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Updated Downtown Winter Garden Visitors Map

Free Pocket Guide Available for Pickup

An updated *City of Winter Garden, FL, Historic Downtown Visitors Map* was recently published with the latest dining and shopping options, and even residents may be surprised by the selections right in their backyard. The colorful, pocket-size reference guide unfolds to a ledger-size map of the historic district displaying business locations and public parking options. It also includes a directory of downtown restaurants, retail stores, attractions, parks, and more, as well as city-wide recreation amenities.

Complimentary maps are available for pickup during operating hours at Winter Garden City Hall (300 W. Plant St.), Central Florida Railroad Museum (101 S. Boyd St.), Healthy West Orange Heritage and Cultural Center (21 E. Plant St.), and SOBO Art Gallery (127 S. Boyd St.).



ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT FLOW TESTING

September 28 – December 31

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department will begin the annual fire hydrant flow testing and water line flushing on September 28. This process will continue through 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 and identifies any needed repairs. It also 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. 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. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

If you experience continued loss of pressure or water discoloration, please contact the Public Services Department at 407.656.2256.

Mobile Citizen App Can Be Used for Hurricane-Related Requests

Download the App Today

Hurricane season peaks this month, and the Mobile Citizen App can be a vital tool to help you communicate with the City for non-emergency hurricane-related requests. For example, if you see a fallen tree blocking a roadway, street flooding, traffic signal outages, street signs down, etc., you can select the "Hurricane/Storm Disaster Event" service option on the app to route your concern properly. In a few clicks, your service request can be submitted. (For all emergencies, dial 9-1-1.)

The app is also a convenient tool to use year-round to address the service needs in your neighborhood and community such as to report a missed trash pickup, cracked sidewalk, a pothole, a damaged street sign, etc.

Scan the QR code to download the free Mobile Citizen App.



Labor Day Office Closure & NO Solid Waste Collection Services (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.

FREE Citizens CPR Class – *September 20*

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.



Space is limited to 12 participants. Preregistration is required at <https://enroll.wgplay.com> and click on “Recreation Classes.”

Saturday | September 20 | 9:30 – 11:00 am or 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
(select one session)

Fire Department Headquarters Training Room, 1 E. Cypress Street | Free

SAVE THE DATE

NEXT MONTH'S DOWNTOWN EVENTS:

**National
Night Out:**
October 7



**Halloween
Experience:**
October 23 –
November 1

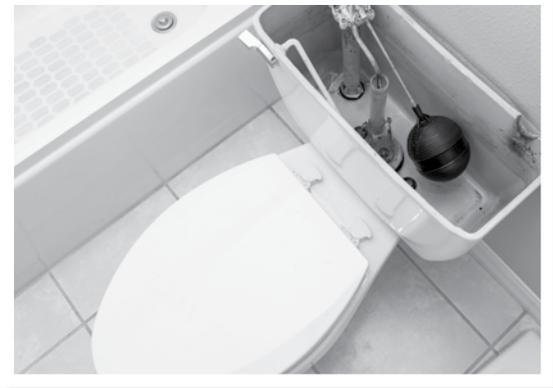


A LEAKY TOILET WASTES WATER AND MONEY *Free Leak Detection Tablets*

A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water per day. That equates to 6,000 gallons a month for just one leaking toilet. A leaky toilet not only wastes water, a valuable natural resource, but it is also like pouring money down the drain as the wasted water will increase your water bill. Other financial expenses can also occur as water leaks can damage flooring and walls and can potentially cause mold growth, all requiring expensive repairs.

Some leaks show up as a small trickle running from the rim to the toilet bowl. However, many toilet leaks are silent and can go undetected for a long time. The good news is that a simple, at-home test using a toilet leak detection dye tablet can identify leaks. To use, place the tablet in the tank of the toilet, then wait a few minutes. If there is a leak, color will appear in the toilet bowl.

To help you become a leak detective, free toilet leak detection tablets are available at Winter Garden City Hall reception desk from now through October 31, while supplies last (300 W. Plant St., M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm). For more information, call 407.877.5193.



WORLD WAR II AND WEST ORANGE COUNTY EXHIBIT OPENS AT CITY HALL

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.

September 2 – October 31 | Art in Public Places Gallery at City Hall | 300 W. Plant Street | Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm | Free

FALL INTO FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba, Art Classes, Pickleball, Tennis, Softball, Kickball, Video Game Club, Super Soccer Stars, Amazing Athletes Preschool Activities, Cardio Drumming, Babysitting, 50+ Activities and Trips, and more! For details about programs, classes, athletic leagues, and more, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at [cwgd.com](https://enroll.wgplay.com) or call 407.656.4155. Register at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>.

Unless noted otherwise, all programs listed are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street.

AMAZING ATHLETES SPORTS DISCOVERY

Together, we will explore basketball with concentrated play & practice, followed by an end-of-season game. Your Amazing Athlete will have the opportunity to develop skills with practice, apply what they have learned with confidence, have fun with gameplay, and discover sports they love! This is an indoor program but may move outdoors if weather permits.

