

# info & updates

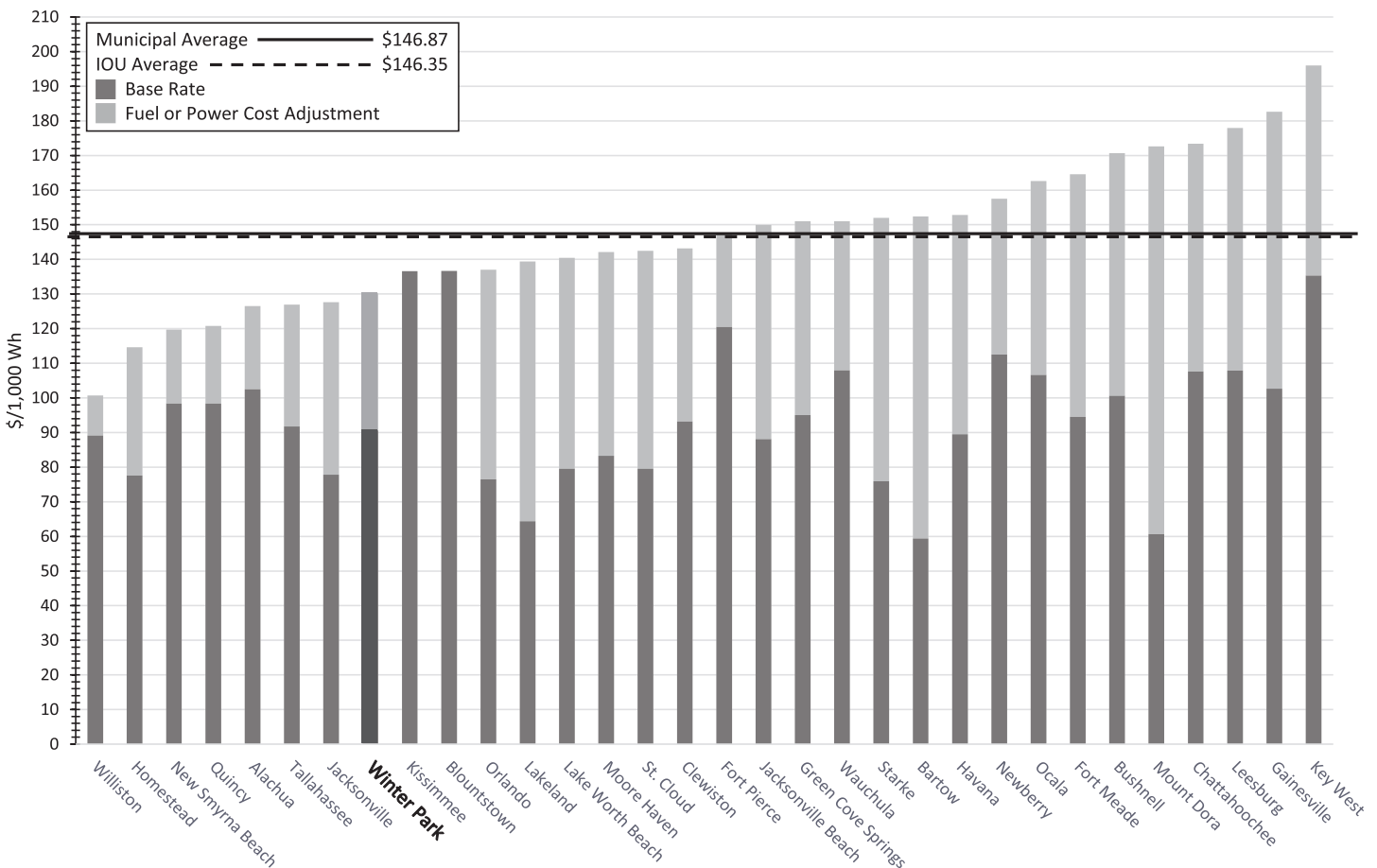
March utility bill insert



## Electric rate comparison

The chart below shows how Winter Park's electric bill rates compare with other municipalities. Winter Park is one of the lowest cost utilities in Florida and continues to reinvest its profits into its infrastructure and undergrounding efforts.

