

# Natural Gas in Amelia Park

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# FPU Company Overview

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- 90 years of experience
- Natural gas, propane & electric
- Electric provider to the island since 1935
- Natural gas to Amelia Island in 2012
- Outstanding safety record
- Strive to provide excellent customer service
- Experienced management team
- Community involvement

# Where We Are Today

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- **Contacted by Community Champions:**
  - Critical to the success of these types of projects
    - Relationships, networking
    - Advocacy
    - Information, communication
- **FPU's position:**
  - We are excited about the opportunity to serve Amelia Park
  - Need one entity to work with

# The Benefits of Natural Gas

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- Increased home/property value
- Reliable Service (no run-outs)
- Less susceptible to storm outages
- Eco-friendly- carbon footprint
- Lifestyle Enhancement
- Energy/operating cost savings
- Available rebates

# Start-up Investment

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- Design system
- Install gas main
- Obtain permits, piping, meters
- Install service lines
- Install internal fuel lines
- Convert propane appliances (at minimal costs)
- Purchase new gas appliances (rebates available)

# Financing Options

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- **Installation of mains & service lines**

Homeowner handles interior fuel line & appliances

- **Installation of mains only**

Homeowner pays for service line when they decide to take gas service

- Expense varies depending what gas appliances are installed
- Typically no cost if water heater is included

# FPU's Costs

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- **FPU's Proposal (based on 358 homes):**
  - Cost to install mains only: \$286,267
  - Cost to install mains and service lines: \$473,205
- **FPU assumes risk for all initial costs incurred by the City:**
  - Proposal not approved - FPU pays the city for initial costs
  - Proposal approved - costs included in assessment



# With HOA Approval

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- **City can coordinate special assessment for APNA**  
Requires a referendum election within your neighborhood
- **City hires a consultant to research the benefit of the service** and proposed assessment to each property owner in Amelia Park

# Assessment Process...

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- **City Finalizes Costs:** Loan & administrative costs
- **Neighborhood Votes**
  - Special election - One vote per lot
  - Special assessment included in annual tax statement
- **City Approves & Makes Payment**
  - City attorney presents to City Commission
  - City signs agreements and makes payment to FPU

# The Work Begins

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- Permit application/approval for gas main & services
- Construction of gas main begins
- Each homeowner signs up for service
- FPU works with homeowners for coordination of sub-contractors for:
  - Installation of service line & meter location
  - Installation (cost) of fuel lines
  - Conversion of appliances (propane to natural gas)
  - Safety inspection & start-up of service
  - Gas appliance rebates & incentives

# Next steps / Questions?

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