

info & updates

March utility bill insert

Vision Zero Winter Park

The city is participating in a regional, planning initiative aimed at enhancing transportation safety by drafting its own Vision Zero Action Plan. This plan will strengthen the safety elements included in the city's Transportation Master Plan that was adopted by the City Commission in August 2023.

Vision Zero is funded by a \$3.79 million federal grant awarded to MetroPlan Orlando. Its primary objective is to eliminate traffic deaths on all roadways. Learn more and share your feedback:

Saturday, March 23 | 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Winter Park Farmers' Market @ [Central Park West Meadow](#)

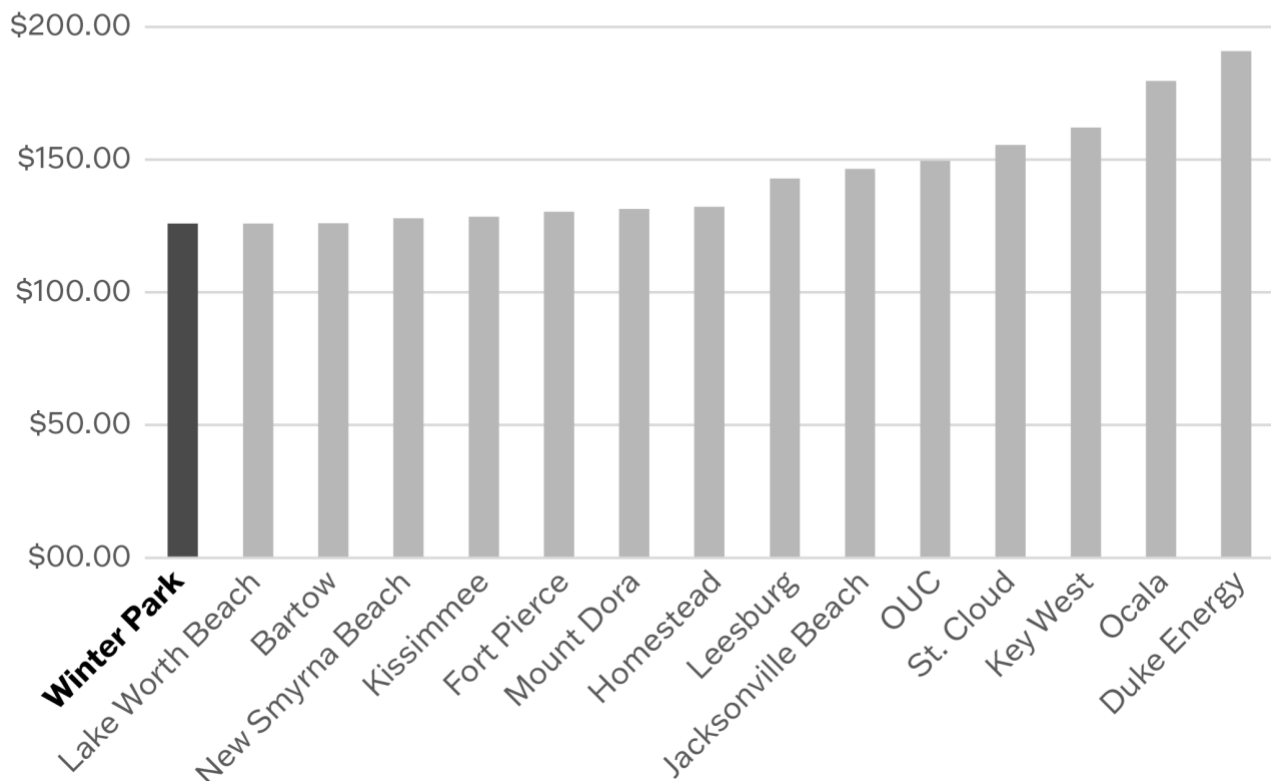
Saturday, March 26 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

City Hall Commission Chambers @ [401 S. Park Ave.](#)

Or please access cityofwinterpark.org/visionzerowp

1,000 kWh Residential Bill Comparison: December 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



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2023 Employees of the Year

Sandra Brown | Permit Technician | Building & Permitting Services

Sometimes people perform extraordinary, heroic acts during their every day job functions. In 2023, Sandra Brown, Permit Technician, was diagnosed with stage three cancer and faced with undergoing chemo followed by radiation. At the time of her diagnosis, Building & Permitting Services was already under some strain due to various health-related issues affecting employee attendance.

However, going above and beyond throughout her cancer treatments, Sandra never missed work unless it was absolutely necessary. She knew that her colleagues were spread thin and she made it very clear she had a strong desire to contribute. On many days, Sandra would arrive to work with crackers and ginger ale to help make it through her shift. Although there were times she was sent home because she was too ill to work, she never wanted to leave.

Throughout her treatments, Sandra continued to present a professional image on behalf of the department and the city. As she maintained her positive attitude and continued to perform all work duties, Sandra became an inspiration to her colleagues. Although she moved forward as though nothing was wrong, her team knew there were struggles. As the treatments continued affecting her energy and physical appearance, Sandra persevered, never losing her sense of humor or strong work ethic. And when her treatments were complete, several city staff members were at her side when she rang the bell, signifying she had crossed the finish line.

Jack Timmes | Firefighter | Fire-Rescue Department

Firefighter Jack Timmes consistently displays outstanding dedication, exemplary service, and a resolute commitment to the Fire-Rescue Department. His strong work ethic and the way he leads by example both contribute to the superior service the department provides to city residents to keep our community safe. In addition to being a team player, he also cultivates a spirit of collaboration with his crew members, ensuring seamless cohesiveness and timely completion of station tasks.

Jack's positive influence extends beyond day-to-day operations, significantly elevating morale among his colleagues. His strong work ethic with respect to each of his duties fosters camaraderie among his peers as he exemplifies professionalism.

As a dedicated public servant, Jack has proven to be an invaluable asset to the department as a whole. His contributions have raised department standards and had a positive impact on the mindset of his team.

Kaitlin Gonzalez | Master Police Officer | Police Department

Master Police Officer (MPO) Kaitlin Gonzalez is recognized for her dedication and service to the citizens of our community as well as her fellow law enforcement officers. She maintains a drive and determination in training both current and next generation law enforcement officers in first aid, defensive tactics, and taser and firearms. In addition, as the range master at Winter Park firearms range, she provides a new perspective to training and citizen firearms safety courses which are thoughtfully planned and enthusiastically presented.

Kaitlin is also an instructor at the basic law enforcement academy at Seminole State College and Valencia School of Public Safety, as well as a member of the Critical Incident Stress Management team. She makes herself available to law enforcement officers and civilian employees during the aftermath of highly stressful and emotional police incidents to ensure they have the ability to debrief and decompress.

Kaitlin's prior experience as an undercover narcotics investigator at the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigations, a school resource officer in the Community Policing Unit, and her tireless determination make her an invaluable member of the department. She leads with a professional, polite and courteous manner towards our citizens, serving as an outstanding example to her colleagues.

Congratulations & thank you for your dedication!