

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Zone with rides, games, entertainment and arts and crafts, 5-9 p.m. Dec. 7, Withers-Maguire House, 16 E. Oakland Ave., Ocoee, and the Ocoee Lakeshore Center, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ocoee, admission is free, 407-905-3180.

Ye Olde Hometown Christmas Parade: Winter Park's 67th annual parade will showcase holiday-themed floats, Santa Claus and well-known local figures as they make their way down the avenue, 9 a.m. Dec. 7, Park Avenue, Winter Park, free, 407-644-8281.

Holiday dinner for the animals: The annual event will feature guest speaker Logan Vindett, Executive Director at Kindred Spirits Sanctuary, a rescue for farm animals. Reservations required, 6 p.m. Dec. 7, The District at Mills 50, 1221 N. Mills Ave., Orlando, \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door, includes full vegan buffet, 407-968-2400.

Holiday Pops concert: The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra will play holiday favorites. Bring a blanket and a picnic, 5 p.m. Dec. 8, Central Park, Park Avenue, Winter Park, free, 407-599-3463.

Holiday Amaryllis Festival: There will be photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus, live music, nature-themed vendors, food, gift shop, silent auction, eco activities for children and amaryllis bulbs and other plants for sale. Guests are invited to bring toys and nonperishable food items for local charities, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 14, Nehrling Gardens, 2267 Hempel Ave., Gotha, free, donations accepted, 407-445-9977.

Violocentric Holiday Show: Attendees are encouraged to bring their pets and a pet supply to donate to Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14, Walt Disney Amphitheater at Lake Eola Park, 99 N. Rosalind Ave., Orlando, free, 407-246-2121.

Winter Park Holiday Boat Parade: Attendees can gather at Dinky Dock Park or on the Rollins College campus behind the Cornell Fine Arts Museum to see the

impressive boat and dock holiday decorations created by residents and local business sponsors. Sponsored by the Winter Park Rotary Club in partnership with Rollins College, 5:30-8 p.m. Dec. 14, Rollins College at Lake Virginia, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-256-6369.

Merry Tuba Christmas: Tuba, euphonium, sousaphone and baritone players of all ages are invited to participate. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with rehearsal from 10-11:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$10, 1 p.m. Dec. 21, Central Park Stage, 251 S. Park Ave., Winter Park, spectator admission is free, 407-599-3463.

The Nutcracker: Russian Ballet Orlando will perform Tchaikovsky's arrangement of The Nutcracker, featuring unforgettable characters, dazzling costumes, onstage blizzards and timeless choreography, 7 p.m. Dec. 21, Walt Disney Amphitheater at Lake Eola Park, 101 N. Rosalind Ave., Orlando, free, 407-246-2121.

Chanukah on the Park: Presented by Chabad of Greater Orlando, the evening will include singing performances, live music, dancers, strolling magic, food and grand menorah lighting, 5 p.m. Dec. 22, Central Park, Park Avenue, Winter Park, free, 407-644-2500.

Christmas Eve open house: The public is invited for free tours of Louis Comfort Tiffany's century-old leaded glass windows and his celebrated 1893 chapel. During the holidays, the museum features the 1902 Tiffany window "Christmas Eve," in which a figure resembling Father Christmas holds the Christ Child. The window was designed by Thomas Nast Jr., the son of the famous Harper's Weekly political cartoonist, for his sister's home. There will be live music by the Raintree Chamber Players from 1-4 p.m. Open house is from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 24, Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, free,

407-645-5311. **Braille calendars:** The Braille Association of Mid-Florida offers 2020 calendars embossed in Braille. The calendar highlights holidays and includes embossed illustrations with a unique theme. For those sending one as a gift, their name and a short personal note written by them will be embossed in Braille and sent with the calendar. The calendars cost \$10 and can be mailed to any address in the United States. To order, call 407-831-1364.

Kids & Family

Movies at Leu Gardens: See a classic or current feature film on a 32-foot screen, weather permitting. Gates open at 6 p.m. Bring dinner picnics and stroll the 50-acre gardens before the movie. Concessions available, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 (National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation), Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, free for Leu members, 407-246-2620.

Model railroad open house: The Orlando Society of Model Railroaders will have an open house. See a fully operational model railroad that includes eight scale miles of mainline track, detailed scenery including both urban and rural scenes, and many diverse industries with associated railroad facilities, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 14, Orlando Society of Model Railroaders, 7208 Aloma Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-810-3306.

Lecture/Seminar

Troubled marriages: The Retrouvaille of Orlando program is for couples who are struggling, separated or divorced but would like to give their marriages another chance. It is presented by volunteers. The program includes the Jan. 31-Feb. 2 weekend session and seven follow-up sessions. Reservations required, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, San Pedro Center, 2400 Dike Road, Winter Park, couples are asked to make an anonymous donation to cover the cost of their rooms and meals for the weekend session, 352-274-4614.

