

City of Winter Haven Department of Community Services

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Your complete guide to community fun!

OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER

2010



**Our connection with nature...
...It Starts In Parks!**

www.mywinterhaven.com

The City of Winter Haven offers numerous instructional classes, programs and special events. Visit one of our facilities this fall to join in on these exciting opportunities. Included below is a list of our facilities with contact information as well as a highlight of some of the activities occurring over the next few months. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.mywinterhaven.com or give us a call at (863) 291-5656.

Chain O'Lakes Complex

(Leisure Services Division Administrative Offices)
210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard, SW (863) 291-5656

Winter Haven Recreational & Cultural Center

801 Avenue T, NE (863) 291-5675

Senior Adult Center

250 S. Lake Silver Drive (863) 291-5870

Winter Haven Tennis Courts

209 Avenue F, NW (863) 291-5690

DiamondPlex Softball Complex

900 PSC Access Road (863) 298-7687

Rotary Park

350 Sixth Street, NE (863) 291-5656

Willowbrook Golf Course

4200 State Road 544 East (863) 291-5899

Winter Haven Public Library

(Library Services Division Administrative Offices)
325 Avenue A, NW (863) 291-5880

Natural Resources Division

451 Third Street, NW (863) 291-5881

The **Upper Peace Kayak Environmental Education Program (UPKEEP)** kayaks are available for check-out to service clubs and conservation organizations interested in scheduling paddles and clean-ups of water bodies throughout Central Florida. The suggested donation is \$10 per person and a release waiver must be completed for each participant. For more information about this opportunity, please contact the Natural Resources Division at (863) 291-5881.



Winter Haven Tennis Courts will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness Round Robin on Saturday, November 13. Proceeds will go towards the Susan G. Komen Suncoast Affiliate. Play will be open to players of all levels. Play begins at 9 a.m. and a light lunch will be provided. Please register by November 6. For more information, please call 291-5690.

The following is only a sampling of some of the things available through the Community Services Department. New activities are continuously added at each facility, so please call for additional information on classes, programs and events.

School's Out Camp

Winter Haven Recreational & Cultural Center
Day camp offers supervised fun while the kids are out of school. Activities include field trips, arts and crafts, sports, games, cooking and more. Camp runs from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Polk County Public School holidays. October 22, November 22-24, 26 and December 20-24, 27-31
For more information, please call 291-5675.

Adult Tennis Lessons

Winter Haven Tennis Courts
For those new to tennis, returning to the game or just looking to improve their technique, we've got your racket. Sessions are four weeks in length and begin in mid to late October. For more specific session and fee information, please call 291-5690.

After School Youth Tennis Program

Winter Haven Tennis Courts
This is a great opportunity for children ages 4-17 to learn the sport of tennis and improve their game. The program runs Monday through Thursday afternoons in 4 week sessions beginning October 18. For specific session and fee information, please call 291-5690.

Baby Bookworm

Winter Haven Public Library
Finger puppets, rhymes, stories and sing-alongs are featured introducing babies to the joy of reading and providing a place for parents/caregivers to come together.
Wednesdays 10 a.m.
For more information, please call 291-5880.

Art Expo Winter Haven "Harvest Hoe-Down"

Winter Haven Public Library
Art Expo provides a platform for personal artistic expression shared through the visual and performing arts. This edition features folk music, art and dance.
Saturday, November 6 11 a.m.
For more information, please call 291-5880.

Scuba Diving Class

"Rowdy" Gaines Pool
Experience the adventures of scuba diving and become certified!
For more information, please call 291-5656.

Golf League Play

Willowbrook Golf Course

Men's leagues play Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. The Ladies' league plays Tuesday mornings. Both leagues are open for anyone to join.

For more information, please call 291-5899.

The Dexter Daniel, Father-Son Tournament

Willowbrook Golf Course

Tournament is open to fathers, sons, grandsons and stepsons.

October 23-24

For more information, please call 291-5899.

Boxing Fitness

Chain O' Lakes Complex

Tone with weights and work up to a cardio boxing fitness workout with boxing bags. Enjoy music to punch to! Kids are free with a paying adult.

Tues/Wed 6 - 6:45 p.m. Saturday 9 - 10 a.m.

For more information, please call 291-5656.

Ladies Evening Social Round Robin

Winter Haven Tennis Courts

Come and share in the fun of tennis and friendship.

Monday (3.0 and above), Thursday (3.0 and under)
6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5690.

Adult Mixed Double Tennis

Winter Haven Tennis Courts

This is a social round robin for all levels of play. You do not need a partner to participate.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5690.

Kinder Move for Toddlers

Chain O' Lakes Complex

This class encourages toddlers to develop and explore their ability to move, sing and dance creatively! Classes are in four week sessions and are specially designed for children ages 2 - 3 years .

Tuesday 4:30 - 5 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5656.

Ballet for Children

Chain O' Lakes Complex

Aspiring dancers will explore rhythm, tempo and learn classical ballet skills while moving to a variety of fun music. Classes are in four week sessions and are designed for children ages 4 and up.

Tuesday 5 - 5:45 p.m. 4-6 years old

6 - 7 p.m. 7 and up

For more information, please call 291-5656.

