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AUGUST 2025

Downtown Summer Sidewalk Sale and Live Music – August 2

The Summer Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, August 2, is an end-of-the-season closeout to get boutique items at bargain prices. You will find discounted items both outside and inside the stores so be sure to pop in and out of the shops along downtown’s scenic streets to uncover great deals and unique finds.

An outdoor live music concert (11:00 am – 7:00 pm) provides a fun vibe as you shop, dine, and stroll during the Summer Sidewalk Sale. Two very popular musical duos will take the stage at Centennial Plaza. THE ABSENT TRIO will perform 11:00 am to 2:30 pm followed by L&G LIVE from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

To add to the festivities, there will be a refreshing FREE “Treat on Main Street” for kids 12 and under from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (while supplies last). In addition, swing by the SOBO Art Gallery patio for students of all ages to make a FREE custom-designed pencil case for the new school year (9:00 am – 1:00 pm, while supplies last).

Be sure to stop by downtown on August 2 for some end-of-summer fun and special savings!

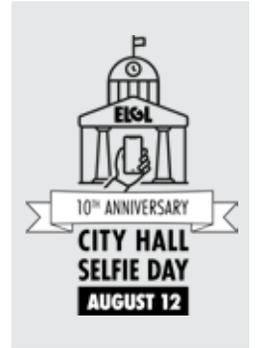
Saturday, August 2 | All Day | Historic Downtown



#CITYHALL SELFIE DAY– August 12

Snap & Post Plus Tote Bag Giveaway

Show pride for your hometown and local government by participating in #CityHallSelfie Day on Tuesday, August 12, and get a **free Winter Garden reusable tote bag**.



How to participate:

1. Take a picture of yourself or with a group in front of Winter Garden City Hall (300 W. Plant Street) or any local government building.
2. Post the picture on social media with the hashtag #CityHallSelfie and #wintergardenfl.
3. Tag @ELGL50 on Instagram, @ELGLNetwork on Facebook (and please also tag @OfficialDowntownWinterGarden).

Be sure to pop inside City Hall (Reception Desk) between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on #CityHallSelfie Day to receive a FREE Winter Garden reusable tote bag, while supplies last. The tote can serve as a great prop for your selfie!

Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL), the professional network that hosts the annual holiday, will recognize social posts that display the most pride and creativity through an award contest.

For more information about #CityHallSelfie Day, please visit elgl.org/cityhallselfie.

#CityHallSelfie Day | Tuesday, August 12 | All Day
Winter Garden Tote Bag Giveaway (while supplies last)
8:00 am – 5:00 pm | City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH – AUGUST 2

Free Backpack & School Supplies Giveaway

Get the supplies you need to head back to school while enjoying a fun, family-friendly finale to summer.

Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, the Back-to-School Bash is a free event for the community that

includes a FREE backpack & school supplies giveaway (while supplies last), an interactive DJ, a foam party, kids’ activities, complimentary refreshments, community vendors, and more!

Come out and have a blast bidding farewell to summer while getting the supplies needed for the school year.

Saturday, August 2 | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm | Free | Zanders Park & Boulder Pool | 362 11th Street

SUMMER FLIX at THE GARDEN – August 5

Catch the last Summer Flix at the Garden with the showing of the animated “Lilo & Stitch!” The \$5.00 tix price includes FREE popcorn for kids 12 and under. Discounted concessions available (card payment only). Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, escape the heat into the magical setting of the historic theatre as summer winds down.

“Lilo & Stitch” (PG, 2002)

Tuesday, August 5 | 10:00 am | Admission: \$5.00 (no added fees or tax)

Scan QR code to purchase tickets.

Garden Theatre on Plant | 160 W. Plant Street



Purchase Tickets



WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS: Call to Schedule Pick Up of Appliances & Large Electronics

As a reminder, appliances and large electronics are not removed by the bulk collection truck. Residents must call to get these scheduled for pickup. Residents will then be told what day to place appliances and large electronics at the curb. These items must be scheduled so a special appliance/electronics-only truck can be assigned to remove them. In addition, basketball hoops and bicycles must be scheduled for pickup. Please do not set any of these items out any earlier than the night before scheduled collection.

The City of Winter Garden provides this collection service free-of-charge.

Schedule a pick-up for the following or they won't be collected:

- Refrigerators & Freezers
- TVs
- Microwaves
- Washers & Dryers
- Stoves & Ovens
- Dishwashers
- Water Heaters
- Computers/Monitors
- Grills
- Treadmills
- Lawn Mowers
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Basketball Hoops
- Bicycles



Golf Cart & Bicycle Registration Day – August 29

The Winter Garden Police Department will host a Golf Cart & Bicycle Registration event 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 your golf cart/bicycle and proper form of identification for verification. Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

Registration Date: Friday, August 29 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | Winter Garden Police Department (back parking lot off Henderson Street), 251 W. Plant Street | Free

August 16 is National Backflow Prevention Day

**Thank You for Doing Your Part
to Ensure Clean Drinking Water**

August 16 is observed as National Backflow Prevention Day to raise awareness about the importance of preventing backflow which can cause contamination of clean water supplies. It is also the day to celebrate the unsung heroes who keep our drinking water supply free of toxins, waste, chemicals, and other contaminants – and this includes YOU!



Backflow prevention devices, and the folks that maintain them, are crucial for protecting drinking water from contamination. Backflow preventers on homes and businesses stop dirty water from flowing backward into the main water supply. These devices act as a barricade, making sure the water flow is always from the public water source to the user's system and not the other way around.

