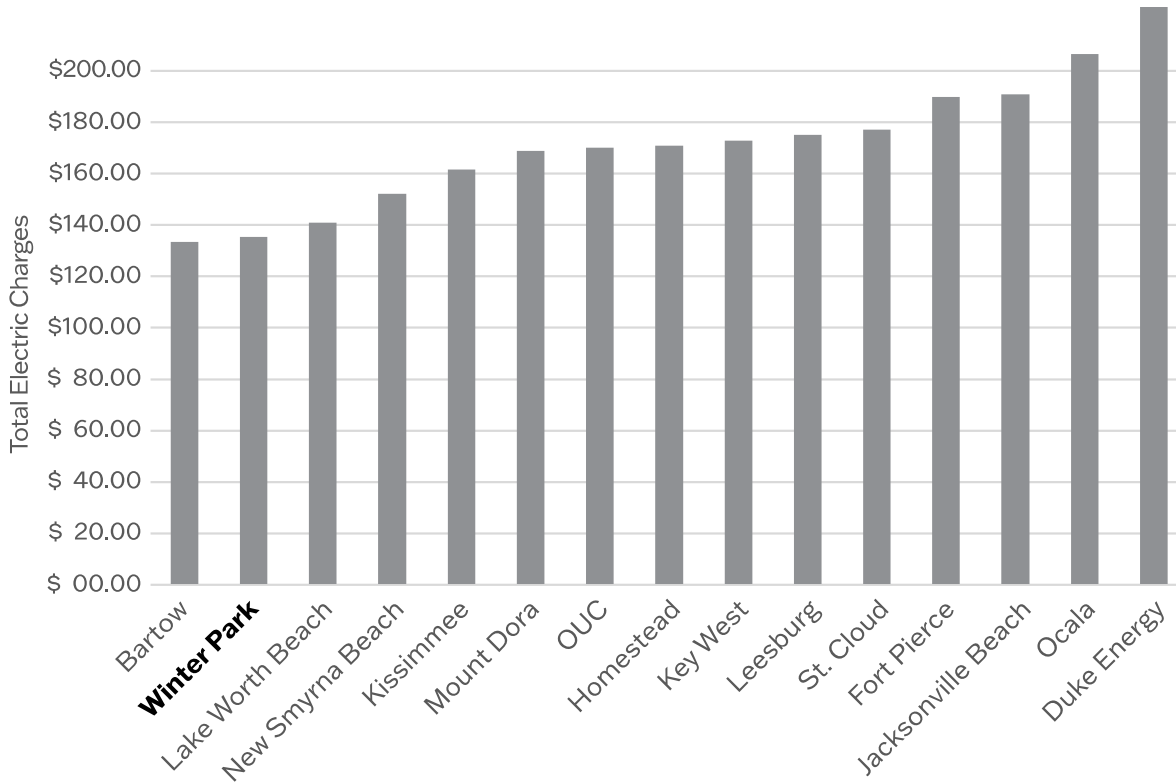


info & updates

September utility bill insert

Winter Park electric rates continue to remain as one of the lowest among Florida municipalities



Conversations are brewing at CoffeeTalk

Mark your calendars to join your city leaders for a cup of conversation and coffee at this year's CoffeeTalk series. Unable to attend in person? Virtual link access will be available approximately one week prior to each gathering at cityofwinterpark.org/meetings.

brewing Thursdays | 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Commission Chambers @ 401 S. Park Ave.

- SEP 05** Vice Mayor Todd Weaver
 - OCT 03** Commissioner Kris Cruzada
 - NOV 07** Commissioner Craig Russell
 - DEC 05** Commissioner Marty Sullivan
 - JAN 09** Mayor Sheila DeCiccio
- 2025**

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Shady Park Pioneer Memorial

In August, the city dedicated the new Pioneer Memorial located in Shady Park at Hannibal Square, adjacent to the Winter Park Community Center located at 721 W. New England Ave. The memorial, designed by artist George Gadson, includes four busts of the most significant residents in the history of the African American community. A timeline of the community's history with biographies of each pioneer is presented adjacent to the busts on a ceramic tile history wall. Featured pioneers include:

- Mary Lee Depugh (1878-1949) » founder of the Ideal Woman's Club
- Gustavus Christopher "Gus" Henderson (1862-1917) » activist and founder of The Advocate
- Frank R. Israel (1848-1925) and Walter B. Simpson (1859-1915) » both Town Aldermen from 1887-1893

The memorial was dreamed and planned by the MLK Shady Park Committee that included neighbors, residents, city staff and stakeholders. The project construction was managed by the city's Parks & Recreation Department and funded by the Community Redevelopment Agency. This impressive sculpture proudly recognizes the importance of the Hannibal Square community and its pioneers.

Fiscal Year 2025 budget hearings

Residents are invited to share their comments/input on the city's budget during the two public hearings held on the city's proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget **Wednesday, September 11 and 25, at 5 p.m.** City Commission meetings are held in Commission Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, located at 401 S. Park Ave. This is an important process and all city residents are encouraged to attend and share their input about the proposed budget and millage rates before final adoption.

More information regarding the city's proposed FY2025 budget including program budgets for each function of the city, a 5-year capital improvement plan, and 10-year proformas for major funds, are accessible at cityofwinterpark.org > **Departments** > **Management & Budget**.

Free tree delivery

The Urban Forestry Division has partnered with the National Arbor Day Foundation and Florida Forest Service to showcase the Community Canopy Program. Beginning **Tuesday, October 1**, Winter Park residents can order a FREE tree species of their choice (while supplies last) by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/urbanforestry and clicking on the **Community Canopy Program Information button**.

Shortly after Thanksgiving, a one-gallon containered tree will then be delivered directly to each resident's doorstep along with instructions on planting and care.

For additional information regarding the city's tree canopy efforts, please contact urbanforestry@cityofwinterpark.org.

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