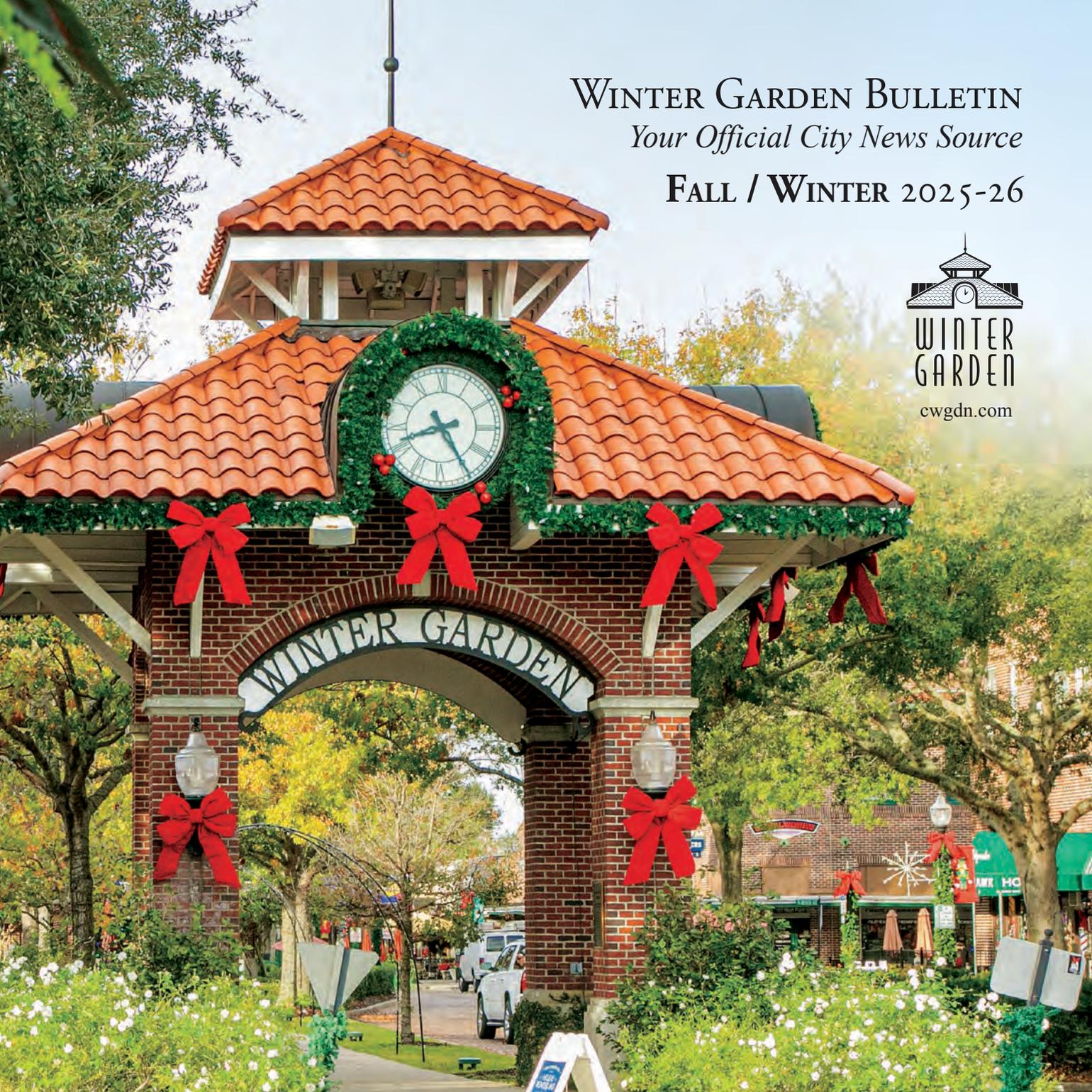


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As the Weather Cools, Head to City Parks for Outdoor Fun



Mayor John Rees

You do not have to go far to find a public park in your community. Fortunately, the City of Winter Garden operates parks across all areas of city limits, providing spaces for relaxation, exercise, play, community gatherings, and fun. Besides nature and green space, the parks offer a plethora of FREE recreational options for families and individuals. As the weather cools and you look for outdoor activities, I encourage residents to venture to the parks located right in your hometown and take advantage of the amenities available while enjoying the natural surroundings. I know you will be happy you did!

Looking to join in on the Pickleball craze? Veterans Memorial Park boasts 10 open play pickleball courts. Playgrounds provide a wide range of development benefits for children and there are seven parks with playground equipment just minutes from your doorstep. If soccer, basketball, kickball, baseball, softball, or tennis are your game (or you want to give any a try), there are nearby fields and courts for all. There are even two public pools for when those hot summer days return.

The crisp autumn air is perfect for a picnic so pack a basket and spread out a blanket and surround yourself with the most scenic beauty around. Many of the parks also provide picnic tables and some even have grills. Don't forget to bring along the frisbee and outdoor games and make a day of it. Who needs the beach for sunsets when the most breathtaking sunsets can be witnessed right at neighboring Newton Park (which also has a pier and boat ramp).

In all, there are 16 City parks within 16.3 square miles. Parks range from the 209-acre Tucker Ranch Park and Nature Preserve to downtown's pocket park, the Butterfly Sculpture Park. In fact, Tucker Ranch Park is currently undergoing a 25.6-acre expansion which will add a Tucker Ranch Holistic Health, Wellness, Teaching Farm and Family Activity Center to further augment the park's health and wellness amenities. Look for this state-of-the-art facility to open in late 2026. Another park currently undergoing renovations is Zanders Park, which recently premiered new playground equipment with additional park improvements slated to open soon.

The 22-mile West Orange Trail through the center of downtown makes our community quite unique and coveted. In fact, Winter Garden is a designated Trail Town by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection due to the trail's amenities and scenic qualities. So, hop on a bike, lace up the skates, or go for a jog or stroll to explore the trail's scenic surroundings. Stop by City Hall to pick up a *Your Pocket Guide to West Orange Trail* for a convenient directory of stations and notable places along the trail.

All City parks are open seven days and have free admission. Leashed pets are welcome at most of the parks. Pavilions and indoor facilities are available to rent and many of the sports fields can be reserved by residents for group use. Please visit cwgd.com/facilities for more information about the City's parks, including operating hours and amenities. May the accompanying directory serve as a checklist of parks to visit and hope to see you there.



CITY PARKS

- Braddock Park
13460 Lake Butler Blvd.
- Butterfly Sculpture Park
240 W. Plant St.
- Chapin Station Park
501 Crown Point Cross Rd.
- Charlie Mae Wilder Park
1203 E. Plant St.
- Downtown Interactive Fountain & Pavilion
104 S. Lakeview Ave.
- Dr. Bradford Memorial Park
220 W. Division St.
- Farnsworth Pool
1 Surprise Dr.
- Jessie Brock Community Center & Outdoor Recreation Area (Offices of Parks & Recreation Department) | 310 N. Dillard St.
- Maple Street Park
142 E. Maple St.
- Newton Park
31 W. Garden Ave.
- Tucker Ranch Park and Nature Preserve | 100 Avalon Rd.
- Veterans Memorial Park
420 S. Park Ave.
- Sam Williams Little League Complex
415 S. Park Ave.
- Walker Football Field
415 S. Park Ave.
- Warrior Park
11398 English Lake Dr.
SW Corner of Windermere & Warrior Roads
- Zanders Park & Boulter Pool
362 11th St.

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Cover photo: The Clock Tower at Centennial Plaza is part of downtown's annual Holiday Wonderland transformation.

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Annual Free Shredding Event for Winter Garden Residents— November 8

It's time to gather all those papers and documents you've been saving all year long for the annual FREE Shredding Event *hosted by the City of Winter Garden*.

The event is exclusively for Winter Garden residents (no businesses permitted). Please bring proof of residency with you. There is a limit of five boxes or bags per resident.

Crown Information Management will provide safe and secure document shredding onsite. Participants are welcome to watch the shredding of their documents. The shredded paper will be recycled.

Saturday, November 8 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm | 848 E. Plant Street (across from the Winter Garden Library)

Shred Event Guidelines

YES, these items are allowed	NO, these items are NOT allowed
Paper Clips	No Binder Clips
Rubber Bands	No Batteries
Chart Fasteners	No 3-Ring Binders
Spiral Notebooks	No Medication
Staples	No Plastics
Credit Cards	No Sharps or Needles
Paper	No Bio-waste
Envelopes with Fasteners	No Large Metal Objects

For more information, call 407.877.5193.

Limit: 5
Boxes or
Bags

Winter Garden
Residents
Only
(No Businesses)

November 2: Time to Reset Your Irrigation System

When you set your clock back for Eastern Standard Time on November 2, it is also a good time to reset your irrigation system. From November until March, it should run only one day a week to comply with the conservation ordinance for landscape irrigation. 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.

