will host a series of Arts in April events for the community to explore and create art. Look for free special art exhibitions, art competitions, kids' art sessions, and more throughout the month of April. In addition, there will be an Art Night VIP immersive art event downtown on Saturday, April 27, that serves as a fundraiser for the Winter Garden Art Association.

Visit page 13 for Arts in April event schedule and details, and stay tuned to [wgart.org/april](http://wgart.org/april).



Visit  
[wgart.org](http://wgart.org) for  
call to artists,  
workshops,  
events, and  
more.

## CUSTOM SPECIAL EVENT CELEBRATIONS

[wgart.com/custom](http://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](http://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 \$45, and a family membership is \$65.

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.

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

Enroll 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.*

### 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 can be cancelled due to low enrollment.

Select one, two-day class option:

Monday, April 22 & Tuesday, April 23 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
(both days) | Little Hall

Monday, June 17 & Tuesday, June 18 | 5:00 – 8:00 pm  
(both days) | Jessie Brock Community Center

Monday, August 12 & Tuesday, August 13 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
(both days) | Little Hall

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



### 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, March 4 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Monday, May 6 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Monday, July 8 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Free

### 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.

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

March – May | Jessie Brock Community Center

June – August | Tanner Hall

\$15 fee to be paid day of each class

Tuesday, March 12 | *Watercolor Color Flowers*: Create a beautiful watercolor picture with stamped flowers that you paint with various techniques. You can choose your flowers' colors to suit your taste.

Tuesday, April 9 | *Journal Book Cover*: Using rice paper, paint, ephemera, and glitz, create a beautiful cover for a composition book.

Tuesday, May 14 | *Pearl Net Necklace*: You will use freshwater pearls and seed beads to create a "net" of pearls to wear as a beautiful necklace.

Tuesday, June 11 | *Paint Brush Canvas*: Using mixed media paint, paste, and other materials, you will create a unique canvas to display.

Tuesday, July 9 | *Painted Wood Earrings*: You will learn to paint, color, and marble wood pieces that will turn into beautiful jewelry.

Tuesday, August 13 | *Leather Crystal Necklace*: Use leather cord and barrel knots to link a mix of crystals together in a Boho style.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

It's time to party! Come celebrate your life's achievements with a deserving celebration! Any 50+ resident is invited to attend and enjoy the celebration. It does not have to be your birth month to attend.

Friday, May 17 | 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 | March 5 – May 21 | Jessie Brock Community Center

Thursdays | May 30 – August 8 | Tanner Hall

Returns to Jessie Brock Community Center on Tuesday, August 13

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 nonalcoholic beverage.

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

March 6 – May 22 | Jessie Brock Community Center

June 5 – August 7 | Tanner Hall

**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

March – May | Jessie Brock Community Center

June – August | Tanner Hall

\$8 for two cards (fee to be paid day of each class)

**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

March 4 – May 20 | Jessie Brock Community Center

June 3 – August 5 | Tanner Hall

**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

March 5 – May 23 | Jessie Brock Community Center

May 28 – August 8 | Tanner Hall

**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 nonalcoholic beverage.

Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth Wednesday each month

1:30 – 4:30 pm | Free

March 13 – May 22 | Jessie Brock Community Center

May 29 – July 31 | Tanner Hall

**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.

March 26 | *Pie Talk with Will* by Will Lenhart, Owner, Signature Bake House

April 30 | *What You Need to Know About Vitamins: IV Vitamins and Hydration*” by Natalie Poston, BSN, RN, IV Vital min Infusion Nurse

May 28 | *Tips and Tricks of Traveling*” by Carol Panico, Personal Vacation Advisor, Magical Vacation Planner

Last Tuesday of each month (no presentation in June, July, August)  
12:30 – 1:30 pm | Free

**LIVING HEALTHY WITH DIABETES OR OTHER CHRONIC CONDITIONS**

This six-week workshop teaches the skills needed in the day-to-day management of chronic health conditions to maintain and/or increase life’s activities. Family members, friends, and caregivers can also participate. Advance registration is required as space is limited.

Thursdays | April 4 – May 9 | 1:30 – 4:00 pm | Free

**LUNCH AND LEARN—ADVENT HEALTH HOSPITAL, WINTER GARDEN**

We will meet at AdventHealth Hospital, 2000 Fowler Grove Blvd, Winter Garden, where hospital staff will provide a presentation, a tour, and a complimentary lunch. No transportation is available.

Friday, April 19 | 11:30 am | Free



**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

### 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 | 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  
March – May (no presentations June, July, August)

### 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 partner before the first week of bowling. If you are interested in bowling, call 407.656.4155.

