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MARCH 2026

Farm Day at the Market – March 7



Free Petting Zoo

The farm comes to the Farmers Market on March 7! Stop by to visit up close with a variety of farm animals and learn about their roles on the farm.

Saturday, March 7

Petting Zoo: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Free)

Market: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue

Celtic Angels Ireland with Celtic Knight Dancers & The Trinity Band Ensemble – March 12



Get swept away in the enchanting harmonies of the Celtic Angels in this gloriously evocative journey through the History of the Emerald Isle. Feel the raucous rhythms of Celtic Knight Dancers as the traditional Celtic and contemporary melodies captivate audiences and bring them to their feet.

Sing along, laugh, cry, and deeply connect to the inspiring heritage of the homeland. A little bit of Ireland for everyone in celebration of St. Patrick's Day!

Thursday, March 12 | 7:00 pm

Garden Theatre on Plant, 160 W. Plant Street

Tickets | Adult \$49; Student/Senior \$45; VIP \$75



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LITTLE PEEPS CARNIVAL – March 27

Enjoy snacks, crafts, face painting, and photos with Hop the Easter Bunny during this festive preschool event.

Hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department, all preschool children are welcome.

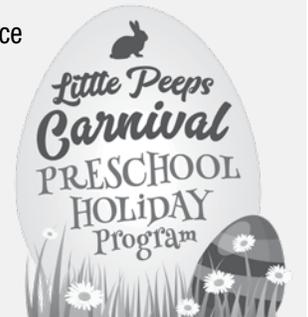
Please call 407.656.4155 in advance for any interested preschool group reservations.

Friday, March 27

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Age | 3 – 5 years old | Free

Jessie Brock Community Center,
310 N. Dillard Street



March 28

The shore of Lake Apopka is the perfect setting for a spring outdoor concert under the stars alongside family, friends, and neighbors in beautiful Newton Park. Join us for “Evening at the Pops” and enjoy a night of high-energy, live music performed by the Plant Street Pops Orchestra.

Don't forget to bring a blanket and your picnic basket to enjoy on the lawn. Refreshments and nonalcoholic/alcoholic beverages will be available onsite for purchase. No outside alcoholic beverages permitted.

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

Saturday, March 28 | 6:30 pm (Rain Date: March 29)

Admission | General \$10 / VIP \$85

Children 8 and under | Free

Newton Park, 31 W. Garden Avenue

Details and tickets | rotaryclubofwintergarden.org

Please note: Newton Park, including the boat ramp, will be closed on March 28 for the event.

GOLF CART & BICYCLE REGISTRATION DAY – March 26

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

Bring golf cart/bicycle and proper form of identification for verification.
 Thursday, March 26 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | Winter Garden Police Department
 (back parking lot off Henderson Street), 251 W. Plant Street | Free

Questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.



Change your
CLOCKS...



Change your
BATTERIES!



WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE

- As daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 8, remember to change your clocks AND change your smoke alarm batteries!
- Smoke Alarms save lives (photoelectric alarms are recommended).
- To learn about our Smoke Alarm Program or for fire safety information, call 407.877.5175.

Know Your Watering Days: Schedule for Daylight Saving Time

City of Winter Garden Conservation Ordinance for Landscape Irrigation
 Daylight Saving Time 2026: March 8 – November 1

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

- Water only when needed (check the weather forecast) and not between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.
- Irrigate no more than one (1) hour per irrigation zone on each day that irrigation occurs.
- Automatic lawn sprinkler systems must have a functioning rain sensor device.
- Restrictions apply to all water sources: potable, reclaimed, and private wells.
- Restrictions apply to all types of sprinkler systems, including oscillating sprinklers attached to a hose.

For more information, please call 407.877.5193.