Library

StoryCorps Listening Party: An evening of listening to snippets of StoryCorps recordings of library customers with panel discussions with participants and other storytellers. Presented with the support of WMFE, 7 p.m. Dec. 6, Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, free, 407-835-7323.

Pearl Harbor Day event: Join Valencia College History Professor Carl Creasman to analyze the events that led to the attack. Explore the critical moments of the early 20th century, diplomatic decisions surrounding World War I, and the march to war in the 1930s. The talk will conclude with a focus on the attack at Pearl Harbor examining the choices and errors of both the Japanese and U.S. military leaders, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 8, Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-623-3300.

Volunteer Fair: Interact with various organizations that offer volunteer services to the community, 2-3:30 p.m. Dec. 8, Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, free, 407-835-7323. **Holiday pastries:** Learn to make a beautiful cream puff tower for the holidays with pastry chef and Polka Dot It Cakes owner Monica Velo. Reservations required, 3 p.m. Dec. 8, Maitland Public Library, 501 S. Maitland Ave., Maitland, free, 407-647-7700.

Local Author Festival: Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 15, Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, free, 407-835-7323. **Crochet Holiday Wreaths:** Learn how to crochet mini holiday wreaths. Previous crochet experience recommended, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 18, Alafaya branch of the Orange County Library System, 12000 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, free, 407-835-7323.

Order of the Skywatcher Clan: A meeting of the nonprofit Order of the Skywatcher Clan, which takes monthly trips to the tribe's cave near Belleview to explore. Training is provided, if needed. Also potluck

Other

Tax program counselors: Volunteer Tax-Aide

counselors are needed for the AARP Tax-Aide Program. Counselors help prepare tax returns and assist with filing requirements for older taxpayers and others. Volunteer client facilitators are needed to assist taxpayers in organizing their tax documents. An aptitude for tax work, experience in filing personal returns and good communication and computer skills are needed. An orientation will be held in December and training will begin in January in the Orlando area. Details: Jackie Sward at 407-647-5233 or aarp.org/taxaide.

Social/Hobby Clubs

Central Florida Railway Historical Society: Videographer Danny Harmon will present coverage of recent Florida trains, 7 p.m. Dec. 9, Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, free, 407-656-0559.

Orlando Area Historical Rose Society: "Everything's Coming Up Roses" PowerPoint presentation to be presented by American Rose Society Master Rosarian Tom Burke of the Orlando Area Historical Rose Society. It will be a basic presentation of growing a rose and include everything from selecting, planting, fertilizing, pruning, etc. 2:30 p.m. Jan. 5, Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, free, 407-497-1639.

'FashionAbility' American Sewing Guild, Orlando Chapter: A group dedicated specifically to the art and skill of garment sewing. All levels welcome. 10:30 a.m. the fourth Thursday of the months of October, January, April, and July, The Sewing Studio, 9605 U.S. Highway 17-92, Maitland, first two visits are free, then ASG membership is required, 407-697-0882.

Orlando Society of Model Railroaders: See a large, fully operational HO scale model railroad with eight scale miles of main line track and fully detailed areas of urban and rural scenery. Visitors are welcome and memberships are available for those who would be interested in participating in club activities regularly, 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturdays, Orlando Society of Model Railroaders, 7208 Aloma Ave., No. 500, Winter Park, 407-496-8225.

Scribes of Central Florida Calligraphy Guild: Open to all who are interested or want to learn more about calligraphy, 1 p.m. the first Sunday of each month September through May, Roth Jewish Community Center of Greater Orlando, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, free, 407-603-0214.

Central Florida Stamp Club: 6-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month, Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, free, 407-889-0528.

Italian American Social Club of Central Florida: All nationalities are welcome. Dinner dances, with live bands, 6-10 p.m. every second and fourth Saturday (\$30 for members, \$35 for guests, includes open bar); Italian American Social Club of Central Florida, 5900 Hibiscus Road, Orlando, 407-273-2830.

Central Florida Fruit Society: Discover new species and varieties of ambrosial fruits from around the world and grown locally, 6:30-9 p.m. the third Monday of the month (except July), Harry P. Leu Gardens 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, free, 407-995-6717.

'Sew Crazies': Orlando Chapter neighborhood group of American Sewing Guild. Dedicated to advancing sewing as an art and life skill. All levels welcome. First two visits are free, then ASG membership is required, 10 a.m. the second Monday of the month, The Sewing Studio, 9605 U.S. Highway 17-92, Maitland, 407-697-0882.

Central Florida Coin Club: Weekly presentations, 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, free, 407-657-6440.

lunch, socializing, fossil hunting, camping, Native American arts and crafts, tribal matters, video production, seeking Skywatcher tribal descendants, astronomy, science, model building. Advance registration required, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. the first Saturday of the month, a private residence, 3415 Silverwood Drive, Orlando, free, 407-293-1739.