Session 1 | March 18 – May 24 (10 weeks)  
Session 2 | June 10 – August 16 (10 weeks)  
\$1 per person, per week (due 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 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm  
\$4 City Resident / \$5 Nonresident, per class

## Active 50+ Day Trips

Transportation is included in fee, for those trips that provide transportation. 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. Register online at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407-656-4155.

Trips are subject to change. Please check [cwgdn.com](http://cwgdn.com) for the most current information.

### SHINE AND DINE – WINTER GARDEN, FL

Winter Garden Parks & Recreation Department presents lunch 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.

*Willie Nelson Tribute Band* | March 17  
*Always...Patsy Cline* | May 5  
\$40.50 City Resident / \$42.50 Nonresident

Please monitor [cwgdn.com/216/Day-Trips](http://cwgdn.com/216/Day-Trips) for additional Shine & Dine day trips as the Garden Theatre releases their show schedule.

### THE SUNCOAST PRIMATE SANCTUARY — PALM HARBOR

This Sanctuary is dedicated to the care of various species of great apes and monkeys, as well as to many exotic animals, providing the animals with a forever home. The Sanctuary's guiding principles include, but are not limited to, providing exemplary animal care including enrichment; giving them a safe haven where they can live with peace and dignity, educating the public about exotic animals (particularly non-human primates), and promoting conservation awareness. Dutch treat lunch.

Tuesday, March 19 | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
\$25 City Resident / \$29 Nonresident

> *More fun Active 50+ Day Trips on the next page.*

**WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER—OCALA**

This world-class facility is the largest equestrian complex in the United States. Take a bus tour of the facilities, watch some equestrian events scheduled for the day, shop in their many boutiques, and enjoy a variety of dining experiences. If you plan ahead, you could also rejuvenate the body, mind, and spirit in their full-service spa. Dutch treat lunch.

Tuesday, April 16 | 8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
\$29 City Resident / \$33 Nonresident

**FLORIDA AIR MUSEUM—LAKELAND**

You will have a guided tour of Florida's "Official Aviation Museum and Education Center." The Florida Air Museum features a dynamic display of unique designs, classics, ultra-lights, antiques, and warbirds. More than a collection of airplanes, it stands as a tribute to the history and joy of flight. Exhibits educate about pioneers like Howard Hughes, early air racers, Floridians, and others who have influenced the world of aviation. Dutch treat lunch.

Tuesday, May 21 | 9:15 am – 5:00 pm  
\$27 City Resident / \$31 Nonresident

**TAMPA BAY RAYS BASEBALL GAME—ST. PETERSBURG**

Enjoy one of America's favorite pastimes. Spend the afternoon at Tropicana Field watching a Major League Baseball game when the Tampa Bay Rays vs. the Seattle Mariners play in the Tampa Bay Rays' domed stadium. Dutch treat stadium food and drinks.

Wednesday, June 26 | 9:15 am – 6:30 pm  
(dependent on when game ends)  
\$54 City Resident / \$58 Nonresident

**CALYPSO QUEEN LUNCH CRUISE—CLEARWATER**

Take a two-hour cruise on the Calypso Queen, a 65-foot triple decked air-conditioned boat with a Caribbean theme. You will have a buffet lunch and do some casual sightseeing as we cruise through the intracoastal waterways. A buffet lunch (including soda, rum punch, wine, and beer), boat ride, and transportation are included in the fee.

Thursday, July 18 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
\$54.50 City Resident / \$58.50 Nonresident

**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL—DISNEY SPRINGS**

Set your imagination in motion and get ready for a first-of-its-kind creative collaboration between iconic memory-makers Cirque du Soleil and Disney. *Drawn to Life* invites you into an astounding world where the art of Walt Disney Animation is experienced like never before. You will enjoy a live acrobatic journey where the stage is transformed into a giant animation table. The art of classic Disney animation is reinterpreted through Cirque du Soleil's innovative design, acrobatic performances, dazzling choreography, and eclectic costuming alongside all-new Disney animation and an original score inspired by timeless Disney music. The show is thrilling with all the high-flying, mind-blowing exuberance for which makes Cirque du Soleil famous. Dutch treat meal.

Thursday, August 15 | 2:30 – 8:30 pm  
\$103 City Resident / \$107 Nonresident

## LIVE THEATRE

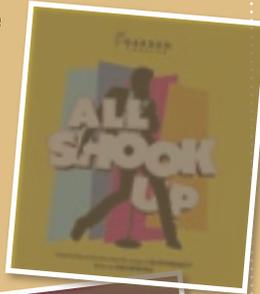
Visit [gardentheatre.org](http://gardentheatre.org) for information on upcoming shows and events – and to purchase tickets! Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more, military, first responders, teachers, seniors, and students.