Water Lawns Once a Week during Eastern Standard Time
(First Sunday in November until the Second Sunday in March)

Odd # Homes	Saturday
Even # Homes	Sunday
Nonresidential Properties	Tuesday

FOG Alert for the Holidays

Don't Let Fats, Oils and Grease Ruin Your Festivities



Many residents will spend extra time in the kitchen cooking up delicious meals and desserts for holiday gatherings. Be on alert for FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) - these uninvited guests can ruin the merry season if not disposed of properly.

Pouring FOG down the sink or toilet can lead to blockages and cause overflows and sewer backups. This could cause home damage, costly plumbing repairs, and health hazards. When FOG gets into the sewer from household drains, it can block the flow of wastewater from your home to the City's wastewater treatment plant. This wastewater can then overflow into your home, yard, street, neighborhood, and local waterways.

FOG ALERT TIPS:

Don't use your sink or toilet as a trashcan:

- Turkey drippings are fat. One pan can completely clog your drain. Turn it into gravy or pour it into a can or jar, let it cool, and place it in your trashcan.
- Whipped cream and melted butter should be wiped out of bowls before rinsing.
- Use your sink garbage disposal sparingly or not at all. Remember, it can't handle a large amount of food. The food that goes into the disposal often gets trapped in the FOG that line your pipes. This can lead to not only foul odors coming from your drain but can also clog your plumbing.
- Rinsing oil from a deep fryer down the drain, toilet, or storm drain is a big NO! Reuse it or take it to the Orange County Landfill for proper disposal (407.836.6601).
- Using soaps or detergents that claim to dissolve grease only pass it further down the sewage line where it clogs in a different area of pipe.
- This is also a good time to remind you to not flush wipes down the toilet. Wipes, even the flushable ones, don't break down like toilet paper and get caught in FOG. This combination can damage wastewater pumps and treatment equipment.

Handle FOG this way: Not Just During the Holidays, but Every Day

1. Cook it.
2. Cool it. (Pour FOG into a can or jar and let it cool.)
3. Scrape it. Scrape or wipe FOG and scraps from plates, trays, pots, pans, utensils, grills, and surfaces and place it in cans or jars.
4. Trash it. Place FOG-filled cans or jars and scraps into a plastic bag and toss directly into your trashcan.



FREE Pan/Plate Scraper
to Prevent FOG

Pick up a **FREE Pan/Plate Scraper** at Winter Garden City Hall reception desk (M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm), while supplies last, and stay FOG-FREE this holiday season

Keeping Your Water Safe:

Learn More with Our Water Plant Tours February 6 & 7

Ever wonder how the City keeps your water safe? Learn more about your drinking water and water conservation by taking a tour of the City of Winter Garden Water Plant.

Water Plant tours are scheduled for Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7. Several tours will be offered each day. Come alone or bring family or friends.

The tours are free, but advance registration is required. Space is limited. To register for the tour dates, send email to dcorbus@cwgdn.com or call 407.877.5193.

We can also provide special tours for school groups, scouts, and clubs if the above dates don't work for your schedule. Please reach out to contact above to find out more information about group tours.

For information about water conservation, sustainability programs and events, and community participation opportunities, call 407.877.5193.

Annual Fire Hydrant Flow Testing

September 28 – December 31

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department will conduct the annual fire hydrant flow testing and water line flushing from September 28 – December 31. This is an important annual preventative maintenance activity that serves several purposes. This process ensures that all the City's fire hydrants are functioning properly, identifies any needed repairs, and helps maintain the City's water quality by flushing all the lines and removing sediments from the system.

Residents may notice a brief reduction in water pressure and some discoloration of the water during the testing. Discolored water poses no threat to the public's health. If you notice discolored water coming from your fixtures, please allow the water to flow for 5 – 10 minutes to clear.

Although residents may experience some temporary inconveniences, the flushing program is necessary to maintain a good water supply for firefighting. If you experience continued loss of pressure or water discoloration, please contact the Public Services Department at 407.656.2256. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.



Stay Prepared: Download & Use the Mobile Citizen App to Report Storm-Related Issues

As the height of hurricane season is upon us, now is the perfect time to download the Mobile Citizen App—a quick and efficient way to report nonemergency storm-related concerns. Whether it's a fallen tree, flooding, a damaged streetlight, traffic light outages, or downed power lines, the app allows you to easily snap a photo and submit your request directly to the appropriate service team for swift action.

The Mobile Citizen App is not just for storm-related incidents. It's also your go-to tool for reporting everyday issues like potholes, damaged street signs, or code enforcement concerns. With just a few clicks, it's really the best way to get speedy resolutions to your service requests.

Remember, for emergencies, always dial 9-1-1.

If you have not already done so, download the Mobile Citizen App today—it is FREE and ready to help you stay on top of important service request needs.

Scan the QR code below to get started!



Work for Your Hometown

City of Winter Garden is Hiring

City of Winter Garden has amazing job opportunities available right now! Shorten your commute, save time and money, work for the city you live in and be rewarded with an impressive benefits package!

Check out all the employment opportunities available at www.cwgd.com or scan the QR code with your mobile device. We look forward to hearing from you!

Have questions? Call 407.877.5428 or email wgre recruiter@cwgd.com.



WINTER GARDEN Public Safety

SPECIAL EVENTS

National Night Out



Join the Winter Garden Police Department for National Night Out in historic downtown. The annual event encourages residents to spend the evening with neighbors and local law enforcement to enhance and build a safer community.

The free event is fun for all ages with children's activities, food, music, raffles, meet and greet with your local police officers, crime prevention tips, and more!

Tuesday, October 7 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm | Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue | Free



Donut Dash 5K Run/Walk – November 8

Hosted by Winter Garden Police Athletic League, Inc. (WGPAL)

Run or walk – and eat donuts – through the timeless neighborhoods of historic Winter Garden. Start and finish at scenic Lake Apopka and enjoy live music, sponsor tents, and giveaways. Prizes awarded for top runners plus a prize for best donut costume! Every donut eaten subtracts 30 seconds from final run time!

Fee includes a t-shirt, race medal, and free Krispy Kreme donuts. Kids (5-10 years old) race free in a half-mile mini-donut fun run with adult entry.

Proceeds from this event support WGPAL in providing programs to underprivileged and at-risk kids in your community.

Saturday, November 8 | Race starts at 8:00 am / Event ends at 11:00 am (Kids Fun Run, 8:15 am – while regular race is in progress) Newton Park, 1 Surprise Drive

Race sign up at wgpal.org or runsignup.com. In-person registration available starting at 6:15 am on race day.

Fee: Now – October 17 / \$40 | October 18 – November 8 / \$45 Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day – October 25

Dispose of unused, expired, and unwanted pharmaceutical controlled substances and unwanted household medications at the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, hosted by the Winter Garden Police Department.

The drugs will be disposed of in a safe and environmentally conscious way.

Saturday, October 25 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Collection Site: Winter Garden Police Department, 251 W. Plant Street



Free Smoke Alarms Program

Reminder to Test Smoke Alarms When Resetting Clocks

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department offers a Smoke Alarm Program, a community outreach initiative to improve fire safety. A smoke alarm is provided at no cost, while supplies last, to residents meeting the following requirements:

1. Reside within the City limits of Winter Garden.
2. Do not currently have a working smoke alarm in your home.
3. Agree to let the Winter Garden Fire Rescue Dept. personnel install the smoke alarm.
4. Agree to test and maintain the smoke alarm once it is installed.
5. Agree to follow, at all times, the smoke alarm instructions found in the owner's manual.

As a reminder, be sure to test your home's smoke alarms when you reset your clocks for Eastern Standard Time on November 2. Push the test button on your smoke alarms to make sure the units are functioning. Smoke alarms older than 10 years should be replaced.

If you need a smoke alarm, batteries, or would like your smoke alarm tested, please contact the Office of the Fire Marshal at OFM@cwgdn.com or 407.877.5175.

Golf Cart & Bicycle Registration

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 your golf cart/bicycle and proper form of identification for verification.

Friday, August 29 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday, October 17 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Winter Garden Police Department (back parking lot off Henderson Street)
251 W. Plant Street | Free

Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.



COMMUNITY CLASSES

Citizens CPR Class

Interested in learning how to take a hands-on approach toward 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.

Saturday | September 20, November 15, January 17 (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

Preregistration is required and available one-month prior to class date. Space is limited to 12 participants. To register, visit <https://enroll.wgplay.com> and click on "Recreation Classes."

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.

Thursday, November 6 | 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Winter Garden Police Department Training Room
251 W. Plant Street

Eligible Participants | Women only, ages 13 and up
Free

To register, contact Officer Gail Michaud at 407.656.3636 ext. 4405 or at gmichaud@wgpd.com. Reserve your spot today as class fills quickly.



