



NEWS YOU CAN USE

WINTER GARDEN FEBRUARY 2016

Visit the Winter Garden Farmers Market



We all enjoy delicious Florida citrus from the Farmers Market during the winter months, but you will also find a plethora of other great Florida produce at the Farmers Market during February and March. From bell peppers and broccoli to star fruit and strawberries, come see what's bursting with freshness!

Bring the family, enjoy breakfast or lunch from one of our many fabulous food vendors and enjoy live music while you wander through the market. Our vendors offer a wide variety of local arts, crafts and confections. And remember, your furry friends are always welcome on a leash.

Every Saturday | 9 am – 2 pm | Downtown Pavilion

Winter Garden Police Department's Citizens Police Academy Accepting Applications

Ever wonder what goes on inside your police department? Get your questions answered at the next Citizens Police Academy class!

This is a free 9-week course meeting every Wednesday evening at the Winter Garden Police Department training room from 6 – 9 pm. The classes are instructed by Winter Garden police officers and staff who will discuss such topics as crime prevention, defensive tactics and investigations. Class participants will also be eligible to go on a ride along with an officer!

The next class starts Wednesday, March 2. Anyone 18 years or older interested in participating can download an application at www.wgpd.com or pick one up at the Winter Garden Police Department located at 251 W. Plant Street. You must be a resident or work in the City of Winter Garden in order to attend. Additional eligibility requirements are listed on the website. The deadline for applications is February 24. Seats fill up fast so turn in your application quickly. For questions, call 407.656.3636 ext. 4076.

BUILDING WINTER GARDEN

On display through April 15



The City of Winter Garden presents the Art in Public Places exhibit in city hall, "Building Winter Garden." Original renderings of artists', of different ages, interpretations will cover the walls of city hall lobby. The exhibit includes art in various mediums and processes. These diverse and colorful pieces portray the many historically and culturally significant buildings in Winter Garden. These buildings are the backbone of this thriving small city and this exhibit pays tribute to the many architectural designs.

GARDEN THEATRE

LIVE SEASON

HANDS ON A HARDBODY

Book by Doug Wright; *Lyrics by* Amanda Green;
Music by Trey Anastasio & Amanda Green
Produced by TheatreWorks Florida

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PREMIERE

A fresh and unique Broadway musical about the American Dream. For ten hard-luck Texans, a new lease on life is so close they can touch it. Under a scorching sun for days on end, armed with nothing but hope, humor and ambition, they'll fight to keep at least one hand on a brand-new truck in order to win it. Inspired by true events and nominated for numerous awards, you won't want to miss the Central Florida regional premiere of this high-energy musical infused with rock, country, blues and gospel that can only be described as "musical theater heaven!"

Dates: January 29 – February 21

Thursdays – Saturdays 8 pm, Sundays 2 pm

Industry Night: Monday, February 8

Tickets: \$33 (\$29 students/seniors)

Special discounted pricing for opening night, Industry Night and Thursday performances. *This show contains adult language.*

THE WHALE

By Samuel D. Hunter
Produced by Beth Marshall Presents

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PREMIERE

On the outskirts of Mormon Country, Idaho, a six-hundred-pound recluse hides away in his apartment eating himself to death. Desperate to reconnect with his long-estranged daughter, he reaches out to her, only to find a viciously sharp-tongued and wildly unhappy teen. In this gripping and big-hearted drama, *The Whale* tells the story of a man's last chance at redemption, and of finding beauty in the most unexpected places.

Dates: March 18 – April 3

Thursdays – Saturdays 8 pm, Sundays 2 pm

Industry Night: Monday, March 28

Tickets: \$28 (\$24 students/seniors)

Special discounted pricing for opening night, Industry Night and Thursday performances. *This show contains adult language and scenes. Recommended for mature audiences.*

SPECIAL EVENT WEEKEND MARCH 4 - 6

GARDEN ENCORE!