Every year, residents and businesses are required to have their backflow prevention device tested to make sure it is working properly. The prompt, to do the testing, is initiated through a letter received from the City of Winter Garden; however, the mandate comes from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that the test is performed by a Florida certified tester, and to make sure that a copy of the test report is sent to the City of Winter Garden. When you have your backflow prevention device tested, you are doing your part to ensure a clean water supply to your property and the community.

Backflow prevention is crucial for public health and safety. National Backflow Prevention Day is a good reminder to recognize plumbers, certified testers, and City staff who safeguard our drinking water sources to help ensure clean drinking water for everyone – and to recognize YOU for helping with the process.

For more information call 407.877.5193.

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 Medical 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.

BOOTCAMP WITH BRAD

Looking for cardio and strength training exercises that utilize both weights as well as 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)

AMAZING ATHLETES SPORTS DISCOVERY - YOUTH

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 baseball with concentrated play & practice, followed by 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 sports they love! This program is an indoor program but may move outdoors if weather permits.

Age | 2 -4 years old
Baseball | August 7 – 28
Thursdays | 6:00 – 6:50 pm
\$64 City Resident / \$70 Nonresident

KICKBALL – ADULT LEAGUE

Gather your friends and come out to play the game we all remember from grade school which has evolved into today's hottest get-together sport for adults. Anyone can play from the less experienced to the diehard. This is a great way to stay in shape, meet new people, and have fun! Come out and KICK IT with our Thursday night co-ed league. Registration may close early due to limited availability in each league. Number of league games varies each season.

FALL LEAGUE

League begins August 14
Registration | now – August 1
Games | 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, & 8:45 pm
\$325 per team for season
Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

USSSA SOFTBALL - ADULT LEAGUE

Hit a grand slam with our fall adult softball! 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. Number of league games varies each season.

FALL LEAGUE

League begins the week of August 11
Registration | now – August 1

Games | 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, & 8:45 pm
\$500 per team for season
Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard
Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

SEWING

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

Mondays & Tuesdays | 3:00 pm | Free
Little Hall, 31 W. Garden Ave

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, August 4 & Tuesday, August 5
9:00 am – 12:00 pm (both days)
Little Hall, 31 W. Garden Avenue
\$20 AARP Member / \$25 Non-AARP Member

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.

Finger Knit Baby Octopus: You will choose your favorite color of chunky yarn to finger knit a cute baby octopus. You will learn the basics of knitting in the round and then add eyes to bring it alive.

Tuesday, August 12
1:30 – 3:30 pm
Tanner Hall, 29 W. Garden Avenue
\$15 fee to be paid on day of class

SHUFFLEBOARD

In this fun outdoor game, the players use cues to push weighted discs, sending them gliding down a narrow court, with the purpose of having them come to rest within a marked scoring area. No registration needed, just show up at the courts located in Trailer City.

Wednesdays | 10:00 – 11:30 am
\$10 per year (paid at court)
21 E. Crest Avenue



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THE HOOP DEE DOO MUSICAL REVUE – DISNEY'S FORT WILDERNESS RESORT

Join the Disney Pioneer Hall Players for two hours of rousing dancing, singing, and zany comedy. Get ready to clap, move your feet, sing along, or just have a good time at rustic Pioneer Hall in Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground. In between skits and song standards, chow down on all-you-care-to-enjoy fried chicken and smoked BBQ pork ribs, as well as a tossed green salad, cowboy beans, fresh-baked cornbread, macaroni-and-cheese, and creamy coleslaw. And be sure to save room for the grand finale... strawberry shortcake! Unlimited soft drinks, draft beer, wine, and sangria are available. Fee includes transportation, entertainment, and meal.

Thursday, August 14 | 2:30 – 7:15 pm
\$89 City Resident / \$93 Nonresident



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

EXHIBITIONS

Trailblazers: A Journey through West Orange County's Camping and Scouting (NEW)

This unique exhibit highlights the enduring legacy of outdoor exploration and community engagement, showcasing how these activities have shaped our local culture and fostered family connections for generations. Thank you to our sponsor, Giant Recreation World.

Now - September 30 | Free Admission
Opening Reception | Thursday, August 7, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Public Invited



Lau family roasting marshmallows on a camping trip, c.1920

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

Hurricane season 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: Duke Energy, Stanley's Roofing, OneSource Restoration, and Alicia Spears Realty.

Now – August 31 | Free Admission



JUST IMAGINE: CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT PREMIERES AT CITY HALL

Works of art from the children that participated in the recent SOBO Art Gallery Summer Vacation Art Camps will brighten the walls of City Hall. Under the guidance of Certified Art Educator Lenore Eastham, these budding artists explored various techniques and themes throughout the summer to produce a vibrant collection of work. A fun, end-of-summer outing, stop in the Art in Public Places Gallery to celebrate children's imaginations.

August 1 – 29
Art in Public Places Gallery at 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 Magic Kingdom. These century-old locomotives pull millions of guests annually on their grand circle tour at Walt Disney World.



Now – October 4 | 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

Landscapes, Real or Imagined (NEW)

Explore breathtaking vistas and imaginative realms as artists showcase landscapes that inspire and captivate.

August 7 – September 28 | Free Admission
Opening Reception | Thursday, August 7, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Public Invited



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.
wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Details and registration, wgart.org/adults.