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JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION – June 21

Join us for the Community Celebration on Saturday, June 21, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, in honor of Juneteenth. Activities will include family-friendly games, entertainment, vendors selling a variety of food options and merchandise, and more! Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, admission is free.

The event will be held at Charlie Mae Wilder Park, 1203 E. Plant Street, which opened one year ago in honor of the park's namesake, Charlie Mae Wilder, a longtime East Winter Garden resident and community advocate.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit back and enjoy the festivities. This is a rain or shine event.

Saturday, June 21 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Charlie Mae Wilder Park, 1203 E. Plant Street | Free Admission



FARMERS MARKET 17th BIRTHDAY PARTY ON THE LAWN – JUNE 7

The Winter Garden Farmers Market is celebrating its 17th birthday, and you are invited to its party on the lawn! The birthday fun includes free kids' activities with DJ Renee, face painting, snow cones, and kids' crafts.

Enjoy live music while perusing the 100 vendors offering a vast selection of locally sourced produce, gourmet provisions, baked goods, handmade crafts, artwork, jewelry, home decor, apparel, pet supplies, seasonal items, and more.

Be sure to stop by to help us celebrate this occasion as we thank the community for supporting its hometown market through the years.

Saturday, June 7 | Market, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Birthday Activities, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue



SAVE THE DATE FOR FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

- ★ 21st Annual All American Kids Parade & Pancake Breakfast | Friday, July 4 | Breakfast, 8:00 am | Parade, 10:00 am (hosted by Winter Garden Masonic Lodge in conjunction with City of Winter Garden)
- ★ Party in the Park & Fireworks | Friday, July 4 | Festivities, 6:00 pm | Fireworks, 9:15 pm
- ★ Independence Day Celebration at the Winter Garden Farmers Market | Saturday, July 5 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Look for details in next month's newsletter and on cwgd.com and downtownwg.com.



Waste Collection Reminders: *Overflow Trash Will Not Be Collected*

Recently, the City's Solid Waste Collection crews have seen an abundance of overflow trash on the ground and on top of the trashcan on trash collection days. This includes excess bags, boxes, and loose litter. **Please note that overflow garbage outside of a City of Winter Garden-issued trashcan cannot be picked up.** In addition, noncity-issued trashcans of garbage cannot be emptied.

Garbage is collected using a truck with automated arms fitted to pick up and empty city-issued trashcans only. The automated system reduces litter and keeps drivers free from injury. Drivers do not get out of the truck to pick up trash. Garbage that is not in a trashcan is not only unsightly litter, but also a code violation.

However, There Are Ways to Consolidate Trash to Fit More in Your Trashcan:

- **Flatten Cardboard and Don't Put LARGE Cardboard in Your Trashcan.** Break down cardboard boxes by folding them flat to significantly reduce their volume inside the can. Cardboard that is too large and oversized to fit inside the trashcan can be placed curbside on your designated bulk collection day for pickup; however, be sure to flatten and place in a pile. (All small cardboard boxes such as cereal/snack/shoe boxes, etc. should always go in the trashcan as bulk pickup is for large bulk items only.)
- **Crush Plastic Containers and Drink Cans.** Squash plastic bottles and containers as well as drink cans to maximize space in your trashcan.
- **Compost Food Scraps.** Compost food scraps to reduce the amount of organic waste going into your regular trash.
- **Tightly Tie Trash Bags.** Ensure your trash bags are securely tied to prevent them from taking up extra space and spilling contents.



- **Layer Different Trash Types.** Place heavier items at the bottom of the can and fill in gaps with lighter, crushable materials.
- **Reduce Waste at the Source.** Minimize generating waste by choosing products with minimal packaging and opting for reusable items. Remember, REDUCE and REUSE is environmentally friendly!

If after practicing these tips, you still find that your household is producing more garbage than will fit inside your trashcan on collection day, save the overflow bags for your next collection that will be just a few days later. Another option is to request a second city-issued trashcan for an additional disposal fee of \$24.32 per month added to your utility bill.

