

Cypress Isles News

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Farewell to the Wileys



We bid a fond farewell to Ron & Jamie Wiley of White Cedar Court. Ron resigned from the Cypress Isles Board of Directors in June, with the good news/bad news that he & Jamie were relocating to North Carolina in July. Good news for them, bad news for Cypress Isles.

Ron was active in Cypress Isles since early 2003, when he convinced the board to abandon an out-of-control lighting project in favor of a more sensible alternative. Even though he was not a director back then, Ron independently researched and compiled a cost-effective proposal for lighting our entrances, and presented it to the board. The board switched to Ron's plan, and now we have lights at the entrances.

Ron was elected to the board at the 2003 Annual Meeting and remained on the board as member, Vice-president, and President. Always the gentleman, Ron brought stability to board meetings when they got tumultuous, and a commanding presence to Cypress Isles when it needed a representative. Always the fiscal conservative, Ron worked to modify collection policies and saved us hundreds in legal fees.

Ron was also active outside the boardroom, supervising and maintaining the structural, electrical and horticultural aspects of our common areas, decorating the entrances for the holidays, and helping to judge the Holiday Lighting Contests. And oh yes, he and Jamie hosted great parties.

We thank Ron for his years of service, not only as a Cypress Isles Board Director, but also to the entire community. So long, and good luck Ron & Jamie!

Sandy Horazak, Editor

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Board Needs New Director

Are you interested?



The 7-member Cypress Isles Board of Directors currently has a vacancy. If you would

like to take a more active role in Cypress Isles, consider being a member of the Cypress Isles Board of Directors. Here is the job description.

The board, with considerable help from our association manager, is responsible for maintaining our two entrances and two ponds, developing annual budgets, and enforcing ARC and financial regulations.

Each director is elected to a 1-year term. The job entails meeting for two hours every other month and doing other board stuff between meetings. Directors and committee members are volunteers who receive no monetary compensation for their services.

If you are a Cypress Isles resident in good standing and you understood the preceding paragraphs, you might have what it takes to be a Director. To find out more, contact any board member or our manager.

New Manager, New Phone

Same company.

Marie Anderson will be our association manager starting July 1, replacing Judith Meldrum. Like Judith, Marie is from Community Management Professionals, Inc. Marie has 12 years management experience.

Community Management Professionals recently moved to new offices with new phone numbers. Marie is at 407-455-5950 Ext. 106.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

Welcome to Cypress Isles!

Go over and say, "Hi!"

Welcome to our new neighbors at:

13206 White Cedar Court
739 Spring Island Way
933 Spring Island Way
623 Divine Circle
629 Divine Circle
13202 Spring Haven Court

If we've missed anyone else who recently moved in, please let us know so we can mention you in our next newsletter.

Sandy Horazak, Editor

Recreational Vehicle Short-Term Parking

Need to hose out your boat or camper? Tell the Association Manager first...

At the September 18, 2007 board meeting, there was discussion about parking of recreational vehicles. Strictly speaking, Article IX, Section 1.G of the Covenants do not allow for parking of RVs, boats, trailers, or all-terrain vehicles at homes. However, since owners of RVs and boats need time to prepare before, and to clean after use, and since non-resident guests often arrive in RVs, the Board decided to allow parking for a time period of **3 business days before and 3 business days after use**, or for the expected time length of visitors. If more time is needed, residents are required to contact either the Association Manager or the Board. It would be a good idea to make the contact regardless of the expected time period, so that it's on record if a neighbor complains about the presence of a recreational vehicle in a driveway.

Always Prohibited:



1) A truck (except a 1/2-ton pick-up truck which has no camper top, bed enclosure or other

appendage attached to it), delivery van, service van or bus.

(2) A commercial vehicle (i.e., one not designed and used for normal personal/family transportation) and any vehicle bearing lettering, graphics or other commercial insignia, except if such lettering, graphics or insignia is/are completely covered with a magnetic or other type covering of the same color as the vehicle.



Sandy Horazak, Driveway Editor

year's budget for Cypress Isles, including homeowner fees. The current plan is to present the budget for approval at the September 21st Board meeting, which will allow time to print and mail coupon books to homeowners in December.

Homeowners are welcome to attend the September 21st meeting at 6:30 at Connect Realty, 11555 Lake Underhill Road. If you would like to play an active role in formulating the budget, see "Director Needed."

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

Dateworthy Notes

<p>Happy Anniversary <i>to:</i></p> <p>August 17 – Bill & Kathi Snook</p>	
<p>Happy Birthday <i>to:</i></p> <p>September 20 – Dick Glesener October 2 – Jerry Matthews October 3 – Harold Engold October 3 – Mary Kranz October 5 – Mike Kranz</p>	

2011 Budget at September 21st Meeting



Next year's budget and homeowner fees are on the agenda for the September Board meeting.

Even though it's only August, the Board is starting to work on next

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Trick or Treat!



Halloween seems like a long way off, but it's really just around the corner and will be here before you can say "Boo!"

Trick or Treat night will be on Sunday, October 31st (a.k.a. Halloween), starting at 6 P.M., ending at 9 P.M., or whenever the treats run out. Turn your porch lights on and meet your neighborhood goblins.

Where to go? I'm glad you asked. Good rule of thumb, or foot, is: Porch light on – go there. Porch light off – don't go there.

Trick-or-treaters: Watch out for vehicles and be extra careful because your costumes can make it hard to see. Carry a flashlight to make it easier for you to see, and for others to see you.

Drivers: Watch out for trick-or-treaters and be extra careful because behind every bag of goodies is an excited child.

Moms and Dads: Those costumes are great; we have no idea who they really are.

Everyone: Don't forget to check those goodies before eating them.

As the Clock Turns



Remember last March when we sprang forward and lost that hour of sleep? Well, soon you will be able to regain that hour of lost sleep (supposedly). On Sunday, November 7 at 2 a.m. we return to EST – Eastern Standard Time. This means you will turn your clock BACK one hour. So you can either set your alarm to get up

at 2 a.m. and make the change, or do it at a reasonable hour later in the morning, or before you go to bed. No excuses for being late the next day, like when Daylight Saving Time returns in the spring. (yawn) And don't forget to change those smoke alarm batteries, if applicable, and other things you may only do twice a year when the clocks change...

No Annual Meeting

Keeping with Florida Statutes, there were not enough homeowners for an annual meeting, so the directors keep their jobs.

There was no annual meeting on May 18th because only a few homeowners attended either in person or by proxy. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the incumbent directors stayed on the board and held their annual organizational meeting, as documented in the minutes.

"Harold Engold motioned for the directors who were officers to retain their current positions. Dennis Horazak seconded and the motion carried. Kim Gallagher volunteered to serve on the board, replacing Bob Hopper who resigned. John Tenney motioned to appoint Kim Gallagher to the board of directors as Director at Large. Harold Engold seconded and the motion carried."

For more white-hot board meeting action, go to the www.CypressIsles.org and click on Archives > Cypress Isles Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thanks

...to our anonymous neighbors who help keep up the appearance of our neighborhood by maintaining the lawns of foreclosed homes, and even some presently lived-in homes which have been neglected.

...to the Gallaghers for delivering the newsletter to our homes.

...to our Webmaster Dennis Bode for maintaining the best website in Waterford Lakes – <http://www.CypressIsles.org>

Sandy Horazak, Editor