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MARCH 2025

## EVENING AT THE POPS – March 29

The shore of Lake Apopka with twinkling stars above is the perfect setting for an outdoor concert. Join us for Evening at the Pops and enjoy a night of high caliber music alongside family, friends, and neighbors in beautiful Newton Park. The Plant Street Pops Orchestra will entertain guests with a “Dancing through the Decades” fun and nostalgic show.

Pack a picnic, along with a chair or blanket, to indulge during the performance (no outside alcoholic beverages permitted). Refreshments and nonalcoholic/alcoholic beverages will be available onsite for purchase.

This event is presented by the Rotary Club of Winter Garden, with co-sponsorship from the City of Winter Garden.

Saturday, March 29 | 6:30 – 9:00 pm  
(Rain Date: March 30)  
Newton Park, 31 W. Garden Avenue

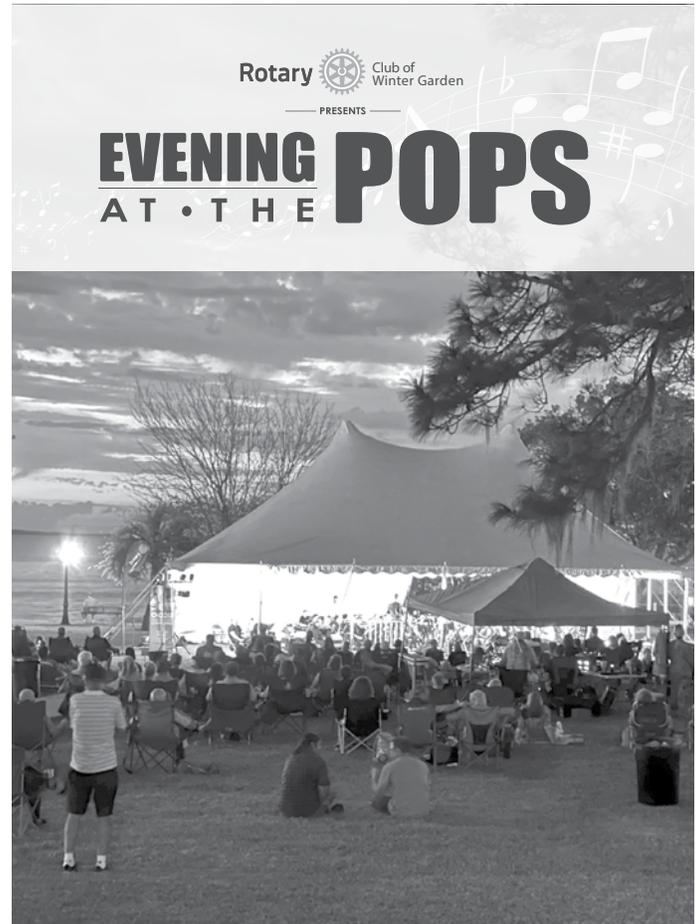
### Tickets:

General Admission: \$10 per person (online, in-person in advance, and at the door)  
VIP: \$85 per person (online only)  
Children 8 and under are free  
Details and tickets: [rotaryclubofwintergarden.org](http://rotaryclubofwintergarden.org)

General Admission Paper Tickets (\$10) may be purchased in advance (cash or check) through March 28 during regular operating hours at:

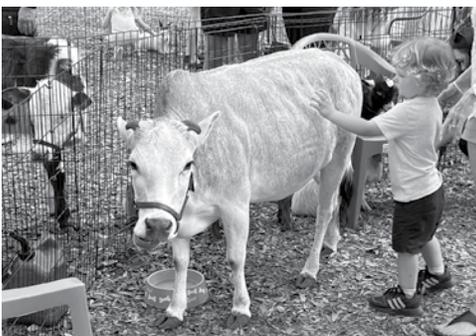
- Winter Garden City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street
- Healthy West Orange Heritage and Cultural Center, 21 E. Plant Street

*Please note that Newton Park, including the boat ramp, will be closed on March 29 for the event. Visit [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) for more information.*



## FARM DAY AT THE MARKET Petting Zoo – March 8

The farm comes to the Farmers Market! Stop by on March 8 to visit up close with farm animals and learn about their roles on the farm. The free petting zoo will feature a variety of animals.