Holiday Gifts for Kids

PROGRAM

Presented by Winter Garden Police Athletic League, Inc. (WGPAL)

WGPAL annually conducts a Holiday Gifts for Kids program to provide presents to Winter Garden youth in need (newborn – 12 years old).

REGISTRATION

Registration dates: November 17 - December 5

To register, pick up and return an application at one of the following locations or hand it to a police officer on patrol.

- Winter Garden Police Department – 251 W. Plant Street
- City Hall – 300 W. Plant Street
- Maxey Center – 830 Klondike Street
- Mildred Dixon Activity Center – 303 S.W. Crown Pointe Road
- Jessie Brock Community Center – 310 N. Dillard Street

When registering, ALL the following documents are required and must be verified:

- Birth certificate or court/custody paperwork (only parent or legal guardian can register a child)
- **Current** water or utility bill for the Winter Garden address they reside
- Proof of government assistance (WIC, food stamps, etc.)
- Some type of identification (driver's license, ID card, passport, etc.)
- Child must be **age 12 or younger**

Note: You are not registered for the program until you have been contacted by the Community Liaison Unit and given a HGFK ticket with a scheduled pickup date and time.

If you have any questions about Holiday Gifts for Kids, please call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.

HOW TO DONATE

WGPAL fundraisers held throughout the year partially fund this program, but donations from our generous community are needed to bring smiles to all the kids in need.

Please donate new, **unwrapped** gifts. Donations are tax deductible.

Donation Ideas:

- Toys • Board Games • Sport Balls • Puzzles
- Toy Cars & Trucks • Legos • Matchbox Cars • Dolls
- Bicycles for All Ages • Arts & Crafts Sets • Jewelry Kits
- Infant Toys • Action Figures • Gift Cards

Donation Drop Off:

November 1 - December 12
Winter Garden Police Department, 251 W. Plant Street



Fall Events

WINTER GARDEN HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE

The City's Halloween Experience provides 10 days of Halloween festivities in downtown Winter Garden, including a hay maze, holiday-themed photo locations, spooky/fall decorations and light displays, a fall-themed Farmers Market, as well as the fan favorite — five nights of an outdoor animated Halloween Light Show on City Hall!

Halloween Experience
October 23 – November 1 | Historic Downtown | Free

Halloween Light Shows | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
October 24, 25, 26, 31, & November 1
Winter Garden City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street | Free



CRAFT AFFAIR

Arts & crafts lovers will enjoy shopping for one-of-a-kind items made exclusively by our 50+ creative friends. All ages are invited to shop the fair for unique, hand-crafted items. If you are interested in being a craft vendor at this event and you are 50+, please call 407.656.4155.

Saturday, November 8 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street
Free to attend



DOWNTOWN SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY SIDEWALK SALE

Stroll the festive-decorated downtown streets as you kick off holiday shopping with the Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Sale. Come out to enjoy live music, merry decorations, holiday photo ops, and unique shopping and dining options.

Thank you for supporting the mom-and-pop shops that bring so much charm to our community.

Saturday, November 29 | All Day | Historic Downtown



Events are subject to change. Visit cwgd.com and downtownwg.com for up-to-date event information.



'TIS THE SEASON
TO
MAKE MEMORIES

Historic downtown Winter Garden turns into a Holiday Wonderland perfect for making special holiday memories with family and friends. From December 5 – January 4, the sights and sounds of the season come to life with colorful light displays and decorations, themed photo locations, holiday music, and a variety of holiday events and entertainment — free of charge — for the community to enjoy, presented by the City of Winter Garden.

Holiday Events

LIGHT UP WINTER GARDEN

This beloved, annual tree-lighting ceremony kicks off the City's 31 days of 'Tis the Season events and the transformation of downtown into a Holiday Wonderland of lights and decorations. Festivities include live holiday entertainment, children's snow play area and sled hill, vendors, and more! Sponsored by Duke Energy.

Friday, December 5 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Ceremony begins at 6:00 pm | Street Lighting at 6:15 pm
Historic Downtown | Free to attend

WINTER GARDEN CHRISTMAS PARADE

This long-standing Winter Garden holiday tradition delights spectators and ushers in holiday cheer! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and head to your favorite viewing spot for this annual event. Look for the Big Guy himself at the end of the parade!

Saturday, December 6 | 10:00 am
South Dillard Street & West Plant Street, Historic Downtown
Free to attend



HOLIDAY NIGHT MARKET AT DOWNTOWN

A fun holiday shopping experience as the festively decorated Downtown Pavilion and surrounding areas turn into a traditional holiday market of holiday goods and treats for sale. Plus, there will be free festive activities including live entertainment, trolley rides, visits with Santa Claus, and more! Fun for all ages, gather friends and family for a merry experience perfectly timed to coincide with the Winter Garden Christmas Golf Cart Parade and the downtown road closures.

Saturday, December 6 | 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue | Free to attend

WINTER GARDEN CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE

Prepare to be amazed by the merry-decorated golf carts as they parade through historic downtown. Watch the parade along West Plant Street and get a closer look at the clever creations following the parade while parked along the street. To participate, look for registration information on the City's website in late fall.

Saturday, December 6 | 6:00 pm | Historic Downtown | Free to attend



MAIN STREET HOLIDAY STROLL | December 1 – January 7

The Main Street Holiday Stroll is an immersive holiday experience that will put the jolly in everyone's step. Stroll through this picturesque, season-long display of festive decorations and photo vignette stations. This area is closed to vehicular traffic allowing for a comfortable pedestrian-only stroll to experience the sights, shops, and restaurants.

December 1 – January 7 | Located on South Main Street between West Plant Street and West Joiner Street | Free to stroll

A MERRY WINTER GARDEN LIGHT SHOW

Spectacular animated holiday-themed light show synchronized to music, projected onto the front façade of Winter Garden City Hall. A favorite holiday tradition in Winter Garden!

December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Winter Garden City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street | Free to attend

HORSE DRAWN HOLIDAY CARRIAGE TOURS

A magical tour experience through festive downtown amidst twinkling lights and holiday decorations. Tours depart every 20 minutes.

December 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 | 5:30 – 9:30 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue
Fee and reservation required: soulhavenranch.com

HOLIDAY FRIDAYS ON THE PLAZA

Special live holiday musical performances every Friday in December!

December 5 - Light Up Winter Garden
December 12 - Dickens Carolers
December 19 - Mistletones
December 26 - Paul Q-Pek

Fridays | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Centennial Plaza, Historic Downtown | Free to attend

JOLLY FELLOW VISITS THE FARMERS MARKET

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas will make a special visit to the Winter Garden Farmers Market! Gather the kids and pups to pose for pics with Santa. Share your wish list with Santa or write him a letter at the nearby craft table and hand deliver it or put it in the special mailbox provided to send to the North Pole.

December 13 & December 20 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
(Market 8:00 am – 1:00 pm)
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue | Free to attend

Holiday happenings listed are limited to those sponsored/co-sponsored by the City of Winter Garden.

Events are subject to change. For additional downtown holiday happenings, continue to monitor cwgdn.com and downtownwg.com.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Winter Garden Fire Rescue Annual SANTA RUN

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue annual "SANTA RUN" brings Santa and his sleigh through City of Winter Garden neighborhoods! This moving parade takes place on select nights as Santa — along with elves of firefighters, police, and City staff — spread holiday music, treats, and good cheer along the way!

Santa will be in the following areas from 5:45 – 9:00 pm on the following dates:

- Monday, December 8 – Northwest Winter Garden
- Tuesday, December 9 – Northeast Winter Garden
- Wednesday, December 10 – South Winter Garden: CR 545 Corridor (West Side)
- Thursday, December 11 – South Winter Garden: CR 545 Corridor (East Side)
- Friday, December 12 – South Winter Garden: CR 535 / Daniel's Road Corridor
- Saturday, December 13 – South Winter Garden: Beulah / Windermere Road Corridor

An alternate date is scheduled for December 15 if weather interrupts one of Santa's visits.



Due to safety concerns, please refrain from parking on the street during your neighborhood's Santa Run. Street parking, especially parking on both sides of street, may prohibit the parade from going down a street.

Santa's nightly route maps will be available on cwgd.com closer to the event. Please check to see the estimated time of Santa's arrival and/or to find a nearby viewing location. Due to significant community growth, not all neighborhoods/streets can be accommodated.

DE-LIGHT-FUL DECORATIONS CONTEST

Drag out the lights, hang the garland, put up the glowing Santa, and enter your home in the annual De-Light-Ful Decorations

CONTEST CATEGORIES:

- Best Overall • Best Theme • Most Original • Best Apartment or Townhome

PRIZES ARE AWARDED IN ALL CATEGORIES:

- Best Overall winner - 1st Place: \$100 and recognition yard sign / 2nd Place: \$50
- 1st place winners: \$75 and recognition yard sign / 2nd place winners: \$50
- The winning displays will be posted on the City's website.

