

Cypress Isles News

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Welcome to Cypress Isles!



Go over and say, "Hi!"

Welcome to our new neighbors at:

713 Cedarwood Ct.

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

Maybe it's apathy, or maybe the board is doing well enough. Or maybe it's Maybelline.

On May 20th there was once again no annual meeting because only 6 homeowners were present and only 18 proxies were submitted, far short of the 47 owners required for a quorum. As a result, the incumbent directors stayed on the board as specified by Florida HOA laws.

The annual organizational meeting followed, at which Frank and Kim Gallagher, board members since 2010, resigned from the board.

We send a huge THANK YOU to Frank and Kim for their years of service to Cypress Isles.

The remaining directors formed the 2014-2015 board:

- President - Harold Engold
- Vice-President - Bob Conner
- Treasurer -- Myron Davis
- Secretary -- Dennis Horazak
- Director at Large - Cookie Symons

The reorganized board then conducted the May monthly meeting as described in the meeting minutes at www.CypressIsles.org > Archives > Cypress Isles Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

2015 Budget at September 16th 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 proposed budget will be presented for approval at the September 16th Board meeting, which will allow time to print and mail coupon books to homeowners in December.

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

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

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 Friday, 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 2nd 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...

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. Get the proper ARC application form from the WLCA office at the community pool cabana, , or go to our website: www.cypressisles.org to download it. There are three kinds of ARA forms: one for exterior painting, one for pool construction, and one for everything else.

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 the WLCA office. 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 approved application will be mailed to the requestor. If disapproved, the ARC will provide written rationale for disapproval or ask homeowner to resubmit the application.

Thanks...

Thanks to everyone who keeps their homes and yards looking great, as we keep hearing from visitors to our neighborhood.

Architectural Review Committee

10 Ways to Destroy your HOA

1. Stay away from meetings. Show up at meetings only if you have a problem or complaint.
2. Decline office or appointment to any committee. Then get angry if you are not nominated.

3. Insist on describing the association in negative terms only.
4. Never prepare an agenda, never plan the details of an event, and never coordinate with affiliates.
5. Don't do any association work if you can avoid it. Then, when the old reliables pitch in and get the job done, accuse them of being a clique.
6. If you do come to a meeting, don't speak until the meeting is finished. Then, criticize and say how things should have been handled.
7. Oppose all new programs as being a waste of the membership's money.
8. When nothing new happens, complain that the officers lack imagination.
9. Read your bulletins infrequently. Then, complain that you don't know what's going on.
10. Never introduce yourself to new members or visitors -- make them come to you.

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CIN Publication Schedule

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Whatcha Gonna Click?

www.ocso.com Click- on "E-Reporting" - to report certain types of crime online, such as lost property, theft, vandalism, and vehicle burglary.



www.ocso.com- Click on "Property Crimes and Robberies in Your Zone" - to find out what types of crimes are occurring in your area.

www.cfcrimelinewarrants.com - to check individuals for warrants.

Who Ya Gonna Call?

WLCA Office 453 Mark Twain Blvd. (answered 24/7)	407-380-3803	wlca@mywaterfordlakes.org
Orange County Sheriff's Office Non-emergency	407-836-HELP (4357)	
Animal Control (unleashed pets, etc.)	407-254-9140 or-- 407- 836-3111	
Duke Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage	407.629.1010	
	https://www.progress-energy.com/app/streetlightrepair/	
Call before you dig (Sunshine Network)	811	www.call811.com
Orange County 311--One Call For Almost Anything	311	

Dateworthy Notes

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Anniversary</i> <i>to:</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">August 17 – Bill & Kathi Snook</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>to:</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">September 20 – Dick Glesener October 2 – Jerry Matthews October 3 – Harold Engold October 3 – Mary Kranz October 5 – Mike Kranz October 23 -- Brian Symons</p>	
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