Saturday, March 8  
Petting Zoo  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free Market: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Downtown Pavilion  
104 S. Lakeview Avenue

## Recycling Cart Removal Update

With the curbside recycling program suspended, City crews are currently removing recycling carts for the Thursday and Friday routes. Please place your cart out on the start date indicated below and leave it at the curb until it is removed.



If your cart is not removed within the scheduled timeframe (or your recycling collection day was Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday and your cart has not been picked up yet), please call 407.656.2256.

Recycling Day	Will Be Removed
Thursday	February 17 – 28
Friday	March 3 – 21

# Spring Break School Holiday Camp

Your child will have a fun spring break holiday from school with friends doing a variety of activities, arts and crafts, sports, and much more under the direction of the qualified, well-trained Winter Garden Parks and Recreation staff. Camp is open to all children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day. Register at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>.

March 14, 17 – 21 | 7:00 am – 6:00 pm  
 Age | Kindergarten through 8th grade  
 \$26 City Resident / \$32 Nonresident, per day  
 Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street



# GOLF CART & BICYCLE REGISTRATION – MARCH 28

The Winter Garden Police Department offers designated days throughout the year for residents to register golf carts and/or bicycles. It is important to have this information on file in case your golf cart or bicycle is stolen.

Bring golf cart/bicycle and proper form of identification for verification. Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

Registration Date:  
 Friday, March 28 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm  
 Winter Garden Police Department (back parking lot off Henderson Street),  
 251 W. Plant Street | Free

## Watering Days Change with Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time 2025: March 9 – November 2  
 Water only when needed and not between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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

# Free Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection Event at Apopka High School – March 29

Orange County will host a free Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection Event for all Orange County residents (which includes Winter Garden residents). This event, held at Apopka High School, allows the safe disposal of these items.

Saturday, March 29 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
 Collection Site: Apopka High School, 555 Martin Street, Apopka

### WHAT TO BRING:

Household Products	Outdoor Products	Paint Products	Automotive Products	Electronic Waste
Cleaners	Pesticides	Latex & Oil-Based Paints	Used Motor Oil	Computers/Laptops/Monitors
Solvents	Fertilizers	Thinner & Stripper	Used Oil Filters	Radio, Stereos, DVD Players
Cooking Oil	Herbicides	Varnish & Stain	Automotive & Rechargeable Batteries	Cell Phones
Fire Extinguishers	Propane Tanks			Printers
Mercury Lamps & Devices				Televisions (Rear-Projection TVs are NOT ACCEPTED)

### DO NOT BRING:

- Household electrical items such as toasters and irons
- Radioactive materials
- Ammunition
- Explosives & Fireworks
- Smoke Detectors
- Medicines
- Biomedical Waste

No commercial waste is accepted.  
 For more information, call 407.877.5193.

# SPRING into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Yoga, Tennis, 50+ Activities and Trips, Art Classes, Pickleball, Kickball, Esports Video Game Club, Super Soccer Stars, Amazing Athletes Preschool Activities, Little Medical School, Cardio Drumming, Zumba, and more! For details about programs, classes, athletic leagues, and more, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) or call 407.656.4155.

Register at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>.

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

## AMAZING ATHLETES SPORT DISCOVERY

For ages 2 - 4, this four-week mini season of Basketball is designed to empower kids to discover their inner athlete & their love of the sport. Together, we explore the sport with concentrated play & practice, followed by a final game. Your Amazing Athlete will have the opportunity to develop skills with practice, apply what they've learned with confidence, have fun with gameplay, and discover a sport they love! This program is an indoor program but may move outdoors if weather permits.