JUDGING

Tuesday, December 16 & Wednesday, December 17 | 5:30 pm

Hosted by Winter Garden Parks & Recreation, the contest is free to enter, and all residences must be within City limits. Registration form is available at cwgd.com in late fall. Deadline to enter is December 12.

Questions, call 407.656.4155.

Winter Events

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Join us at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of this civil rights legend. The City's signature event includes a parade through historic downtown, live entertainment, children's activities, and more!

PARADE | 11:00 am

Join in honoring Dr. King's work by partaking in the parade that kicks off the celebration. Organizations wishing to participate in the Parade must submit a required **preregistration no later than Tuesday, January 13** (space is limited). All entries are eligible to win the Parade Spirit Award. The Parade application will be available at [cwgd.com/Special Events](http://cwgd.com/Special%20Events) closer to the event or call 407.656.4155.

For spectators, bring a chair and grab a good viewing spot along West Plant Street to cheer for the procession as it goes by.

LIVE MUSIC & ACTIVITIES | 11:30 am – 4:00 pm

Immediately following the parade, the celebration continues at the Downtown Pavilion with an outdoor live music concert, children's activities, and food vendors.

This is a rain or shine event. No personal coolers are permitted.

Monday, January 19

Parade 11:00 am / Concert & Activities 11:30 am – 4:00 pm
Historic Downtown / Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue
Free to attend



WINTER GARDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for this mega concert that conveniently takes place right in your hometown! Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, this annual, multi-stage event turns historic downtown into an open-air concert venue with 30+ musical performances throughout 11 hours. A vast variety of music genres are represented including pop, country, rock & roll, rhythm and blues, reggae, jazz, Latin, soul, top 40, and more!

The event includes a Kids' Zone with children's activities as well as onsite vendors for food, beer, and wine.

Bring a chair to enjoy the acts in comfort. No personal coolers and no outside alcoholic beverages are permitted. This is a rain or shine event. Stay tuned to cwgd.com and downtownwg.com for entertainment schedule.

Saturday, February 21 | 11:00 am – 10:00 pm
Historic Downtown | Free to attend



Weekly Events

FRIDAYS ON THE PLAZA

Kick-off your weekend with live music in scenic, historic downtown Winter Garden! Grab a nearby seat or swing and sing along as music fills the air. Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, Fridays on the Plaza is held weekly year-round and features a variety of genres. Entertainment schedule is available at cwgd.com/318/Special-Events.

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



WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET

More than 100 vendors provide a variety of fresh produce, baked goods, gourmet provisions, artisan crafts, and more at this weekly community hub. The live music and family-friendly atmosphere make this award-winning market a fun weekend outing for all (including the four-legged).

Upcoming FREE special events at the Farmers Market:

- **Halloween at the Market** | October 25
- **Health & Harvest Festival** | November 8
- **Thanksgiving at the Market** | November 22
- **Jolly Fellow Visits the Market** | December 13 & December 20
- **Valentine's Day at the Market** | February 14

Every Saturday Year-Round / Market | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Special Event Activities (select dates) | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue
Free Admission

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. In addition, select produce vendors accept Fresh Access Bucks.

Nutrition, Health & Wellness

All programs are held at 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 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
Age | 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 is required as space is limited.

Wednesdays | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Age | 16 years & older
\$4 City Resident / \$5 Nonresident, per 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
Age | 16 years & older
\$9 City Resident / \$10 Nonresident, per class
\$32 City Resident / \$36 Nonresident, per month

Enjoy
the basics of
gentle yoga!

JAZZERCISE

Jazzercise is the iconic dance fitness program that combines high-energy dance cardio with strength training, Pilates, hip-hop, yoga, and kickboxing, making it the most exhilarating and effective way to stay fit. As the original dance party workout, we've been unleashing people's best selves since 1969.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturdays | 8:30 – 9:30 am
Age | 16 years & older

\$15 City Resident / \$20 Nonresident, per class
\$70 City Resident / \$79 Nonresident, per month

TAI CHI & CHI KUNG

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.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am
Age | 16 years & older
\$60 City Resident / \$65 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
Age | 18 years & older
\$6 City Resident / \$7 Nonresident, per class

ZUMBA GOLD

Open to those 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.

Fridays | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Age | 16 years & older
\$4 City Resident / \$5 Nonresident, per class

ZUMBA TONING

Continue moving your hips and exercising in disguise! An exciting, 30/30 blended dance-fitness class that features the same exotic rhythms set to high energy international beats of a Zumba format with also the use of light weights!

Saturdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am
Age | 18 years & older
\$6 City Resident / \$7 Nonresident, per class

Recreation Programs

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

Advance reservations required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Registration may close early for all programs due to limited availability. Programs are tentative and subject to change. Please check cwgd.com for the most current information. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

BABYSITTING

This course is for students aged 10+ and will cover general babysitting rules, guidelines, and concepts. Students will learn how to properly change and dispose of diapers, serve age-appropriate foods, as well as develop an understanding of contact lists and emergency situations. Students will also be taught skills in First Aid, child safety, and health & wellness.

Course Date 1 | Wednesday, October 15

Course Date 2 | Wednesday, February 11

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Age | 10 years & older | \$89, per individual course date

BALLET BASICS FOR 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 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

Session 1 | September 3 – 24

Session 2 | October 1 – 22

Session 3 | October 29 – November 19

Session 4 | January 7 – 28

Session 5 | February 4 – 25

Age | 16 years & older

\$65 City Resident / \$70 Nonresident, per 4-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.

Wednesdays | 9:30 – 10:15 am

Session 1 | September 3 – 24

Session 2 | October 1 – 22

Session 3 | October 29 – November 19

Session 4 | January 7 – 28

Session 5 | February 4 – 25

Saturdays | 10:15 – 11:00 am

Session 1 | September 6 – 27

Session 2 | January 24 – February 14

Age | 2 – 4 years old

\$60 City Resident / \$65 Nonresident, per 4-week session

GENEALOGY – WORKSHOP

Are you curious about your family history? Bring your documents, questions, or just yourself. Join June Kelly to get help organizing and starting your family tree, learn tips with online tools, and share discoveries with fellow researchers. There will be time for hands-on work, one-on-one help, and sharing of ideas.

2nd and 4th Monday of each month

September 8 – February 23

5:30 – 7:00 pm | Free

INTRO TO AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

Learn how to use AI to make tasks easier or more creative; for example, organizing schedules, summarizing long documents, drafting emails or other writing, and doing research. Generate ideas for art, business, projects, and get personalized recommendations about your interests. This course will introduce the basics of AI applications such as Chat GPT, Microsoft CoPilot, and Google Gemini. You will also learn how to write effective prompts for work, education, or general inquiries.

Tuesdays | September 30, October 7, October 14, October 21, October 28, November 4, November 11, November 18, November 25, December 2

5:30 – 6:30 pm

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

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

Little Hall, 31 W. Garden Avenue

Free



VIDEO GAME CLUB

Gamers will meet and practice each week to train for a team tournament that will be held on the last class of each session. Upon joining the club, children 6 - 14 years old will build friendships while also learning and developing leadership, sportsmanship, and teamwork when engaged in video game play.

Session 1:

Mondays | *Rocket League Team* | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

September 8 – October 27 | 8-week session

Wednesdays | *Fortnite Team* | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

September 10 – October 29 | 8-week session

Session 2:

Mondays | *Rocket League Team* | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

November 3 – December 15 (no programming November 24)

6-week session

Wednesdays | *Fortnite Team* | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

November 5 – December 17

(no programming November 26) | 6-week session

Session 3:

Mondays | *Rocket League Team* | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

January 5 – March 2 (no programming January 19)

8-week session

Wednesdays | *Fortnite Team* | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