### ALL SHOOK UP

Inspired by and featuring the songs of ELVIS PRESLEY® | Book by Joe DiPietro

On stage through March 10 | Matinee and Evening Performances

It's 1955, and into a square little town in a square little state rides a guitar-playing young man who shakes up everything and everyone he meets. While the mayor of the town has imposed a law that prohibits loud music, public affection, and tight pants, the townspeople begin to step out of their humdrum lives to dare to experience something more. A high-octane musical loosely based on Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* and other works, this hip-swiveling, lip-curling musical fantasy will have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes with such classics as "Heartbreak Hotel," "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock," and "Don't Be Cruel."



### ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE

Created and originally directed by Ted Swindley  
 Based on a true story

April 26 – May 19

Matinee and Evening Performances

*Always... Patsy Cline* is more than a tribute to the legendary country singer who died tragically at age 30 in a plane crash in 1963. The show is based on a true story about Cline's friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger, who befriended the star in a Texas honky-tonk in 1961, and continued a correspondence with Cline until her death. The musical play, complete with down-home country humor, sincere emotion, and a heart-warming look at a special friendship, includes many of Patsy's unforgettable hits such as "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Sweet Dreams," and "Walking After Midnight" ...27 songs in all. The show's title was inspired by Cline's letters to Seger, which were consistently signed "Love ALWAYS... Patsy Cline."

## EDUCATION

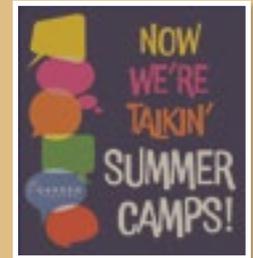
Be sure to stay up to date on all the great education offerings at [gardentheatre.org/education](http://gardentheatre.org/education).

### PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES

Spring & Summer 2024

Garden Theatre's fun and exciting education offerings continue this spring for ages 3 to 103! Classes will focus on movement, dance, acting, improv, and include accessible programming and a spring production.

The 2024 Summer Camp program for grades K – 12 will offer more opportunities for growth and will include two summer productions!



## SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

**E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL**  
 (1982, PG)

Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 pm

**RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK**  
 (1981, PG)

Thursday, June 27 at 7:30 pm

**FINDING NEMO** (2003, G)  
 Friday, June 28 at 7:30 pm

**DIE HARD** (1988, R)  
 Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 pm

**JAWS** (1975, PG)  
 Thursday, July 4 at 7:30 pm



Visit  
[gardentheatre.org](http://gardentheatre.org)  
 for details and to  
 purchase tickets.



# 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

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#### ***Modern Day Renaissance: The Winter Garden Story***

Now – 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.

#### ***West Orange Women: Making History, Part 2***

April 1 – June 30

The Winter Garden Heritage Foundation continues to honor the many women whose work, volunteerism, and love of community helped make West Orange County the very special place we call home. The exhibit will highlight two dozen women from the past and the present whose legacy shines today.

#### ***One Last Roar: A History of the Winter Garden Lions Club***

July 1 – September 30

The Winter Garden chapter of the Lions Club disbanded in April 2023 but left an indelible legacy of service to the region. This exhibit will document and showcase the history of this group of people whose dedication to the gift of sight led to fundraising efforts that helped thousands of people. Artifacts, medals, banners, photographs, and much more will grace the Winter Garden Heritage Museum to honor this vital organization.



^ Edgewater Hotel  
before restoration



< Virginia Cappleman,  
former teacher of Winter  
Garden Elementary



Winter Garden Lions Club, 1959



# 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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ARCHIVES DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Visit our Library and Archives and see some of the latest additions to our collection.

Saturday, April 13

Saturday, July 20

11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free

## EXHIBITION

### *DINING IN STYLE: THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE RAILROAD DINING CAR*

This special exhibition recalls the days when a sumptuous meal was enjoyed in a stylish setting as small towns and scenic vistas passed your window.

Now – August 3

Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free

## PRESENTATIONS

### SATURDAY HISTORY SERIES

These special presentations feature the history of local railroads, the communities they served, plus topics of regional interest. Some events may require paid admission. Visit [cfrhs.org/events](http://cfrhs.org/events) for upcoming presentations.

Saturday, March 16

Saturday, June 15

1:30 – 3:00 pm

### 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](http://cfrhs.org/events) for upcoming presenters.

Second Monday Monthly | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Free



Visit  
[cfrhs.org/events](http://cfrhs.org/events) for  
more information on  
these events as well as  
an up-to-date  
list of events and  
presentations.



## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES GALLERY IN CITY HALL

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

The **Art 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 Art in Public Places Gallery to display various art mediums. Presented by the City of Winter Garden, the exhibits highlight the places and people of Winter Garden and West Orange County with original artwork of paintings, photography, and ceramics.

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.

### AIPP ARTISTS' CALL

Submissions: May 1 – June 10

#### *Summertime in Winter Garden*

Artists are invited to submit original work, and an application, to City Hall from May 1 to June 10 for the upcoming AIPP exhibit, *Summertime in Winter Garden*. The works should illustrate what summertime is like in Winter Garden. All mediums of art are welcome and a total of 20-25 pieces will be selected. Application is available at the City Hall reception desk during operating hours or by email request to [dcorbus@cwgdh.com](mailto:dcorbus@cwgdh.com). Submissions must be received no later than June 10, 2024, at 5:00 pm to Winter Garden City Hall reception desk. The chosen artwork will be announced on June 18. *Summertime in Winter Garden* will be on display July 1 – 31.

For more information, call  
407.656.4111 ext. 5193.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### *West Orange Women: Making History Part 2*

March 1 – 28

This exhibit continues to honor the women whose work, volunteerism, and love of community helped to make West Orange County the very special place we call home. The exhibit highlights two dozen women from the past and the present whose legacy shines today. This new Winter Garden Heritage Foundation exhibit makes its debut at the AIPP Gallery.

#### *High School Top Choice Art Awards Show*

April 1 – May 31

In celebration of Arts in April, this annual exhibit displays top 2D and 3D works of art from area high school students, curated by Winter Garden Art Association/SOBO Art Gallery.

The exhibition is part of the Arts in April celebration.



### ***Selling Sunshine: The Art of Citrus Advertising***

June 3 – 28

Cultivated citrus, the crop that shaped Florida's economy and landscape for a century and a half, established a firm hold in Florida soil by mid-1800s. Originally concentrated in the northern part of the state, growers moved further south in pursuit of warmer weather after the Great Freeze of 1894-95. As others arrived to grow and cash in on Florida's agricultural gold, inexpensive land was drained and planted with rows of fruit trees that stretched the horizon. All this citrus needed to be marketed and sold. Advertising copywriters paid close attention to scientific advances to create new trends for the public to follow – and newly-prosperous Americans were ready to embrace a healthy lifestyle. This exhibit from the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation features many of the ingenious ads, spanning over a century, that were guaranteed to convince the world to purchase Florida's liquid sunshine.

### ***Summertime in Winter Garden***

July 1 – 31

Local artists respond to the City's Artists' Call to illustrate what summertime is like in Winter Garden. Stop inside City Hall for some summertime sunshine to see this exhibit of various mediums of art created by community artists.

### ***School Bells Are Ringing: Winter Garden's Lakeview and Charles R. Drew High Schools***

August 1 – 30

The history of education is explored through a series of photographs and artifacts gathered across a century. From one-room wooden schoolhouses through the modern, technically advanced centers of education nourishing our students today, this exhibit provided by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation shows that education has been a priority in the region since the very beginning.



## **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:

### **Good Friday (March 29):**

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29.
- There will be Regular Solid Waste Collection Services on Friday, March 29.

### **Memorial Day (May 27):**

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services (trash, recycling, yard waste, bulk items) on Monday, May 27. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

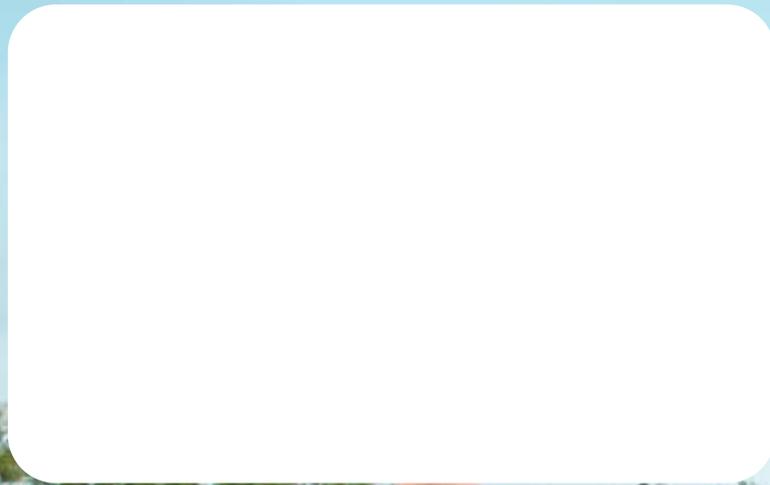
### **Independence Day (July 4):**

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

### **Labor Day (September 2):**

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services (trash, recycling, yard waste, bulk items) on Monday, September 2. Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

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