2 - 4 years old | Basketball

Thursdays | March 6 - 27

5:30 - 6:20 pm

\$64 Resident / \$70 Nonresident, per 4-week session

## BALLET BASICS

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.

Age | 13 years old - adult

Wednesdays | March 26 - April 23

10:30 - 11:30 am

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

## CREATIVE MOVEMENT

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.

Age | 2 - 4 years old

Wednesdays | 9:30 - 10:15 am

March 26 - April 23

\$70 Resident / \$75 Nonresident, per 5-week session

## EQUINE MEDICAL SCHOOL

Students will adopt and name their plush horse and learn the anatomy and maintenance of a horse. They will also learn basic horse nutrition, riding styles, gaits and role-play, and basic key responsibilities of an equine veterinarian.

Age | 5 - 11 years old

Mondays | March 3 - April 14 (no programming March 17)

6:30 - 7:30 pm | \$259, per 6-week session

## LITTLE VET DOG SCHOOL

Part 2- Students will role-play the key staff functions performed at a veterinary office and how to keep their "adopted" plush puppy healthy. These future veterinarians will explore digestion, the different parts of the canine eye, animal body language, and how X-rays are used to diagnose and treat common illnesses.

Age | 5 - 11 years old

Tuesdays | March 4 - April 15 (no programming March 18)

6:00 - 7:00 pm

\$259, per 6-week course section

## KARATE ZOO

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

Age | 3 - 6 years old

Mondays | March 3 - April 28 (no programming March 17)

5:30 - 6:20 pm

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

(belt included in fee)

Optional purchases | \$30 Karate Zoo Jersey /

\$40 Karate Gi

## MIDDLE SCHOOL RUNNING AND CONDITIONING PROGRAM

Program conditions athletes to be able to compete in a Versatility Contest that will test their abilities in the 100 meter and 1-mile race. Participants will receive training that develops speed, stamina, and an understanding of fast-twitch/slow-twitch muscle fibers. Athletes will get a unique opportunity to develop as a sprinter and distance runner.

Age | 10 - 14 years old

Tuesdays | March 4 - April 1 (no programming March 18)

6:00 - 6:50 pm | \$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident,

per 4-week session

## SUPER SOCCER STARS

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. This activity is an outdoor activity but may move indoors in the event of inclement weather.

Parent & Me | 12 months - 2 years old

Weekdays 5:00 - 5:40 pm, Weekends 9:00 - 9:40 am

2 - 3 years old | Weekdays 5:50 - 6:30 pm,

Weekends 9:50 - 10:30 am

3 - 4 years old | Weekdays 5:00 - 5:40 pm,

Weekends 9:00 - 9:40 am

Saturdays | March 1 - May 17

(no programming March 22 & April 19)

Tuesdays, March 4 - May 13

(no programming March 18)

\$170 Resident / \$180 Nonresident, per 10-week session

Optional purchase | \$30 Super Soccer Stars Jersey

## TAI CHI & CHI KUNG

Ancient Chinese exercises that emphasize relaxation, breath control, correct posture, balance, and flexibility

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to develop the mind and body. One free introductory lesson in Tai Chi is offered for all first timers. This program promotes meditation for health.

Age | 16 years and older

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 - 10:00 am  
\$60 Resident / \$65 Nonresident, per month

## ACTIVE 50+

### FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

#### DAY TRIP - PLANT CITY, FL

Crafts, booths, rides, vendors, music and your favorite carnival food! Enjoy the famous Florida Strawberry Shortcake! Lunch is Dutch treat. Fee includes transportation and festival admission.