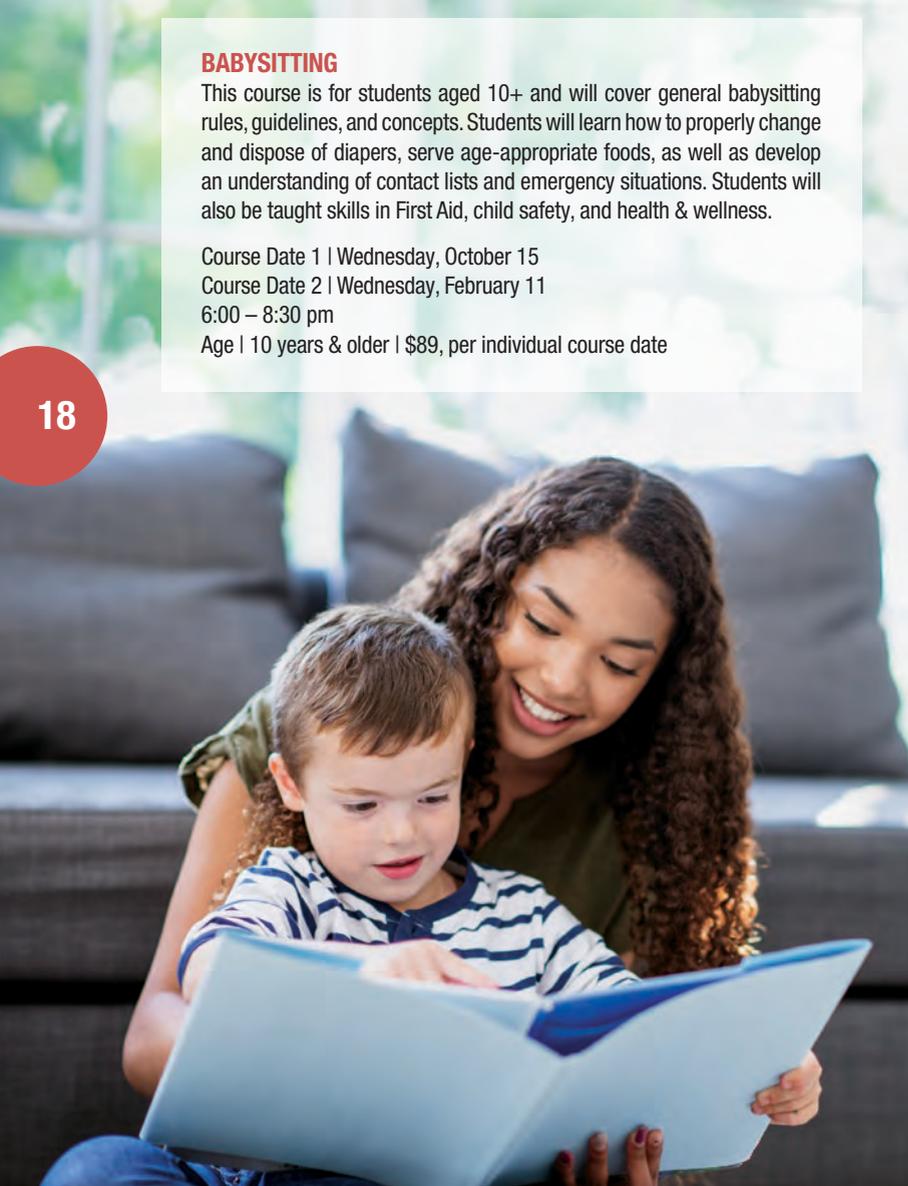
January 7 – February 25

8-week session

\$132 City Resident / \$150 Nonresident, 6-week session

\$176 City Resident / \$200 Nonresident, 8-week session

Optional Purchase | \$45 Esports Team Jersey



Athletic Programs

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

Advance reservations required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Registration may close early for all programs due to limited availability. Programs are tentative and subject to change. Please check cwgd.com for the most current information. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

ADULT RUNNING, CONDITIONING, & INJURY PREVENTION

Adults will have personalized training in a group environment to improve fitness, conditioning, and running. They will learn how to run more effectively, lose weight through running, and learn to prevent injuries. It will be a three-week conditioning course that builds skills each week to improve overall physical fitness.

Tuesdays | November 4 – 18 | 5:45 – 6:35 pm

Age | 19 years & older

\$75 City Resident / \$90 Nonresident, per 3-week course

AMAZING ATHLETES MULTI-SPORT PROGRAM

This fun, active multi-sport class empowers kids through the fundamentals of sports and physical fitness. Children will develop core skills in up to 10 different sports - including soccer, basketball, football, and volleyball - through age-appropriate lessons in a noncompetitive, educational environment. In addition to sports skills, our “Muscle Zoo” animal characters introduce kids to muscle groups and healthy foods, helping them understand how their bodies work and what fuels them to play their best. It’s a great way for young athletes to explore new activities, build confidence, and discover what they love! This program is an indoor program but may move outdoors if weather permits.

Session 1: Thursdays | September 4 – October 23

Session 2: Thursdays | November 6 – December 18
(no programming November 27)*

Session 3: Thursdays | January 8 – February 26

Tots | 18 months – 2.5 years old | 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Athletes | 3 – 5 years old | 6:10 – 6:50 pm

\$128 City Resident / \$140 Nonresident, per 8-week session

\$96 City Resident / \$105 Nonresident, per *6-week session

BEGINNER ARCHERY – YOUTH & ADULTS

This is a course for youth (age 7+) 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.

Wednesday, January 28 or/and Thursday, January 29

5:30 – 6:20 pm

Age | 7 years & older

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

\$50 City Resident / \$60 Nonresident, per 2-class session

KARATE ZOO – YOUTH

In Karate Zoo, we teach the fundamentals of martial arts to children in a high-energy progression-based program. Students learn & 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, 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, and emotional development while building confidence and teaching practical life lessons. Hi-yah!

Mondays | September 29 – November 17

Mondays | January 5 – March 2 (no programming January 19)

5:30 – 6:20 pm

Age | 3 – 6 years old

\$196 City Resident / \$206 Nonresident, per 8-week session

Optional purchase | \$30 Karate Zoo Jersey

KICKBALL – ADULT LEAGUE

The playground game we all remember from grade school 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.

Games at 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm, 8:45 pm | \$325 per team for season

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

POLAR BEAR LEAGUE

League begins Thursday, January 8

Registration:

November 12– December 3

SPRING LEAGUE

League begins Thursday, March 26

Registration:

January 28 – February 20

Registration may close early due to limited availability in each league.

PICKLEBALL 101

This course will introduce players to pickleball beginning with the very basics. The course will consist of three classes, each 1.5 hours in length. It will include instruction on rules, equipment, basic 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 necessary technical and tactical skills for open and/or doubles play.

Tuesdays | September 2 - 16

Saturdays | September 6 - 20

Tuesdays | September 30 – October 14

Saturdays | October 4 - 18

Tuesdays | November 4 - 18

Saturdays | November 8 – 22

Tuesdays | January 6 - 20

Saturdays | January 10 - 24

Tuesdays | February 3 - 17

Saturdays | January 31 – February 14

12:30 – 2:00 pm

\$100 City Resident / \$125 Nonresident, per 3-session course

Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue



PICKLEBALL 102

This course will build on the fundamentals that were learned in Pickleball 101 and will delve deeper into various shots, court positions, strategy, and rules to increase the skill level of the players. The course will consist of three classes, each 1.5 hours in length. It is designed for players who have been playing for less than a year or desire to elevate their game. These players are more 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 and/or doubles play.

Tuesdays | September 2 - 16

Saturdays | September 6 - 20

Tuesdays | September 30 – October 14

Saturdays | October 4 - 18

Tuesdays | November 4 - 18

Saturdays | November 8 – 22

Tuesdays | January 6 - 20

Saturdays | January 10 - 24

Tuesdays | February 3 - 17

Saturdays | January 31 – February 14

2:30 – 4:00 pm

\$100 City Resident / \$125 Nonresident, per 3-session course

Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

PICKLEBALL ADVANCEMENT

This course will focus on advancing your game by working on the strategy and theory of pickleball. It will provide in depth discussion and explanation during simulated games and specific scenarios. Each class will be 1.5 hours in length. The Pickleball Advancement course is designed to assist players who consistently play and are interested in elevating their game by providing a better understanding of the nuances of pickleball.

Thursdays | September 11, September 25, October 9, October 23,

November 6, November 20, January 8, January 22,

February 12, February 26

12:30 – 2:00 pm

\$30 City Resident / \$40 Nonresident, per class

Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL RUNNING CLUB

Participants will receive training that develops speed, stamina, and develop an understanding for fast-twitch and slow-twitch muscle fibers. The four-week program will conclude with a Versatility Contest that will test abilities in the 100 meter and one-mile events. A male and female Versatility Champion will be determined for ages 11-14 and ages 15-18.

Session 1: Tuesdays | September 30 – October 21

Session 2: Tuesdays | February 10 – March 3

Age | 11 – 18 years old

6:00 – 6:50 pm

\$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident, per session

RUNNING AND CONDITIONING PROGRAM – YOUTH

The four-week course builds the following skills: proper breathing, gait analysis, injury prevention strategies, running mechanics, and development of speed and endurance. Runners will become faster and feel more comfortable and efficient with running. This course has shown to have 2-16% rate of improvement from Day 1 thru Day 4 in running speed and efficiency.