2016's Garden Encore!, presented by Orlando Health, features three days of celebration and entertainment, including concerts by Broadway star and world-renowned vocalist Maureen McGovern (Saturday, March 5), the dynamic John Charles (Friday, March 4) and the wildly entertaining a cappella group, Vox Audio (Sunday, March 6). Saturday's main event also includes a red carpet welcome, reception, the Garden Theatre's 2016-2017 season reveal and an after-party under the stars where guests can enjoy delightful food and entertainment.

For tickets visit gardentheatre.org or call 407.877.GRDN (4736)

WINTER GARDEN ART ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GALA SILENT AUCTION

"Out of the Blue comes a Splash of Inspiration"

Inspirational Artworks on sale at our Annual Gala. Support the Winter Garden Art Association and enjoy a night of creative inspiration that is sure to delight. Purchase tickets from SOBO in advance. Ticket numbers are limited.

Friday, February 19 | 6:30 – 9:30 pm | \$75 Gala Tickets

CHILDREN'S ART CLASS

School age students (6 – 13) can enjoy a FREE art experience on the second Saturday of each month. Supplies are provided. Children will receive art instruction by one of the dedicated teachers. The theme of the art experience will change each month giving children an opportunity to create and explore using different mediums & styles. Parents are encouraged to RSVP info@wgart.org or call 407.347.7996 and allow 15 minutes for onsite registration. These art experiences are made available by support from the United Arts of Central Florida & the Winter Garden Art Association. Winter Garden Art Association is supported by United Arts of Central Florida, host of power2give.org/centralflorida and the collaborative Campaign for the Arts." Supplies included

Second Saturday of every month, one-hour sessions

Choose 10 – 11 am or 11 am – 12 pm | Free!

GALLERY FRAMING TECHNIQUES

Instructor: Sally Shisler

In this workshop, you will learn how to properly prepare artwork for gallery exhibition. Skill level: Beginner - Advanced

Friday, March 4 | 10 am – 4 pm | \$85 Member, \$100 Nonmember

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS & TOUR OF WINTER GARDEN

Instructor: Rinat Halon

Have you wanted to make better photographs with your smartphone, point and shoot or SLR? Rinat Halon, an experienced professional photographer who teaches photography at Rollins College, will help you understand how to photograph better, using your own camera. No previous photography education is required. All skill levels are welcome.

Thursday, March 3 | 9 am – 1 pm | \$100 Member, \$125 Nonmember

info@wgart.com | 407.347.7996

Register for classes at www.wgart.org

Calendar of EVENTS

COOKIES & MILK WITH A COP AND STORY TIME

Bring your kids to meet your local Police Officers for cookies and milk. This is a great time for kids to interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. This monthly series will be every 3rd Saturday of the month. 407.656.3636 ext. 4017

Saturday, February 20 | 10:30 – 11:30 am | Free!

Winter Garden Library, 805 East Plant Street

WHEN CITRUS WAS KING

Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Program Director Jim Crescitelli will give a PowerPoint presentation about the rise and fall of the citrus industry that fueled West Orange County's economy for over 100 years.

Thursday, March 10 | 6:30 pm | Free!

Winter Garden Public Library, 805 East Plant Street

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

The Winter Garden Police Department is presenting a FREE Health Fair for the community. There will be several local health providers in attendance to help you and your family to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

Saturday, March 12 | 9 am – 1 pm | Free!

Veterans Park, 420 South Park Avenue

WELCOME NEW WINTER GARDEN BUSINESS

Servando's

14107 W Colonial Dr,
Winter Garden, FL 34787
www.servandos.com
407.654.6866



Sixth Annual JCCF Charity Golf Tournament

The Jimmy Crabtree Cancer Fund (JCCF) will raise funds that assist with medical expenses for young cancer stricken families in our area. This event sold out early last year so consider pre-registering at the website below. The public is invited to attend the tournament as well as a pulled pork dinner and silent auction. The dinner is served to the golfers, guests and the public beginning at 5:30 pm with a donation to JCCF. Sponsorships are available. www.jccancerfund.org

