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ALL-ELECTRIC BUS DEBUTS IN DOWNTOWN ORLANDO



OUC Board President **Cesar Calvet** hailed Orlando's new all-electric bus as "just a step along the journey toward a sustainable future for generations to come" in an October reveal ceremony with Orlando Mayor **Buddy Dyer** and **Jim Harrison**, CEO of regional mass transit operator LYNX. OUC, the City of Orlando and LYNX are partners on a program, which will bring a total of 14 emission-free buses to the streets of Orlando over the next year.

All e-buses will operate on the LYMMO Grapefruit, Lime and North Quarter lines, removing emissions from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Promoting and supporting the electrification of transportation are key to OUC's CO₂ emissions reduction goals. Among the investments OUC has made to increase EV adoption are the installation of charging stations throughout Orlando and a commitment to spend \$45 million on programs that promote the electrification of transportation. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the transportation sector is the largest contributor of greenhouse gas emissions in the nation.



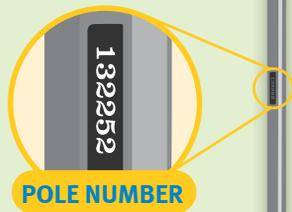
ENERGY-SAVING HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

- 1 **CORDLESS POWER TOOLS** — Cordless screwdrivers, drills and saws, as well as yard tools equipped with ENERGY STAR batteries, use about 30% less energy than their corded counterparts.
- 2 **PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT** — A programmable thermostat can save \$200/year. Some can even "learn" your schedule and allow you to adjust the temperature from a smart phone.
- 3 **MOTION-SENSOR POWER STRIPS** — You can purchase power strips that switch on/off as you enter or leave a room. This keeps electronics from wasting energy when not in use.
- 4 **PRESSURE COOKERS** — Pressure cookers heat up faster and can cut energy usage up to 70%.
- 5 **SOLAR-POWERED GADGETS** — Solar isn't just for rooftops. You can now purchase solar lights, smart phone chargers, backpacks and more.



KNOW OF A STREETLIGHT IN NEED OF REPAIR? LET US KNOW!

With Daylight Saving Time in full swing and the sun setting earlier, we want to make sure your community is well lit for better visibility and safety for motorists, pedestrians and law enforcement. Our crews work year-round to repair or replace broken or burnt out streetlights, but with your help, we can do it even quicker! Visit OUC.com/streetlight to let complete a repair request.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP: WATER HEATERS

Did you know water heaters can account for as much as 17% of your monthly energy bill?

For optimal efficiency, wrap an insulation blanket around the tank and adjust the temperature to 125 degrees or lower.

Need a new water heater? Get an OUC rebate up to \$500. OUC.com/rebates.

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Arts and cultural organizations in Central Florida continue to inspire, teach, and motivate all of us as we navigate COVID-19. Socially distanced exhibits and museums, virtual concerts and productions, and so much more are keeping us connected and calm.

OrlandoAtPlay.com (OAP) is an online events calendar where Central Florida residents can find these virtual and in-person arts and cultural events.

With over 200 organizations posting on average 2,500 events annually, OAP is the top resource to find local arts and culture events all in one place.

In addition to finding these events at OrlandoAtPlay.com, you can also sign up for a weekly email newsletter. The newsletter recommends upcoming events of all genres and includes information about event discounts and free events.

Visit OrlandoAtPlay.com to find local arts and cultural events that continue to inspire and motivate the community. Art is just as beautiful with a mask on.

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