

CONNECTIONS



WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER



Bringing Light to the Community:

Withlacoochee River Electric Illuminates Ernie Weaver Park!

In May, WREC proudly announced a heartfelt commitment to Ernie Weaver Park in Brooksville. In collaboration with Florida Drilling and Geopoint, WREC donated and installed 12 poles and 9 lights at the park's 4 baseball fields, which previously had no lights. WREC employees volunteered their time on Saturday, May 18th, for this project. We cannot thank our employees enough for their generosity and commitment to giving back to our community and making a meaningful difference. Lighting up Ernie Weaver Park was a critical need for the community, enhancing safety and accessibility for residents and visitors. With the addition of these lights, Ernie Weaver Park will become a vibrant place for recreational activities even after sundown. "WREC is deeply committed to enriching the communities we serve," stated David B. Lambert, Executive Vice-President and General Manager of WREC. "By providing the necessary lighting infrastructure, we aim to create a safer and more inviting environment for recreational activities, fostering a sense of community pride."

Christopher Linsbeck, Hernando County Community Services Director, stated, "The impact of this upgrade will immediately improve the overall experience for the community's youth participants, and most importantly, make the gameplay conditions safer with improved visibility. The Park's Department is very appreciative of this significant donation, and we believe the community will continue to benefit from these upgrades for many years to come." The collaborative effort between WREC, Florida Drilling, and Geopoint exemplifies the power of partnership in driving positive change. Together, we have illuminated Ernie Weaver Park, enhancing its value as a recreational destination for generations to come.

Energy Saving Tips



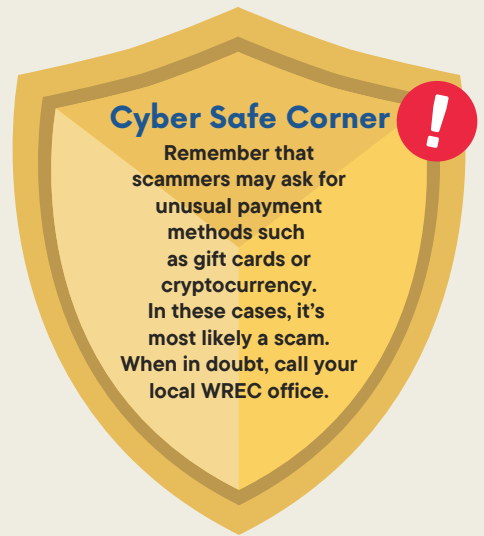
Water heaters are the 2nd largest energy user in your home. Be sure to have the right size tank or switch to a tankless water heater, which can save you 10-15% on energy costs. The default temperature setting on a water heater is 140 degrees. Reducing this to 120 degrees can save a lot of money in the long run. Not only are you paying to heat the water after you use it, but also to keep it hot when you are not using it.



Ensuring Member Safety

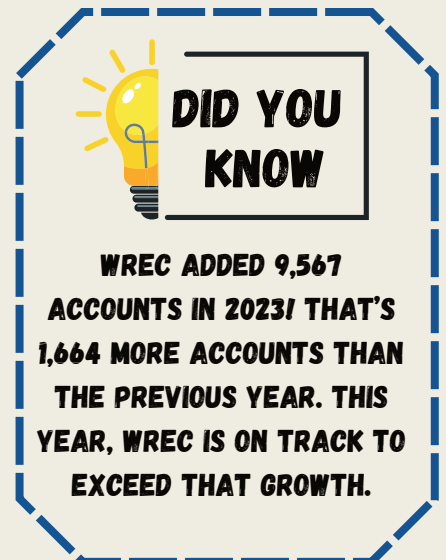
During the summer months in Florida, working outside can be extremely dangerous, especially when you are physically active. The human body relies on its ability to get rid of heat to maintain a healthy internal body temperature. Heat dissipation happens naturally through sweating and increased blood flow to the skin. The body cools down more rapidly if the external heat and physical activity are reduced. If heat dissipation does not happen quickly enough, the internal body temperature keeps rising and you may experience symptoms that include thirst, irritability, a rash, cramping, heat exhaustion, or heat stroke. Below is a list of heat related illnesses and their signs and symptoms to look out for. Remember to stay hydrated and listen to your body.

- Heat Exhaustion - Fatigue, irritability, thirst, nausea or vomiting, dizziness or lightheadedness, heavy sweating, elevated body temperature or fast heart rate.
- Heat Stroke - Confusion, slurred speech, unconsciousness, seizures, heavy sweating or hot, dry skin, very high body temperature or rapid heart rate.
- Heat Cramps - Muscle spasms or pain, usually in the legs, arms or trunk.
- Heat Syncope - Fainting or dizziness.
- Heat rash - Clusters of red bumps on skin often appears on neck, upper chest, and skin folds.
- Rhabdomyolysis (Muscle Breakdown) - Muscle pain, dark urine or reduced urine output and weakness.



Don't Forget About Your Furry Friends!

- Provide shade for them.
- Keep fresh water available.
- Use cooling mats or pads.
- Avoid midday exercise.
- Maintain regular grooming.
- Avoid hot surfaces.
- Watch for signs of overheating.



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For Android

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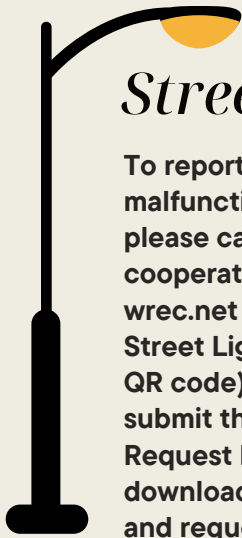
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To register, visit snr.flhealthresponse.com or scan the QR code above.

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