

# Cypress Isles News

The official newsletter of the Cypress Isles Homeowners Association  
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<http://www.CypressIsles.org>

## Welcome to Cypress Isles!



Go over and say, “Hi!”  
 Welcome to our new neighbors at:  
 603 Spring Island Way  
 762 Spring Island Way

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*



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## No Annual Meeting

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

There was no annual meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> 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, at which they decided to keep the same officers and committee members.

*To see the minutes, go to our website--  
[www.CypressIsles.org](http://www.CypressIsles.org) and click on Archives >  
 Cypress Isles Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.*

## 2013 Budget at September 18th 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 year’s budget for Cypress

Isles, including homeowner fees. The current plan is to present the budget for approval at the September 18th Board meeting, which will allow time to print and mail coupon books to homeowners in December.

Homeowners are welcome to attend the September 18th meeting at 6:30 at Connect Realty, 11513 Lake Underhill Road

*Dennis Horazak, Secretary*

### **Pres-sure Wash Your Drive and Sidewalk**

*Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.  
(Oops, wrong season.)*

But it's always the right season to get rid of that black slimy crud that covers your driveway and walkways. Pressure washing removes it, and – if you're up for it – sealing can keep it off. For more information, see [www.CypressIsles.org](http://www.CypressIsles.org) > Homeowner Tips > "Driveway Cleaning and Sealing."

### **Clean your sidewalks, too.**

There is a rumor that Orange County is responsible for cleaning our sidewalks. "Nuh-uh," says Orange County. We asked Cathy Evangelo, Utility Coordinator & Sidewalk Program Manager for the Orange County Public Works Department, if the county cleans sidewalks. Ms. Evangelo replied, "We do not have funding to do sidewalk cleaning. Normally this is the responsibility of the property owner. We use our budget for new sidewalks and sidewalk repairs for safety concerns."

This view aligns with the times. A recent Rasmussen Reports telephone survey found that 65% of voters say they prefer a government with fewer services and lower taxes rather than one with more services and higher taxes.

So if your sidewalk is a Walk of Slime with more colors than an oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico, get out the pressure washer (or rent one) and restore your hardscapes to their original concrete luster. Your yard will look better, the sidewalk will be safer to walk on, and you will help stop big government. It's a win-win-win.

*Luke Sidewalker  
(a.k.a. Dennis Horazak)*

### **ARC Request & Approval**

As a reminder, all changes to the properties within Cypress Isles community are required to

be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) prior to implementing the changes.

### **So how does the ARC review & approval cycle work?**

1. Contact the WLCA office at the community pool cabana, call 407-380-3803 to get the proper ARC application form, or go to our website: [www.cypressisles.org](http://www.cypressisles.org) to download it.

**DO NOT IMPLEMENT REQUESTED CHANGES PRIOR TO APPROVAL BY THE ARC.**

2. Complete the top section; provide information on requested change. Listed below are examples of the information that is needed with the application when it is submitted.
- If submitting a structural change (fence, swing set, landscaping, pool, building addition), include a copy of the plot plan with the changes noted on plot plan.
  - If requesting solar panel approval, note which sides of the roof the panels will be installed.
  - If changing the color of the home, include samples of the colors and note where colors are to be used (trim, walls, porch, etc.).
  - If tinting windows, include sample of material to be used.
3. Take the completed application form to WLCA. WLCA will log it in and send it to the Cypress Isles ARC. The CI ARC and WLCA have up to 30 days to approve or disapprove the request.
4. Once approved by both the Cypress Isles and WLCA ARCs, a copy of the application will be mailed to the requestor. If disapproved, the ARC will provide written rationale for disapproval or ask homeowner to resubmit the application.

*Architectural Review Committee*

## Whose Job Is It Anyway?

Alligators? Free-range neighbor pets?  
Streetlight Out?

To find out whom to call, go to our website,  
[www.cypressisles.org](http://www.cypressisles.org) > Homeowner Tips, then  
scroll down to “Whose Job Is It Anyway?”

*Dennis Horazak*

## 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 Wednesday,  
October 31<sup>st</sup> (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.

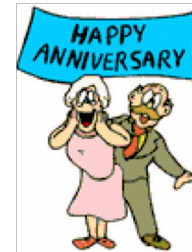
## As the Clock Turns



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 4th 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 Saturday night. No excuses for  
being late the next day, like when Daylight  
Saving Time returns in the spring. 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...

## Dateworthy Notes

*Happy  
Anniversary  
to:*



August 17 – Bill & Kathi Snook

*Happy  
Birthday  
to:*



September 20 – Dick Glesener  
October 2 – Jerry Matthews  
October 3 – Harold Engold  
October 3 – Mary Kranz  
October 5 – Mike Kranz

## CIN Publication Schedule

Check out our website - [www.cypressisles.org](http://www.cypressisles.org) to see your newsletter in color.

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...to the Symons, Engolds, Gallaghers, and Greens for delivering the newsletter to our homes.



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



...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.

*Sandy Horazak, Editor*

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