September 2 – 23 | Tuesdays | 6:00 – 6:50 pm

Age | 5 – 14 years old

\$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident

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, noncompetitive, and educational environment. Through our age-specific curriculum, we use soccer to nurture and build self-confidence and teamwork. Each session lasts eight weeks. This activity is an outdoor activity but may move indoors in the event of inclement weather.

Session 1:

Saturdays | September 13 – November 22 (no programming November 8)

Tuesdays | September 16 – November 18

Session 2:

Saturdays | January 17 – March 28 (no programming February 21)

Tuesdays | January 20 – March 24

Parent & Me | 12 months – 2 years old | Saturdays 9:00 – 9:40 am

2– 3 years old | Tuesdays 5:00 – 5:40 pm, Saturdays 9:50 – 10:30 am

3– 4 years old | Tuesdays 5:50 – 6:30 pm, Saturdays 10:40 – 11:20 am

\$175 City Resident / \$185 Nonresident, per 10-week session

Optional purchase | \$30 Super Soccer Stars Jersey

USSSA SOFTBALL – ADULT LEAGUE

Hit, run, and slide with the adult USSSA softball leagues. 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 leagues varies each season.

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

POLAR BEAR LEAGUE

League begins January 5

Returning Teams Registration* | November 12 – December 3

New Team Registration | November 19 – December 3

Fee | \$400 per team for season

SPRING LEAGUE

League begins March 23

Returning Teams Registration* | January 28 – February 20

New Team Registration | February 4 – February 20

Fee | \$500 per team for season

**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.

Session 1 | September 15 – October 24

Session 2 | November 3 – December 19

(no programming week of November 24)

Session 3 | January 26 – March 6

Age | 5 years & older

Lesson time and fees vary, visit cwgd.com/Parks & Recreation/Athletics

Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Road

SOCCER – YOUTH SPRING 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 and socks.

City Resident Registration | December 3 – January 2

Nonresident Registration | December 17 – January 2

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

Important Dates:

U8 & U10 Skills Evaluation | January 10

Practices | begin the week of January 26

Games | start Saturday, February 7

Age | 4 – 13 years old (age as of September 1, 2025)

\$115 City Resident / \$145 Nonresident

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

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

Preschool Holiday Programs

FREE
Kids
Programs!

All preschool holiday programs are free! Programs are for children ages 3 to 5. Bring a friend or a group.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Friday, October 17

Enjoy fall carnival games while dressed in your spookiest costume. Finish the morning off with holiday-themed crafts and trick or treating!

**COCOA & COOKIES WITH SANTA**

Friday, December 19

Come enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, holiday-themed crafts, and a meet and greet with Santa Claus.

**LITTLE CUPID'S CARNIVAL**

Friday, February 13

Join us for arts & crafts, fun games, face painting, and fun holiday-themed activities!

Youth Camps

Spend school holiday break with friends, camp counselors, and the Winter Garden Parks & Recreation staff for a fun time. Activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, and much more! A qualified, well-trained staff will provide a safe and outstanding camp experience for your child. Camp is open to children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day.

Advance registration required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407.656.4155. Camp dates are subject to change. Please check cwgd.com for updates.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Grades | Kindergarten through 8th grade

\$26 City Resident / \$34 Nonresident, per day

Jessie Brock Community Center,

310 N. Dillard Street

FALL CAMPS

Student Holiday | October 13

Thanksgiving Break | November 24 - 26

WINTER CAMPS

Winter Break | December 22, 23, 24, 26,

29, 30, 31 and January 2, 5

President's Day | February 16



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 or by phone 407.671.1886 (first-time students are eligible for a Winter Garden resident discount when calling.) With instructor approval and a signed parent waiver, self-motivated young adults (ages 16-17) are welcome to enroll.

FALL/WINTER 2025-26 CLASS SCHEDULE

Fall II Classes: October 20 – December 13, 2025 * Winter Classes: January 12 – March 8, 2026

YOUTH CLASSES

PINT-SIZE PICASSOS (AGES 4 - 8)

WG/YAP101

Instructor: *Mike Goodge*

Fall II & Winter I Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | 6 weeks

\$135 Member/WG Resident | \$155 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 (AGES 8 - 12)

WG/YAP202

Instructor: *Mike Goodge*

Fall II & Winter I Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:30 am | 6 weeks

\$155 Member/WG Resident | \$175 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: *Victoria Camera*

Fall II | Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm | 6 weeks

\$155 Member/WG Resident | \$175 Nonmember

Celebrate the wonders of the seasons! Use hand building techniques to create nature inspired pottery and whimsical art. Embellish with glaze and fire for charming, treasured keepsakes. Note: Wheel throwing will not be included in this class.

WHEEL THROWING AND MORE! (AGES 11 -16)

WG/YAP208

Instructor: *Victoria Camera*

Winter I Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm | 6 Weeks

\$155 Member/WG Resident | \$175 Nonmember

Experience the magic of the potter's wheel as you create clay forms then combine and embellish them with hand building to create decorative sculptures or functional ware. Pottery, it's more than a pretty vase!

BRUSH AND PEN FOR TEENS (AGES 11 -16)

WG/YAP303

Instructor: *Mike Goodge*

Fall II & Winter I Wednesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm | 6 Weeks

\$185 Member/WG Resident | \$205 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: *Victoria Camera*

Fall II & Winter I Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30 pm | 8 weeks

Fall II & Winter I Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$260 Member/WG Resident | \$280 Nonmember

Learn basics or increase current skill. Explore form and surface decoration, as you create pottery vessels to gather, store, and present. Join a class of all levels-from first time clay-makers to established creators. All levels of hand builders and throwers are welcome!

DRAWING I

WG/PD103

Skill Level: Beginner

Instructor: *Prayong Deeying*

Fall II & Winter I Mondays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$260 Member/WG Resident | \$280 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*

Fall II & Winter I Mondays, 3:00 – 5:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$260 Member/WG Resident | \$280 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*

Fall II & Winter I Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$260 Member/WG Resident | \$280 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. Demos and discussions will emphasize the importance of composition, shapes, edges, brushwork, and ways to manipulate the value and intensity of color.

INTRO TO DRAWING AND PAINTING

WG/PD102

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Instructor: *Cathy Hempel*

Fall II & Winter I Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 8 weeks

\$270 Member/WG Resident | \$290 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.

Active 50 + Programs

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

Must be 50 years of age or older to participate. Enroll at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Questions, call 407.656.4155. Programs are tentative and subject to change. Please check cwgd.com for the most current information.

ADVENTURES IN CRAFTDOM

Do you like to craft? Want to make new friends that also like crafting? Join the instructor on the second Tuesday each month and let your creativity run wild as you create a different project each month. A sample of the project is available in the office at the Jessie Brock Community Center to view the month prior to the class. All the tools and supplies are 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
\$15 fee to be paid day of each class

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Friday, October 3 & Friday, February 6
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 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Free

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 doesn't actually involve any drums! It will raise your heart rate, help you burn hundreds of calories, improve your coordination and ability to focus, and help strengthen many muscle groups, including your core. Advance registration is required as space is limited.

Mondays | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$4 City Resident / \$5 Nonresident, per class

CARD-OLGY

In this make and take card-making class, you will create 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 that 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
\$10 for two cards (fee to be paid day of each class)

CHAIR BEACH BALL VOLLEYBALL

Come and join the fun with Indoor Chair Volleyball! Using a beach ball, it is an activity that includes physical activity, social interaction, competition, and most of all, lots of laughs!

Wednesdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am | Free

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

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

CRAFT AFFAIR

Calling all 50+ creative friends to showcase your talents at our annual arts & crafts event. If you are 50+ and interested in being a craft vendor at this event, call 407.656.4155. All ages are invited to shop the fair for unique hand-crafted items.

Saturday, November 8 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Free to attend

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 non-alcoholic beverage.

Wednesdays | 1:30 – 4:30 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 knowledge, a new idea, and/or a new thought. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

Last Tuesday of each month | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Free

September 30 | *Social Services Offered through the Orange County Library System* by Ethan Watford, Orange County Library System.

October 28 | *Understanding A.I. in 2025 and How to Spot It* by Ethan Watford, Orange County Library System.

November 25 | *Making a Small Gift Box from a Greeting Card* by Clarence Milam. Supplies needed: regular size greeting card, ruler, scissors, glue, pencil/pen.

December 30 | *Useful Apps for Seniors Using either iPhone or Android* by Ethan Watford, Orange County Library System

January 27 | *Pollinator Pots* (without hands-on component) by Dr. Becki Lynch, Bloom & Grow Garden Society

February 24 | *Herb Pots* (with hands-on component) by Dr. Becki Lynch, Bloom & Grow Garden Society

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 also welcome to attend.