Age | 2 – 4 years old | Basketball | September 4 – 25
Thursdays | 6:00 – 6:50 pm
\$69 City Resident / \$75 Nonresident, per 4-week session

BALLET BASICS

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

Age | 16 years & older
Wednesdays | 10:30 – 11:30 am
September 3 – 24
\$65 City Resident / \$70 Nonresident

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

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

Age | 2 – 4 years old
Wednesdays | 9:30 – 10:15 am | September 3 – 24
Saturdays | 10:15 – 11:00 am | September 6 – September 27
\$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 be will time for hands-on work, one-on-one help, and sharing of ideas.

2nd and 4th Monday 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.

Tuesday | September 30

5:30 – 6:30 pm
\$25 City Resident / \$30 Nonresident

RUNNING AND CONDITIONING PROGRAM - YOUTH

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.

Age | 5 – 14 years old
Tuesdays | 6:00 – 6:50 pm | September 2 – 23
\$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident

SUPER SOCCER STARS

This soccer development program teaches soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, and educational environment. Through our age-specific curriculum, we use soccer to nurture and build self-confidence and teamwork. This is an outdoor activity but may move indoors in the event of inclement weather.

Saturdays | September 13 – November 22
(no programming November 8)
Tuesdays | September 16 – November 18
Parent & Me | 12 months – 2 years old
Weekends 9:00 – 9:35 am
Age | 2 – 3 years old | Weekdays 5:00 – 5:40 pm
Weekends 9:50 – 10:30 am
Age | 3 – 4 years old | Weekdays 5:50 – 6:30 pm
Weekends 10:40 – 11:20 am
\$175 City Resident / \$185 Nonresident, per 10-week session
Optional purchase at start of program | \$30 Super Soccer Stars Jersey

TENNIS LESSONS

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

Age | 5 years and older
Session 1 | September 15 – October 24
Lesson time and fees vary, visit [cwgd.com/Parks & Recreation/Athletics](https://cwgd.com/Parks&Recreation/Athletics)
Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Road

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.

Age | 6 - 14 years old
Mondays | Rocket League Team
5:30 – 6:30 pm | September 8 – October 27
Wednesdays | Fortnite Team

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5:30 – 6:30 pm | September 10 – October 29
\$176 City Resident / \$200 Nonresident,
per 8-week session
Optional Purchase | \$45 Esports Team Jersey

ACTIVE 50+

I WANT TO KNOW

Informative presentation provides new insights and/or deepens knowledge. Register at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

“Social Services Offered through the Orange County Public Library System” by Ethan Watford, Orange County Library System
Tuesday, September 30 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm | Free

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 even can feed butterflies right from your fingertips! Lunch is Dutch treat.

Tuesday, September 16 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
\$24 City Resident / \$28 Nonresident
(includes transportation and admission)



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Central Florida Railroad Museum

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

EXHIBITION

MAGIC ON THE RAILS: THE TRAINS OF WALT DISNEY WORLD

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

Now – October 4 | Free Admission

SATURDAY HISTORY SERIES PRESENTATION

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.



Saturday, September 20 | 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Tickets | \$8 per person (purchase at cfrhs.org/events)



EXHIBITION

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

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 Stop Campground.

Now – September 30 | Free Admission

PRESENTATION

Wheels of Innovation: The Agricultural Impact of Hoyle Pounds and the Pounds Motor Company in the Citrus Industry

Join us for a compelling guest speaker event featuring museum curator and historian, Will McCoy, as he explores the groundbreaking contributions of Hoyle Pounds and the Pounds Motor Company to Florida's citrus industry.

Friday, September 19 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Heller Hall, 21 E. Plant Street | Free Admission

Winter Garden Heritage Museum

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



Cub Scouts march in a parade down Plant Street, c.1955



Pound Motor Company, 1935



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

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

Now – September 28 | Free Admission

CALL TO ARTISTS

wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists

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

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Details and registration, wgart.org/adults.

Yin Yoga with Olga

Relax, restore, and unwind in a peaceful candlelight setting. Candlelight Yin Yoga combines the beauty of art with the healing power of yoga.

Mondays | 10:30 am | \$15 per class | Paid in Person

Technique Tuesday at Two

Sponsored by Duke Energy

A different instructor and technique are featured every week. Pick up new tips and techniques while enjoying the Open Artist Studio Space. Free for members, first-time visitors, and guests of members.

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

Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model is available to draw every session.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm | 18 years and older only
\$10 member / \$15 nonmember (collected at sign in)

ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration, wgart.org/kids.

Wednesday Art Clubs

Explore the world of arts and crafts with a Certified Art Educator!

4:00 – 5:00 pm

\$15 each session, includes all materials

Attention Home Schoolers

SOBO is excited to offer Standards Based Art classes for small groups of Home School students led by Lenore Eastham, Certified Art Educator.

\$15 per child, per 55-minute session (minimum 8 children)
Subject to room and staff availability