As a reminder, bags of yard waste are allowed at the curb on your yard waste collection day ONLY so do not place curbside until the night before or the morning of your yard waste collection day.

For questions or to order a second trashcan, call 407.656.2256. Thank you for helping to keep your neighborhood neat and clean.

FERTILIZER USE RULES FOR SUMMER MONTHS *Effective June 1 – September 30*



From June 1 – September 30, you may only apply fertilizer with **zero nitrogen and zero phosphorus**. Enacted by Orange County, the Fertilizer Management Ordinance helps protect our rivers, lakes, and springs from nutrient pollution caused by excessive use of nitrogen fertilizers.

Remember the following when fertilizing:

- All areas of property covered by lawn, turf, and landscape plants are subject to the fertilizer ordinance.
- Deflector shields must be in place when using broadcast spreaders next to streets, inlets, ditches, conveyances, and waterways.
- No fertilizer or grass clippings shall be deposited on streets, driveways, or in storm drains.
- No fertilizer can be applied within 25 feet from waterways.
- Application sites should maintain a 10-foot low maintenance zone -- planted area with no fertilizing, mowing, or maintenance – adjacent to water bodies.
- No fertilizer shall be applied when the National Weather Service issues any advisory for severe thunderstorm, flood, tropical storm, or hurricane.

For more detailed information, visit www.ocfl.net/FertilizeResponsibly.

SUMMER FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Aquatics, Summer Camp, Yoga, 50+ Activities and Trips, Art Classes, Pickleball, Tennis, Softball, Kickball, Video Game Club, Super Soccer Stars, Amazing Athletes Preschool Activities, Little Vet School, Cardio Drumming, Zumba, and more! For details about programs, classes, and athletic leagues, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at cwgd.com or call 407.656.4155.

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

All programs are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.
All aquatics programs are held at Farnsworth Pool, 1 Surprise Drive.

AMAZING ATHLETES SPORTS DISCOVERY

For ages 2 – 4 years old, this four-week mini season is designed to empower kids to discover their inner athlete and love of the sport. Together, we explore basketball with concentrated play & practice culminating into a 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.

Age | 2 – 4 years old
Basketball | June 5 – 26 | Thursdays | 5:30 – 6:20 pm
\$64 City Resident / \$70 Nonresident

LITTLE VETERINARIAN SCHOOL - Cat

Students will role-play the key responsibilities of a veterinarian and perform a whiskers-to-tail exam on their newly "adopted" plush cat. These future veterinarians will learn about animal body language, maintaining a healthy environment such as proper litterbox placement, create a cat toy, and design a vet clinic.

Age | 5 - 11 years old
Mondays | 6:30 – 7:30 pm | June 23 – July 28
\$259, 6-week course

SUPER SOCCER STARS – Starts Soon, Sign Up Now

For children 12 months – 4 years old, all classes teach soccer skills in a fun, noncompetitive, 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.

Tuesdays, June 24 – August 26
Saturdays, June 21 – August 30 (no programming July 5)
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
\$170 City Resident / \$180 Nonresident,
per 10-week session
Optional purchase | \$30 Super Soccer Stars Jersey

VIDEO GAME CLUB

Gamers meet and practice weekly to train for a team tournament that will be held on the last class of each session to measure the progress of the gamers in their chosen game of Rocket League or Fortnite. Upon joining the club, children 6 - 14 years old will build friendships while also learning and developing leadership, sportsmanship, and teamwork while engaging in video game play. Children will be coached by trained Rocket League and Fortnite coaches.

Age | 6 – 14 years old
Mondays | *Rocket League* | 5:30 – 6:30 pm
June 2 – June 30

Wednesdays | *Fortnite* | 5:30 – 6:30 pm | June 4 – July 2
\$75 City Resident / \$80 Nonresident, per 5-week session
Optional Purchase | \$45 Esports Team Jersey

AQUATICS

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!

Age | 13 - 15 years old
Monday – Thursday | 3 weeks
June 2 – June 12 | 12:00 – 2:00 pm
June 16 – June 19 | 12:00 – 3:00 pm
\$134 City Resident / \$150 Nonresident, per 3-week course

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. Advance registration required.