First & Third Monday of each month | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | 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

LUNCH AND LEARN— HEALTH CENTRAL PARK, WINTER GARDEN

Orlando Health – Health Central Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is committed to delivering professional, compassionate care that enhances the quality of life for its residents. The facility features a beautifully landscaped courtyard, inviting gazebos, and outdoor grilling areas— perfect for meaningful visits with family and friends. Recognized as a leader in long-term care and rehabilitation, the center invites you to enjoy lunch, hear about its recent renovations, and take a guided tour of the newly remodeled facility.

Please note: *Transportation is not provided for this activity. The center is conveniently located at 411 N. Dillard St., Winter Garden, FL 34787 - just one block from the Jessie Brock Community Center.*

Friday, January 16 | 11:30 am | Free

A MATTER OF BALANCE

This four-week class is a nationally recognized program that emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Empowering the participant to view falls as controllable, the class will teach exercises specifically designed to help prevent falls, as well as the small changes one can make which will increase confidence in the future. Space is limited; advance registration required.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | October 7 - 30 | 1:30 – 3:30 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
(except for November 21 and December 19)
\$8 City Resident / \$10 Nonresident



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 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | \$10 per year (paid at court)
(Starts again on Wednesday, October 1)
Trailer City, 21 E. Crest Avenue

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

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. If you would like to be on a team, please call 407.656.4155.

Session 1 | September 8 – November 14 (10 weeks)
Session 2 | January 5 – February 27 (8 weeks)
Startup meeting | September 5 and January 2 at 1:30 pm
\$1 per person, per week (due first week of bowling)

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.

Fourth Monday of each month | 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Free

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

Active 50+ Day Trips

Transportation is included in fee for all Day Trips listed. Transportation in accordance with ADA regulation is available upon request. To provide ADA accommodations, please have your request ready upon registration, 10 business days prior to scheduled trip date.

Trips and fees are subject to change dependent upon venue and number of participants. Please check [cwgdn.com](https://enroll.wgplay.com) for the most current information.

Register online at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. All registrations are final one full week prior to the trip. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

LUKAS NURSERY BUTTERFLY ENCOUNTER – OVIEDO, FL

Step into a year-round butterfly and bird conservatory for a truly unique experience! Stroll among vibrant “flying flowers,” listen to the cheerful songs of exotic finches, and spot charming Chinese button quail. You’ll even have the opportunity to feed butterflies right from your fingertips! Fee includes transportation and admission. Lunch is Dutch treat.

Tuesday, September 16 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
\$24 City Resident / \$28 Nonresident

SUNCOAST BROADWAY DINNER THEATRE | GREASE – HUDSON, FL

The world’s best-loved musical is back! The original rock ‘n roll musical, *GREASE*, is packed with explosive energy and a vibrant 1950s pop culture, featuring all the unforgettable songs from the hit movie including “You’re the One That I Want,” “Summer Nights,” “Hopelessly Devoted to You,” “Sandy,” “Greased Lightnin’,” and many more. Grease is the ultimate feel-good experience that’s perfect for all ages and sure to bring you to your feet! Don’t miss your chance to join the fun and see why this timeless classic has been winning hearts for decades. Fee includes transportation, admission, and a buffet lunch with dessert and soft drinks.

Thursday, October 23 | 9:15 am – 7:30 pm
\$84 City Resident / \$88 Nonresident

HOMOSASSA SPRINGS STATE PARK – HOMOSASSA, FL

When Homosassa Springs was a popular train stop in the early 1900s, passengers could picnic and take a dip in the spring while train cars were being loaded up with cedar, crabs, fish, and spring water. A unique underwater structure, the Underwater Observatory, allows visitors to “walk underwater” beneath the spring’s surface to watch the various fish and manatees swim about. The park also features a variety of captive animals such as alligators, black bears, red wolf, Key deer, flamingos, whooping cranes and the oldest hippopotamus in captivity. You will take a boat along Pepper Creek, weather permitting, where the captain of the boat will identify native wildlife along the way. Dutch treat lunch. Fee includes transportation, admission, and boat ride.

Tuesday, November 18 | 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
\$29 Resident / \$33 Nonresident

WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER WINTER WONDERLAND – OCALA, FL

With over one million twinkling lights and show-stopping decorations, it’s the best time of the year at the World Equestrian Center. The Winter Wonderland promises to bring merriment and cheer to all this holiday season. Dutch treat early dinner. Fee includes transportation and admission.

Tuesday, December 16 | 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm
\$18 City Resident / \$21 Nonresident

ASIAN LANTERN – SANFORD ZOO, FL

The Asian Lantern Festival: Into the Wild is the only event in Central Florida celebrating the culture, art, and beauty of traditional lantern festivals celebrated throughout Asia for centuries. The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens has been transformed into a dazzling evening experience featuring more than 50 larger-than-life displays of illuminated sculptures, on a ¾ mile path, depicting animals, plants, and traditional Chinese elements. Dutch treat early dinner. Fee includes transportation and admission.

Thursday, January 8 | 2:30 – 9:30 pm
\$40 City Resident / \$44 Nonresident

CLYDESDALE HORSE TOUR – DUNNELLON, FL

Enjoy a guided tour of Grandview Clydesdales, one of the most award-winning Clydesdale farms in the world. Get up close and personal with this iconic and majestic breed as you explore the day-to-day operations of the farm. From training to care routines, every aspect of their world-class program will be covered. Lunch is Dutch treat. Fee includes transportation and admission.

Tuesday, February 17 | 7:45 am – 5:00 pm
\$60 City Resident / \$64 Nonresident



SOBO Art Gallery & Studio

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

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.

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Visit the SOBO Art Gallery to see the following lineup of exhibits. Admission is always free.

Landscapes, Real or Imagined

Explore breathtaking vistas and imaginative realms as artists showcase landscapes that inspire and captivate. Sponsored by Bob and Dianna Duffy.

Now – September 28

The Young Creatives Showcase

Celebrate youthful creativity with a delightful showcase of art by talented young artists from The Young Creatives Group. Sponsored by AntonRx.

October 2– November 1

Opening Reception | October 2, 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Public Invited

Home for the Holidays

Embrace the joy and nostalgia of the holiday season through art that evokes the warmth of home and cherished traditions. Sponsored by Florida Paints.

November 6 – January 3

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

Canvas of Dreams

Dive into the realm of imagination where dreams and creativity converge on the canvas in awe-inspiring ways.

January 8 – February 28

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

CALL TO ARTISTS

Themes and submissions: wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists

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 for featured exhibitions. Submissions are accepted online between the FIRST and the EIGHTH of the month prior to an exhibition.

WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

Registration and details, visit wgart.org/adults.

Technique Tuesdays at Two:

Schedule and details: wgart.org/Tuesdays
A different instructor and technique are featured every week.

Tuesdays | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | Open to All

Free to Members & First-Time Visitors

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

Registration and details, visit wgart.org/kids.

Wednesday Art Clubs

Materials, focus, and projects change weekly.

Grades | 2nd grade - Middle School

4:00 – 5:00 pm

\$60 per 4-week session (includes all materials)

Home School Art Classes

We offer Standards Based Art classes for small groups of home school students led by Lenore Eastham, Certified Art Educator. Subject to room and staff availability.

\$15 per child, per 55-minute session

Minimum 8 Students



Small Group Custom Classes

We offer custom classes on your schedule (including weekends) for groups of any age artists.

\$15 per child, per 55-minute session

Minimum 8 Students | Limited Availability

FAMILY & FRIENDS EVENTS

Registration & details: wgart.org/kids

Pinwheels For Peace

All ages welcome to design a pinwheel and include a message of peace on its stake and plant it on the SOBO Art Gallery lawn for display in celebration of International Peace Day. All materials provided complimentary. Please allow 40 minutes to complete.

Saturday, September 20

9:00 am – 1:00 pm | Free

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Create A Haunted House

Work together to turn a prepared cereal box on a base into an awesome "Haunted House." You will be amazed by your finished creation! All materials and step-by-step guidance are provided. This popular family event fills up quickly!

Saturday, October 25 | 2:00 – 3:30 pm

\$38 per house for 1 adult with 1 child

\$6 for each additional artist working on same house

Create A Gingerbread House

Create a Gingerbread House together – a perfect decoration for the holiday! SOBO provides one preassembled base, house, and EVERYTHING you could want to design your masterpiece! Step-by-step guidance is provided. Always a sold-out event - reserve your spot quickly.

Saturday, December 13 | 3:00 – 4:30 pm

\$52 per house for 1 adult with 1 child

\$6 each for additional artists working on the same house



Visit
wgart.org for
upcoming special
events and
schedules.

BECOME A MEMBER, DONATE, AND/OR VOLUNTEER

wgart.org/join

Members of the Winter Garden Art Association receive discounts on classes and programs as well as additional benefits. Annual individual membership is \$45, and a family membership is \$65.

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.



WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

21 E. PLANT STREET | 407.656.3244 | WGHF.ORG

For over 30 years, the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation has preserved and documented the heritage and architectural legacy of West Orange County. We present our history and further our mission at three sites in the heart of downtown Winter Garden: the Winter Garden Heritage Museum, at 1 N. Main Street, the Central Florida Railroad Museum at 101 S. Boyd Street, and the Healthy West Orange Heritage and Cultural Center at 2 E. Plant Street.

WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE MUSEUM

1 N. Main Street | Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission

EXHIBITIONS

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

Now – September 30

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 sponsors: Giant Recreation World and Stage Coach Campground.

Champions of West Orange County: A Legacy of Athletic Excellence

October 1 – January 31

This dynamic showcase celebrates the remarkable athletes who have emerged from our community, highlighting their incredible achievements across various sports—from baseball and basketball to soccer and swimming. This exhibit invites sports enthusiasts of all ages to connect with the spirit of competition, resilience, and community pride.



^ Chattanooga Lookouts, farm team for the Washington Senators, c. 1952

Among the Lakes: Discovering the Lakes of West Orange County Past, Present, and Future

Opening January 2026

Discover the rich history and vibrant ecosystems of West Orange County's lakes. This two-year exhibit showcases the importance of sustainability and conservation efforts in protecting our precious water resources, keeping them clean and protecting wildlife. It will also educate visitors on the vast history of these lakes and how it forever shaped West Orange County. Join us in celebrating the beauty and significance of our lakes as we work together to ensure their legacy for future generations.

Music, Music, Music! The Rhythm of Us

February 3 – April 30

This immersive experience invites you to explore the rich musical heritage of West Orange County. From nostalgic melodies that echo our past to the innovative rhythms of the present and future, this exhibit celebrates the universal language of music that unites us all.



< The Tildenville Elementary School Orchestra, c.1955

HEALTHY WEST ORANGE HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER

Heller Hall, 21 E. Plant Street

Tuesday – Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Free Admission

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit WGHF.ORG for the latest information for upcoming events.

We are excited to announce a series of upcoming community events that promise to bring our residents together in celebration and camaraderie! From interactive workshops to cultural showcases, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



WINTER GARDEN HISTORY HUNT

Embark on the Winter Garden History Hunt and uncover 12 hidden treasure boxes scattered throughout the Downtown Historic District. Explorers successfully completing the challenge earn a prize! To start, purchase the History Hunt Map (\$2.00 each) at Healthy West Orange Heritage and Cultural Center.

Events are subject to change. Please stay tuned to wghf.org for the latest information.



CENTRAL FLORIDA RAILROAD MUSEUM

101 S. BOYD STREET | 407.656.0559 | CFRHS.ORG

TUESDAY – FRIDAY, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM | SATURDAY, 10:00 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.

EXHIBITION

RAILROAD DEPOTS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

October 7 – March 7

Railroads arrived in Orange County in 1880, and their steel rails quickly spread throughout the region. Goods and passengers arrived and departed at dozens of Central Florida depots, allowing for convenient connections to and from points north and south. This photo exhibition features depots long departed and some that remain in use today.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARCHIVE DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Items from the museum library and archives are on display and tours of the library are available.

Saturday, October 18 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission

FRIGHTFULLY FUN LEGO NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

A preview, ticketed event to see the custom-built Lego train layout which also includes treats, a photo booth, coloring table, Lego block fun table, artifact hunt, music, and decorations throughout the museum. Under 18 must have an adult with the group.

Friday, October 24 | 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Tickets | \$5 per person (purchase at cfrhs.org/events)

LEGO DAY AT THE MUSEUM

See the custom Lego train layout, courtesy of the Greater Florida Lego Users Group. The layout will feature both Halloween- and holiday-themed sections along with mini-Lego displays. (Event takes place during Downtown Winter Garden Halloween Experience.)

Saturday, October 25 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (extended museum hours) | Free Admission

55-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join us for refreshments, including cake and ice cream, following a brief meeting as we celebrate this milestone.

Monday, November 10 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Free Admission

Public & Members Invited

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

This one mile, 90-minute walking tour takes guests through downtown Winter Garden sharing history and tales from its railroad past. Printed guides provided to guests. Meet at the Museum at 8:30 am.

Saturday, December 13 | 8:30 – 9:45 am

Free Admission (limited space, register at cfrhs.org)

PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY HISTORY SERIES

These one-hour presentations feature the history of local railroads, the communities they served, plus topics of regional interest. Visit cfrhs.org/events for upcoming speakers, details, and to purchase tickets when applicable.

Saturday, September 20 | 1:30 – 3:00 pm

The Greatest Railroad Story Ever Told: Henry Flagler and the Florida East Coast Railway's Key West Extension presented by Seth Bramson, renowned railroad author and historian

Tickets | \$8 per person (purchase at cfrhs.org/events)

Saturday, December 13 | 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Topic & Guest Speaker TBA

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Visitors are welcome to attend the Central Florida Railway Historical Society monthly meetings. Each meeting features a railroad-related presentation following a brief business meeting.

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

Visit CFRHS.ORG for event details and list of upcoming events and presentations.

DOWNTOWN MUSEUMS



**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES
GALLERY AT 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 Arts in Public Places Gallery to display various art mediums. Presented by the City of Winter Garden, the exhibits feature original artwork of paintings, photography, and ceramics that highlight the places and people of Winter Garden and West Orange County.

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 Winter Garden 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.



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 (September 2025 – January 2026).

EXHIBITIONS

World War II and West Orange County

September 2 – October 31

This exhibition pays tribute to the men and women of West Orange County who fought thousands of miles away from American Shores in the 1940s. Curated by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, learn how Winter Garden and West Orange County contributed to the war effort by supplying military personnel and nutritious citrus products.

Creative Spirit of Winter Garden

January 6 – February 27

Discover the vibrant artistry flourishing within our community on display. Curated by the Winter Garden Art Association, the exhibit features work by local artists who live and create in Winter Garden, offering a unique opportunity to explore their stories, inspirations, and creative processes. From vivid landscapes to expressive abstracts, each piece reflects the rich cultural fabric and imaginative energy of our city. Come celebrate the artists who shape the creative spirit of Winter Garden.

Orlando Urban Sketchers

November 3 – January 5

Curated by the Winter Garden Art Association, this unique exhibit showcases the work of the Orlando Urban Sketchers, a group of artists dedicated to capturing the world around them, one sketch at a time. Featuring scenes from everyday life in and around Central Florida, these works highlight the beauty of urban environments through ink, watercolor, and pencil. Stop by City Hall to experience this unique visual journal of our community.



Artist: Rudy Drapiza

Labor Day: (Monday, September 1):

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services on Monday, September 1 (trash, yard waste, bulk items). Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

Thanksgiving Day (November 27) and Friday after Thanksgiving (November 28):

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28.
- On Thursday, November 27, there will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services (trash, yard waste, bulk items). Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.
- On Friday, November 28, there will be Regular Solid Waste Collection Services.

Christmas (Thursday, December 25):

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services on Thursday, December 25 (trash, yard waste, bulk items). Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

New Year's Day (Thursday, January 1):

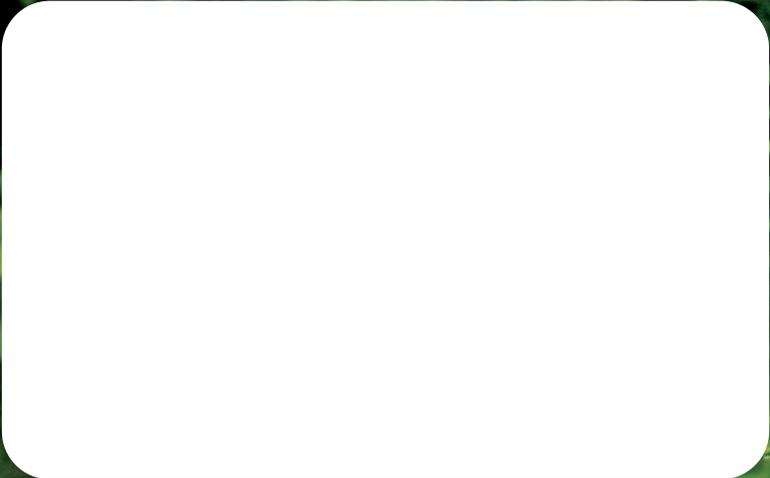
- All City Government Offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1.
- There will be NO Solid Waste Collection Services on Thursday, January 1 (trash, yard waste, bulk items). Services will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, January 19):

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19.
- There will be Regular Solid Waste Collection Services on Monday, January 19.

REMINDER ABOUT FIREWORKS USAGE: Recreational use of fireworks is legal only on **New Year's Day (January 1), Independence Day (July 4), and New Year's Eve (December 31)**, per Florida Statute 791.08.

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