Beginning Judo

Chain O' Lakes Complex

Judo is a fun sport, an art, a discipline, a recreational or social activity, a fitness program, a means of self-defense, a way of life and more. It is a great discipline for people of all ages to learn.

Monday 6 - 7:15 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5656.

Belly Dance Level I

Chain O' Lakes Complex

Belly dancing is a great way to keep fit while having fun. Come and experience this upbeat class that will give you a total workout.

Monday 6 - 7 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5656.

Classical Guitar Concert

Winter Haven Public Library

Classical guitarist, Jane Rosenbohm performs an hour long concert featuring Spanish, Classical and Contemporary music.

Monday, October 18 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5880.

NBA Dribble, Dish and Swish Challenge

Winter Haven Recreational & Cultural Center

A basketball competition for boys and girls 9 - 14 years old to showcase their passing, dribbling and shooting skills.

Saturday, October 9 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5675.

Pumpkin Huntin'

Winter Haven Recreational & Cultural Center

A trick or treat event with music, pumpkin hunting and a spooky boogie marathon.

Friday, October 29 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5675.

Teen Advisory Board

Winter Haven Public Library

The Teen Board will meet on a regular basis to brainstorm youth enjoyment opportunities. Some goals are fundraising, community engagement and leadership development.

Thursday, October 28 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5880.

Masquerade Dance

Senior Adult Center

Bring your favorite mask or pick one up at the front door. There will be dancing and light refreshments.

Friday, October 29 7 - 9 p.m.

For more information, please call 291-5870.

Special Events

The City of Winter Haven sponsors or co-sponsors over 100 special events each year. Check out what's coming up in October, November and December. **For more information on any of the following events, please call 291-5656** unless otherwise noted.

WINTER HAVEN
The Chain of Lakes City

**It Starts
in Parks**

Cruisin' Winter Haven

First Saturday Each Month, 4 p.m.—Downtown

Experience this one-of-a-kind car show. Enjoy great music from the 50's along with a cruising display of all the cars at the end of the evening (approximately 8:15). *No December Cruisin' due to other downtown holiday events*

Drum Circle

Second Friday Each Month, 6:30 p.m.—Central Park

Can you feel the beat? Even if you don't have rhythm, come join in this unique musical experience focused on percussion and audience participation.

Winter Haven Farmers' Market

Every Thursday, 8 a.m.—west side of City Hall

Whether you're a local produce vendor looking to sell your goods or someone wanting some home grown fruits and veggies, the Farmers' Market is the place for you.

Saturday Afternoon Movies

Second/Fourth Saturday, 2 p.m.—WH Public Library

Need a break from Saturday errands? Enjoy a movie at the Library. Movie titles are intended for a family audience and typically have a rating of G, PG or PG-13. Admission is free and refreshments are available for a small charge. For movie titles and additional information, please call 291-5880.

Bike Nite

Third Saturday Each Month, 5 p.m.—Central Park

"Get your motors running" as downtown becomes a showcase for motorcycle enthusiasts. Enjoy great live music and vendors in this family friendly atmosphere.

Downtown Vendor Market

First Saturday Each Month, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.—Virginia Miller Park

This is a monthly vendor market where the community can purchase fresh goods such as candles, plants, vegetables, soaps and more! *No December Downtown Vendor Market*

Theatre Winter Haven Main Stage Productions

Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience some of the best live theatre in the country right here in our back yard. Upcoming productions include *Beatlemania* (Oct. 7-10), *Duelin' Divas II* (Nov. 5) and *Run for Your Wife* (Dec. 2-19). For ticket information, please call 294-SHOW.

Inman Park Grand Re-Opening

Thursday, October 14, 3 p.m.—Inman Park

Come and join us for the grand re-opening of Inman Park.

Oktoberfest

October 15, 6 - 9 p.m.—Central Park

Enjoy brats, beer and polka music! Fun for the whole family!

Ghouls' Night Out

October 30, 6 - 9 p.m.—Downtown

Free downtown family event with trick or treating, costume contest, hayride, entertainment, puppet show, games and more!

Ridge Art Association: Terror on the Ridge

245 W. Central Ave.

Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 28-31

Prepare yourself for the most terrifying show on earth. You have no idea what lies in wait for you at this year's haunted house: CIRCUS INIQUITOUS. Be afraid, be very afraid. For more information, please call 291-5661.

Havendale Christmas Parade

December 3, 7 p.m.

Havendale Blvd. between US 17 and Auburndale

Bring the entire family out to enjoy this festive parade! Be sure to arrive early to get the best seat. Roads begin closing at 6 p.m.

Santa Calling

Working closely with the North Pole Telephone Company, the City of Winter Haven has made special arrangements to have Santa Claus telephone your child to deliver a memorable greeting. To have Santa call your child, information is due by December 6.

Snow Central

December 16, 6 - 9 p.m.—Downtown

A free family event with tons of snow, snow slide, children's activities, Santa Claus, music and more!

New Year's Eve Centennial Celebration Party

December 31—MLK Jr. Park

Ring in the New Year with live music, fireworks at midnight and activities for the entire family.

Coming in January... Winter Haven will be celebrating its Centennial during 2011 with celebrations throughout the year. Stay tuned for more information.

The City of Winter Haven does not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, income or family status. Persons with special needs should contact the Leisure Services Administrative Offices at 291-5656.