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'CLEANER, GREENER ENERGY FUTURE' CONTINUES FOR OUC

108.5 MW of Solar Energy Added to OUC's Grid

OUC will draw 100% of the energy generated by the *Taylor Creek Solar Energy Center* in east Orange County and 46% from *Harmony Solar Energy Center* in St. Cloud.

The two 750-acre solar farms are part of the Florida Municipal Solar Project and owned and operated by Florida Renewable Partners. OUC is the only municipal utility tied into Taylor Creek and one of six sharing Harmony. The openings also mark a major milestone in OUC's commitment to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, with a near-term goal of reducing carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 from 2005 levels.

"This is a monumental event in OUC's nearly 100-year history," said **Clint Bullock**, General Manager & CEO, referring to the solar farm openings. "We are on our way to becoming a leading solar energy provider on a watts-per-customer basis in Florida. In a few years, we will reach that goal as we expand our solar generation capacity. A cleaner, greener energy future begins here."

Photo: Harmony Solar Farm



**FLORIDA MUNICIPAL
SOLAR PROJECT**



SOLAR SCULPTURE SCORES GREEN ENERGY POINTS

Soccer-inspired solar sculpture "Gyration" will soon take up residence at downtown Orlando's Exploria Stadium as a symbol of the game played by the Orlando City Soccer Club and Orlando Pride professional soccer teams and the beauty of renewable energy. The sculpture was designed by University of Central Florida mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and art students who responded to an OUC challenge to conceptualize a sculpture that doubles as a source of clean energy. To see a video of the production process, visit **OUCblog.com**.

HERE TO HELP WITH PAYMENT ASSISTANCE OPTIONS



As we navigate these challenging times, we're committed to doing the right thing for our customers and community. We understand that even as our area reopens, residual financial effects may last for some time.

That's why we're providing even more relief through a variety of financial assistance and payment options. To learn more, visit **OUC.com/Assistance** or call **407-423-9018** to speak with a customer service agent.



OUC JOINS *DO YOUR PART, ORLANDO* CAMPAIGN

OUC has joined Orange County and the Orlando Economic Partnership for *Do Your Part, Orlando*, a campaign to encourage actions we all can take to stay safe and healthy and to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community. To do our part, we promise to:

- Have hand sanitizer available
- Wear face coverings where it's safe to do so
- Practice good hygiene
- Follow social distancing guidelines
- Follow CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting
- Train employees on COVID-19 safety procedures

We encourage everyone to do the same. We're all in this together. Learn more about this campaign at DoYourPartORL.com.

BEAT THE HEAT WITH HOT WEATHER SAVINGS TIPS



Summer is here and temps are on the rise, which can mean higher bills. But don't sweat it — learn how to keep your cool and your cash at OUC.com/hotweather.

SCAM ALERT

OUC will never request payment or ask for your bank or credit card information over the phone; if a payment is required, you will always be directed to an automated phone system or to pay via my.OUC.com or an authorized payment location. Learn more about common utility scams at OUC.com/scams.

OUC WATER QUALITY REPORT

Learn more about H2OUC via the OUC Water Quality Report at OUC.com/wqr2019. It contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To request a printed copy of the 2019 Water Quality Report, call **407-423-9018** or visit OUC.com/wqrrequest.

*Para asistencia en español con el Reporte Anual 2019 de la Calidad del Agua favor de llamar al teléfono **407-423-9018**.*



4th Annual 4.9k CommUNITY Rainbow Run

Registration is open for the **4th Annual CommUNITY Rainbow Run** benefiting **onePULSE Foundation**. The 4.9K honors the 49 people killed in the Pulse nightclub tragedy and is presented by **Orlando Health** in partnership with the **UCF DeVos Sports Business Management Program**.

The event also includes a **1K Old Town Kissimmee Kids Fun Run** and an option for runners from across the country and around the world to join the event by participating in a **PNC Bank 4.9K Virtual Run**. The virtual option can be run at any location at the runner's pace.

Every participant will receive a commemorative medal, T-shirt and back pack.

4th Annual

CommUNITY^{4.9k}
Rainbow Run

DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2020

TIME: 7 a.m.

LOCATION: Wadeview Park

RAINBOW RUN: \$49

KIDS FUN RUN: \$5

VIRTUAL RUN: \$49

Register at communityrainbowrun.com.

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