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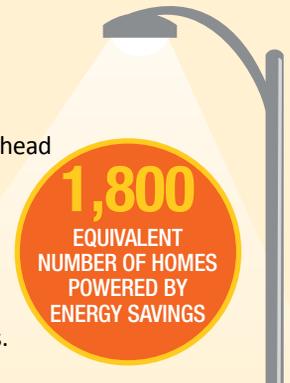


AFTER LED Lighting Upgrade

LED Streetlight Upgrade Saves Energy and Provides Better Visibility

OUC lighting crews are nearly halfway through a major project to convert our more than 31,000 streetlights to energy-efficient LED technology. The project, which began in 2013, will provide whiter, clearer light, offering better visibility for motorists, pedestrians and law enforcement. The new lamps also help minimize light pollution thanks to a more focused, directional beam

than the older orange, cobra-head style fixtures. In addition to the improved look and light quality, the LED upgrade will also save electricity and money. The project will be completed in about five years.



OUC Provides NFL with Green Energy Credits for Pro Bowl Conservation



OUC was able to take advantage of its extensive use of sustainable energy sources – including solar and landfill methane gas – to provide the National Football League (NFL) with Renewable Energy Credits focused around the Pro Bowl, which took place at Camping World Stadium in January. The credits were for the equivalent amount of energy consumed by the stadium during a two-week period – estimated to be around 560 megawatt hours, or enough to power approximately 560 homes for one full month.

Ahead of the Pro Bowl, the NFL spent a lot of time in Central Florida organizing and participating in community events. On January 27, OUC employees joined the City of Orlando, former NFL players, military personnel and Annunciation Middle School students to plant trees and spruce up the Colonialtown Community Gardens.



Fix-A-Leak Week

Join OUC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program to spread the word about water conservation. Also, make an effort to fix leaks in your own home during **FIX-A-LEAK WEEK**, which runs **March 20-26**. Even the smallest leak can waste gallons of water and raise your utility bill. In fact, a leaky faucet at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year. That's a lot of H₂O down the drain!

For more information about water conservation, as well as tips on repairing leaks, visit www.ouc.com/water.



Energy Conservation: *Did You Know?*

Did you know that much of the unwanted heat in your house comes straight from the attic? The ceiling is one of the easiest locations to add insulation and can do wonders to keep attic heat out of your home and utility bills at bay during the scorching Florida summer. OUC even offers a rebate to help cover some of the costs.

Check out www.ouc.com/rebates for more on the various residential rebates available to customers.

Bacchus Bash - "Food, Drinks and Fun for Everyone"

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) will host its annual Bacchus Bash – a food, beverage and entertainment festival – on Friday, March 31 at the Orlando Vineland Premium Outlets.

Attendees can purchase samples of Central Florida's finest food, beverages and desserts from premier hotels and restaurants, and participate in a silent auction and raffle with more than 200 available items. Members of XL106.7's "Johnny's House" will be on-hand to judge the food & beverage offerings.

All Bacchus Bash net proceeds will benefit the CFHLA Foundation, Inc., which provides scholarships and grants to Central Florida hospitality students and schools.

For additional information, please visit www.bacchusbashorlando.com and www.facebook.com/cfhla.bacchusbash.

What:

Bacchus Bash

Food, Drink & Fun for Everyone

Where:

Orlando Premium Outlets®
8200 Vineland Avenue,
Orlando, FL 32821

When:

March 31, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.



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