Tips To Save Water Outdoors... And Save Money

- Collect water in a rain barrel to use to water your plants. Rainwater is free and is better for your plants because it doesn't contain hard minerals. Planter beds or flower gardens and potted plants can easily be irrigated with water from a rain barrel.
- Pay attention to your hose. Left unattended, a garden hose can pour out 8 to 12 gallons each minute, or hundreds of gallons of water in an hour. Check all hoses, connectors, and spigots regularly to make sure they are in good condition. Use hose washers between spigots and water hoses to eliminate leaks. Replace/repair damaged or leaking hoses, nozzles, spigots, and connectors.
- Use a broom to clean leaves and other debris from sidewalks and driveways rather than a hose. Using a hose can waste hundreds of gallons of water.
- Outfit your hose with a spray nozzle that can be adjusted so water flows only as needed. When finished, turn it off at the faucet instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks.
- Wash your car efficiently and use a hose with a spray nozzle. Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- If you install ornamental water features, such as fountains, make sure they are designed to recycle water.
- If you have a swimming pool, consider a new water-saving pool filter. Also, consider covering your spa or pool to reduce evaporation.
- Use a free app to tell you how long to run your irrigation system based on local conditions. Learn more on the University of Florida IFAS website, ifas.ufl.edu.

Provided courtesy of St. Johns River Water Management District.

SPRING INTO FUN with PARKS & RECREATION

Gentle Yoga, Tai Chi & Chi Kung, Zumba & Zumba Toning, Tennis, 50+ Activities and Trips, Amazing Athletes, Archery, Art Classes, Ballet, Creative Movement, Kickball, Pickleball, Tennis, Softball, Mini Cake/Cupcake/Cookie Decorating Classes, Preschool Programs, Cardio Drumming, Babysitting Certification, Video Game Club, and more! For details about programs, classes, athletic leagues, and more, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at cwgd.com or call 407.656.4155. **Register at <https://enroll.wgplay.com>.**

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

AARP FOUNDATION TAX- AIDE

AARP is offering free tax help to low-to-moderate income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older. Appointments available at <https://Tinyurl.com/tannerhall>.

Wednesdays | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
February 4 – April 15 | Free
Tanner Hall, 29 W. Garden Avenue

AMAZING ATHLETES MULTI-SPORT PROGRAM

Amazing Athletes is a fun, active multi-sport class that 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. 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.

Thursdays | March 12 – May 7 (no programming March 19)
Tots | 18 months – 2.5 years old | 5:30 – 6:00 pm
Athletes | 2.5 – 5 years old | 6:10 – 6:50 pm
\$128 Resident / \$140 Nonresident, per 8-week session

BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE ARCHERY

Beginner to intermediate archers, children and adults, will learn to shoot compound bows without sighting devices. There will be shooting games. All equipment is provided. Participants will learn to shoot bullseyes without sighting devices. Participants get proper instructions and techniques and then they go into their archery games.

Wednesdays | March 11, March 25
Age | 7 years & older
6:00 – 7:15 pm
\$40 City Resident / \$45 Nonresident, per class

COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

Discover the art of cookie decorating with Food Network finalist and professional pastry chef, Bev Hansen. This 2.5-hour, hands-on workshop is designed for all skill levels, ages 10 & up. Perfect for aspiring bakers and creative minds, this experience blends sweet creativity with professional techniques. (Don't forget to bring your favorite apron!)

Wednesday, March 11 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm
Age | 10 years & older (Students 10-17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older, who must also purchase a registration.)
\$50 City Resident / \$55 Nonresident
Last day to register is 7 calendar days before class date.

FANCY CUPCAKE DECORATING CLASS

Unleash your inner cupcake artist in this hands-on decorating class led by Food Network finalist and professional pastry chef, Bev Hansen. Perfect for any skill level, ages 10 & up, this 2.5-hour workshop blends professional decorating techniques with creative flair. (Don't forget to bring your favorite apron!)

Monday, March 23 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm
Age | 10 years & older (Students 10-17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older, who must also purchase a registration.)
\$75 City Resident / \$80 Nonresident
Last day to register is 7 calendar days before class date.

KARATE ZOO

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

Mondays | March 9 – May 4 (no programming March 16)
Age | 3 – 6 years old | 5:30 – 6:10 pm
\$196 City Resident / \$206 Nonresident, per 8-week session
Optional purchase | \$30 Karate Zoo Jersey

VIDEO GAME CLUB- COMPETITIVE FORTNITE TEAM

Gamers will meet and practice each week with other gamers to train for a tournament that will be held at the end of the season to measure the progress of the gamers in Fortnite. Upon joining the team, children 8 - 14 years old will build friendships while also learning and developing life skills such as sportsmanship and teamwork, which in turn will help create better gaming habits.

