

## WINTER GARDEN

# City Announces Spring & Summer 2022 Living Local Campaign

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WINTER GARDEN, Fla. – The City of Winter Garden has a multitude of events planned throughout 2022 as part of its "Living Local" campaign. The intent of the campaign is to provide events and programs for its residents to enjoy the offerings of their hometown while providing opportunites to support local, small businesses.

The following spring and summer 2022 "Living Local" initiatives have been announced at this time:

#### DOWNTOWN BOUTIOUE WALK

Thursday, March 24, 5-8 p.m. Historic Downtown Winter Garden

A night of sips, snacks, and shopping hosted by downtown boutiques. Participating shops will provide complimentary light refreshments, in-store raffles, outdoor/indoor sales, and new merchandise to kick off the spring season.

#### SHOP, DINE & STROLL

Saturday, March 26, All Day Historic Downtown Winter Garden

Spring weather is ideal for a daylong outdoor sidewalk sale, al fresco dining at expansive patios, and strolling the flowering brick-lined streets. In the evening, take a seat or bring your own to enjoy a live music performance at Centennial Plaza.

#### SPRING FEVER IN THE GARDEN

Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Historic Downtown Winter Garden

Presented by the Bloom & Grow Garden Society, the 20<sup>th</sup> annual two-day festival has a wide variety of flowers and foilage for sale, a sidewalk chalk art contest, a kid zone, nature-related arts and crafts, live entertainment, and more.

#### **ARTS IN APRIL**

April 1-30

Historic Downtown Winter Garden

A variety of free community events throughout the month to celebrate, explore, and create art. Hosted by the Winter Garden Art Association, events include a Projection Art Show on City Hall, kids' art sessions at the Winter Garden Farmers Market, downtown art scavenger hunt, en plein air competition, art exhibitions for all ages, live music, a ticketed Art Night VIP immersive experience, and more! For Arts in April Event Guide and schedule, visit www.downtownwg.com/arts-in-april-2022.

#### MAY DECLARED OUTDOOR DINING MONTH

Citywide

The City of Winter Garden designates May as Outdoor Dining Month to encourage dining at local restaurants. The spring weather is ideal for dining al fresco at the multitude of restaurant patios available in all corridors of the city, including the expansive dining patios in Downtown Winter Garden. Spring is also the perfect time for an outdoor picnic so make it easy by ordering take-out from your favorite local restaurant as you head to one of the city's nature parks.

#### **RED, WHITE & BLUE AMERICANA**

May – July

Historic Downtown Winter Garden

From Memorial Day through Independence Day, Downtown turns red, white, and blue. Shop and dine with the backdrop of patriotic decorations accentuating downtown's historic charm. Perfect for holiday photos too!

### RED, WHITE & BLUES ON THE PLAZA

Friday, July 1, 7-9 p.m.

Centennial Plaza, Historic Downtown

Local band will usher in the holiday weekend with a mix of blues and popular tunes.

#### WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 2, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Ave.

Visit the patriotic-decorated market for some good old-fashioned fun including family games on the lawn, live music, and one-stop shopping for your holiday barbecue.

#### ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN KIDS PARADE

Monday, July 4, 8-10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Masonic Lodge, 230 W. Bay St.

Everyone is welcome to join the parade of red, white, and blue through downtown. Sponsored by Winter Garden Masonic Lodge No. 165 and City of Winter Garden, the community is encouraged to decorate their bikes, scooters, and walking shoes and join the fun. The morning starts with a free pancake breakfast for kids at 8 a.m. followed by parade kick off at 10 a.m. Complimentary decorations are available.

#### PARTY IN THE PARK

Monday, July 4, 6-10 p.m. Newton Park, 29 W. Garden Avenue

A spectacular fireworks display over Lake Apopka with live music, family activities, and more for all ages. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. and the fireworks show starts at 9:15 p.m.

For additional Living Local opportunites and up-to-date event schedules, visit the City of Winter Garden website, <a href="www.cwgdn.com">www.cwgdn.com</a>, and/or the Official Downtown Winter Garden website, <a href="www.downtownwg.com">www.downtownwg.com</a>, and follow Downtown's official social media platforms, <a href="www.facebook.com/officialdowntownwintergarden">www.facebook.com/officialdowntownwintergarden</a> and <a href="www.instagram.com/officialdowntownwintergarden">www.instagram.com/officialdowntownwintergarden</a>.

Incorporated in 1908, Winter Garden spans 18 miles and is home to nearly 48,000 residents and over 2,000 businesses. Located on the southern shore of Lake Apopka, 20 minutes west of Orlando in Orange County, this former citrus town embodies a wealth of historical, cultural, and natural assets including a historic downtown and an award-winning bike trail. Winter Garden's unique combination of small-town appeal coupled with contemporary and progressive amenities have been recognized nationally, including a 2019 ranking by *Money* magazine as one of the best places to live in America.

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The City of Winter Garden reserves the right to cancel any activities that are not in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.



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