Monday, March 7 | 11:30 am Sign-in and Lunch; 1 pm Shotgun Tee off; 5:30 pm Dinner | \$110 Per Player or \$400 per foursome (Includes a light lunch and pulled pork dinner)

West Orange Country Club | 3300 West Orange Country Club Drive

Utility Bill Assistance for City of Winter Garden Seniors with Low Income

New applications or renewals are now being accepted. Eligible applicants will receive up to \$35 in reduction on their City utility bill starting in May 2016. (Annual renewal is required)

Applications are available at the City Hall Reception Desk. To qualify, you must be 65 years of age, or 62 years of age and receiving Social Security benefits. Monthly income for the entire household may not exceed **\$1,257.45** (Single) or **\$1,757.96** (Married).

Copies of your 2016 Social Security Benefit Statement, OR your 2015 Federal Income Tax Return and ALL other sources of income MUST BE PROVIDED.

Prior to submitting an application, you must have been a City resident continuously for at least 5-years. Contact the City Clerk's office at 407.656.4111 Ext. 2297 for more details.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND FOR PROVIDING PROOF OF INCOME IS MAY 2.

Spring into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Martial Arts, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities, Special Olympics Activities, Trips, Horticulture Lectures, Guitar Lessons, Art Classes, Kickball, Pre- School Activities, Cooking Classes, Belly Dance and More! Find dates, details and Prices at www.wintergarden-fl.gov or call **407.656.4155**

AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AID

AARP is offering free tax help to low-to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older at the Jessie Brock Community Center. No appointment necessary.

Wednesdays, February 3 – April 13 | 9 am – 12 pm | Free!

KICKBALL - ADULT SPRING 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. League begins March 24.

Registration open:

Returning teams - January 25 – February 26

new teams February 1 – February 26

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

Games at 6:45 pm, 7:45 pm & 8:45 pm | \$300 per team for season

Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

ACTIVE 50+: TROLLEY TOUR/DORA CANAL ECO-TOUR, MT. DORA

Relax and enjoy a one hour narrated tour of Mount Dora in a vintage Trolley bus, have lunch at Pisces Rising then take a two-hour eco-tour into the un-spoilt Dora Canal. Fee includes Trolley tour, lunch, boat tour and transportation.

Thursday, March 10 | 10 am – 5 pm | \$66 City Resident, \$70 Nonresidents

SYSTEMA

This Russian Martial Art focuses on self-defense methods, greater strength and endurance, patience and working with others. Winter Garden is the only place in Central Florida to practice this art used by Russian Special Forces!

Mondays | 7 – 8:30 pm | 18 years and older

\$15 per class, \$40 City Resident, \$55 Nonresident per month

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Enjoy a night out on the town knowing your children are safe and in the care of quality trained staff. While attending the program, your child will engage in a multitude of activities as well as build strong friendships with other children from the community. Dinner will be provided. The program is open to children currently enrolled in Kindergarten – 5th grade. Pre-registration is required, program will cancel if minimum number of 10 children isn't met by the Wednesday prior.

Fridays, February 19 | 5 – 10 pm | K – 5 Grades | 12 Residents, \$15 Nonresidents

Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 North Dillard Street

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Games, sports, arts & crafts, theme days and much, much more! A great way to spend the holiday break and make lifelong friends! Winter Garden Parks & Recreation Holiday Camp is an awesome experience for your school aged child. Campers will experience the outdoors, friends and FUN! A qualified, well-trained staff will provide a safe and outstanding break for your child. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks and a water bottle to camp every day.

March 18, 21 – 24 (No Camp Friday, March 25) | 7 am – 6 pm

Camp is open to children currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 8th grade

\$20 per day City Resident, \$25 per day Nonresident

SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Summer Day Camp 2016 is almost here! All current and previous participants may register online. If your camper has yet to participate in our program, prior to registration, please be sure to contact the Jessie Brock Community Center for assistance on creating an account. To avoid any registration issues, please contact the center to verify your camper's information by April 7th. The first two weeks payment is due by May 13th. Payments not made by May 13th are subject to late charges or cancellation. Camp is offered from June 13 – August 5. Space is extremely limited.