**1,000 kWh Residential Bill Comparison: December 2022**  
**Municipals Only, Lowest to Highest**



## learn CPR & save a life

**when** **saturday, april 15** 9 a.m. to noon  
**OR** **tuesday, april 25** 6 to 9 p.m.

**where** 343 W. Canton Ave.  
**info** 407-599-3317 | rmattingly@cityofwinterpark.org

**registration required**  
 Cost is \$40. [wpfd.org/classes](http://wpfd.org/classes)



## join us saturday, april 22

**what** **run for the trees** 7:30 a.m.  
**AND** **ward & wellbeing earth day block party** 8 to 11:30 a.m.

**where** Ward Park @ 250 Perth Lane and Center for Health & Wellbeing @ 2005 Mizell Ave  
**info** 407-599-3450 | [cityofwinterpark.org/earthday](http://cityofwinterpark.org/earthday)

**volunteer** [kwpb@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:kwpb@cityofwinterpark.org)

# 2022 Employees of the Year



## **Stephanie Silva**

Events & Marketing  
Coordinator  
Communications  
Department

Hired in 2019, Events & Marketing Coordinator Stephanie Silva brings an energetic and fresh perspective to our city family. Her “can do” attitude, self-motivation, likeable personality, and expertise in marketing and social media has made her an invaluable team member of the Communications Department. Whether she is filming city employees to show the high-quality work they do, or managing special event logistics and promotions, she continues to excel.

Stephanie teaches colleagues the most current social media features and assists in overseeing all city social media accounts. She ensures messaging is on point, keeps up with the trends, adheres to city protocol, and presents positive and current information.

Stephanie also began taking the lead on event-related city press releases, various official letters and proclamations. One of her greatest contributions is her creative video production skills, which have resulted in over 30 fun, informative videos that promote city services and feature city staff.

The city is not the only organization that has recognized her talents. In 2021, Stephanie was awarded the “Shining Star Award” by the Florida Municipal Communicators Association.



## **Travis Tacner**

Engineer/  
Paramedic  
Fire-Rescue  
Department

A native central Floridian, Travis Tacner began his career with the Fire-Rescue Department (WPFDD) in 2007 as a Firefighter/Paramedic. In 2017, he was promoted to Engineer and shortly after, obtained his state instructor certificate which allowed him to be involved with the department’s training division.

Most recently, Travis has taken the lead in revising the department’s driver/pump operator handbook which serves as the “how-to” manual for drivers. He also serves as a lead instructor for driver training and pump operations classes. This is no small task as both technologies and techniques are forever evolving. Travis has developed a unique way of adapting the manual material into real life situations in Winter Park and his instructing style is well received by all students. Travis is also an integral part of fire apparatus build teams which are responsible for ensuring that apparatus purchased are best suited for the city and WPFDD.

Travis strives to be the very best firefighter, paramedic and engineer. His drive for greatness is evident in how he teaches and mentors his fellow firefighters. New and veteran firefighters alike learn from his work ethic and the professional image he continually displays.



## **Kyle Burkhart**

K-9 Officer  
Police  
Department

Officer Kyle Burkhart operates the only K-9 team in the department and fully embodies one of the most fundamental law enforcement skills of conducting traffic enforcement. Not only does this assure our citizens that officers are actively patrolling the city to ensure safety, but it is an important tool that helps with investigating criminal activity.

During 2022, Officer Burkhart made several significant arrests, located numerous stolen vehicles, seized 1,500 grams of cannabis and other drugs, and removed four firearms from convicted felons. In July 2022, one of his most significant cases occurred when he conducted a traffic stop and the driver fled on foot. Officer Burkhart was able to apprehend the suspect and make an arrest. A search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of a stolen firearm, and confiscation of over 1,000 grams of cannabis, 70 grams of ecstasy, and \$23,311 in drug money. To prosecute this case, he worked directly with the United States Attorney’s Office and an agent with the Department of Homeland Security. Due to the solid case that he compiled, the defendant received 82 months in federal prison.

Officer Burkhart regularly volunteers for outreach programs, bringing his K-9 partner Wyatt to meet the children. He is an active member of the Metro SWAT Team and competed in the 2022 SWAT Roundup International. He and Wyatt are exemplary employees and great assets to the department.

**Congratulations & thank you for your dedication!**