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OUC HELPS DRIVERS NAVIGATE ELECTRIC ROADMAP



Scores of OUC commercial and residential customers interested in making the transition from oil to electrons went behind the wheel of Teslas, Chevrolets, Mitsubishiis, BMWs and Nissans at OUC's inaugural Electric Car Guest Drive in June.

Held at Camping World Stadium, the event allowed drivers to take an eVoyage in one of eight different electric vehicles (EVs) to see how they performed on the road. The vehicles are gaining popularity because "range anxiety" is decreasing as charge ranges increase, with some models capable of traveling more than 100 miles on a single charge.

Educational representatives were on hand to answer questions about leasing and purchasing EVs (including battery-range, gas-backup availability, and scheduled maintenance). And, OUC employees explained how EV charging stations work, best

times to charge vehicles, and where charging stations can be found.

OUC has long championed EVs and installed more than 150 public charging stations in our service territory. In 2016, we began offering EV rebates to residential customers to offset the cost of buying an EV. OUC also maintains its own fleet of 42 hybrids, 11 all-electric vehicles, and several hybrid aerial bucket trucks.

EV Lease/Purchase Rebate

Electric customers who lease or purchase a plug-in electric vehicle or recently added one to their garage are eligible to receive a \$200 rebate on their OUC bill as a statement credit. For details, visit OUC.com/EVSathome.

Back To School

CONSERVATION TIPS



While the kids may not be ready to head back to the classroom, an empty house offers energy-saving opportunities. Now is a good time to make some adjustments to your energy habits. Here's how to earn an "A" this school year in energy efficiency:

- 1 Raise Your Thermostat** – When there's no one to keep cool in your home, raise the temperature a few degrees so the A/C runs less.
- 2 Unplug Unused Devices** – TVs and game systems can eat up energy even when not in use.
- 3 Keep Curtains/Blinds Closed** – Keep the daytime heat out so your A/C doesn't have to work as hard.
- 4 Install Lighting Timers** – Install timers on your lamps so they remain off during the day and kick on right when you get home.
- 5 Keep the Fridge Closed** – When you're packing lunches, don't leave the fridge open. Remove all needed items first.

OUC OUTAGE REPORTING

Power outages become more common during Florida's temperamental storm season. OUC offers multiple 24/7 options to let us know when the lights go out.



- **Text*** – Use your mobile device to text **OUT** to **69682** (myOUC). You'll receive updates with the cause of the problem and an estimated time of restoration.
- **Voice** – Give us a call at **407-957-7373** (St. Cloud/Osceola County).
- **Web** – Log in to your **my.OUC.com** account and let us know.

Text reporting requires a one-time registration. Get started by texting **REG to **69682** (myOUC) or setting preferences via your **my.OUC.com** account.*



DOWNED POWER LINE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



- ⚡ Stay as far away as possible and immediately call **9-1-1** or OUC at **407-957-7373**.
- ⚡ If a line touches your vehicle, stay inside the vehicle, call **9-1-1** and only exit when safety officials say it's safe to do so.
- ⚡ NEVER drive over a downed power line. Tires will not protect you against an energized line.
- ⚡ NEVER touch or move a line yourself. Only authorized utility workers should do so.

Visit **OUC.com/safety** to view our downed power line safety video.

FLORIDA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS 62ND CONCERT SEASON

Florida Symphony Youth Orchestras (FSYO) continues to educate and inspire Central Florida's top young musicians.

FSYO's programs reflect a commitment to provide an opportunity to strengthen their musical talents and develop an appreciation of the arts through music, while developing strong leadership skills, dedication, discipline, accountability, and self-awareness.



For additional dates and info, please visit: www.fsyo.org

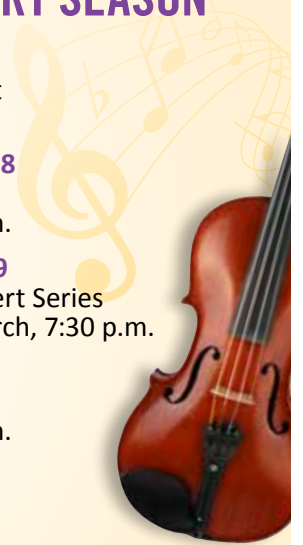
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018
62nd Season Opening Concert
Bob Carr Theater, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018
Sounds of the Season
Mead Botanical Garden, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019
Celebration Foundation Concert Series
Community Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019
Pops in the Garden
Mead Botanical Garden, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019
62nd Season Finale
Bob Carr Theater, 4 p.m.



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