Thursday, March 6 | 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

\$25 Resident / \$29 Nonresident

## I WANT TO KNOW

Register and attend to learn more about the topic presented. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

March 25 | *Probate, Wills, and Estates, Guardianship* by Inns of Court Elder Law Project Committee: Pamela G. Martini, Arti Hirani, Stacey Felter and Dave Cannella  
12:00 - 1:00 pm | Free



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Winter Garden Heritage Museum  
1 N. Main Street | wghf.org | 407.656.3244  
Tuesday – Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Free Admission



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

## EXHIBITION

### FROM HOUSE CALLS TO HOSPITALS: CARING FOR WEST ORANGE COUNTY

Be sure to catch the last month of this interesting and informative exhibit that displays how convenient hospital care was brought to our region in 1952 with the opening of the West Orange Memorial Hospital in Winter Garden. This exhibit traces the evolution of healthcare from the days when doctors drove horse-drawn wagons to their patients' homes, to today's state-of-the-art medical facilities.

Now – March 31



Central Florida Railroad Museum  
101 S. Boyd Street | cfrhs.org | 407.656.0559  
Tuesday – Friday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission

## PRESENTATION

### HISTORY SERIES: THE TRAINS OF WALT DISNEY WORLD

Take a deep dive into the history of the locomotives that pull the passenger trains of the Walt Disney World Railroad. This presentation looks at the locomotives' years in Mexico, acquisition by Disney, restoration, and operation in the Magic Kingdom.

Saturday, March 15 | 1:30 – 3:00 pm  
Free Admission but register at [cfrhs.org/events](http://cfrhs.org/events).

## EXHIBITION

### MAGIC ON THE RAILS: THE TRAINS OF WALT DISNEY WORLD

Journey through time as we look at the history of the trains at the Magic Kingdom. These century-old locomotives pull millions of guests annually on their grand circle tour at Walt Disney World.

Now – August 30  
Tuesday – Friday, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission

## EXHIBITION

### Carnival of Color

An exhibit that celebrates the vibrant and dynamic spectrum of hues with artwork that bursts with color, energy, and creativity.

Now – March 29

## CALL TO ARTISTS

[wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists](http://wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists)

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

## WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Details and registration: [wgart.org/adults](http://wgart.org/adults)

### Chalk Techniques Open Workshop

For all ages, come by anytime during the open workshop hours to learn sidewalk chalk techniques and plan for possible participation in the Spring Fever in the Garden Chalkin' It Up Contest on April 5 ([springfeverinthegarden.org/chalk](http://springfeverinthegarden.org/chalk)).

Saturday, March 1 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Open to All | \$5.00 per person

### Color Makes Me Happy

Hosted by Sally C. Evans  
Get ready to dive into your creative side. Learn how to master mixing colors and elevate your work in a fun and creative environment.

March 8 & 9 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Fee: \$275

## Back in Black

Hosted by Katie Carney

Attention crow and raven lovers! In this highly interactive oil painting workshop, you will focus on creating chromatic blacks and iridescent highlights.

March 15 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
\$175 Class Fee / \$25 Materials

## Technique Tuesday at Two:

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.

Tuesdays | 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
Open to All | Free to Members & First-Time Visitors  
Schedule and details, [wgart.org/Tuesdays](http://wgart.org/Tuesdays)

## ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration: [wgart.org/kids](http://wgart.org/kids)

### Wednesday Art Clubs:

2nd grade – Middle School | 4:00 – 5:00 pm  
\$15 each session, includes all materials

### Young Illustrators Club (NEW)

Wednesdays | 3:00 – 3:45 pm  
K–2 students explore story illustration with Lenore Eastham, Certified Art Educator. Includes a "read aloud" and guided illustration activity.  
Limited enrollment. \$10 per child

### Preschool Art Group (NEW)

Last Wednesday of Each Month | 12:45 – 1:30 pm  
Ages 3 – 5 (with an adult). Enjoy Storytime followed by a fun craft!  
\$10 per child/adult team

## West Orange Women: Making History, Part Three Premieres at City Hall



This exhibit features women, from all walks of life, who have worked to make West Orange County the special place it is for all its residents. Presented by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, be sure to visit to see the amazing women who have made an impact on our community.

March 3 – 31 | Art in Public Places Gallery in City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street  
Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm | Free