Wednesdays | March 11 – May 20 (10-week session)
(no programming March 18)
\$220 City Resident / \$250 Nonresident, per 10-week session
Age | 8 - 14 years old | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Optional Purchase | \$45 Esports Team Jersey

ACTIVE 50+

SAFFORD HOUSE & HERITAGE MUSEUM TOUR – TARPON SPRINGS, FL

Step back in time with a guided tour of the Safford House Museum, a beautifully restored Victorian home offering a glimpse into Tarpon Springs' rich history. The adventure continues with a visit to the Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum,

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where you'll learn about the city's Greek heritage and famous sponge diving traditions.

After the tours, enjoy free time in downtown Tarpon Springs for lunch and shopping at your leisure. Lunch is Dutch treat at a restaurant of your choice.

Please note that stairs are required to access the second floor of Safford House. Trip costs include transportation and admission.

Thursday, March 12 | 8:30 am – 6:30 pm
\$31 City Resident / \$36 Nonresident

SPRING BREAK SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Arts and Crafts, activities, sports, and much more! Spend this year's spring break with your friends, counselors, and the qualified, well-trained Winter Garden Parks and Recreation staff. Campers must bring a packed lunch, two snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day.

March 13, 16 - 20 | 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Age | Kindergarten - 8th grade
\$26 City Resident / \$34 Nonresident, per day
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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

NEW EXHIBIT CELEBRATES AMERICA 250 CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN RAILROADS

March 10 – September 5

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, this photo exhibit highlights the impact of railroads on America's growth. It explores the history of rail transportation, including a look back at the railroads' celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976, as well as railways' continued significance and symbolism in modern day America.

FINAL DAYS OF EXHIBIT: RAILROAD DEPOTS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Now - 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.



EXHIBITION

SERVICE ABOVE SELF: A CENTURY OF WINTER GARDEN ROTARY

Now - April 30

For over a century, Rotary members have united globally to make a positive, lasting impact. Here in West Orange County, local Rotary clubs embody this mission every day, transforming passion into action. This exhibit highlights how dedicated local professionals and community leaders tackle challenges in their own neighborhoods and around the world.



EVENT

PRE-EXHIBIT RECEPTION & GUIDED STROLL FOR CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF WEST ORANGE COUNTY: SERIES GRAND FINALE

Guests will enjoy a pre-exhibit reception at Heller Hall followed by a guided stroll to City Hall for the exhibit's premiere. Presented in partnership with the City of Winter Garden, this special grand finale of this four-part exhibit series honors the women whose leadership, service, and contributions have shaped Winter Garden and West Orange County.

Thursday, March 12

Pre-Exhibit Reception | 4:00 pm | Heller Hall, 21 E. Plant Street
Stroll and Exhibit Viewing | 5:15 pm | City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street



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 (NEW)

Central Florida Watercolor Society Annual Show

Exhibit Dates | March 2 - 28
Opening Reception | March 15, 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Public Invited

CALL TO ARTISTS

wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists

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

ART GALA: March of the Muses

Join us for a dining, live music, live art demonstrations, & more!

Friday, March 6, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue
Tickets: \$125 (wgart.org/2026-gala)

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Details and registration: wgart.org/adults

Yin Yoga with Olga

Relax, restore, and unwind in a peaceful candlelight setting.
Mondays | 10:30 – 11:30 am | \$15 per person

Technique Tuesdays @ Two

Schedule and details: wgart.org/Tuesday
Tuesdays | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | Open to All
Free to Members & First-Time Visitors

ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration: wgart.org/kids

SPRING BREAK ART CAMP

March 16 - 20 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Age | 2nd Grade – Middle School (one age group)
Member | \$160 per week / \$40 per day
Nonmember | \$165 per week / \$45 per day
Space fills quickly. Register at wgart.org/kids.

PREMIERE OF Celebrating the Women of West Orange County: Series Grand Finale

The fourth and final exhibit in this annual series that honors the women of West Orange that have left an indelible mark on our community. Presented by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, visit this tribute to the women whose contributions and dedication to the West Orange community continue to have a lasting effect.

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