Age | 6 months old – adult
Beginning June 2 | Weekday mornings, evenings & Saturday mornings available
Morning Sessions | \$88 City Resident / \$104 Nonresident, 8-class session
Evening Classes | \$44 City Resident / \$60 Nonresident, 4-class session

WATER POLO CLINIC

Learn how to pass, catch, dribble, and shoot a water polo ball this summer. This 4-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! Two 4-week sessions are being offered this summer.

Age | 11 - 14 years old
Mondays & Wednesdays | 6:30 – 7:30 pm
June 2 – July 23 | \$122 City Resident / \$138 Nonresident, 16 classes
June 2 – June 25 | \$72 City Resident / \$88 Nonresident, 8 classes

ACTIVE 50+

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.

Monday, June 23 & Tuesday, June 24
5:00 – 8:00 pm (both days)
\$20 AARP Member / \$25 Non-AARP Member
Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street

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ADVENTURES IN CRAFTDOM

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

Sea Glass Wind Chime: You will use wire and string with recycled sea glass beads to hang from a bamboo rod that will magically catch the light and twinkle in the wind.

Tuesday, June 10 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Tanner Hall, 29 W. Garden Avenue
\$15 fee to be paid on day of class

SWITCH 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 Switch bowling league. Teams will choose their weekly bowling time and partner before the first week of bowling.

June 9 – August 15 (10 weeks)
Startup meeting | June 6 at 1:30 pm
\$1 per person, per week
(due first week of bowling)



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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

EXHIBITION

TEMPESTS AND TORNADOES: A Retrospective of Catastrophic Weather in West Orange County

As we enter hurricane season, it is a fitting time to visit this exhibition of photographs and documents detailing extreme weather events that West Orange County and its people have endured over the past 130 years. Tornadoes, hurricanes, and devastating citrus freezes all have played a part in shaping the region. Thank you to our exhibit sponsors: Stanley's Roofing and Alicia Spears Realty.

Now – July 15

HISTORY HUNT is a Fun Summer Activity

Looking for a fun and educational activity to do with the kids this summer? Take them on a history scavenger hunt in downtown Winter Garden where they will learn about their hometown as they uncover clues! Presented by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, participants of the History Hunt seek 12 hidden boxes using a map, scan the QR code found at the clues, answer the questions, and then turn in a completed map for a prize.

The History Hunt maps can be purchased for \$2.00 each at our office at 21 E. Plant Street during operating hours. Have fun exploring!



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

Heat is On

Feel the sizzle of summer through vibrant artworks that celebrate the warmth, energy, and intensity of the season.

June 3 - July 31

Opening Reception | June 5, 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Public Invited

CALL TO ARTISTS

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

wgart.org/adults

Technique Tuesdays at 2PM

wgart.org/Tuesdays

A weekly "CREATE" event and opportunity for ALL SKILL LEVELS to learn, grow, and be inspired through the talents of other artists. Free for members, first-time visitors, and guest of members.

Tuesdays | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | Studio Room

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)

ART FOR KIDS

wgart.org/kids

Summer Vacation Art Camp

Space fills quickly. Register at wgart.org/kids.

June 2 – 6 | Wide World of Animals

June 9 – 13 | Art through the Ages

June 16 – 20 | Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water

June 23 – 27 | Travel Around the World

July 7 – 11 | Just My Imagination

July 14 – 18 | It's Only Natural

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ages | 2nd grade – Middle School
(one age group)

Fee | \$160 per week / \$45 per individual day



Winter Garden Renaissance: A Historic Timeline

Premieres at City Hall

This exhibit tells the story of the City of Winter Garden's remarkable revitalization efforts. From virtual desolation to today's vibrant stretch of successful business ventures, it is an incredible story of a downtown that was not allowed to die.

Stop by the Art in Public Places Gallery in City Hall to see the premiere of this collaboration between the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation and Creadé School of Art.

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



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

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