Lockheed Martin Dive Club: Hear from informative speakers and about upcoming dive trips. All are welcome, 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, Logan's Roadhouse, 3060 W. Sand Lake Road, Orlando, free, buy your own food, 407-778-5038.

Florida Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America: You don't have to have an antique car to join. All cars and owners welcome, 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, free, 732-895-1227.

Central Florida Porcelain Artists: Porcelain painters of all skill levels are welcome, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, First Baptist Church of Winter Park, 1021 N. New York Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-797-1472.

Recreation

Social dancing: Featuring live music for seniors and all dancers. Coffee, tea, water and desserts are provided. Sponsored by Your Active City Seniors Inc. 7-9:30 p.m. Fridays, Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, \$6, 407-339-5393.

Square and line dancing: 7-8 p.m. mainstream workshop, 8-10 p.m. mainstream square dance with line dances between tips, Wednesdays, Whirl and Twirl Dance Club, Lake Howell Square, 1241 Semoran Blvd., Unit #171, Casselberry, \$5, 407-375-5351.

Round and square dancing: 7-7:30 p.m. plus workshop, 7:30-8 p.m. early rounds, 8-10 p.m. plus square dance with rounds between tips, Fridays, Whirl and Twirl Dance Club, Lake Howell Square, 1241 Semoran Blvd., Suite 171, Casselberry, \$5, 407-375-5351.

Round Dance lessons: Current rhythm rumba 7-8 p.m.; advance foxtrot rhythm 8-9 p.m. Mondays, Whirl and Twirl Dance Club, Lake Howell Square, 1241 Semoran Blvd., Suite 171, Casselberry, \$5 per couple, 407-376-4079.

Bingo: Proceeds benefit the Bahla Shrine Center Apopka. Doors open at 5 p.m. Early bird games start at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Bahla Shrine Center 3101 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, 407-660-8811.

Ballroom dance class: Proceeds benefit the Elks Charity Fund, 6 p.m. intermediate/advanced, 7 p.m. beginner Tuesdays, Elks Lodge #1079, 12 N. Primrose Drive, Orlando, \$10, 407-227-4883.

Bingo: Early Bird begins at 5:45 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Elks Charity Fund, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Elks Lodge #1079, 12 N. Primrose Drive, Orlando, \$15-\$25, 407-894-1079.

Beginning race walking: Orange County Parks and Recreation Division is offering a beginning race walking program for ages 12 or older. Advance registration required, 8:05-9 a.m. Sundays; 5-5:55 p.m. Mondays, Magnolia Park, 2929 Binion Road, Apopka, free, 407-886-4231. **Bingo:** Proceeds benefit church charities. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Early bird 6:15 p.m. Mondays, Incarnation Catholic Church, 1515 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, \$8-\$12, 407-425-1355.

Senior

Card games: Play a variety of games, 1-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Goldenrod Civic Club, 4763 Palmetto Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-657-6862.

Senior Survival seminar: Board Certified Elder Law Attorney Kathleen Flammia will discuss Medicaid and veteran benefits, asset protection and estate planning. Reservations requested, 6 p.m. Dec. 11, Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-478-8700.

Estate Planning & Long-Term Care Insurance: Presented by Paul and Lyn Henderson, Certified Senior Housing Professionals.

Reservations required, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 11, Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-476-1808.

Senior Stretch: A weekly, yoga-based stretch class for participants age 65 or older featuring a variety of physical movements to increase flexibility, balance and strength. These exercises are designed to improve day to day function for seniors, 10 a.m. Thursdays, AdventHealth Health Village Fitness Center, 2520 N. Orange Ave., Suite 101, Orlando, \$5, 407-303-2552.

Computer classes for seniors: The Seniors Now Computer Learning Center offers computer courses designed for seniors and taught by seniors but any age is welcome. Apple workshops are available for help on any Apple product such as iPads, iPhones or Apple computers (even the Apple watch). Windows workshops are available for help on any Windows product. No prior computer experience is necessary for the Introduction to Computers course which is nine hours over three weeks and covers basic email and the Internet using Windows 10. Advanced classes are available for email, the Internet, buying and selling on eBay, computer genealogy, word processing, digital photography and spreadsheets. Times and fees vary depending on classes and week. Courses are taught at Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, 407-318-3256.

Senior lifestyle guide: The Senior Resource Alliance (Area Agency on Aging of Central Florida) and the 50PlusFYL Resource Network have published an information booklet called the 50PlusFYL Lifestyle & Resource Guide. It is available for free at public libraries and senior centers in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Information includes help lines, hotlines, special interest groups, legislative activity, consumer protection trends, and community events. Details: 407-265-0534 or 50plusFYL.org.

Driver safety program: The AARP Driver Safety Program's Smart Driver Course helps participants refine driving skills and develop safe driving habits. Upon completion of the course, Florida drivers 50 or older may be eligible for vehicle insurance discounts. Advance registration required, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 16, Legacy Pointe at UCF, 5971 Brick Court, Suite 1001, Winter Park, \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, 407-699-5978.

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