

# info & updates

December utility bill insert



## Stormwater assessment FAQs

**Q** Why am I seeing a stormwater assessment on my property tax bill?

**A** Effective October 1, 2023, the city moved the stormwater fee from the monthly utility bill to the property tax bill. September 2023 was the last month stormwater was included on the city utility bills.

**Q** Why did the city decide to change its billing method?

**A** Charging the stormwater assessment on the utility bill did not capture all properties, specifically those without an active water or electric account (i.e. properties that are vacant or under construction). Moving the stormwater fees to the property tax bill ensures all properties are billed for the fee.

**Q** How was the assessment calculated?

**A** The assessment is based on the amount of impervious surface area on your property and the city's rate of \$0.06/square foot of impervious surface area. The impervious surface area was determined through building permit data and aerial photographs from the Orange County Property Appraiser's GIS system.

**Q** If I believe the impervious surface area for my property is incorrect, what do I do?

**A** You can review the impervious surface

area on your property by entering your address or parcel identification number and accessing [gis.cityofwinterpark.org/stormaudit](https://gis.cityofwinterpark.org/stormaudit). Building structures will be shaded in red while driveways and other impervious areas will be shaded in yellow. If you would like the city to investigate the impervious square footage, select "Click here to appeal assessment" after entering your address.

**Q** If I file an appeal of my stormwater assessment, should I wait until that is resolved before paying my property tax bill?

**A** There is a 4% discount for paying property taxes by Thursday, November 30. That discount is reduced by 1% each month and if you pay after Thursday, February 29, 2024, there is no discount. If it is determined an adjustment should be made to the stormwater assessment, the city will complete a Certificate of Correction of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and file it with the Orange County Tax Collector and Orange County Property Appraiser. Any overpayment will be refunded to you or your mortgage company as applicable.

## New cool place to warm up

Since acquisition of the Winter Park Pines Golf Club (WP18), the city has been making serious improvements to the entire golfing experience. From modern renovations to the club house to creating an inviting outdoor patio space complete with warm fire pits and relaxing seating under the umbrella tables, golfers can enjoy their favorite outdoor activity even more.

Other improvements include the installation of a new artificial tee at the driving range, repairs and replacement on all on-course bridges, as well as turf repair, root grinding and sod work to holes 1, 2, 3, 8 & 15. If you haven't golfed the WP18 recently, book your tee time by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/golf](https://cityofwinterpark.org/golf) > **Winter Park Pines Golf Club (WP18)**.



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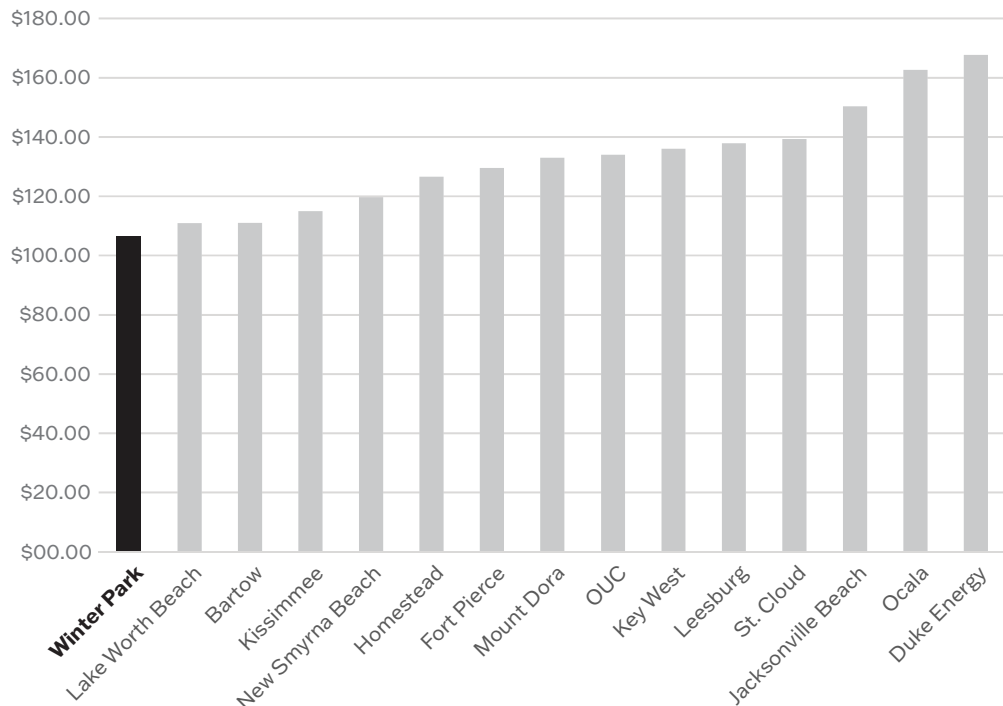
submit by the end of December

**Winter Park electric rates remain lowest among Florida municipalities**



### 1,000 kWh Residential Bill Comparison | September 2023

Florida municipal utilities with customer counts between 5,000 and 100,000 with the addition of neighboring utilities Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC) and Duke Energy® Florida



*please note*

## City Hall **CLOSED**

monday **JAN 01**

in observance of  
**New Year's Day**

monday **JAN 15**

in observance of  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Waste Pro note:** Household garbage & yard trash **will not** be collected on New Year's Day. Recycling **will be** collected.

## CoffeeTalk

Mark your calendars for this season's final CoffeeTalk. Virtual link registration will be live approximately one week prior to each date by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/meetings](http://cityofwinterpark.org/meetings).

**Thursday | 8:30-9:30 a.m.**  
**JAN 11** Mayor Phil Anderson

Commission Chambers  
@ 401 S. Park Ave.

## Election schedule for 2024

### Mayor & Commission Seat 2

#### qualifying

Monday **12.04.2023** @ noon thru  
Monday **12.11.2023** @ noon

#### general election

Tuesday **03.19.2024**

#### run-off election if needed

Tuesday **04.16.2024**

#### more info

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