Registration: City Residents April 11 – May 13, Nonresidents April 25 – May 13

(First two weeks payment due by May 13)

Camp is open to children entering 1st through 8th grade

	CITY RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
1st Camper	\$100 per week	\$130 per week
2nd Camper	\$80 per week	\$110 per week
3rd Camper	\$60 per week	\$90 per week

Limited scholarships are available through the Winter Garden Parks & Recreation Department. Scholarships are based on the Income Eligibility Guidelines. Applications for scholarship will be available beginning February 15 and must be returned by March 31. Scholarships will be awarded on April 4. To obtain an application please contact the Recreation Office or email recinfo@wintergarden-fl.gov.

SUMMER DAY CAMP COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is specifically designed to develop the skills needed to be a positive leader and role model in the summer day camp. Using a first follower approach participants will have a chance to explore leadership opportunities and the responsibilities involved in working with children.

Limited space is available. In order to be eligible for this program, interested participants must complete an application and interview. Applications will be available beginning February 15 and must be returned by March 14. Upon selection, all CIT's must be finger printed and complete a background check prior to the start of the program. All fees associated with these screenings are included with the registration fee.

June 13 – August 5 | 7 am – 6 pm

14* – 16 years old (*Eligible CIT's must be 14 by June 13, 2016 and entering 9th Grade)

\$200 registration fee, \$25 per week per CIT for City Residents, \$35 per week per CIT

for Nonresidents





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WINTER GARDEN FEBRUARY 2016

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WINTER GARDEN PRESENTS

EVENING AT THE POPS

FEATURING THE ORLANDO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

ADMISSION JUST \$10

VIP TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

All proceeds benefit charities supported by the Rotary Club of Winter Garden

MARCH 19th • 6:30 PM

AT NEWTON PARK, WINTER GARDEN



INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO FOR CHILDREN WILL BEGIN AT 4:30 PM

BRING A BLANKET AND ENJOY AN OUTSIDE CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

Food will be available for purchase by local vendors. VIP admission is available for purchase and includes reserved seating and food at Tanner Hall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 407.877.5440

Artwork created by: Gabriella Barbato

FREE Showerhead Exchange Program

Installing low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators is one of the most effective and easiest water conservation and money savings actions you can do for your home. Interested homeowners can bring their existing high-flow showerheads (higher than 1.5gpm) and exchange them for a brand new water efficient showerhead kit at NO COST.

Winter Garden residents and businesses may exchange up to four (4) showerheads. Multi-family or commercial customers such as apartments or motels that wish to exchange more than 12 showerheads should contact the Water Conservation Office in advance to confirm adequate supplies are available.

You may drop off your existing showerhead(s) and provide proof of residency or water bill to the receptionist's desk located on the first floor Lobby in City Hall, 300 West Plant Street. This program will be available while supplies last.

The showerhead kit contains the following items:

- One 1.5 gpm Earth Massage Showerhead
- Two x 1.0 gpm Bubble Spray Aerators labeled Bathroom
- One Toilet Tank Bank
- Two Toilet Tank Leak-Detecting Dye Tablets
- Installation instruction cards for the showerhead and aerators
- Flow Meter Bag (gpm = Gallons Per Minute)

Call 407.656.4111 Ext. 2732 or email ahofelt@cwgd.com if you have any questions.

"Using WaterSense labeled faucets or faucet accessories could reduce a household's faucet water use by more than 500 gallons annually — that's enough water to do 14 loads of laundry."

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



A simple and cost effective way to reduce water use is to install high-performing and high-efficiency products that have earned the EPA's WaterSense label. These products help save money by reducing water use and energy costs and can be found at many home improvement stores.

WaterSense labeled products include toilets, bathroom sink faucets, urinals, showerheads and weather-based irrigation controllers. To learn more about these products and where to find them, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.